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Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Jackie L. Nickels

Dec. 3, 1942 – Dec. 16, 2022

Jackie (Jack) Lee Nickels, 80, San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Fulton County, died of COVID on Dec. 16, 2022, at Northeast Methodist Hospital in Live Oak, Texas.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1942, to Berneice (Conrad) and Lora Nickels, in Rochester. He married Marian Kastner on Dec 19, 1964, in South Bend. She preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 2008. Jack graduated from Fulton High School in 1960, and Tri-State College in 1967 with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

He worked as a Chemical Engineer at a variety of plants in OH, NY, NJ, LA, IN, and IL. He retired in 2011 from Evonic in Mapleton, Ill. He moved to San Antonio, Texas to be near his son, Kevin and family. Jack was heavily involved in Scouting for many years, joining the movement in 1980 with his son, eventually serving as Scoutmaster for Troop 348 in Lafayette Indiana. Jack was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, boating, and outdoor cooking, he most enjoyed time with friends and family. He sang in many church choirs over the years and the highlight was singing with St Anthony's Camerata Festival Choir from Peoria, Illinois before the Pope in Rome.

Jack is survived by a sister, Connie (David) Lehman, of Mobile, Ala.; daughter, Laura (Ron) Crowell, Pekin, Ill.; son, Kevin (Elizabeth) Nickels; four grandchildren, John, Mark, Margaret and Katherine Nickels, of San Antonio, Texas.

Visitation was held at Porter Loring Funeral Home, San Antonio, Texas on Dec. 26, 2022. Services were then held at the Calvary Temple AOG, San Antonio, Texas on Dec. 27, 2022.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the American Cancer Society at <http://cancer.org>. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Derek M. Kaser

May 1, 1992 – Dec. 21 2022

Derek M. Kaser, 30, of rural Claypool, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, at his residence.

Derek was born on May 1, 1992, in Columbia City, to Mike and Johna Kaser. He was a 2010 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School. He worked as a Millwright for Local Union 1076 of Warsaw. He loved his children and was very dedicated to his work. He traveled all over the country doing major repairs. He had a passion for the outdoors, as well as riding dirt bikes and fishing. There wasn't a thing he was scared of, from jumping off cliffs, to working on top of wind turbines.

Derek is survived by his children Bently, Jaydon and Kinzley; parents Mike and Johna Kaser, of Akron; siblings Brooke and husband Brody Townsend, of Rochester, and Tyler Kaser, of Fulton; maternal grandparents John and Crystal Weida, of Akron; paternal grandparents Lynn and Carolyn Kaser, of Churubusco; nephew Jake; and nieces Nova and Peyton.

The memorial funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, following the service.

Memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Robert Draper

Robert Draper, 89, of Rochester, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include his three daughters, Jill Draper and Kathy Vanderwall, both of Rochester, and Cheryl Lawson, of Union, Mo.; and sister, Jolinda Kerr, of Akron.

A celebration of the life is at noon Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday in the funeral home.

Arrangements are handled by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Wayne Draper

Sept. 2, 1933 – Jan. 1, 2023

Wayne Draper, 89, Rochester, passed away at 12:48 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

On Sept. 2, 1933, Robert Wayne was born in Delphi to Leo J. and Felecia Coppock Draper. He was one of six children growing up with two sisters and three brothers. Answering the call of patriotism, Robert served with the U.S. Army in Germany during WWII.

Wayne was a farmer, planting and harvesting corn and soybeans. He also worked at Sealed Power and Midwest Spring. In his free time, he liked to work in his shop. He was a member of the Rochester IOOF Lodge.

Wayne and Betty J. Lanie were married on Dec. 22, 1956, in the St. Joe Catholic Church of Delphi. They shared 56 years of life's adventures. Sadly, she passed away on Jan. 21, 2015.

Left to cherish the memories of Wayne are three daughters, Jill Draper, of Rochester, Kathy Vanderwall and husband Todd of Rochester, Cheryl Lawson, of Union, Mo.; four grandchildren, Amanda and Austin Lawson, Kara and Tye Vanderwall; ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and sister Jolinda Kerr and husband Howard of Akron.

Preceding Wayne in death are his parents, wife, son-in-law John Lawson on Jan. 31, 2013, sister Beth Ordaway, three Draper brothers, Kenny, Don and Dean

A celebration of the life of Robert Wayne Draper will be at 12 noon Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday in the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors Team.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Roy E. Briney

Feb. 21, 1954 – Dec. 24, 2022

Roy E. Briney, 68, Kewanna, passed away peacefully at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, in Kewanna.

Born on Feb. 21, 1954 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Cecil Raymond and Priscilla Pauline (Parman) Briney.

He was a graduate of Kewanna High School, Class of 1972.

Roy worked for many years at Crop Fertility Specialist in Kewanna as the manager. After CFS, he continued working at Winamac Coil Spring in Kewanna until retiring.

Roy enjoyed fishing, spending time with family and friends and playing Euchre. He was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed trips to Las Vegas with friends.

He was an auxiliary member of the V.F.W. James F. Talbott Post 1121, Kewanna and a Sons of American Legion member in Rochester.

Surviving are his brothers, John Briney (Jackie) of Kewanna, Jim Briney (Kathy) of Rochester, Dave Briney (Celinda) of Winamac and twin sister, Ruth Ann Nicholson (Jack) of Martinsville; sister-in-law Karen Briney of Warsaw; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Raymond Briney.

Service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna with Pastor Chris Kosary officiating.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be from 2 p.m. until the time of service.

Interment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to give special thanks to Sherri Lett and Dici Wyatt for the care they gave Roy.

Roy's online guest book is available and condolences can be shared with the Briney family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Shannon K. Jones

Nov. 30, 1937 – Dec. 31, 2022

Shannon Kirke Jones, age 85, of Walton, Indiana passed away at 11:00 p.m., on December 31, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

Shannon was born on November 30, 1937, in Falfurrias, TX to Herman L. and Irene (Pierce) Jones. On December 31, 1971, he married Celia Ann Cameron, who survives. Shannon has four beautiful children with his bride of 51 years.

He was one of ten children and enjoyed growing up on the family farm in Pine Village, Indiana. He graduated from Pine Village High School in 1956.

Shannon played basketball at Indiana Central and earned his BA in Education in 1960. He also earned his master's degree from Purdue University.

He was a retired math teacher and basketball coach at Grass Creek, North Caston and Lewis Cass. Most notable was an undefeated season in 1961-1962 at North Caston, but he enjoyed many great teams. Shannon coached many other sports throughout his career and cherished his relationships with former players and fellow teachers and coaches. He enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially the San Francisco Giants, Notre Dame and Purdue. He was an avid golfer obtaining 5 hole-in-ones.

In addition to his wife, Shannon is survived by daughter, Jamee (Jeff) Pomasl; sons, Darren (Angela) Jones and Colin (Jasmine) Jones; step daughter, Chris (Gary) Armstrong; grandchildren, Brock Armstrong, Karli Armstrong, Nathan Quasebarth, Kathleen Pomasl, Everett Pomasl, Camryn Jones, Brody Jones, Lincoln Jones and Simone Jones; and two sisters, Sheila McCloskey and MaryLee Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Jim, Pat, Mike and Shane Jones; and three sisters, Janet Bradshaw, Joyce Witbank and JoAnn Brown.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at All Saints Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, January 6, 2023, with Fr. Kyle Neterer celebrating.

Visitation will be at Kroeger Funeral Home on Thursday, January 5th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Walton I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lewis Cass Athletic Department or to the United Way. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Friends and family may leave a memory or condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Jalaine K. Anderson

Oct. 10, 1937 – Jan. 2, 2023

Jalaine K. Anderson, 85, Warsaw and formerly of Mentone, died 11:10 a.m. Monday at the Warsaw Meadows Care Center.

She is survived by her children Jay Anderson, Warsaw and Beth Morris of Warsaw.

The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Sharon Jones

Sharon K. Van Meter Jones, 81, Rochester, died at 1:52 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, January 5, 2023

Sharon K. Van Meter Jones

Nov. 221, 1941 – Jan. 3, 2023

Sharon K. Van Meter Jones, 81, Rochester, passed away at 1:52 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Nov. 21, 1941, in Rochester, the daughter of Lewis J. and Louise (Woodcox) Polk. On June 18, 1960, in Rochester, she married Robert E. Van Meter Jr. He preceded her in death on Aug. 9, 2000. On May 28, 2004 in Rochester, she married Darrell M. Jones. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 2011.

Sharon had worked at the former Louderback Auto Dealership in Rochester and had been a homemaker. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, Rochester High School Booster Club, and Fulton County Choir. She enjoyed singing with the Notables, at weddings and other church events over the years. She also enjoyed watching western movies, computers, reading books, crafts, ceramics and going to garage sales.

Survivors include her children, Robert (Rebekah) Van Meter, Rochester, Laura (Randy) Baugher, Rochester, Betsy (Rick) Worden, Galveston, Lewis (Jennifer) Van Meter, Wanatah, Joshua Van Meter, Rochester; grandchildren Lynnelee (Ronnie) Roberts, Sheridan, Derrick (Samantha) Worden, Logansport, Bailey Van Meter and fiance Zach Busse, Peru, Skyler Van Meter, Forest, Kyle Van Meter, Wanatah, Daisy Van Meter, Wanatah; great-grandchildren Noel, Briella, Lee, Wade, Gabe and Annabelle Roberts, all of Sheridan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Harley Lewis Polk and sister Linda Anne Polk.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester High School Booster Club. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Kay Horn

Jan 16, 1937 – Jan. 2, 2023

Kay Horn, 85, Rochester, died Monday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Kristy Sheeler and Beth Cohagan; sister Karen Danielson; and brother Gary Harvey.

Her funeral service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday an hour prior to her service.

Patty Eads

June 26, 1954 – Jan. 2, 2023

Patty Eads, 68, Rochester, died at 5:10 a.m. Monday at Miller's Merry Manor of Culver.

Survivors include her mother Thelma Frettinger, Rochester; sister Peggy Casey, Indianapolis; and brother Dan Frettinger, Princeton.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, January 6, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Kay Horn

Jan. 16, 1937 – Jan. 2, 2023

Ruth Kay Harvey Horn passed away peacefully on January 2, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, two weeks shy of her 86th birthday and four months after her beloved husband Arnold. She was born on January 16, 1937, to Clyde and Mary Adeline (Eisert) Harvey near Buffalo, Indiana in White County. Kay always lived on a farm; her parents moved from Royal Center to rural Fulton County when she was a girl. The farm still resides in the family.

Kay graduated from Talma High School in 1955 and went to Ball State Teachers College, where she earned degrees in physical education and English. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and graduated from Ball State in 1959. She went on to earn her Master's in Education from Ball State in the early 1960s.

When she wasn't studying in Muncie, Kay worked as a carhop at the Dog n Suds root beer stand in Rochester during the summers and breaks to help pay for college. There Kay met her husband Arnold, who could be found cruising the root

beer stand in his pink convertible, sipping a 25-cent root beer, and generally causing mischief.

After graduating from Ball State, Kay moved back to Rochester for her first teaching position with Rochester Community Schools. That winter, she and Arnold married on December 27, 1959, at Bethlehem Baptist Church. They eventually had two daughters, Kristy and Beth, and lived most of their lives together on their family farm in Fulton County north of Rochester. This farm is also still in the family. Arnold and Kay were married nearly 63 years.

Kay was the girls' physical education teacher and volleyball, basketball, and track coach at Rochester Middle School for many years. Known as "Mama Kay," "Mama Toad," or just mom, she had the privilege of working with many outstanding student-athletes who went on to impressive high school, college, and career success. She eventually added Reading teacher to her many titles and retired after 41 years in education in 2001.

Kay was an avid quilter and women's league bowler, active in the Fulton County Retired Teachers Association and in Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional women educator's society, and a member of Riverview Community Church. When not coaching, refereeing, quilting, or teaching, she could be found volunteering in the community and the local schools. She loved to watch the birds at her bird feeders from her dining room window and had many visitors including finches, woodpeckers, bluebirds, and her favorite, cardinals. Lately she was smitten with spoiling her great granddaughter Madison.

Kay was preceded in death by her husband Arnold and her parents. She is survived by her siblings, Karen Danielsen and husband Monty of Spooner, Wisconsin and Gary Harvey and wife Jackie of Mesa, Arizona; her children, Kristy and husband Ian Sheeler of Indianapolis and Beth and husband Myron Cohagan of Rochester; two grandchildren, Abigail and husband Jacob Richard and Evan Cohagan; and a great granddaughter Madison.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 10 from 5:00 -7:00 pm and Wednesday, January 11 at 9:00 am with a celebration of life to follow at 10:00 am at Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Kay's name to Riverview Community Church TeamKids, 3780 State Road 110, Tippecanoe, Indiana.

Margaret P. Stiles

Sept. 13, 1943 – Dec. 27, 2022

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, Margaret P. Stiles went to meet her Lord and Savior with her family by her side.

Born in Trenton, N.J. on Sept. 13, 1943, Marge graduated from Moorestown High School in New Jersey and Hollins College in Virginia with a degree in history. In January 1969 she married Kenneth Stiles, and together they adventured with Jesus for almost 54 years.

Surviving her are her husband Ken and her twin sons, John (Jenna) and Ken (Karin), and their children Keely, Sera, Ethan, and Heidi, Sophie, and Lucy, respectively. Her surviving brothers and sisters are Don Palmer (Diane), Anne Strother, David Palmer (Pam), and Richard Palmer (Peggy), plus nieces and a nephew.

The theme of her life was Faith, Family, Friends, and Community. Marge demonstrated her faith through praying for family, participating in Bible study fellowship, and serving in various church ministries over the years. Whether attending family reunions, weddings, caring for her parents or hosting her own family, Marge was always at the center of the action. Annual vacations to the North Carolina beach exemplified the importance she placed on spending time together and strengthening family bonds.

Over the years Marge served her community in many ways. Living in Plymouth over the last 40 years she served on the LEAD committee, worked in LaVille as a school-to-work counselor, and developed a “reality” curriculum helping students develop resumes, learn about career opportunities, and understand the realities of graduating and beginning to work.

A highlight for Ken and Marge was their trip to Alaska on a National Geographic cruise where they were able to see the wonders of God’s creation up close, from whales to grizzly bears.

A Life Celebration will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at The Cross Church, 100 W. Third St., Rochester, IN 46975, with 10 a.m. visitation and 11 a.m. Celebration.

Memorial offerings may be sent to The Cross Church or to Matthew’s Market Food Pantry at the same address.

William ‘Bill’ Conran

Dec. 19, 1944 – Jan. 4, 2023

William “Bill” Conran, 78, of Kewanna and formerly of Monterey, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at home.

Born Dec. 19, 1944, in Muskegon, Mich., he was the son of the late William H. Conran Sr. and Mary (Cook) Conran Masunas.

He attended Kewanna High School.

Bill worked many years in the plumbing and heating business and also formerly had a tree trimming business.

In 1992 he married the love of his life, Suzanne Walther, who preceded him in death.

He was an avid Chicago Bears football fan and enjoyed gardening, spending time on the Tippecanoe River and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his sisters, Bev Whiteman (Kenny) of Kewanna, Janice Sterrett of Logansport, Darlene Masunas of Kewanna, Barbara Conran Moseley of Virginia and Judy Conran Prease of Virginia. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by brothers, Harry Conran and infant Dean Masunas and sisters, Kathleen Masunas and Bernice Dameron.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be at Leiters Ford I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton County Animal Center.

Bill’s online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Rosaleen Day

April 22, 1920 – Jan. 5, 2022

Roseleen “Rosie” Day, 102, Macy, died at 2:10 a.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Immediate survivors are a daughter, Sianna Deeds, Macy; and son, Robin Day, Rochester

Her funeral service is at noon Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is two hours prior to the service in the funeral home.

Rex Yarian

Rex Yarian, 74, of rural Mentone, died at 1:56 a.m. Friday at Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Annette R. Georg

March 4, 1937 – Jan. 1, 2023

Mrs. Annette Ruth Georg (nee: Cook) of Warrenton, Mo., met her Lord and Savior on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

She was born on March 4, 1937, in Fulton County, to the late Walter and Zella (nee: Carter) Cook. Annette had reached the age of 85 years.

Annette was united in marriage to Charles F. Georg on Feb. 27, 1988 in O'Fallon, Mo. They spent eight wonderful years together before his passing in 1996.

Annette worked for 20-plus years at General Motors and was a volunteer at the senior center in Warrenton. She was a Sunday school teacher and also worked at Kids Under Construction for six years. She loved to cook for her family and friends.

Annette was a strong Christian woman. She knew the Bible inside and out. She was often referred to as a walking Bible Thesaurus. Annette could tell a Bible story so well and with such great detail, her eyes and face would light up when she was telling them. She was especially gifted in telling those stories to children in her family and her church. Another of Annette's many gifts was teaching children about God and how much he loved them. God truly knew what he was doing when he gave her that gift. Annette was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church for many years. She loved her church and her church family.

She thoroughly enjoyed every minute she could spend with her children and grandchildren. Annette was a faithful follower of Christ, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and a very dear friend to so many.

Annette Georg was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Georg; her parents, Walter and Zella Cook; four sisters, Estella Eads, Betty Coldren, Barbara Hudson and Phyllis Rautenkranz; two brothers, "Art" OA Cook and AJ Cook; one grandson-in-law, Adam Peck.

Family members who will remain grateful for having shared in Annette's life are her four children, Colleen Myers and husband JR, Jack McFarland and wife Debbie, Lori McFarland and Brian McFarland; five grandchildren, Liz Davis and

husband Geoff, Trey Myers and wife Stephanie, Jonathan McFarland and wife Carrie, Sarah Peck, Chaz McFarland and wife Ashley; 10 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Forrest (James) Cook of Knapp Lake, Howard (Dean) Cook and wife Carolyn of Rochester, Ann Goings and husband Roscoe of South Whitley, George Cook and wife Carolyn of New Haven, and Jane Champ and husband Gary of Fulton,; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A memorial visitation for Mrs. Annette Georg will be Saturday, Jan. 14, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 10 a.m. to noon. A memorial service also on Saturday, Jan. 14, begins at noon.

Memorial donations made in honor of Annette Georg are suggested to Fellowship Baptist Children's Ministry Fund, c/o Martin Funeral Home, 510 East Main St., Warrenton, MO 63383. Online condolences can also be given at www.martinfuneral.net.

Rex A. Yarian

Jan. 28, 1948 – Jan. 6, 2023

Rex Allen Yarian, 74, of rural Mentone, passed at 1:56 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Lutheran Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Rex was born on Jan. 28, 1948, in Warsaw, to Donald D. and Doris M. (Robbins) Yarian. He married on Nov. 16, 1972, in Mentone, to Diana L. Melton, who survives.

He was a 1966 graduate of Mentone High School, where he was a three-sport athlete, basketball, track and baseball. Rex served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion as well as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. He was very proud to be awarded the Veteran of the Month of Kosciusko.

He worked for Holiday Rambler where he was an electrician. In earlier years he also worked for Smith Brothers of Mentone. Rex was an avid bowler and a travel softball player. He was an Indiana University and Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Family was very important to Rex. He was a supporter of his children and grandchildren in all things, especially in their sporting events.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Yarian, of rural Mentone; mother, Doris Yarian, of Winona Lake; daughter, Mariah and husband Jeff Snapp, of Mentone; son, Wes and wife Shelly Yarian, of Akron; grandchildren, Michaela and fiancé Hannah, Dakota and wife Dakota, Jasten, Mercedes, Jayden, Milee, Cami and Christian; and sister, Donna and husband Jim Roach, of Claypool; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog Charger.

Rex was preceded in death by his father Donald and a brother Roger D. Yarian.

The memorial service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Mandy Nellans officiating. Military honors will follow the service at the funeral home.

The future remembrance place will be in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

Memorial visitation will be held from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201 or the Mentone 4-Way Ambulance Service.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

June Ellen Kramer Burt

June 9, 1937 – Jan. 5, 2023

June Ellen Kramer Burt, 85, of Rochester, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

June was born near Warsaw, in Kosciusko County, on June 9, 1937, to the late Carl Carrothers and Rhoda (Bacon) Carrothers Brown. Her father died at a young age, and she was raised by her mother and stepfather, Ralph Brown, who also preceded her in death. She was supervisor with Hart Schaffner Marx men's clothing company.

In 1956, she was married and during this marriage she gave birth to two sons, Frederick J. Sumpter and Judson W. "Jud" Sumpter. Jud preceded her in death.

On Feb. 15, 1964, she married Charles Robert "Bob" Kramer, which then began their blended family. She gained two bonus sons, Rick A. Kramer and Brent D. Kramer. Brent preceded her in death. Bob and June were married 42 years until Bob's death in 2006. Bob and June traveled the country extensively by motorcycle. After Bob passed, June traveled on her own to Florida and various other places. Her favorite place to visit were the locks at Ste. Saint Marie. She married Theldon Burt in 2014 but they were separated December 2022.

Survivors include two sons, Rick and Deb Kramer, of Greer, S.C., and Fred and Jackie Sumpter, of Rochester; daughter-in-law, Karen Sumpter, of Rochester; grandchildren, Dexter and Heather Sumpter, of Texas, Arica and Jim Moser, of Fishers, Seth Kramer, of Fort Wayne, Tina Ewing, of Akron, Josh Kramer, of Maine, and Brie Kramer, of Rhode Island; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Her seven brothers and sisters are deceased including Lennis Wise, Carol Louise Carrothers, Laura Hathaway, Mary Whistler, Bill Carrothers, Gail Hurst and Thelma Ring.

Visitation and funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at Whippoorwill Community Church, 4795 N. 200 West, Rochester. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m.

Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Athens.

Memorial donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Northern Indiana Funeral Care, Fort Wayne.

Bernice C. Brown

May 3, 1940 – Jan. 7, 2023

Bernice C. Brown, 82, of rural Akron, passed at 7:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at her residence.

Bernie was born on May 3, 1940, in Chicago, Ill., to the late Cornelius and Winnie (Kelderhouse) Sterk. Her family moved to Akron in 1948. She graduated from Akron High School in the class of 1958.

She married on Dec. 4, 1964, to Ted Larry Kuhn. He preceded her on Dec. 6, 1980. She was a longtime member of the Akron United Methodist Church. Bernie met Paul Brown when she worked for Bendix of North Manchester. After a 2 year courtship, they were married on Oct. 26, 1992. She also later worked for Heckman Bindery. Together, Bernie and Paul traveled a lot and enjoyed fishing, notably in Minnesota. She also enjoyed watching all sports. Bernie was also fond of children, especially her nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her husband Paul Brown, of Akron; sisters, Margaret Tromp, Schererville, Wilma Belsan, Brookfield, Ill., and Cornelia Moore, Akron; brothers, Robert and wife Sharon Sterk, Sevierville, Tenn., Bert and wife Theresa Sterk, Akron, and Lee and wife Leta Sterk, Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bernie was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Ted Larry Kuhn, brothers John, Herman, Charles, and Richard and sisters Nellie Mosher, Carrie Koster, Dorothy Sterk, and Nancy Sterk.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron.

Visitation hours will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Akron United Methodist Church or to Gentiva Hospice.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

June E. Lee

June 17, 1930 – Jan. 7, 2023

June E. Lee, 92, Rochester, passed away at 4:27 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at her residence.

She was born on June 17, 1930, in Shaftsbury, Mich., the daughter of Roy and Lavasta (Cramer) Baumgras. On Dec. 27, 1946, in Lansing, Mich., she married William Gene Lee. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 1996.

Mrs. Lee had worked for Oldsmobile and worked many years as a journeyman printer at John Henry both in Lansing, Mich. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, birds, puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Patricia (Jim) Forry, Pioneer, Ohio, Carol Roussin, Niles, Mich., Betty Jean (John) Whitman, Bath, Mich., Judy (James) Elkins, Laingsburg, Mich., Cindy Carroll, Westland, Mich., Edith (Randy) Garlock, Rochester; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; siblings, Henry Baumgras, Portland, Mich., Betty Ketchum, Michigan, Lois Sayles, Laingsburg, Mich., Marilyn Moore, Muskegon, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Jack Duane Lee, great-granddaughter, Heather Mizumachi, six brothers and two sisters.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Brenda C. Prater Smith

Jan. 10, 1958 – Jan. 9, 2023

Brenda C. Prater Smith, 64, of Warsaw, died Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at her residence.

Survivors include her daughter, Christina O'Day, Nappanee; son, Bryon Jones, Nappanee; mother, Anna Marie Prater, Warsaw; siblings, Linda Miller, Lafayette, Glenda Wann, Evansville, Chester Prater, Bluffton, Jeffery Prater, Rochester, and Norman Prater, Akron.

Her funeral service is at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Visitation is noon-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Margaret P. Stiles

Sept. 13, 1943 – Dec. 27, 2022

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, Margaret P. Stiles went to meet her Lord and Savior with her family by her side.

Born in Trenton, N.J., on Sept. 13, 1943, Marge graduated from Moorestown High School in New Jersey and Hollins College in Virginia with a degree in history. In January 1969 she married Kenneth Stiles, and together they adventured with Jesus for almost 54 years.

Surviving her are her husband Ken and her twin sons, John (Jenna) and Ken (Karin), and their children Keely, Sera, Ethan, and Heidi, Sophie, and Lucy, respectively. Her surviving brothers and sisters are Don Palmer (Diane), Anne Strother, David Palmer (Pam), and Richard Palmer (Peggy), plus nieces and a nephew.

The theme of her life was Faith, Family, Friends, and Community. Marge demonstrated her faith through praying for family, participating in Bible study fellowship, and serving in various church ministries over the years. Whether attending family reunions, weddings, caring for her parents or hosting her own family, Marge was always at the center of the action. Annual vacations to the North Carolina beach exemplified the importance she placed on spending time together and strengthening family bonds.

Over the years Marge served her community in many ways. Living in Plymouth over the last 40 years she served on the LEAD committee, worked in LaVille as a school-to-work counselor, and developed a “reality” curriculum helping students develop resumes, learn about career opportunities, and understand the realities of graduating and beginning to work.

A highlight for Ken and Marge was their trip to Alaska on a National Geographic cruise where they were able to see the wonders of God’s creation up close, from whales to grizzly bears.

A Life Celebration will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, at The Cross Church, 100 W. Third St., Rochester, IN 46975, with 10 a.m. visitation and 11 a.m. Celebration.

Memorial offerings may be sent to The Cross Church or to Matthew’s Market Food Pantry at the same address.

Rosaleen Day

April 22, 1920 – Jan. 5, 2022

Rosaleen “Rosie” Day, 102, Macy, died at 2:10 a.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Immediate survivors are a daughter, Sianna Deeds, Macy; and son, Robin Day, Rochester.

Her funeral service was Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Thursday, January 12, 2023**David S. Kruger**

Sept. 23, 1932 – Jan. 10, 2023

David S. Kruger, 90, of Akron, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday at Stillwater Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Immediate survivors are wife Marilyn Kruger, Akron; sons Ron Kruger and Steve Kruger, both of Akron, and daughter Jane Conley of Fort Wayne.

No services will be held at this time. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Friday, January 13, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, January 14, 2023

No Obituaries

Tuesday, January 17, 2023**Wendell L. Grass**

June 29, 1926 – Jan. 13, 2023

Wendell L. Grass, 96, Rochester, passed away at 6:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

He was born June 29, 1926, in Elkhart, the son of Joseph and Blanche (Coplen) Grass. On Nov. 21, 1947 in Elkhart, he married Arlene McClintic. Wendell and Arlene were married for almost 75 years until her death on Aug. 16, 2022. Wendell served with the United States Navy at the end of World War II and also served with the United States Army during the Korean War.

Wendell had been owner-operator of Talma Paneling and also, along with his wife Arlene, worked doing home improvements for more than 15 years. He had also served as Newcastle Township Trustee for several years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, enjoyed making crafts with his wife and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children, Rick (Cheryl) Grass, Palestine, Dodi (Larry) Ruff, Warsaw, Tina (Ron) Sayger, Rochester, Becky (Larry) Carlson, Warsaw; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Mary McClintic, Elkhart, and Janice Grass, Tennessee; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Ashley Carlson, and brothers Donald E. Grass, Estel D. Grass, Emil E. Grass, Kenneth D. Grass and Kermit G. Grass.

Private Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to "Heart of the Nation" through the funeral home. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Jason Michael Coffing

Nov. 8, 1976 – Jan. 16, 2023

Jason Michael Coffing, 46, of Rochester, passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, in his residence.

He was born Nov. 8, 1976, in Minot, N.D. to George E. and Victoria L. Coffing.

Jason graduated from Caston High School in 1995. He helped on the family farm and was also a self-employed truck driver. He was a member of the Fulton Community Church, same as his late mother. Jason enjoyed spending time with his family and always making people laugh. He was a loving father, and a great friend.

Jason is survived by his children, Jesse, Ryan, Izabella and Abigail Coffing; his granddaughter, Oakley Coffing; his father George Coffing; his three sisters, Georjeta (Michael) Shook, Samantha (Kyle) Schanlaub, and Jessica Coffing-Fort; his brother, Joshua (LeAnn) Coffing; and several nieces and nephews.

Jason was preceded in death by his mother, Victoria L. Coffing.

A funeral service for Jason is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway St, Logansport, with Pastor Roger Knebel officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, also in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fulton Community Church.
You may sign Jason's guestbook and leave condolences for his family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Thursday, January 19, 2023

No Obituaries

Friday, January 20, 2023

Gwen Lenz

Gwen Lenz, 85, Rochester, died Wednesday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Gwendoline Doris Lenz

May 24, 1937 – Jan. 18, 2023

Gwendoline Doris Lenz, 85, Rochester, passed away Jan. 18, 2023, at her daughter's home with her family by her side.

Gwen was born in Shrewsbury, England, May 24, 1937, the daughter of Phillip Beddoes and Elsie Randall Buttermore. Gwen came to the United States in 1956. She married the love of her life, Bruce Lenz, July 5, 1958.

Gwen and Bruce had three children, David, Stephen and Teresa.

Gwen was baptized in England as one of Jehovah's Witnesses, and along with her family, she spent many years teaching others about the Bible and its practical value and wonderful hope for the future. She always enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, and playing cards and playing games with her grandchildren. Gwen and Bruce would spend their leisure time traveling with family and friends, boating, camping and much shopping.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Gwen was known for her quick wit, sense of humor, and her positive attitude, which was an inspiration to others, and of course her contagious laugh. She was also known for her knowledge of language. Many would complement her on her melodic voice and lovely English accent and of course you couldn't help to admire her beautiful light blue-green eyes.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bruce; father Phillip Beddoes; her mother and stepfather, Elsie and John Buttermore; and siblings Valerie Eads and

Yvonne Pryce; her sisters-in-law and brothers in-law, Camilla and (Eugene) Rosam, Dolly Lenz, Audrey Lenz, William and (Ula) Lenz.

Gwen is survived by her children, David, Stephen (Marlene) and Teresa (Grant); siblings John Mullinder, John Buttermore Jr., Ronnie Buttermore, Sandra Hozey (Big Daddy); grandchildren Sarah Stillwell (Aaron), Britannia Whitaker (Blake), Ashley Tran (Scott), Nicole Freese; great-grandchildren Ava Stillwell, Heath, Roman and Vienna Whitaker, Ella and Zoe Freese, Nicholas, Olivia, Lillian and Madeleine Tran; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family members; her sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and (Fred) Gutohrel and Robert Eads.

Private graveside services are Friday, Jan. 27, 2023. Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Warsaw at 2 p.m., with Dyke Minix officiating.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Michael L. Grable

Oct. 11, 1955 – Jan. 19, 2023

Michael "Mike" L. Grable 67, Logansport, passed away at 6 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at Vernon Health and Rehabilitation, Wabash.

He was born Oct. 11, 1955, in Rochester, the son of Leonard L. and Betty Jean (Metz) Grable. He graduated from Caston High School, Fulton.

Mike was the owner and operator of Grable Burial Vault, Logansport, more than 30 years. He had also operated a taekwondo academy in Logansport. He attended Metea Baptist Church and was an avid sports fan, especially following the Indianapolis Colts, for whom he had been a longtime season ticket holder.

Survivors include his children, Sarah K. Grable, Indianapolis, John Michael Grable, Kansas City, Kan., Brady Grable, Logansport; father Leonard (Alberta) Grable, Star City; sister Bonnie Morrow, Marion; nephew Adam (Patty) Morrow, Logansport; one great-niece and one great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, and one hour prior to service Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Metea Baptist Cemetery, Cass County, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Douglas D. Lotz

Dec. 27, 1961 – Jan. 20, 2023

Douglas D. Lotz, 61, rural Mentone, passed unexpectedly at 5:33 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2023.

Doug was born Dec. 27, 1961 in Warsaw, Indiana. He was raised by his loving parents Elza and Mary Ruth (Alderfer) Bruce. He was married on May 18, 1996, in Mentone, to Brenda (Coplen) Long. She survives. They spent nearly 27 years together.

He was a 1980 graduate of Manchester High School. In high school, he ran track and wrestled. He was a lifetime truck driver and most recently he worked for RVH Trucking of Tippecanoe. Doug loved and took great pride in his stepchildren and grandchildren. He truly loved being a stepfather and grandpa. He lived life to the fullest and enjoyed socializing with friends.

He is survived by his wife Brenda Lotz of Mentone; mother Mary Bruce of Mentone; stepchildren Netha and husband Ben Baker of Mentone, Jamie Long and Tina James of Rochester, and Jake Long of Mentone; grandchildren Sadra Long and her companion Cameron Castle and his son Brantlee, Shelby and husband Jack Spirgel, Aris Long, Jameson Baker, Brogan Long, and David Baker; sisters Sharon and husband Eric Ross of Mentone, Karen and companion Bobby Griffis of Beaver Dam Lake, and Kristine Lotz of Maysville, Tenn.; several nieces and nephews; and loving companion, his dog, Pete.

Doug was preceded in death by his father Elza Bruce.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St. Mentone.

The interment will take place in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, following the service.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Doug's name to the American Heart Association.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Renata Weller

April 7, 1923 – Jan. 20, 2023

Renata (Wimmer) Weller, 99, of Kewanna, passed away at 10:25 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at Woodlawn Hospital.

Born on April 7, 1923 in Munich, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Maximilian and Josephine (Heidemeyer) Wimmer. Growing up in Freising, Germany, Renata spent her childhood hiking in the forest, picking poppies and bachelor buttons alongside the wheat fields and wading along the banks of the Isar river. She had a love for nature and flowers.

On June 7 in Kewanna, she married Paul “Bud” Weller and they had three children. After Bud’s retirement from the Army, they built their home in a cornfield that Renata landscaped. She worked from sunup to sundown and loved every minute in her yard. She was happiest enjoying nature and spending time with her family.

She will be remembered by her family as a loving mother, grandmother, a fantastic cook, avid gardener, nature lover and a strong woman.

Survivors include her children, Jimmy Weller (Kim) of Lafayette, Claudia Newcomer (Rick) of Rochester, Sharon Weller (Mark) of Zionsville and Wilhelm Oberloher of San Antonio, Texas; and grandchildren Matthew Weller, Heather Moore (Josh), David McElwain, Christina Mace (David), Lorrie Kendall (Dwayne), and Bailen Oberloher (Bea). She is also survived by four great-grandchildren with one on the way and one great-great-grandchild with one on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul “Bud” Weller, daughter Renate Montz, grandson Silas Oberloher and five brothers and four sisters.

At Renata’s request services will be private. Burial will be at Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude’s Childrens Hospital.

Renata’s online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Janice K. Sterrett

March 29, 1948 – Jan. 20, 2023

Janice K. Sterrett, 74, of Logansport, passed away Friday, Jan. 20, 2023 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Born March 29, 1948 in Ludington, Michigan, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Mary (Cook) Masunas.

On Feb. 7, 1982 she married Lee Sterrett. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 2006.

Janice was a caregiver for many years and also was formerly employed at Switches/Federal Mogul in Leiters Ford.

Janice was a member of Landmark Baptist Church. She formerly volunteered at the VFW and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Janice enjoyed reading, playing bingo, spending time with friends and family and taking care of her beloved dog, Rosie.

Survivors include her sisters, Darlene Masunas of Kewanna and Bev Whiteman (Kenny) of Kewanna. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by daughter Jill Sterrett, brothers infant Dean Masunas, Harry Conran and William "Bill" Conran and sisters Kathleen Masunas and Bernice Dameron.

Service will be at 1 p.m. today, Tuesday January 24, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Marocco Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be at Paint Creek Cemetery near Camden.

Memorial contributions can be made to Landmark Baptist Church, 3925 E. Market St., Logansport.

Janice's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Judith E. Swick

June 17, 1940 – Jan. 21, 2023

Judith E. Swick, 82, of rural Burket, passed surrounded by her family at 9:25 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at her residence.

Judy was born June 17, 1940, in Warsaw to the late Victor and H. Ellen (Graves) Cook. She married, Dec. 22, 1962 in Burket, Frank L. Swick. He survives.

Judy was a 1958 graduate of Warsaw High School. She furthered her education at Huntington University, graduating in 1962 with her bachelor's degree in education. She later attained her master's degree from Saint Francis University. She then taught for Beaver Dam, Akron, Talma, Ivy Tech, and Tippecanoe Valley. She also worked as an operator and in human resources for United Telephone.

She was a member of the Speakers Bureau, the Burket United Methodist Church, the Winona Lake Free Methodist Church, and in earlier years, the Tuesday Dramatics Club. She enjoyed being a sports mom and grandma. As long as she was able, she was there to cheer on her family. She loved theater and drama, and enjoyed attending plays at the Wagon Wheel.

She is survived by her husband Frank Swick of Burket; children Annette Swick of Burket, Derrill and wife Paula Swick of San Antonio, Texas, Ginger and husband Joe Bishop of Indianapolis and Pepper and husband Robert Bell of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Jordan and wife Kaycee, Cody, Samuel, Matt, Alexander, Tyler and Colton; great-grandchildren Peyton and Paxton; and a sister, Karolyn and husband Eddie Barrus of Leesburg.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents Victor and Ellen Cook, sisters Marolyn, Frances, Jeanne, Donna and Phyllis, and brothers John, Joe, Bob and Norman.

The memorial service will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana.

Her final remembrance place will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorial visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Seward Township/Burket Volunteer Fire Department.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Betty Lou Higgins

Feb. 28, 1931 – Jan. 23, 2023

Betty Lou Higgins, Warsaw, went home to be with the Lord, surrounded by her loved ones, at 4:47 p.m. Monday, January 23, 2023, at Wynnfield Crossing Assisted Living in Rochester, at the age of 91.

She was born Feb. 28, 1931 in Etna Green, to Mary Marguerite (Austin) Stackhouse and O. Paul Stackhouse. Betty was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County, where she was a 1949 graduate of Bourbon High School. At the young age of 19, Betty knew she wanted to spend her life with Willard DeLoss Higgins, and they were married on March 26, 1950. They were blessed with almost 60 years of marriage together before Willard passed away on Jan. 17, 2010.

Betty was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed. She was devoted to the Lord, her church and friends.

She leaves behind her son, Patrick (Kristi) Higgins (Warsaw); two daughters, Meri (Fred) Jessup (Benbrook, Texas); and Melana (David) Smith (Rochester). Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; sister Anita (Mike) Williamson (Etna Green); and her brother, Brad (Jo) Stackhouse (Plymouth).

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Paula Blyth, grandson Lance David Smith, and her brother, Dr. Keith L. Stackhouse.

Betty's life will be celebrated with a private family service at a later date. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Memorial donations may be directed to Christian Military Fellowship, P.O. Box 449, Veradale, WA 99037-0449. On memo line write: For Myers: Quantico Ministries Account #9025.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Huffman

Nov. 24, 1954 – Jan. 1, 2023

Deborah Kay Ward Huffman, 68, of Fairlawn, Ohio, and formerly of Rochester passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2023. She had recently entered the Alter Care Nursing Home in Wadsworth, Ohio.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1954 in Rochester, to Walter L. and Mary Janet (Parker) Ward. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1973. She then attended Ball State University, graduating in 1978.

Deb returned to Rochester, gaining experience and eventually settled with Sonoco Products Company of Akron. After a couple years, she was transferred to the Sonoco Plant in Ohio in 1982. Deb had lived in Ohio for 40 years.

After working there for several years she married and had a child, Parker Phillip Huffman. After leaving Sonoco, Deb then worked for a few smaller businesses and finally retired from Malco Distribution in 2014.

Survivors include her son Parker Huffman; grandson Aiden Huffman; mother Janet Ward; brothers Mike and wife Terry Ward and Jeff and Carol Ward; uncle and aunt Gary and Marsha Parker; and nieces and nephews Ashlee and husband Brian Worrasangasilpa, Amie Jo and husband Ryan Reichl, and Katlyn Ward.

Deb was preceded in death by her father Walter Ward and grandparents Ruthanna and Roger Parker and Golda and Arthur Ward.

Private family service will take place at a later date. Her interment took place in the Akron Cemetery next to her grandparents Ruthanna and Roger Parker.

The local arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
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Friday, January 27, 2023

Sandra S. Benninghoff

Nov. 1, 1940 – Jan. 23, 2023

God called His Little Lamb, Sandra, to her eternal home on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, the home she yearned for.

Sandie was born to John and Virginia (Knowles) Crothers on Nov. 1, 1940, in South Bend. She graduated from Riley High School and then from World Harvest Bible College as valedictorian in 1988.

Sandra was a single mom for many years before marrying an awesome man, Eugene Benninghoff, on his birthday, June 26, 1975. Eugene preceded her in death on Nov. 27, 2021.

Also preceding her in death are 2 great-grandbabies, Branson Watkins and Hannah Piedre.

Sandie always dreamed of having 12 children. She was blessed with 6 and ended up with her 12 when they all married. She leaves behind her devoted children: Kim (Kent) Onax, Bob (Donna) Watkins, Corinne Watkins, Joe Watkins, Kenneth (Chris) Watkins, and David (Jenn) Benninghoff, and a special stepdaughter, Kathy Austin. Sandra also leaves behind 64 adoring grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, with 2 more great-great-grands on the way; her sister Jill (Tom) Richards, and brother Jack (Patti) Crothers; and 4 very special nieces, Kathy, Jacqui, Amy and Brittany; a loving sister-in-law, Dixie Fish; her uncle, Larry (Caroline) Knowles; and a special lifelong friend, Phyllis Hong.

After retirement, Eugene and Sandra moved to their lake cottage on the edge of Lake Bruce in Kewanna, where they loved to fish, go boating, and host many family events with family and friends camping not only in their home but also spread out on their lawn. She always kept a garden and made the best zucchini bread ever. She read the Bible daily for hours on end and prayed for many lives from her prayer request books, she was a mighty prayer warrior.

Sandy inherited the strength and boldness of her dad and the sweet, gentle side from her mom. She had a soft, tender healing touch in her hands; those hands could play the sweetest song on her piano and crochet a gorgeous bedspread. Keeping her minister license valid, she was able to marry numerous grandchildren and even baptized a few.

She lived like Jesus and loved like Jesus, as her granddaughter Morgan wrote, “I’d like to think that if she could have said goodbye, it would have been as she always said goodbye, ‘God be with you.’ So to our loving mom, grandma, sister,

aunt, and friend, may 'His peace be with you' and it truly is His peace that is with you!"

Although our hearts are heavy with missing our sweet momma, we are overjoyed that she finally met her Jesus face to face with no more suffering. "Glory to God who gave us life beyond the grave."

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. Eighth St., Mishawaka. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the funeral home with visitation 1 hour prior.

Burial will follow in Southlawn Cemetery in South Bend.

To leave an online condolence or to share a memory, please visit www.hahnfuneralhomes.com or Hahn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Devon S. Dunnuck

Nov. 10, 1937 – Jan. 25, 2023

Devon S. Dunnuck, 85, of Akron and the Claypool area, passed at 6:34 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023, at The Waters of Wabash East.

Devon was born Nov. 10, 1937, in Warsaw, to the late Donald and Gladys (Snyder) Dunnuck. He was married on July 2, 1955 in Tippecanoe to Patricia Ann Lozier. She preceded him in death on June 5, 1994.

He was a 1955 graduate of Tippecanoe High School. He was owner/operator of Devon Dunnuck & Sons Trucking Company, retiring after over 40 years. He met Marilyn Stafford and they spent 12 years together. They enjoyed going on day trips to the area casinos. In years past, he enjoyed socializing and drinking coffee with friends.

He is survived by his sons, Michael and wife Mary Dunnuck of Warsaw and Rob and wife Becky Dunnuck of Akron; 5 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Geneal Ecker of Plymouth; and his longtime companion Marilyn Stafford.

Devon was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sons Lee Allen and Gene Dunnuck, a brother Charles Dunnuck, and sisters Evelyn Sechrist and Deloris Blackford.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Luke Vasicek officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, next to his wife Pat.

Diana C. Waech

Aug. 17, 1946 – Jan. 14, 2023

Diana C. Waech, 76, Mentone, passed at 9:28 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at her residence.

Diana was born Aug. 17, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., to Walter and Clara (Lamz) Marohn. She was married on May 11, 1968 in Chicago, Ill. to Victor D. Waech.

She graduated from high school in the Chicago area. Diana was a homemaker who lovingly and faithfully cared for her family. She was a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church in Rochester. Diana enjoyed spending time in her garden, caring for her plants and the local wildlife. She was an avid reader and loved to spend time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Victor of Mentone; child Nick and his wife Andrea; grandchildren Austin, Sarina, Elliana and Piper; along with nieces and nephews.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents and sister Carolyn Lueth.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Rev. Curtis May officiating. Visitation will begin at 6 p.m.

A private interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Wolf Park, 4004 East 800 North, Battle Ground, IN 47920. <http://wolfpark.org/> or the World Wildlife Foundation, <https://support.worldwildlife.org>.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Judy K. Lybarger

June 19, 1943 – Jan. 24, 2023

Judy Kaye Lybarger, 79, of rural Claypool passed at 9:36 a.m. Tuesday at her residence.

She is survived by her husband Jon Lybarger of Claypool; children Michael Lybarger, Edwardsville, Ill., Gregory Lybarger, Lincoln, Maine, Patrick Lybarger, Claypool, Lisa Demske, Claypool, Daniel Lybarger, Atwood, Jeremy Lybarger, Mentone, Deborah Creaghan of Florissant, Mo., Sarah Poff, Etna Green, Kat Palmer of Iraq, Cassia Tuley, Rochester, Joanna Egolf, Atwood, Jonathan Lybarger, Claypool; and a brother Dwight Payne, Indianapolis.

Visitation is 3-5 p.m. Monday at Faith Outreach Center, 1125 E. Ninth St. The memorial service is 5 p.m. Monday at the church. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, January 28, 2023

Reva Lane

Jan. 4, 1923 – Jan. 25, 2023

Reva Lane, aged 100 years and 21 days, of Rochester, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 at her residence.

On Jan. 4, 1923, Reva May was born in Granada, Colo., to Emmett A. and Jimmie L. (Tabor) Autrey. Growing up she shared her childhood with three siblings.

Reva and Richard H. Lane were married on Nov. 6, 1955 in Joliet, Ill. They shared 30 years of life's adventures. Sadly, he passed away on Nov. 15, 1985. Their union produced two sons, Donald and James. Another generation has been added to the family tree with three granddaughters.

Reva received her BA from the Art Institute of Chicago and also studied art for three years at IU. As a graphic artist, she worked in advertising and was a prize-winning artist in multiple media. At the age of 94, she won the Best of Show in the Nine County Art Show. She also made dolls and created beautiful ceramic gifts for family and friends. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of North Manchester.

Left to cherish the memories of Reva are two sons, Donald Lane and wife Margaret of Kokomo, James Lane of Bargersville; three granddaughters, Dr. Dakota Lane, MD of Gainesville, Fla., Sheila Romans of Nashville, Tenn., Shonnie Jarrett of Hubert, N.C., a stepgrandson, Liam Renish of Indianapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Reva in death are her parents, husband and siblings.

Private family services will be held. Interment will be in the Mt Zion Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Stacey A. Carvey-Schoenhals

Jan. 19, 1981 – Jan. 26, 2023

Stacey Angela Carvey-Schoenhals, 42, Rochester, made Heaven an even brighter place when she arrived there from Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, on Thursday morning, Jan. 26, 2023, after a courageous battle with her health.

Born Jan. 19, 1981, in Peru, Indiana, she was the daughter of Lester Bruce and Gloria M. (Bartleman) Carvey. On Nov. 27, 2004, she was married to Lukas A. Schoenhals, and he survives.

Stacey was raised in Rochester and attended All Saints Elementary in Logansport. She was a 1999 graduate of Rochester High School, where she exhibited her Zebra pride by being involved in just about any activity she could fit into her schedule. In addition to her school involvement, she was active in the Miami County 4-H program, where she enjoyed showing animals and exhibiting her baking skills which she practiced with her “Nanny Carvey.”

From high school, Stacey went on to study education at Indiana State University, where she graduated in 2003. While at Indiana State, she was very active with the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, ending her college career as the chapter’s president. Keeping active with organizations and service after college, Stacey served as former president of Tri Kappa’s Rochester Chapter, and up until the last few weeks she was still serving as treasurer for the Rochester Athletic Boosters.

After returning to Rochester, she continued her involvement with her community as a proud Zebra fan and served on the Rochester School Board. Stacey could be found at just about any Zebra sporting activity, always bringing her joyous and bubbly personality to cheer on her alma mater. Although she was partial to Zebra sports, Stacey would support any child of her friends’, no matter what color jersey they sported. For many years, Stacey worked with her sister, Lisa, and brother-in-law, Shane, at Rochester Boat Company, but most often could be found around town as the personal chauffeur to her favorite nephew, Jack, whom she loved like he was her own.

Stacey loved traveling and everything related to Disney. Trips to Florida to visit Disney World always brought a smile to her face, and she loved planning the details of every trip so that her family made the most of each minute they were there. Details were important to Stacey and each project had its own organization strategy, whether it was a basket, tote, or meticulously labeled binder. She used her organization skills not only to plan trips, but also to decorate and coordinate parties and events which were often themed, color coordinated, and organized perfectly.

Stacey was a friend to everyone she met. If you spent just a few minutes with her, you were a friend for life. Reunions with old friends seemed to have no time between them, and Stacey remembered every detail of her friendships over the years. She had an incredible heart and truly loved everyone, making any greeting a moment that brightened the days of everyone. Her smile beamed and brightened any room she walked inside. Stacey will forever be remembered for her love, friendship, and truly being someone you could call who would give you the shirt off of her back.

Survivors include her husband Lukas A. Schoenhals, Rochester; mother Gloria M. Carvey, Rochester; sister Lisa A. (Shane) Reffett, Rochester; nephew Jack

Carvey Reffett, Rochester; grandmother Donna Bell Carvey, Macy; canine child, Gizmo; and more friends than could ever be counted.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lester Bruce Carvey; grandparents Lester Dee Carvey and Stanley D. and Elizabeth Ann Bartleman; and her beloved dog, Lacey.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Rochester High School.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at the high school.

As we all say goodbye to our beloved Stacey, let us all be reminded of the words from “The Adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh,” “How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation (memo: Stacey Carvey Scholarship) and sent to McClain Funeral Home, P.O. Box 248, Denver, IN 46926. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Honey Marlene Pruitt

March 1, 1949 – Jan. 28, 2023

Honey Marlene Pruitt, affectionately known by all as Marlene, passed away at her residence surrounded by her loved ones at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at the age of 73.

She was born March 1, 1949 in Peru. Marlene was one of eight children born to Phyllis June (Eberly) Books and Ervin Eli Books. She was a 1966 graduate of North Miami High School. At the young age of 18, she knew she wanted to spend the rest of her life with Loren Monroe Pruitt, who everyone knew as Butch. They were married on May 8, 1967, and they were blessed with 55 years of marriage together before Marlene passed away.

Marlene had a heart for service and cared for many people over the years. She worked as a caregiver for Forte Residential and Home Health Care Services. In the past she had worked for a number of years at Hart Schaffner Marx in Rochester. Her full-time real job was simply being Mom, and Marlene loved caring for her family. She always enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially going on their many family camping trips. She loved gardening, reading western books and of course she LOVED watching all kinds of western movies. Marlene especially had a soft spot for her Elvis Presley. Marlene was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister who will be dearly missed by all.

She leaves behind her husband, Loren “Butch” Pruitt (Warsaw); two sons, Loren (Belinda) Pruitt, Jr. (Warsaw); Osta (Jeri) Pruitt (Warsaw); two daughters, Penny Pruitt (Syracuse), and Evelyn Jones (Rochester). Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Sandra (Donnie) Bromley (Huntington,); Roxanna (Paul) Carter (Peru); Christina Drudge (Florida); and Juneattea (Rick) May (Rochester). She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Marlene’s life will be celebrated with a service at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, officiated by Pastor Michael Young. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home’s website at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

Ralph I. Gunter

Oct. 1, 1933 – Jan. 27, 2023

Ralph L. Gunter, 89, Rochester, passed away at 9:30 p.m.. Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 at his residence.

He was born Oct. 1, 1933 in Grass Creek, the son of Cecil and Ruth (Ford) Gunter. On July 18, 1954, at the Fulton United Methodist Church, Fulton, he married Janet Dillman and she survives.

Mr. Gunter had served with the United States Army from 1955 to 1963. He retired from Kaiser Chemical in Fulton, and worked with the startup of Buckeye Parachute in Argos. He was a member of Riverview Community Church. He had been a licensed pilot and enjoyed flying his Piper Cub, Cessna and Bi-Plane Ultralights, many of which he had made. He was a longtime member of the FAA and EAA. He was a master of many talents and was always willing to help those in need. In his leisure time, he enjoyed oil painting, specifically painting nautical themes or Currier & Ives themes, and fly fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Gunter, Rochester; children Rodney (Isabel) Gunter, Peru, Connie Reffitt (Russell Oberg), Macy, Mark Gunter, Elizabethtown, Ky., Jennifer (Brandon) Seyer, Mentone; 7 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Virgil Gunter, Russell Gunter, Raymond Gunter, Harold Gunter, George Gunter, Richard Gunter, sisters Marjorie Easterday and Mildred Mullins, and granddaughter Stephnie Jo Reffitt.

Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Riverview Community Church, 3780 Indiana State Road 110, Tippecanoe. Friends

may visit from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Riverview Community Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Robert H. Heyde

Feb. 10, 1963 – Jan. 25, 2023

Former Rochester resident, Mr. Robert Harold Heyde, 59, of Chicago, Ill., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023.

On Feb. 10, 1963, Robert was born in Rochester to James and Lalla Boswell Heyde. He shared his childhood with two brothers, David and Ed. In 1981 he graduated from Rochester High School, and in 1985 he graduated from DePauw University. Robert was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Robert is survived by his three children, Caroline Clouser and husband Jordan and their daughters Mackinley and Reese, Blake Heyde and fiancée Stephanie, and Alec Heyde; brother David Heyde and wife Alison; niece and nephew Mason Heyde and wife Aereka, Randall Valin and husband Tim.

Private family service will be at a later date. The Good Family Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Robert's family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Jerry W. Beaird

Jerry W. Beaird, 76, Rochester, died at 10:07 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Ruth J. Mercer

March 21, 1938 – Jan. 27, 2023

Ruth J. Mercer, of Rochester, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at the age of 84.

She was born March 21, 1938, in Plymouth, the daughter of Clifford "Sam" and Verna Irene (Kimble) Fear. She attended Plymouth High School. She has since resided in Rochester. She spent many years living on the channels of Lake Manitou and enjoyed being a part of the Lake Manitou Ski Club, cheering for her girls and the ski club team.

After raising her daughters, she worked at Life Care Center nursing home, where she met her forever life partner Ronald Mantey. They enjoyed many great adventures together, being Snow Birds in Florida, Mackinac Island, with Bob and Alice was another favorite. Their most memorable trip was down the Rhine River. Sadly, Ronald passed on June 7, 2002.

Ruth was the most caring and giving Mom and Me Moo one could ever ask for. She had a special way she signed every card to her grandchildren. "Love You Lots" Me Moo and Penny Dog. That signature is something they will cherish forever. She enjoyed being outside, pruning her flowers and mowing on her John Deere lawnmower.

Those who survive with broken hearts include her two daughters, Jenny (Ken) Coleman, LuAnn (Rick) Jackson; grandchildren Carmie Rangel (Erik Smith), Britney Wood (John Gray) and Taylor Pugh; great-grandchildren Liam Rangel, Lucy Rangel, Brylie Kiggins, and Tony Kiggins; sister Sharon Thompson; and special friend who was like a son, Kevin Kollman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, life partner Ronald Mantey, and brothers Darwin "Bill" Fear and Robert Dean Fear.

Titus Funeral Home and Cremation Services is entrusted with Ruth's care. Per her wishes, no public services will be held. To leave a condolence, please visit www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

Jerry W. Beard

Sept. 4, 1946 – Jan. 28, 2023

Jerry Wayne Beard, 76, Rochester, passed away at 10:07 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He was born Sept. 5, 1946 in Rochester, the son of Chance Edward and Bertha Mae (McGee) Beard. On Nov. 21, 1964, in Rochester, he married Janet Thomas and she survives.

Jerry retired from Rochester Metals and was a member of the Omega Church and Old Crossroad Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Beard, Rochester; children James Eugene (Amy) Beard, Niles, Mich., Forrest Wayne (Mark Mow) Beard, Logansport, John Edward (Jennifer) Beard, Rochester; grandchildren Wayne (Cassie) Beard, Buchanan, Mich., Cory Beard, Colorado, Ashley Williams, Anderson, Austin Weldy, Peru, Breyanna Marie, Rochester; great-grandchildren Mercedes Beard, Deshawn Williams, Katana Williams, Corban Williams, Oreana Weldy; brother Cyrus "Ed" Beard, Rochester; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, George Clark, Jack Clark, Earl “Junior” Clark, John Clark, John L. O’Connor Jr., John Sweet, Patricia Thomas and Barbara Jean Ashelman.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Old Crossroad Baptist Church or American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Thursday, February 2, 2023

No Obituaries

Friday, February 3, 2023

Phyllis J. Barrett

Phyllis J. Barrett, 88, Rochester, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros Funeral Homes of Rochester.

Saturday, February 4, 2023

No Obituaries

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Katrina J. Beattie

Oct. 22, 1949 – Jan. 29, 2023

Katrina J. (Hizer) Beattie, 73, of Sherman, Ill., died at 8:07 p.m. Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

She was born Oct. 22, 1949 in Logansport, to Lawrence and Dorothy (McLochlin) Hizer. She married Donald “Mark” Beattie on June 28, 1985 and he survives.

Also surviving are two children, Jason D. Smith of Sherman, Ill., and Dr. Sarah A. Smith (Kelly Brent) of Springfield, Ill; five grandchildren, Quentin Smith, Makaeda Matthews-Smith, Gavin Smith, Gabrielle Smith and Alexis Smith; one sister, Marcia Campbell of Miramar Lakes, Fla.; two brothers, John Hizer of Kewanee and Cresswell (Lynn) Hizer of Indianapolis; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Raymond Warfield, and one infant brother, Lawrence Hizer, Jr.

Katrina was a graduate of Kewanee High School. She attended Ball State University, graduated from Indiana University in South Bend, and continued graduate studies at Illinois State University. She was a retired elementary and special education teacher, having worked for Athens, Ill. school district and St. Patrick's Catholic School in Springfield, Ill.

She was a member of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Sherman and was a Eucharistic minister. Katrina was a member of the Global Volunteers Network and traveled the world to help teach underprivileged and orphaned children in China, Romania, Cuba and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. She was a volunteer at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum for 12 years and she also volunteered at the adult learning center. She was an avid reader, enjoyed extensive travel and was a budding amateur artist and a history buff.

Private family services were held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Global Volunteers Network, Doctors Without Borders, or the Animal Protective League.

Robert E. Shoemaker

Nov. 29, 1929 – Feb. 1, 2023

Robert E. "Bob" Shoemaker, 93, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at Bickford of Wabash Assisted Living.

He was born in Fulton County, Indiana, on Nov. 29, 1929, the son of the late Russell C. and Nancy M. (Bowen) Shoemaker. On May 28, 1966, he married Alice E. Roth and she preceded him in death on July 29, 2019.

He was a 1947 graduate of Akron High School and attended Manchester College. He earned a bachelor's degree in science from Purdue University and then went on to receive a master's degree in teaching from Kansas State.

Bob was a member of Zion United Church of Christ, where he was a Sunday school teacher, elder, deacon, and trustee. He was also in the Chi-Rho Sunday school class. He served his country in the United States Army and had a tour of duty in the Korean War.

He was a lifelong farmer and avid gardener. He taught science first at Monmouth and then at Bellmont and after 37 years he retired in May of 1992.

Bob served two terms for the Cross Creek Association and was involved in men's fellowship. He was a member of the American Legion Adams Post 43. He was a 50-year member of the Lions Club.

He is survived by a brother, Jerry (Diana) Shoemaker of Akron; a sister, Kathleen Racer, Rochester; several nieces and nephews; two special nieces, Judy Sipes and Cheryl Larson; a good friend, Cathy Plasterer.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Alice E. Shoemaker; a brother, Jack Shoemaker; and a sister, Beulah Conner.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Haggard-Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. Visitation will be one hour before the service from 10-11 a.m. The Rev. Randy Rossman will be officiating and burial will follow in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne. Military graveside rites will be rendered by the American Legion Post 43 Color Guard.

Memorials may be given to Zion United Church of Christ or the Lions Club.

To sign our guest book, click on www.hshfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Caywood

Sept. 20, 1941 – Feb. 1, 2023

Nancy Caywood, 81, Rochester, passed away at 6:43 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023 at her residence.

She was born Sept. 20, 1941, in Montpelier, Ohio, the daughter of Clarence and Beatrice (Shupp) March.

On April 26, 1974, Nancy married Robert Caywood in a beautiful setting in Las Vegas, Nev. For more than 48 years, Nancy and Bob shared and built a wonderful life together. Together they owned Bob Caywood and Associates Real Estate office in Rochester, before retiring to Sebring, Fla. After enjoying more than 20 years of fun, friends, family and neighborhood fish fries in Sebring, Bob and Nancy returned to Rochester in 2005.

Nancy's greatest joy in life was her husband, and she displayed that love with her sweet disposition, her delicious cooking and by providing a lovely home for them to share with friends and family.

Nancy was loved by everyone who met her, she touched many lives with her unselfish and giving ways, often cooking "a little extra" dinner or dessert to share with others. She is sorely missed and will live forever in the hearts of family and friends.

She had also been a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Elk's Club and Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, Robert D. "Bob" Caywood, Rochester; stepdaughters, Debbie (Richie) Magan, Florida, Tammie Caywood, Rochester; daughter-in-law Vicki Caywood, Arizona; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister Linda Smith, Bryan, Ohio; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph Caywood, brothers, Jack March, Thomas March, James March and Richard March, sisters Barbara Rupp and Mary Rupp; and stepdaughter, Vickie Parsons.

Private interment took place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Carla G. Dutchess

Carla G. Dutchess, 97, North Manchester, and formerly of Rochester, died at 12:20 p.m. Monday at Peabody Retirement Community. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Dena Lawrence

Dena Faye Lawrence, 76, Akron, died at 6:22 a.m. Monday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Paula Sue Garcia

Sept. 8, 1956 – Feb. 5, 2023

Paula Sue Garcia, 66 years old, Rochester, passed away Feb. 5, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Paula was born Sept. 8, 1956 in Sumter, S.C. to Vernal Robert and Elba lee (Williams) Ness.

Paula is preceded in death by her father, Vernal R. Ness Sr. and brother, Vernal “Bobby” Ness Jr.

Left to cherish the memory of Paula are her children Pablo Garcia Jr., Antonio (Melissa D.) Garcia, Jose Miguel (Lilia) Garcia, and Dallas Garcia; mother, Elba L. Ness; significant other, Pablo Garcia Sr.; grandchildren, Pablo Garcia III, Selena M. Garcia, Amlia H. Garcia, Amyra A. Garcia, and Jose M. Garcia Jr.

Paula was a member of the Church of Christ and the Elks Lodge in Rochester, where she helped out a lot. She had a strong work ethic and some may say she was a workaholic. She proudly ran a tax service for 43 years and devoted much of her time there. Paula was a huge football fan and looked forward to Sunday football. She was a poker fanatic.

Most importantly, Paula adored her family. She raised four boys which made her a strong woman. Paula was a grandmother to five beautiful children and she loved attending all of their events such as recitals. She was such a giving person that she would give the shirt off her back for anyone. Paula took care of her mother with love and no complaints. She was a genuinely good woman. Paula was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Visitation for Paula will be on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, from 3-8 p.m. with a rosary to be prayed at 3:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower

Road, South Bend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at 1 p.m. at St. Casimir Catholic Church, 1302 W. Dunham St., South Bend.

Memorial contributions may be made at <https://gofund.me/73a19f79> Online condolences can be made at sjfh.net.

Franklin E. Lindley

Aug. 30, 1928 – Feb. 5, 2023

Franklin E Lindley, 94, of Anderson, passed away Feb. 5, 2023, at his home surrounded by family.

He was born Aug. 30, 1928, in Rochester.

Frank graduated from Indiana University and served his country during WW II in the U. S. Army.

After 36 years of employment, he retired as an engineer for Delco-Remy Division of General Motors.

He was a member of the YMCA and a faithful attendee of Edgewood Baptist Church. Frank was a devoted and loving husband, dad, grandpa and papa.

Frank is survived by his loving spouse of 62.5 years, Nancy (Brewster) Lindley; dear children Beth (Dan) Elmore and David (Heidi) Lindley; precious grandchildren Casey O'Neal, Elise (Matt) Fox, Lauren (John) Hegarty, Lindsay (Matt) VandeKopple, Phillip (Chelsey) Lindley, Erika (Dean) Prybylla and Patrick Lindley; 15 precious great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Everett, and Sadie Edith (Winkler) Lindley; siblings Eleanor Castleman, Russell Williams, Ed Williams, Mary Jane Hinkle and Peggy Mullins.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Edgewood Baptist Church, 3743 Nichol Ave., Anderson, IN 46011.

Service will be Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the church with Pastor Andy Lutz officiating.

Burial will take place at Anderson Memorial Park with military rites.

Memorial contributions may be made to Edgewood Baptist Church.

Loose Family Funeral Homes & Crematory www.loosecares.com.

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Emmy Leman

May 22, 1927 – Feb. 1, 2023

Emmy Speicher Leeman, 95, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at her residence at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

Born on May 22, 1927, in Newton County, she was the daughter of William and Iva (Reprogle) Medley. Her siblings were Helena, Maurice, Robert and Patricia. All preceded her in death.

Mrs. Leeman was a graduate of Buck Creek High School in Lafayette, and she attended Indiana University at Kokomo.

For most of her life, Mrs. Leeman resided in Cass County, Indiana. She was a case worker for the Cass County Dept. of Public Welfare for 15 years. Before and after that time, she enjoyed substitute teaching and ended her working years selling real estate for the former Brokerage House in Logansport.

Mrs. Leeman was an active member of several churches: Webb Chapel Methodist and First United Methodist (Church of the Good Shepherd), both in Logansport, and Grace United Methodist in Rochester. During her early years she was active in the Logansport community serving on several boards including Cass County Guidance Center, Four County Counseling Center, Neal Home, Logansport Art Association and was a past president of Cass County Pastoral Counseling Center.

Mrs. Leeman was an avid reader and a gourmet cook. She loved learning new things like tap dancing and watercolor painting. She especially liked Bible study, attending Bible Fellowship International classes in Marion, and Lafayette. She spent many winters in Florida following her retirement, and those memories of making new friends, nature hikes and evenings dancing sustained her in her later years.

Mrs. Leeman married C. Daniel Speicher in 1945 after World War II. He died of cancer 30 years later. In 1976 she married Hugh Leeman, whose wife, Carolyn, had also died of cancer. She and Mr. Leeman were married 45 years. He died in February 2022.

Mrs. Leeman was a loving mother to her children: Ted (Norma) Speicher, Logansport, Kelly (Pam) Leeman, Kokomo, Janey (Max) Speicher Borden, Rochester, Kevin (Stephanie) Leeman, McGrawsville, JoAnn (Michael) Speicher Tierney, Sugar Grove, Ill., Kim (Gary) Leeman Warren, Long Boat Key, Fla. She especially adored her 24 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and first great-great-grandchild.

A celebration of life for Mrs. Leeman will be at 11 a.m. Monday morning, May 22, 2023, on what would have been her 96th Birthday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour before the celebration. A private burial will follow. She will be interred at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Hugh Leeman Scholarship Fund through the Cass County Community Foundation or to a benevolent cause of the donor's choice.

You may share memories and offer condolences on Mrs. Leeman's tribute wall at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Dena F. Lawrence

Nov.23, 1946 – Feb. 6, 2023

Dena F. Lawrence, 76, Akron, passed away at 6:22 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Nov. 23, 1946 in Indianapolis, the daughter of James Robert and Edith Opal (Petty) Verhines. She married Bishop Robert Ritter Sr. in 1969. They later divorced. On Sept. 6, 2003, in Rochester she married Jimmy S. Lawrence. He preceded her in death.

Dena worked at Hart, Schaffner and Marx more than 20 years until her retirement. She graduated from Ivy Tech Community College with a degree in business. She belonged to the Pentecostal Church, having attended Sanctuary of Praise and New Beginnings Glorious Church, where she loved playing the piano. She enjoyed sewing, making costumes for her grandchildren on Halloween, singing and playing the organ. Dena also enjoyed dancing with the Rochester square dancers and was known for her excellent tasting Hershey's fudge. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, listening to gospel music and harmonizing with her daughter.

Survivors include her daughter Elizabeth "Liz" (Les) Bannister, Akron; sons Timothy Ritter, Rochester, and Robert (Stephanie Chilcutt) Ritter Jr.; grandchildren Destiny (Dillion) Parker, Middletown, Autumn Parker, Akron, Trenton Ritter, Rochester, David Robert Ritter, Rochester, Melissa Kline, Culver; great-grandchildren Carter Parker, Middletown, Kylie Parker, Middletown, Amara Kline, Culver, Elena Kline, Culver; sisters, Rita Burleson, Greenwood, , Leah Denise Smith, Indianapolis, Beverly Jean (Robert) Baker M.D., Orlando, Fla.; sister-in-law Geneva Verhines, Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Teresa Parker and brother, James Linus Verhines.

Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, and one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dena Lawrence Memorial Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Carla G. Dutchess

Aug. 16, 1925 – Feb. 6, 2023

Carla G. Dutchess, 97, North Manchester, and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 12:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

She was born Aug. 16, 1925, in Kosciusko County, the daughter of Homer A. and Ercie (Oplinger) Lucas. She graduated from Claypool High School in 1943, from Manchester College with a bachelor's degree in 1947 and received her master's degree from Indiana University in 1958.

On July 23, 1966, in Rochester, she married Lloyd A. Dutchess. He preceded her in death May 30, 1994.

Mrs. Dutchess taught business and English for more than 40 years in high schools in Monroe, Twelve Mile, Rochester and Oak Hill at Converse and in Paris, France (U.S. Dependents School). She was a member of Community Presbyterian Church, Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Delta Pi Epsilon, and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. In her leisure time she enjoyed reading and traveling.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Chris Johnson, Curtis Harms, Laura Tomlin, David Devore; eight great-nieces and great-nephews and eight great-great nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by sister Hannah C. (Lucas) Rutenberg, brother-in-law Arthur Rutenberg, and niece Kathleen Soupley.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may call one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Phyllis J. Barrett

Feb. 20, 1934 – Feb. 1, 2023

Phyllis J. Barrett, 88, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born Feb. 20, 1934 in Mississippi, the daughter of William P. and Dorothy (Shaw) Smith. On Nov. 27, 1958, in Little Rock, Ark., she married Leonard Earl "Honey" Barrett. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1993.

Mrs. Barrett had worked for Rochester Metals and had been a motor route carrier for the Rochester Sentinel for numerous years. She enjoyed crocheting and bingo.

Survivors include her daughter, Sue Schaeffner, Rochester; 9e grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sons Charles Richardson and Gary Richardson, daughters Gail See, Annette White and Kathryn Mounts, grandson Joseph Mounts Jr., sisters Laura Williams and Patricia A. Rhoades Jylland.

Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Friday, February 10, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, February 11, 2023

No Obituaries

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Gene R. Reinholt

Dec. 19, 1932 – Feb. 10, 2023

Gene Richard Reinholt, 90, of Kewanna, passed away at 7:48 p.m., Friday, February 10, 2023 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport.

Born on December 19, 1932 in Monterey, he was the son of the late Roy and Lottie (Hoover) Reinholt.

Gene graduated from Kewanna High School, class of 1951, before proudly serving in the U.S. Army from 1953 until 1961. While in the Army, Gene was awarded with a National Defense Service Medal, a Korean Service Ribbon, a United Nations Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation.

After serving his country in the Army, Gene moved to Chicago while attending mechanic school. He was an A1 mechanic for International Harvester in Rochester until it closed, and then opened his own shop at his home. In addition to being a mechanic, Gene was a farmer for most of his life. He loved nothing more than sharing his love of the farm with his kids and grandkids, taking them along in the tractor and teaching them to care for the animals over the years. Gene was also an avid beekeeper, maintaining his own beehives for years and selling his own honey. Gene was a master at playing Euchre and always remembered who had played each card. He was usually the winner of every hand.

Gene was loved by his family and will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia “Joan” (Collins) Reinholt of Kewanna, step-daughters, Vickie Foudray of Winchester, Lisa Reidy of Lithia, FL. and Kim Foerg (Garry) of Winamac, step-son, Eric Colvin (Carol) of Kewanna, sisters, Wilma Lytle of Logansport and Ruth Ann Holcomb (Keith) of Griffith, and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, three brothers, two sons-in-law and one granddaughter.

A private family service with full military rites will be held at a later date.

Gene’s online guest book is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com

Bonnie C. Carroll

Sept. 13, 1942 – Jan. 12, 2023

Bonnie C. Carroll, 80, Peru, and formerly of Indianapolis, died Thursday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Immediate survivors are her children Alex Carroll, Connersville, Coleen Leonard, Indianapolis, Jackie Dowd, Fishers; and siblings Larry Koenig, North Manchester, Jack Koenig, Denver, Carol Koenig, Peru, Dan Koenig, Palatka, Fla., Kathy Hunt, Rochester, and Bruce Koenig, Peru, IN.

Luncheon and time of sharing is 1-4 p.m, Saturday at the Akron Carnegie Public Library, 205 E. Rochester St. Akron.

Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

David D. Arnold Sr.

Dec. 10, 1950 – Feb 20, 2023

David D. Arnold, Sr., 72, Warsaw, died at 9:48 p.m., Friday at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center of Warsaw.

Immediate survivors include daughter Angela Bussie, Warsaw; sons David Arnold Jr., Winona Lake, and Jason Arnold, Warsaw.

The funeral is 1 p.m. today at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation is noon-1 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Carol Sue Curtis

June 6, 1937 – Feb. 13, 2023

Carol Sue Curtis, 85, of Warsaw, died Monday Feb. 13, 2023 at Paddock Springs.

Sue was born in Fulton County on June 6, 1937, the daughter of (the late) Wilbert and LaVera (Walters) Utter.

She graduated from Talma High School, where she enjoyed singing in the school choir and on June 25, 1955, Sue married Gale Curtis, who preceded her in death on July 22, 1999 after 44 years of marriage.

Sue attended Warsaw Community Church and was a homemaker who was devoted to her family and friends. She cherished her grandchildren and enjoyed sewing, canning, baking, especially pies and bread, and tending to her flowers and garden. She liked traveling and enjoyed the winters she and Gale spent in Florida. Sue also worked over the years, having been employed by Jomac, Chore-Time and even served as a mail carrier.

She is survived by her daughter, Angelia (John) Strayer of South Whitley; son Chad Curtis of Warsaw; sister Luanne (Jim) May of Columbia City; grandchildren Rebekah (Andrew) Mitchell of Warsaw, Ben Garber of Warsaw, Jonathan Strayer of South Whitley; and her great-grandchildren, Issiac, Madelynn, Samuel, Anna, Sydney, Katheryn and Maggie.

In addition to her parents and Gale, Sue was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ranae Sue Garber, and her brothers, Dick, Ronnie and Jim Utter.

Memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with Pastor Rod Utter officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Private burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

The family's preferred memorials are Harrison Elementary School, 1300 Husky Trail, Warsaw, IN 46582 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

To share a remembrance of Sue or to offer condolences to her family, please visit www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Ines Cuartas Miller

Ines Cuartas Miller, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., passed from this earthly existence peacefully in her home at 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. She was with her husband and caregiver, Ronald V. Miller, Sr.

The youngest of 11 siblings, Ines came into this world on June 27, 1934, in the town of Armero, Tolima, Colombia, to father Julio Cuartas Duque and mother Maria Luisa Rubio Vasquez. She was the last to survive and finally join them in the Heavenly Plane.

Ines was formally educated in Bogota, Colombia, at an all-girls Catholic school, graduating in 1957. Professionally, she attained her Florida reality license in 1990, and split her time between work and maintaining the Miller household. In 1992 she achieved the proud accomplishment of U.S. Citizenship with the aid of her English as a Second Language studies at the Fort Lauderdale High School Adult Center. Until recent years, Ines made a custom of traveling to Colombia annually during summertime to visit with family and friends.

She met future husband Ronald, Sr., in Cali, Colombia, during a Purdue University Band tour to that country in December 1964. Their love would blossom until their marriage at New York City Hall on May 31, 1967. They would share 55 years of marriage until her passing, always by Ronald's side.

They have a son, Ronald V. Miller, Jr., along with three grandchildren: Edward, Johann, and Hanna. She is survived by an extended family of nieces and nephews along with her loving husband, son, and three grandchildren.

Service will be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023 at Rans Funeral Home, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna.

Ines' online guest book is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com

Ralph D. Muse

Ralph D. Muse, 68, Rochester, died at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friday, February 17, 2023

Ralph D. Muse

June 18, 1954 – Feb. 14, 2023

Ralph D. Muse, 68, Rochester, passed away at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born June 18, 1954 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Denver and Essie (Daulton) Muse. On Sept. 30, 1972, in Fowler, he married Gwen Pratt and she survives.

Ralph worked for many years at the former General Transfer before retiring from the Rochester Street Department. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, working on cars and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Muse, Rochester; grandson, Michael (Kylise) Muse, Milwaukee, Wisc.; mother Essie Muse, Rochester; brother Richard (Lisa) Muse, Burnettsville; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, son Tony Muse, and brothers Robert Muse and Roger Muse.

Private interment will take place at a later date at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sons of the American Legion. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Dr. Lawrence Rubel

April 26, 1936 – Feb. 5, 2023

Dr. Lawrence Rubel died peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 5, 2023 after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Penny Rubel; his son, Richard Rubel and his daughter-in-law Bonnie Rubel; his sisters, Julie Deutsch and Jill Rubel; and his grandchildren, Diana and Ryan Rubel.

Lawrence grew up in Chicago and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with his BS degree and later his MD from the University of Illinois. During his internship at the Naval Hospital in Newport, R.I., Dr. Rubel became fascinated with pathology. This choice served him well throughout a career spanning five decades. Highlights included several posts in the Navy, teaching at Chicago Medical School, Uniformed Services University of Medical Sciences, George Washington University, Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and the

Veteran's Administration; and lengthy stints at Woodlawn Hospital, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center.

One of his chief pursuits was learning. Aside from teaching, Dr. Rubel wrote scientific publications in his field and delivered presentations to medical associations in Florida, Colorado and California. He also enjoyed striking up conversations about the latest research in the medical field and technology. Diana, a physician associate, recalls that during their weekly calls she would tell her grandfather what she learned that week. "He would always ask questions and compare it to how it was when he learned it, and we would both marvel at the crazy advancements science and medicine had made so quickly." His wife reported how much he loved discussing robotics with grandson Ryan, though "he was kind of dumbfounded, no clue what Ryan was talking about." In retirement, Lawrence kept up with the latest research in medical journals.

Friends and family recall Lawrence's fondness for jogging. Bonnie recalled how her father-in-law would always get up early to run and then talk about things he saw while jogging near their house. Ryan remembered his grandfather would always pick up coins while he was jogging. "He brought me some of the ones he found interesting, like one from Bermuda." Neighbors in Rochester knew their pathologist neighbor by sight from his daily jaunts along local streets. In later years, Huntingburg locals remembered Lawrence and his wife's frequent long walks with their pets.

Among his many interests, Lawrence was also a patron of the arts. He loved music, especially Brahms, opera and show tunes, and encouraged his family to explore their musical gifts. Theatre was another passion of Lawrence's. Each year he trekked to New York City to see a Broadway show and sponsored several Broadway and off-Broadway productions.

He was a diehard rail fan and loved riding trains of all types. He frequently visited train and trolley museums with his extended family, and his 70th birthday was celebrated aboard a METRA railcar.

The family will hold a private memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 in Lawrence's name.

Jolly E. Vaughn

March 19, 1935 – Feb. 11, 2023

Jolly E. Vaughn, 87, of Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

On March 19, 1935, in Wilson, Ark., Jolly Elwood Vaughn was born, the fifth child of Orville and Maude Cannon Vaughn. Growing up he shared his childhood with twelve siblings. Proudly he graduated from Wilson High School with the Class of 1953.

Jolly and Glenda Faye Bailey were married Aug. 13, 1957, in DeSoto County, Miss. They have shared 65 years of life's adventures. From their union came four beautiful daughters, Candy, Terry, Pamela and Kisia. Two more generations have been added to the family tree with the blessings of 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

With a keen eye for decorating, Jolly was the owner of J.E. Vaughn Painting Service. Jolly enjoyed being outdoors. Going hunting or throwing a line in his favorite watering hole was a great way to relax. Grandpa Jolly cherished the time spent with his grandchildren.

Left to cherish Jolly's memory are his wife Glenda; three daughters, Terry Norrell and husband Kurt of Cuero, Texas, Pamela G. Gagnon and husband Robert of Rochester, Kisia Ulery and husband Rod of Rochester; 15 grandchildren, Mark, Renee, Chad, Colton, Jamie, Joshua, Jonas, Sam, Andrea, Phillip, Ryan, Neal, Kyle, Kody, Allison; numerous great-grandchildren; sister Linda Vaughn of Wilson, Ark.; two brothers, Gary Vaughn, Billy Vaughn and wife Nadine "Dean" all of Wilson, Ark.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jolly in death are his parents, daughter Candy Denny, four sisters, Carol, Peggy, Ann and LaVerne, and five brothers, Ted, Clarence, Orville Jr., Winston and Jerry.

A service to celebrate the life of Mr. Jolly E. Vaughn will be at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

John J. Jewell

Aug. 22, 1954 – Feb. 7, 2023

John J. Jewell, 68, of Akron, passed at 1:47 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at his residence.

John was born Aug. 22, 1954 in Plymouth, to the late Lee George and Sarah Margaret (Ogden) Jewell. He was married on Aug. 25, 1979, in the Grace United Church of Christ of Culver, to Rhonda Yazel. She survives.

In earlier years, John was an Eagle Scout and was an avid hunter and trapper. As a child, he attended the First United Church of Christ of Plymouth and the Grace United Church of Christ of Culver. He was a graduate of Culver Community Schools in 1972.

He bought the Phillips 66 Station in Mentone in 1978. He owned and operated J & J Auto Sales for over 30 years. During his working years, he had many customers and friends that frequented the station.

He loved watching television, especially sports. He was a collector of sports cards and had owned over 400 Corvettes in his life. He enjoyed many outdoor activities with his children including fishing, hiking, bicycling and riding ATV's. John's life changed drastically in 1998 after he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

He is survived by his wife Rhonda Jewell of Akron; son Rory and wife Alisan Jewell of Fort Wayne; daughter Chaitra and husband Ryan Adams of Akron; grandchildren Gracin, Finley, Keaton, Jurnee, Berklee and one on the way; sister Phyllis and husband Stephen Bendzunas of Bluffton, S.C.; brother George and wife Kerry Jewell of South Bend; brother-in-law Mike and June Yazel of Mentone; sister-in-law Teresa and Jim Jones of Brookston; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sons Justin and Cody Jewell, and mother and father-in-law Harold and Ellanora Yazel.

Memorial visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana with a time for family and friends to share memories of John at 1 p.m.

A private family interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in John's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box #91891, Washington, D.C. 20090-1891 or to Gentiva Hospice.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Bartley E. See

July 23, 1963 – Feb. 18, 2023

Bartley E. See, 59, of rural Macy, passed at 3:18 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, with his wife by his side at Parkview Wabash Hospital.

Bart was born on July 23, 1963 in Rochester to Lawrence and Sue (Craft) See. He was married on Nov. 23, 1991 in the Olive Branch Church of God to Raye Anne Parson. She survives.

Bart was a 1981 graduate of North Miami High School. He was a lifetime farmer. He and his wife Raye Anne own and operate See Dairy Farms and Big Boyz Repair. Alongside their boys, Brantley and Bryant, they milked and raised grain. He attended Olive Branch Church and later the Mexico Community Church. He served as a member of the FFA Advisory Committee and the Dairy Farmers of America Board.

He enjoyed golfing when he had time. He loved to play the Waldo with his sons. In earlier years he also played in a bowling league. He was a huge March Madness fan, his favorite teams were I.U. and the Pacers. He was a short term Purdue fan when his son played in the band. He was always there when someone needed him and was dedicated to his family. He enjoyed vacations with family and looked forward to having the grandkids come stay. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and papaw.

He is survived by his wife Raye Anne See of Macy; sons Brantley and wife Sara See and Bryant and wife Kara See, both of Macy; grandchildren Addison, Nolan, Rayelynn, Nora, and one on the way; parents Lawrence and Sue See of Macy; father- and mother-in-law Rick and Gloria Parson of Roann; and a brother, Bret See of Macy; several nieces and nephews.

Bart was preceded in death by his brother Burnell See.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kyle Schnitz officiating.

The interment will be in the Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy, following the service.

Visitation hours will be from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to North Miami High School FFA or Mexico Community Church. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneral.com.

Sue Eisenman

Sue Eisenman, 84, Rochester, died at 1:26 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at Century Villa in Greenwood. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

Marjorie A. Sanders

Aug. 20, 1952 – Feb. 19, 2023

Marjorie (Marj) Anne Sanders, 70 of Bluffton, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marcel and Mary Ellen (Lengerich) Welling and beloved husband, Larry Sanders.

She was born Aug. 20, 1952, in Decatur. She graduated from Bryant High School with the class of 1970. She continued her formal education, graduating from Ball State University in 1974 and obtained her master's degree in teaching from Indiana University-Fort Wayne in 1979. Marjorie loved teaching, and she taught from 1974 to 2016 at Mentone Elementary School, where she was a proud member of the Mentone Bulldogs faculty.

On Sept. 8, 1979, Marj married the love of her life, Larry L. Sanders. Together, they shared more than 35 1/2 years of life's adventures, until he preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2015. They raised three daughters who felt their constant love and support. She set a steadfast example of love, faith and strength.

The family tree continued to grow with the arrival of three, precious granddaughters. She loved spending time with them and cherished being involved and a part of their daily lives.

She was a kind individual and was always generous – with her love, time and support. She enjoyed making quilts for family members to “wrap them in her love.” She was very dedicated to her Catholic faith and was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton, where she was involved in many women's groups.

Left to cherish Marjorie's memory are her daughter, Jen (Charlie) Manns of Ossian; her grandchildren Kate Manns, Lila Manns and Naomi Manns; her daughter Kris Sanders of Amsterdam, Netherlands; and her daughter Kelly (Chris) Martin of Atlanta, Ga.

Marjorie was blessed to have eight siblings, those left to cherish her memory are Bob (Rose) Welling, Dave (Colleen) Welling, Cathy (Mike) Bettinger, Paul (Mary) Welling, Geri (Mark) Mestemaker, Judy (Roger) Wellman, Jo Anne (Greg) Alig and Linda (Kevin) Wellman. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation will be from 3:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A Rosary Service will take place at 3 p.m. Wednesday, prior to visitation at the funeral home and will be given by Father David Violi.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Davie Violi celebrating mass.

Public graveside rites will be held at 3:15 p.m. Thursday at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Marjorie's memory to the St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Mentone Elementary School to assist teachers with school supplies.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family with Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share memories and online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Sue A. Eisenman

Aug. 8, 1938 – Feb. 19, 2023

Mrs. Sue A. Eisenman, 84, of Rochester passed away at 1:26 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023 at Century Villa in Greentown.

On Au. 8, 1938, Sue Ann Fleck was born in Warsaw. She was the treasured daughter of Russell and Leatha Jefferies Fleck. Proudly she graduated from Mentone High School. Sue continued her education at Fort Wayne's International Business College, graduating in 1957.

Sue and Howard Raymond Eisenman were married in Rochester on Sept. 1, 1963. They shared 41 years of life's adventures. Sadly he passed away Oct. 15, 2004. From their union came three daughters, Judy, Jennifer and Jill. The blessings of two more generations have been added to the family tree with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As a homemaker, Sue cherished time with her family. Sue was a licensed insurance agent, working for Smith Sawyer & Smith Insurance of Rochester, retiring in 1995. To relax, she enjoyed an ice cold Bud Light, watching game shows and the Golden Girls. Keeping up with the news, reading detective stories, working crossword puzzles and word searches also kept her busy.

Left to cherish Sue's memory are two daughters, Judy Terry and husband Roger of Rochester, Jennifer Eisenman of Kokomo ; three granddaughters, Stacy Sutton, of Rochester, Sasha Warner and husband Adam of Traverse City, Mich., Courtney Jones and husband Aaron of Rochester; eight grandchildren, Addison, Gavin,

Olivia, Taylor, Tanner, Grayson, Amelia, Oliver; two feline companions, Troy the domestic short haired tiger and Fritz, the long-haired tiger.

Preceding Sue in death are her parents, husband, and daughter Jill S. Damron on Aug. 7, 1997.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Sue Ann Eisenman will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Mentone Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Howard County Humane Society, 729 E. Hoffer St., Kokomo, IN 46901 or the Fulton County Animal Education and Adoption Center, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

The Celebration of Life services of Mrs. Sue A. Eisenman will be live-streamed at 1 p.m. EST Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023.

Larry D. Arven

March 22, 1939 – Feb. 19, 2023

Larry D. Arven, 83, of rural Rochester, passed at 4:25 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at his residence.

Larry was born March 22, 1939, in Rochester, to the late Victor and Virginia (Knott) Arven. He was married on March 26, 1961 in Rochester, to Mary Craft. She survives.

He retired from Torx, formerly Indiana Metal, of Rochester after 43 years. He was a longtime member of Pheasants Forever. He loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed all kinds of fishing, ice fishing and on the river, but especially at his pond. He loved to maintain his pond and ride UTV's.

He is survived by his wife Mary Arven of Rochester; children Brent and wife Stephanie Arven of Rochester and Virginia and husband Doug Clampitt of Atwood; grandchildren Brandon Arven, Andrea and husband Roger Reed, Bradlee Arven, Noah Clampitt, and Neil Clampitt; and great-grandchildren Audrey Arven, Sadie Reed and Cora Reed.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Victor and Virginia Arven, sisters Carol Sundheimer and Linda Whetstone, and brothers Victor Arven Jr., Elbert Paul Arven and Dick Arven.

Following his wishes, no services will be held.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Gentiva Hospice.

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Thursday, February 23, 2023

No Obituaries

Friday, February 24, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Gilbert G. Gates

Jan. 12, 1937 – Feb. 24, 2023

Gilbert “Jim” G. Gates, 86, of Kewanna, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport.

Born Jan. 12, 1937, at home in Carroll County, Jim is the son of the late Gilbert W. and Velma Irene (Hershberger) Gates. Gilbert was a 1956 graduate of Fulton High School. After high school, Jim served his country in the United States Marine Corp.

In December of 1961, Jim married Darlene J. Wilson who survives. He was a lifelong farmer, and had also retired from Exide Battery Factory. Jim enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas with his Exide buddies and traveling with his sons and grandsons to Florida. He also enjoyed his bourbon and attending his grandchildren’s sporting events.

Surviving Jim, along with his wife Darlene, is a daughter, Cindy (Michael) Early of Rochester; son James Eric (Marilee) Gates of Kewanna; five grandchildren, Justin (Nancy) Malott, Garret Gates, Payton (Kinsey Anderson) Gates, Carson Gates, Adriene (Tyler Penrod) Early; five great-grandchildren, Damon (Lexa Sprague) Malott, Ethan Malott, Grayson Malott, Addison Malott and Stella Early; step on, Danny J. (Elaine) Pottenger of Logansport; stepdaughter, Glenna (Ron) Youngblood of Peru; two stepgrandsons, Aaron Youngblood and Brian Early; step-granddaughter Abigail Wagler; two half sisters, Linda Westhusin and Benita McClean.

Jim was preceded in death by two half brothers, Robin and Randall Gates; and two sisters, Lois Babb and Shirley Chilcutt.

A celebration of life will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Frye officiating. Burial, with full military rites, will follow in the Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023, also in the Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway St., Logansport.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

You may sign Jim's guestbook and leave condolences for his family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Donnis M. Lantz

July 6, 1936 – Feb. 13, 2023

It is with heavy hearts that we announce Donnis M. Lantz (Ballinger), Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., passed away at home Feb. 13, 2023.

Born 86 years ago in Indiana on July 6, she was a big sister to three siblings. Donnie graduated from Rochester High School and proudly attended Purdue University where she earned a degree in pharmacy and met her future husband Norman F. Lantz. Together they raised three children, moving around the country before landing in RPV where she remained for 50 years.

Devoted to her family and church, First Baptist Church of Palos Verdes, she loved to spend her time cooking, reading, playing Bridge and hosting luncheons and church events. An accomplished pharmacist, she worked at Torrance Memorial Medical Center for 25 years before retiring to enjoy her 11 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arthur Ballinger (Bea) and Erma Martin (Bob); siblings Sherri Evans (Glen) and James Ballinger; and cherished companion Joe Budro.

Left to treasure her incredible life and memory are her sister Bev Tolley (Phil); children Katherine Giglio (Gigs), Debbie Bachman (Hank), Norm Lantz (Debbie); grandchildren Richard (Vanessa), Philip (TK), Tori (Clayton), Christian (Lauren), Quinn, Jacob (Gio), Natasha, Jasper; great-grandchildren Ariana, Richard Jr., and Arthur; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Join us in the celebration of her life, March 4, 2023, 2:30 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Palos Verdes, 28 Moccasin Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274. Reception immediately following.

In memory of Donnis Lantz donations may be made to Momentum: Innovative Disability Services at [https:// momentum4all.org/donate/](https://momentum4all.org/donate/).

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

No Obituaries

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Joe D. Watson

Joe D. Watson, 59, Fulton, died at 6:35 p.m. Monday at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Susan Gans McCarthy

July 29, 1929 – Feb. 20, 2023

Terre Haute – Susan Gans McCarthy, 93, of Terre Haute, Indiana, died Feb. 20, 2023, surrounded by what she has always described as, in her happy and positive way, her five talented, unique, and perfect children. She was born in Colton, Washington, on July 29, 1929. Although she was remarkable in so many ways, she will most be remembered for her unconditional love for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, William G. McCarthy, a son, Billy, lost in childhood, her brother Michael Gans, and his wife Mary Louise.

Survivors include her children Mary McCarthy (Charles Bales), Isabel McCarthy (Rod Kirk), Dan McCarthy (Susie Marvel), Joe McCarthy (Mary Ann), and Susan Reynolds (Trevor); grandchildren Alison Bales (Will Crotty), Sarah Bales, J.D. Bales (Jan-Marie), James Bales (Jordan Hensley), Christina Collins (Brett), Katie Kirk (Andrew Rogier), Kevin McCarthy (Bethany), Regan McCarthy (Erich Martin), BJ McCarthy (Sara), Francesca McCarthy, and Reagan Reynolds (Nate Jackman), plus twelve great-grandchildren, and her brother, Ray Gans (Joanne.)

Susan was a life-long learner and had many talents. She wrote her own trust documents for her estate, was a stockbroker in her early years, and dabbled in timber sales, oil exploration, solar energy, wildlife habitats, and tax sales. In 1999, Susan and Bill purchased 93 acres of woodland near Staunton. It became known as “Nature’s Return.” Susan put the property into a trust to protect the woods and land for future generations. She created a small public sanctuary there, calling it “The Forgiveness Wall,” where visitors can come to contemplate forgiveness. Susan said, “I truly believe that the best path for a good and happy life is to decide to love – to offer love unselfishly.” Those fortunate enough to know her got to experience her aura of loving kindness every day.

Susan was enthusiastically involved in politics, was the regional coordinator for Senator Birch Bayh, and was a precinct committee person for over 40 years. A long-time bridge club member, she organized a book club that has lasted for decades, and was a faithful member of Saint Patrick’s Church.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 2, 4-7 p.m. at Callahan & Hughes Funeral Home in Terre Haute, with a Rosary to be recited at 4 p.m. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on March 3, at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William G. and Susan Gans McCarthy Endowment Fund, for reducing poverty and supporting literacy. Checks can be sent c/o Indiana State University Foundation, 30 North 5th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47809.

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Joe D. Watson

Nov. 16, 1963 – Feb. 27, 2023

Joe D. Watson 59, Fulton, passed away at 6:35 P.M. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Nov.16, 1963 in Crown Point, Indiana the son of Joe Watson and Joan (DeHaven) Watson Floyd.

Joe served in the United States Marine Corps and the Indiana National Guard, retiring after 20 years. He had worked as a correctional officer at the former Logansport Juvenile Detention Center. He had also served as a volunteer fireman and E.M.T. for Fulton/Liberty Township Fire Department as well as serving as a E.M.T. in Pulaski County. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his life partner, Shari Thalacker, Fulton; children Amanda (Kyle) Poff, Hamlet, Haley (Tyler Coddington) Watson, North Judson; grandchildren Lliam, Shane, Tabitha, Sophia, Kyle Jr., Nathan and Arthur; sister Tammy (Bob) Nollen, Lebanon, Ohio; stepfather, Iran Floyd, DeMotte; several aunts, uncles, cousins and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Watson and Joan Floyd.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the One Warrior Foundation.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Dr. Rev. James H. Gabhart

Services for Dr. Rev. James H. Gabhart ,96, of Francesville, formerly of Winamac, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Frain Mortuary Querry-Ulbricht Chapel, 230 S. Brooks St., Francesville, IN 47946. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will take place at the Winamac Cemetery. www.frainmortuary.com

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Sherry L. Halterman

May 27, 1952 – March 4, 2023

Sherry L. Halterman, 70, Macy, passed away at 4:36 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born May 27, 1952 in Rochester, and was the daughter of Earl Wayne and Bettie J. (Stroud) Wilson. Sherry was a 1970 graduate of Rochester High School. On Aug. 21, 1970, in Rochester, she married Robert Halterman and he survives.

Sherry worked for the Department of Motor Vehicles while in high school and eventually worked for Indiana National Bank in Indianapolis and Quick's Lanes in Rochester. She also served as clerk-treasurer for the town of Macy as well as serving as an E.M.T. for the Macy-Allen Township Fire Department.

She was known as "The Cake Lady" to many families in the area for her passion of decorating cakes, having done numerous graduation and wedding cakes. In her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting, making cakes and knitting Christmas stockings.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Halterman, Macy; sons Anthony Halterman, Macy, Andrew Halterman, Macy, Marcus (Jayme) Halterman, Rochester; grandchildren Ethan Bearman, Carrington Halterman, Aiden Halterman, Gunther Halterman, Jordan Halterman, Mavrik Halterman and Miley Halterman; brothers David Albert (Kathie) Fall, Akron, and Randall (Leona) Singleton, North Muskegon, Mich.; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Dawn Bearman, and brother Rusty Fromme.

Funeral service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Friends may visit from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Plainview Cemetery, Macy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society or the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.mcclainfh.com.

Richard 'Rocky' Roe

June 26, 1958 – March 5, 2023

Richard "Rocky" Roe, 64, Rochester, passed away at 7:12 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Indiana University Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born on June 26, 1958 in Rochester, the son of Jack Roe and Betty (Eisenman) Vance.

Richard had worked as a long-haul truck driver for many years.

Survivors include his children, Jeremiah Roe, Madison, Ala., Aubry Roe, Plano, Texas; grandchildren Ava Roe and Gabriel Roe, both of Madison, Ala.; mother Betty (William) Vance, Rochester; siblings David (Tammy) Roe, Akron, Tammy (Mark) Vegh, Edwardsburg, Mich., Michael (Jennifer) Roe, Columbus, Ohio, Bill

(Deb) Vance Jr., Columbia City, Kim (Jim) Mays, Columbia City, and Doug (Jana) Vance, Akron; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, sisters Cynthia Sue Roe, Dawn Roe-Roth and Brenda L. Vance.

Memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the First Christian Church, 1101 Madison St., Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

John F. Bright

Jan. 2, 1960 – March 4, 2023

John Franklin Bright, Jr. 63, Rochester, passed away at 9:34 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born Jan. 2, 1960 in Valparaiso, the son of John Franklin Bright and Virginia Bright Aubel.

Mr. Bright had worked in the flooring business. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, the great outdoors, watching Deadliest Catch and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his son, Franklin Paul (Ashlie) Bright, Peru; mother Virginia Aubel, Valparaiso; stepsiblings Jason Wirick, Valparaiso, Patti Bruno, Valparaiso; 13 grandchildren; brother, Joe (Glenda) Bright, Plymouth; and sister Jamie Bright, Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his father and step-father, Louie Aubel.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Jille Elaine Yeater

May 11, 1962 – March 5, 2023

Jill Elaine Yeater, 60, of Akron, passed away at 10:41 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester.

She was born to Paul A. and Eula B. (Howell) Yeater on May 11, 1962, in Rochester. Jill attended special education classes in the Marion School System until moving to Thornton, Colo. in June of 1977 with her mother and stepfather. She graduated from Rivendell School in Thornton in 1980. She worked at the Sheltered Workshop from July 1980 to June 1998. Jill and her mother moved back to Indiana in 2008.

Jill is survived by her mother, Eula, of Akron; two sisters, Diana (Steve) Rish of Akron, Denise (Doug) Jones of Thornton, Colo.; one brother, Bruce (Darlene) Yeater of St. Lucie, Fla.; her aunt, Janet Rhoades; cousins Wm. (Bud) Hupp, C.B. Hupp, Aretta Hupp, Julie Dile, Gay Brumett, Lora Clayborn, Jeffrey Rhoades, Roberta Schwing, Robin Wilson, Rodney Yeater, Jeff Yeater; nephews Ryan Rish, Steven Rish, Tyler Jones, Paul Yeater.

She is preceded in death by her father, Paul Yeater; stepfather Don Lunlow; grandparents, Marion and Alice Howell, Floyd and Ruth Yeater; aunt and uncle, Bill and Sue Hupp; uncle Allen Rhoades.

Per Jill's wishes she will be cremated after donating her organs. There will be no services held.

Memorial contributions can be directed to ARC in care of McDonald Funeral Homes. McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, Indiana, 46992, has been trusted with Jill Yeater's final arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www. mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

James H. Wertzberger

Aug. 11, 1935 – March 8, 2023

James H. "Jim" Wertzberger, 87 passed away at his daughters' residence on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 in Danville. He was a longtime resident of Franklin.

He was born Aug. 11, 1935, in Rochester, to Howard Ream and Kathleen Elizabeth (Raymer) Wertzberger.

He is survived by his daughter Julie Kubacki (Joe) of Danville; son Scott Douglas Wertzberger of Franklin; three grandchildren, Sara Frizzell (Nason), Mac Kubacki and Jackson Kubacki; and four great-grandchildren, Alyson, Harper, Rowan and Ferris.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, brother, Joe Wertzberger, daughter, Marcy Wertzberger and grandson, Matthew Angel.

Jim was a graduate of Rochester High School and Purdue University, receiving his degree in pharmacy. He was a veteran of the United States Army. Jim was the co-owner and co-operator of Greenwood Honda; Greenwood Storage and Henderson Drugs in Franklin for many years with his brother, Joe.

He attended Clayton Christian Church in Clayton,. He was a member of Rho Chi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, Franklin Elks Lodge No. 1818 and Franklin American Legion Post No. 205. Jim enjoyed his monthly outings with his friends from Grimmer-Schmidt. He was an avid NASCAR and Formula One racing fan. He was a Chicago Cubs fan. Jim enjoyed watching the Indianapolis Colts and was a Purdue football and basketball fan.

Nathan Robinson will conduct a celebration of Jim's life on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. (U.S. 31 North), in Franklin, with visitation on Tuesday, March 14 from 11 a.m. to time of service at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be conducted at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin,.

Expressions of caring and kindness may be received by the family at www.flinnmaguire.net.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Thomas J. Richards

Feb. 7, 1980 – March 10, 2023

Thomas J. Richards Jr., 43, Rochester, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1980, in Princeton, N.J., the son of Thomas Sr. and Laurie Richards. On Dec. 6, 2019, in Rochester, he married Kristy Fields.

Survivors include his wife, Kristy Richards, Rochester; and brother, Michael (Marina) Richards, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Regina Null

July 21, 1953 – March 10, 2023

Regina Null, 69, Rochester, passed away at 2:42 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne,.

She was born July 21, 1953 in Charleston, W.V., the daughter of Robert and Hilda Williams. In 1977, in Ohio, she married Dennis Null, who preceded her in death in 2003. Regina was a homemaker and loved quilting, crocheting and having her grandchildren visit.

Survivors include her daughters, Shelly Miller, Rochester; Tracey Emerson, Kokomo; and sons, Robert Lung, Rochester, and Chad Null, Rochester; and brother Johnny Williams, Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Norma Vedder

May 16, 1933 – March 16, 2023

Norma Vedder, 89, Rochester, died at 6:39 p.m. Thursday, at Chase Center of Logansport.

On May 16, 1933, Norma Jean was born in Fulton to Walter D. and Mary Elizabeth Wheaden Townsend.

Surviving with the husband Eugene are her two daughters, Sandra Vedder, Rochester, and Kathy Ford Burlington; sons Steven, Mountain Home, Idaho, and Kevin, Cookeville, Tenn; brother, Jack Townsend; and younger sister Carol Bitterling.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. March 23, 2023 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Iris M. Smith

Sept. 22, 1928 – March 15, 2023

Iris M. Smith, 94, of Macy, passed away at 11:23 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at her home.

She was born in Peru, on Sept. 22, 1928, the daughter of Frederick “Fritz” and Ruby (Anderson) Schmidt. Iris married Charles L. “Roy” Smith on Oct. 27, 1950, and he preceded her on Jan. 22, 2009.

Iris was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the St. John’s Lutheran Church. After marrying her sweetheart Roy, she participated as a farm wife helping with the many tasks around the family farm. When she wasn’t working hard at farm life, she enjoyed relaxing with a good book and watching basketball.

A service celebrating the life of Iris M. Smith will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2023, at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, as well as one hour prior to the service on Monday at the Church.

Iris is survived by her son Charles Craig Smith and his wife Donna of Macy; daughter Cathy Jo Hileman and family of Mexico; grandsons Matthew Minthorn

and his wife Annette of Columbia City, and Aaron Charles Smith of Warsaw; and great-granddaughters Greta Minthorn and Reese Minthorn. Iris also had many nieces and nephews that were special to her.

In addition to her husband Charles “Roy” Smith, she was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Mary Whitaker, Dorothy Eldridge, and Donnabell Parrett.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to St. John’s Lutheran Church.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the assistance of Dr. Michael Mull and the entire care team with Adoration Hospice, Kokomo.

Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com or on Facebook at Eddy Funeral Homes, Inc.

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Larry J. Howdeshell

June 24, 1947 – March 17, 2023

Larry J. Howdeshell, 75, of Rochester was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 11:36 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023 at his residence.

On June 24, 1947, Larry Joe Howdeshell was born in Valparaiso to Edward M. and Verna Lorena Hall Howdeshell. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister Phyllis. With great Zebra pride Larry graduated from Rochester High School with the class of 1965.

Larry and Terry Lynn Smiley were married on June 25, 1966. They shared 46 years of life’s adventures. From their union came three handsome sons, Greg, Scot and Todd. Two more generations have been added to the family tree with the added blessings of 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Soon after their marriage, patriotism beckoned and Larry enlisted to serve our country with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was stationed in Thailand as a talented jet mechanic.

A truck driving professional, Larry delivered his loads coast to coast. He was a dedicated member of the Teamsters # 710, the Manitou VFW Post # 1343, LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post # 34, Rochester’s Elk’s Lodge, Manitou Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

An avid card player, Larry enjoyed spirited games with his family and friends at the holidays or other special celebrations. Terry and Larry enjoyed excursions to Blue Chip and the Golden Nugget. They traveled, visiting casinos from Connecticut to Nevada and many places in between. They enjoyed many evenings

square dancing. Traveling and antiquing with special friends Larry and Sheri Townsend were times of adventure.

As the patriarch of the Howdeshell family, Grandpa Larry was always there to support his grandchildren at their sporting events, school concerts and academic competition. He and Grandma Terry were their #1 cheerleaders, always seated in the stands. Larry enjoyed many ice cold beers on hot summer days with his sons. He thoughtfully called his family to note anniversaries and birthdays.

Left to cherish Larry's memory are three sons Greg Howdeshell and wife Janice, Scot Howdeshell and wife Andrea, and Todd Howdeshell and wife Leslie, all of Rochester; 10 grandchildren, Brandon O'Dell, Kaytlin Howdeshell, Megan Howdeshell, Jonathon O'Dell, Dean Howdeshell, Jacob Howdeshell, Hannah O'Dell, Emma Howdeshell, Mia Howdeshell, and Isabella Howdeshell; five great-grandchildren, Ryan Carnes, Nolan Carnes, Max Carnes, Navy Carnes, Scarlett Rose O'Dell; a sister, Phyllis Evans of Yoder; and special friends Larry G. and Sheri Townsend.

Preceding Larry in death are his parents, Ed and Verna Howdeshell, and beloved wife of 46 years Terry on Aug. 14, 2012.

A celebration of the life of Larry Joe Howdeshell will be Friday, March 24, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family for two hours prior to the service. Pastor Jerry Lee Patrick will officiate. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. The Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the United States Air Force Honor's Team will accord military rites at the graveside.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Frederick M. Carpenter

Nov. 30, 1945 – March 19, 2023

Frederick M. Carpenter, Sr., 77 years old, passed away at 2:22 a.m. Sunday, March 19, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Fred was born Nov. 30, 1945 in LaPorte, to the late Robert and Mary Lou (Beauchamp) Hans, Sr. He has lived in Rochester for the past 20 years. On Aug. 28, 1982 in Koontz Lake, Fred and the former Linda Amor were united in marriage.

Along with Linda, his loving wife, Fred is survived by his three sons, Frederick (Jacki Dollins) Carpenter, Jr. of Rochester, Scott (Rhonda Elder-brown) Carpenter of Spartanburg, S.C., and Paul (Kristin) Carpenter of Rochester; three stepchildren, Jim (Connie) Lawton of Rochester, Melinda (Sam) Ahlenius of Knox and Jeff

(Deb) Lawton of Plymouth; 17 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren; and his sister, Kathy (Pastor Ed) Damron of West Virginia.

Along with his parents, Fred was preceded in death by one sister, Marsha Cole; and two brothers, Robert Hans, Jr. and Terry Hans.

Fred formerly worked for New York Carpet World and Color Tile. He retired from Bomarko. After retirement, he assisted the Amish and Mennonite community by offering transportation services which he enjoyed immensely. He was reliable and formed many friendships.

Fred was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Rochester. He enjoyed cooking and always made the best baked beans. Fred was an avid fan and faithfully watched Notre Dame women's basketball as he was a season ticket holder. He proudly served his country with the United States Army.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the Palmer Funeral Home, 202 N. Main St., North Liberty, where friends may visit with the family beginning at 11 a.m. Military graveside services and burial will follow at Eastlawn Cemetery, North Liberty.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Frederick M. Carpenter, Sr. may be donated to Trinity United Methodist Church, 819 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Online condolences may be offered to the Carpenter family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Phyllis Ehrhardt Whitmore

May 2, 1924 – March 18, 2023

Phyllis Ehrhardt Whitmore, 98, Franklin, and formerly of Nyona Lake, Macy, passed away at 1:17 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin.

She was born May 2, 1924 in Indianapolis, the daughter of William and Helen (Ambuhl) Ehrhardt. On Nov. 23, 1944, in Indianapolis, she married Dr. Russell M. Whitmore. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1963.

Survivors include her daughter, Christine Wells, Westfield; son Russell W. (Sharon) Whitmore, Nashville, Ind.; six grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time. Interment will take place at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Victor W. Post

April 13, 1935 – March 12, 2023

Victor W. Post, 87, of Jensen Beach, Fla. and Rochester, and formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023.

Vic was known for his contagious laugh and smile, and his joyful spirit. He was a man of honor and integrity who loved his family and friends, his country and the Lord. Vic was born April 13, 1935, in Jay County, to John and Agnes (Schroer) Post.

After graduating from Bryant High School, in 1953 he joined the Indiana Air National Guard 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing at then Baer Field and began his distinguished 43-year military career. A veteran of the Berlin Crisis, he logged over 5600 hours of flight time and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Academy. He was recognized as being in the top one percent of aircraft crew chiefs, achieved numerous honors, including the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Evan Bayh, and he retired as chief master sergeant and senior enlisted advisor. In that position, Vic was the highest ranking enlisted member for the state of Indiana.

After retirement, Vic and Eileen moved to Nettles Island, Fla., where they expanded their large circle of friends. Vic continued to thrive in his second career as a realtor, serving his clients well for nearly 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Shelbie, with whom he recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary; four children, Victoria (Drake) Hogestyn, Peggy (Jim) Warner, David (Lisa) Post, and Mike (Michael Nelaborige) Post; grandchildren Rachael Morton, Ben (Danica) Hogestyn, Whitney (Tommy) Herndon, Alex (Chris) Corwin, Rya Morgan Atkeson Wheeler, Tighe (Rachel) Warner, Brittney (Kenton) Hilbish, Brian Post, Jonathan Post, Cort (Kathleen) Post, Arlee Post, Zach Post, Kailee (Favi) Gonzalez; honorary grandson, Lucas Ankenbruck; 16 great-grandchildren; sister Mary Agnes Ordning; sister-in-law Joyce Chamness Dunkle; and cherished nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Also surviving are Shelbie's four children, Kevin (Georgetta) Livengood, Kim (Ron) York, Karla (Mike) Hack and Kraig (Dara) Livengood; six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Vic was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Eileen; grandson Oliver; six sisters; two brothers; and several brothers-in-law.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, 2023, at St. Therese Catholic Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 6424 Winchester Road Fort Wayne, Indiana 46819, with a rosary service beginning at 1:30 p.m. The Mass can

also be viewed on the funeral home Facebook page. Burial to follow the service at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne or Masses in honor of Victor Post at St. Therese Catholic Church.

Special thanks to the caring staff of Peabody Rehabilitation and Retirement Community in North Manchester, Heart to Heart Hospice, Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, and Lutheran Rehabilitation Hospital and Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Condolences can be left online at www.klaehnfahlmeltonfunerals.com.

Junior R. Oliver

Feb. 16, 1945 – March 20, 2023

Junior R. Oliver, 78, of Rochester, passed into the arms of our Lord and Savior at 10:28 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester surrounded by his family.

Junior was born Feb. 16, 1945 in Rochester, the son of Rue Oliver and Melva Lowe (Sanders). On July 12, 2000 in Sevierville, Tenn., he married Verna Holloway Spencer and she survives.

He was retired after working many years for Reith-Riley Construction in South Bend, and owned and operated his own mini-farm raising cattle and goats. He was a member of the American Legion and Eagles Lodge. In his spare-time, he enjoyed working on his farm, fishing, camping, and cooking, and was known for making his famous potato soup every week for the Kewanna Methodist Church supper. He loved to donate food he grew on his farm to friends and neighbors.

Survivors include his wife, Verna Oliver, Rochester; children, Stephanie J. Oliver (Connie), Lafayette, Douglas R. Oliver, Fulton, Angel (Sean) Insko, Noblesville, Christal Jewell-Garrison (Rich), Rochester; siblings Harry J. “Jimmy” (Sandy) Oliver, Angola, Ruth Ellen (Dave) Ballinger, Florida, Patricia (Greg) Mellinger, Rochester, Maxine (Don) Cowles, Rochester, Debra (Dennis) Dell, Rochester; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Robert J. Oliver and Walter “Eddie” Oliver; and great-great grandson, Oliver Jackson, who was born and entered his Heavenly home on June 6, 2019.

Funeral service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana with Rev. Todd Wilson officiating. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Glenda F. Vaughn

Oct. 10, 1941 – March 20, 2023

Glenda F. Vaughn, 81, of Rochester, died at 1:04 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include daughter Terry Norrell, Cuero, Texas, Pamela G. Gagnon, Rochester, and Kisia Ulery, Rochester; a sister, Jeannie Burns of Georgetown; a brother, Earl Julian Adams of Georgia.

Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2023 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. A private family service will follow.

Donald T. Taylor

Donald T. Taylor, 63, Lake Station, died at 8:37 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Medical Center, Hobart. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Charles E. Helt

Feb. 23, 1929 – Jan. 2, 2023

Charles Emerson "Charlie" Helt, age 93, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 2, 2023, at McAllen Medical Center.

Charles was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Scipio, Indiana to Ralph and Mildred Helt. He was one of six children. When Charles was 4 or 5 years of age, the family moved to Rochester, where his father soon bought a farm. In his elementary school years Charles and many of his future classmates attended the one-room schoolhouse in Burton Township. From there he attended the public schools of Rochester and graduated from Rochester High School in 1947. Charles attended Purdue University until joining the Navy during the Korean War. While in the Navy, he was stationed in Cuba, before Fidel Castro, and he thought it was a tropical paradise. After the Navy, he returned to Purdue to finish his degree in agriculture. Upon receiving his degree, he returned to the family farm to work with his dad.

His first marriage to Patricia Carr in 1955 resulted in the births of three wonderful children: Molly Elizabeth Butler (Jim) of Ohio, Scott Emerson Helt (Karen) of Indiana, and Samuel Edward Helt (Eva) of California. After farming for many years, the farm was sold after his father Ralph had a near fatal car accident. Charles and his family moved to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas in 1977 to enjoy

the warm weather for his wife's health. His businesses were pest control and real estate.

After living in the Valley for several years, his wife passed away and he married the former Louzelle Price Smith. He became stepfather to her two children, Steven Mark Smith of Austin, Texas, and Cheryl Kay Smith of San Francisco.

Charles loved to fish, and for several years he and Lou owned a condo on South Padre Island. He and Lou loved to travel to Europe and Mexico, and to visit their children and grandchildren. Charles loved life, never met a stranger, and had a great sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Louzelle P. Helt; his brother, Don Helt, (Sandra) of Florida; as well as his children, stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, and two brothers and two sisters, Ilo Rakich, Dee Wieler, John Helt and Bobby Helt.

A memorial service celebrating Charles Helt's life will be on Thursday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of McAllen, 104 S. 12th St., McAllen, Texas, phone 956-682-2836.

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc. oversees funeral arrangements.

Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of McAllen in his memory at P.O. BOX-1029 McAllen, TX 78505.

Glenda F. Vaughn

Oct. 10 1941 – March 20, 2023

Glenda F. Vaughn, 81, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 1:04 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.

On Oct. 10, 1941, Glenda Faye Bailey was born in New Albany, Miss. She was a treasured daughter of Pinson and Francis Crump Bailey. Growing up, she shared her childhood with two sisters and three brothers.

On Aug. 13, 1957, Glenda and Jolly E. Vaughn were married in DeSoto County, Miss. They shared 65 years of life's adventures. From their union came four beautiful daughters, Candy, Terry, Pamela and Kisia. Two more generations have been added to the family tree with the blessings of 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

As a bookkeeper, Glenda assisted Jolly with the accounts of the J.E. Vaughn Painting Service. To relax the Vaughns loved to take day trips on their b u r g u n d y Honda Goldwing. It was always the unexpected destinations that made the best memories. Grandma and Grandpa followed and supported all of the

grandchildren's music and academic competitions in school and sports activities, as their number one cheerleaders.

As a Mom and Grandma, Glenda was remembered for her delicious from scratch homemade banana pudding and pies, especially Chess and Pecan. She was an avid reader, enjoying Amish novels and Christian books. Glenda also liked to work word search puzzles.

Left to cherish Glenda's memory are three daughters, Terry Norrell and husband Kurt of Cuero, Texas, Pamela G. Gagnon and husband Robert of Rochester, Kisia Ulery and husband Rod of Rochester; 15 grandchildren, Mark, Renee, Chad, Colton, Jamie, Joshua, Jonas, Sam, Andrea, Phillip, Ryan, Neal, Kyle, Kody, Allison; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Jeannie Burns of Georgetown; a brother, Earl Julian Adams of Georgia; two sisters-in-law, Linda Vaughn of Wilson, Ark., Carol Vaughn of Rochester; two brothers-in-law, Billy Vaughn and wife Nadine "Dean" of Wilson, Ark., Gary Vaughn of Wilson, Ark.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Glenda in death are her parents; beloved husband Jolly on Feb. 11, 2023, daughter Candy Denny, sister Sue Gast; and two brothers, James Adams and Bobby Bailey.

The family of Glenda F. and Jolly E. Vaughn will receive friends from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A private family service will follow with Pastor Terry Baldwin officiating.

Donald T. Taylor

Sept. 2, 1959 – March 21, 2023

Donald "Donn" T. Taylor, 63, Lake Station, passed away suddenly at 8:37 a.m. (CDT) Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at St. Mary Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana.

Donn was born Sept. 2, 1959, in Bremen, the son of Robert and Rose (Davis) Taylor. He grew up in Walkerton, where he graduated from John Glenn High School in 1978. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. On Aug. 9, 1986, in Argos, he married Damita Jo Ritter and she survives.

Donn proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps for nine years during which time he learned his trade as an aircraft mechanic. Upon his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, he started his career with American Airlines as a licensed commercial aircraft mechanic servicing countless aircraft at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago for 35 years before retiring just two years ago.

Donn had been a member the Transport Workers Union of America and had received an associate degree in computer science from Ivy Tech Community

College. Donn loved to travel and was an avid Harley-Davidson lover. He made many trips on his Harley to Sturgis, S.D. and in his retirement was able to go on his dream trip to Hawaii twice. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He will be truly missed. Though his spirit is now with God, his love and memories will live on with his family and friends.

Donn is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 36 years, Damita Jo Taylor, Lake Station; sons Joshua (Meredith) McKinney-Taylor, Indianapolis, and Jake Taylor, Indianapolis; was a loving grandfather, "Papaw Donn," to his two granddaughters, Lydia Marie and Clara Rose McKinney-Taylor, both of Indianapolis; his granddog, Max Taylor, Indianapolis; siblings Nancy Bowers, Knox, Theresa (Jim) Collings, Walkerton, Ron (Myrna) Taylor, Florida, Barbara (Phil) Lee, North Liberty; mother-in-law Annetta Ritter, Rochester as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Bishop Richard Ritter and brother-in-law, John Bowers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. (EDT) Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 9-11 a.m. (EDT) Saturday at the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be observed at the funeral home following services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donald T. Taylor Memorial Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Caleb M. Ingram

Nov. 15, 1977 – March 20, 2023

Caleb Michael Ingram, 35, of Rochester, passed away Monday, March 20, 2023, as the result of an auto accident in Marshall County. He was born Nov. 15, 1977, in Kokomo, to Brent and Kathy (Snyder) Ingram.

Caleb was currently employed with Southwire in Bremen, working as a multiwire machine operator. He loved playing board games with his family and friends and was always the life of the party. He never met a stranger. He is a former member of First Baptist Church of Bunker Hill and attended Fulton First Baptist, Bunker Hill United Methodist, and Free Will Baptist churches.

Surviving family include his parents, Brent and Kathy Ingram of Peru; his sister, Heidi (Joel) Hawkins of Greenwood; niece and nephews Avalee, Ethan and Elias of Greenwood; his paternal grandfather, Horace Ingram of Peru; aunts and uncles, Kelly (Patty) Ingram, Danny (Lisa), Mike, Brian and Brad (Carol) Snyder, and Karen (Bob) Bertels.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Judith A. Ingram and his maternal grandparents, Norma and Henry Snyder and uncles, Larry (Debbie), Jerry (Marilyn), Gary (Susan) and David (Pam) Snyder.

A celebration of Caleb's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Bennetts Switch Community Church with pastors Norm Snyder, Mike Williams and Joel Hawkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Rankin Cemetery in Miami County. Visitation will be Friday, March 24, from 4-8 p.m. at Bennetts Switch Community Church, 2261 SR 18, Kokomo, IN 46901.

Murray Weaver Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

David A. Floyd

Aug. 22, 1950 – March 23, 2023

Mr. David A. Floyd, 72, Denver, died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2023, at his residence.

Survivors include his son, David H. Floyd, Denver; sister Adella Wilsonm South Bend.

Funeral service is at 6 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is 4-6 p.m. Friday.

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Betty L. Corn

Feb. 4, 1945 – March 25, 2023

Betty L. Corn, 78, Rochester, passed away at 5:33 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 4, 1945 in Rochester, the daughter of Carl Lester and Margaret A. (Apt) Showley. She graduated from North Caston High School in 1963. On March 7, 1964, at the Fulton Baptist Temple in Fulton, she married Herbert L. Corn and he survives.

Betty retired from the former Hart, Schaffner and Marx in Rochester and had been a member of the former Olive Branch Church in Kewanna and the Kewanna Church of Christ. She enjoyed doing word search puzzles, tending to her flowers and loved fellowshiping with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert L. Corn, Rochester; children Tammy (Ron) Wintczak, Knox, Todd (Rhonda) Corn, Logansport, Troy (Lesley) Corn, Rochester, Timothy (Julie) Corn, Winamac; 16 grandchildren, 27 great-

grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother Eddie (Mary) Showley, Logansport; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Philip (Sonja) Showley.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanna Church of Christ or to Spina Bifida Indiana, P.O. Box 40558, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46240. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

David Jones

David Jones, Jr., 52, Rochester, died at 5:40 p.m. Monday at his residence. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Saturday, April 1, 2023

No Obituaries

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Anna Marie Talbott

Aug. 16, 1931 – April 2, 2023

Anna Marie (Jester) Talbott, 90, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023, at Springhurst Health Campus, Greenfield.

Anna was born on Aug. 16, 1932, in Kewanna, to Everett and Pearl (Keeney) Jester. She is a 1950 graduate of Kewanna High School. She married her love, Gerald “Jerry” Talbott, at the young age of 17 in 1950.

Anna was a tremendously loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her and will be sadly missed. Anna was sweet, humble, kind, helpful and knew no stranger. She was very devoted to her family. She enjoyed needlepoint, crochet, playing the piano, playing euchre and being the biggest Cubs and IU fan. She and Jerry also enjoyed spending 15 years snowbirding to Florida. She attended Park Chapel Christian Church. Anna worked as a bank teller and then in management for over 30 years at Farmers and Merchants Bank in Rochester.

Anna is survived by her loving daughter, Barbara (Bernie) Campbell; awesome grandchildren, Anne Lorenzano (Thomas Pearson), Sarah (Jarrod) Lawrence, Nathan (China) Campbell, and Kevin (Katy) Campbell; and super-sweet great-

granddaughters Frances June, Mimi Margaret, Charly Caroline, and Tessa Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 62 years, Gerald “Jerry” Talbott, and loving son David Talbott.

A memorial visitation will be Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, 1780 W. Main St., Greenfield, with the memorial service immediately following at 1 p.m., officiated by Reverend Dave Woods. A graveside service will take place in Rochester IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, at a later date and time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Park Chapel Christian Church, 1176 East McKenzie Road, Greenfield, IN 46140. If you would like to sign the online guest book or send condolences to the family, you may do so by visiting www.stillingerfamily.com.

Marguerite Utter Swick

Feb. 19, 1924 – March 31, 2023

Marguerite Utter Swick, 99, formerly of the Beaver Dam community, passed at 5:55 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023, at Wynnfield Crossing of Rochester.

Marguerite was born on Feb. 19, 1924 in Fulton County, to the late Robert and Bina (Swartzlander) Utter. She had three brothers, Morse Utter, Cedric Utter and Jackie Utter. She was a 1942 graduate of Akron High School. Marguerite was married on March 1, 1947 in Akron, to Leonard B. Swick, who preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1999. They shared 52 years together.

Marguerite was a longtime member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker, sharing in all aspects of maintaining her home. She took great pride in her property and kept it immaculate. Along with all of her responsibilities at home she had also worked for Topps, Farmers Merchant Bank, Chamberlain’s, and retired from Akron School, where she worked in the cafeteria.

She is survived by five nephews and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leonard, brothers Morse, Cedric, and Jackie, and a nephew.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Ind. with Pastor Wanda Carter officiating.

The interment will take place following the funeral service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, next to her husband.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000 Boone, N.C. 28607 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneral.com.

David Charles Norris

Feb. 12, 1938 – March 19, 2023

David Charles Norris, 85, of Kewanna, died Sunday, March 19.

He was born in Hammond Indiana to parents Marion (Norrie) and Helen Carstensen Norris.

He was an accomplished musician on both piano and harp and as part of his military service was recruited to play the harp in the prestigious West Point Band and Orchestra. David loved the opera. He was not only a tireless and adventuresome attendee of the Lyric Opera of Chicago, but also a backstage supernumerary.

He had a professional career as an architect and designer and had his groundings in the modernist thought and practice of German born architect Mies van der Rohe at the Illinois Institute of Technology. While at IIT he joined forces with John Vinci and Richard Nickel to document, photograph and salvage original elements of the quickly disappearing works of famed architect Louis H. Sullivan, most notably from the Garrick Theater. He worked internationally in Chicago, Hong Kong and Germany and finally in sharing a home of his own design with family in Kewanna.

He is survived by siblings Terry Norris, Janel Norris and Coral Susan Norris. He was also a much-loved uncle and grand-uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Sister Ruth Norris Cogdill preceded him in death.

Services were private.

Saturday, April 8, 2023

No Obituaries

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

No Obituaries

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Laura L. Yeazel

Laura L. Yeazel, 72, Rochester, died at 8:02 a.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital Indianapolis, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are to be announced by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Lois Mathias

Lois Mathias, 89, of Rochester, passed away at 10:05 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

A celebration of the life of Lois Glenn Mathias will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Chaplain Jason See will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 1-3:30 p.m. in the funeral home on Tuesday.

Interment will be in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Mary M. Melton

Dec. 24, 1929 – April 13, 2023

Mary M. Melton 93, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 5:45 P.M. Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, Indiana.

She was born on December 24, 1929 in Logansport, Indiana, the daughter of Rocco and Mary T. (Coluccio) Mittica. On September 27, 1950 in Logansport, Indiana, she married Curtis B. Melton. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1990.

Mrs. Melton had been a bookkeeper for various businesses and a homemaker. She was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning most of her produce for the winter, working in her yard, walking, being with her church family and going on outings with her dear friends.

Survivors include her children, Greg (Dana) Melton, Swayzee, Indiana, Mark (Julie) Melton, Rochester, Indiana, Dan (Shelly) Melton, Rochester, Indiana, grandchildren, Jeremy (Maranda) Melton, Wabash, Indiana, Steven (Becca) Melton, North Manchester, Indiana, Jenna Melton, Rochester, Indiana, Mitchell (Jessica) Melton, Akron, Indiana, Justin Melton (Courtney Melton), Macy, Indiana, Brandon (Maddie Neag) Rochester, Indiana, Michelle (TaNia) Grove, Wisconsin, Hallie Melton, Nashville, Tennessee, David Baker, Indianapolis, Indiana, twenty

four great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, special friends, Barb, Deb, Robynn, Trinity and Becky. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father Gregory Lauretti, brothers, Frank Mittica, Dominic Mittica, Nick Mittica, sisters, Josephine Graybeal and Angeline A. Schroder.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday April 19, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 and 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Wednesday April 19, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Rosary will be recited at 7:15 P.M. Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Anthony B. Correll

Feb. 1, 1969 – April 10, 2023

Anthony Blake “Tony” Correll, age 54, Logansport, passed away at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, in Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born February 1, 1969, in Rochester, he was the son of Larry and Joann See Correll, both of whom are deceased.

Tony worked at Woodlawn Center/Peak Community Services and Manitou Training Center. He enjoyed word search puzzles and was the BINGO champion whenever he played. He loved game shows on television and watching WWE wrestling was a highlight.

Surviving are a brother, Larry A. Correll, Rochester; aunt, Valery Correll, Rochester; roommate, James Moss; caregivers, Courtney Gipson, Teresa Gipson, Kathy Abney; a number of aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous relatives in the area.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Monday, April 17, 2023 at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport. The funeral service is at 12:00 noon Monday, also at the funeral home, with Kelly Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in Ebenezer Cemetery, Miami County.

Kroeger Funeral & Cremation, Logansport, is in charge of all arrangements.

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Mary Eloise McNutt

Jan 4, 1937 – April 16, 2023

Barbara Elouise McNutt, 86, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon, Indiana. She was born in Nova, Ohio, on January 4, 1937, the daughter of the late Leroy and Lois (Fast) Fox.

She was formerly married to Robert H. McNutt, they divorced.

Raised in Nova, Ohio, Barbara was a graduate of Ruggles–Troy High School. She had worked for Aeronca Corporation in Middletown, Ohio where she achieved her private pilot’s license. She moved to Rochester, Indiana and was employed with Fulton County Airport and Torin Manufacturing for many years. Barbara moved to Lebanon, Indiana in 1994 to be closer to her grandchildren. She worked for Duke Properties of Indianapolis. Barbara retired and moved in with her son for health reasons.

She was a faithful member of New Life Christian Church, both of Rochester, Indiana and Lizton, Indiana. She loved her church families in addition to her own. Barbara was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She enjoyed baking and was thrilled to share her treats with her family.

Survivors include her son, Michael R. (Jacquelyn) McNutt of Lebanon; grandsons, Ryan McNutt of Indianapolis and Stephen (Breh) McNutt of Lebanon; and great grandchildren, Conner Meredith, Abigail McNutt, and Lillian McNutt.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard Fox, Robert Fox, and Edward Fox, Sr.

Memorial Services are planned for 4:00 p.m., on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until the time of services. Boone County Crematory has been entrusted with her cremation arrangements.

Memorials may be directed in Barbara’s memory to the Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon, Indiana 46052.

Online condolences: www.myersmortuary.com.

Ariisa Diane Hammond

Oct 16, 1977 – April 9, 2023

Ariisa Diane Hammond, 45, of Akron, Ind. passed at 7:40 pm, Sunday, April 9, 2023 at Mason Health and Rehabilitation of Warsaw, Ind.

Ariisa was born on Oct. 16, 1977 in Rochester, Ind. to Duane and Charlotte (Schultz) Hammond. She attended Tippecanoe Valley High School and she later attained her GED. She attended the Akron Church of God.

Arissa had a deep bond with her grandmother Patty and they shared their talents as artists. She had the privilege to grow up on her grandparents farm. She had a love of music and enjoyed many genres. She also enjoyed game nights with her children and friends. She was a lover of animals and steward of the earth.

She is survived by her children Luna Patricia Chandler and fiancé Gavin Goins of Marion and Devan Chandler of Warsaw; parents Duane and Charlotte Hammond of Akron; sister Vanessa and husband Kristopher Schoff and expected niece of Warsaw; brother Trevor Hammond of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Arissa was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Zeno and Patty Schultz and paternal grandparents James and Janet Hammond.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Akron Church of God 301 South West Street Akron, Ind. with Pastors Kathy Nelson and Mandy Nellans officiating. Memorial visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service. The funeral for Arissa is available at:

<https://youtu.be/IRALG0pMIoU> or at <https://youtu.be/RzkF1PDA7TA>

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Wee Care (Day Care) P.O. Box 66 Akron, IN 46910.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Denny Lee Hoover

Aug. 19, 1936 – April 20, 2023

Denny Lee Hoover, 86 years of age, of Naples, Florida, passed away on April 20, 2023, at Avow Hospice in Naples.

Denny was born on Aug. 19, 1936, in Akron, to the late Glenn & Bessie (Thompson) Hoover. He was the second oldest of five children, three preceding him in death. Denny was educated in the Tippecanoe Valley School system in Indiana.

Denny was married twice, first in 1955 to the late Marilyn (Perschbacher) Hoover of Rochester, and two sons were born from this union. After a divorce, Denny was remarried in 1981 to Ann (Wilson) Hoover of Elwood.

Denny was an Air Force Veteran serving in England and several bases in the United States. He loved performing, singing and working behind the scenes in community theatre with the Fulton County Players in Rochester. After moving to

Naples, Fla. in 1985, he and his wife Ann joined The Naples Players, performing in numerous shows.

Denny hopes everyone will cherish his memory, and grieve for his wife Ann of Naples, Fla.; his two sons Jeff Hoover of Naples, Fla., and Stewart Hoover of Warsaw; and one stepson, Mitch Wilson of Los Angeles, Calif.

He is also survived by a sister, Barbara Freeman of Springdale, Ariz; five grandchildren, Keegan Hoover and Kiersta Hoover, both of Austin, Texas, Brogan Hoover, Tauri Hoover and Rafe Hoover of Warsaw, and one great-granddaughter, Addison Hoover of Austin, Texas, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, sisters Sandra Hoover and Marilyn (Hoover) Shultz, and his brother, Kenton "Butch" Hoover.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Denny's name to the Naples Players, Arts Center Theatre of Marco Island or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Marilyn R. St. Clair

May 16, 1939 – April 20, 2023

Marilyn R. St. Clair 83, Kewanna, Indiana, passed away at 1:04 P.M. Thursday, April 20, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Indiana surrounded by her loving family and went to the arms of her Savior Jesus Christ.

She was born on May 16, 1939 in South Bend, Indiana, the daughter of Carl F. and Dorothy (Cromley) Clauson. On August 18, 1957 in Culver, Indiana, she married Don L. St. Clair and he survives.

Marilyn had been a homemaker and worked on the family farm along with her husband, Don. She had been an active member of the Fulton Baptist Temple, Fulton, Indiana, serving as a Sunday School Teacher and on the Ladies Missionary Group. Marilyn will be remembered as a dedicated mother raising her three children while working on the family farm, an accomplished seamstress, and an excellent cook.

Survivors include her husband, Don L. St. Clair, Kewanna, Indiana, children, Kathleen (Martin) Arthur, Twelve Mile, Indiana, Tom (Sharon) St. Clair, Logansport, Indiana, Karen (Nolan) Hutsell, Kewanna, Indiana, eight grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Dorothy Clauson, Rochester, Indiana, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, David Clauson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00 P.M. Monday, April 24, 2023, at the Fulton Baptist Temple, Fulton, Indiana. Visitation will be from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Monday at the church. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal

Adoption and Education Center. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Ray E. Plummer

October 30, 1940 – April 23, 2023

Ray E. Plummer, 82, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Waterford Crossing in Goshen, Indiana. “To God Be the Glory”.

Born on October 30, 1940 in Defiance, Ohio, Ray was the son of Paul A. and Margrate M. (Boday) Plummer. He graduated from Defiance High School and went on to graduate in 1962 from International Business College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana with an Associate in Accounting. Ray then went on to be the first person to receive an MBA at Ball State University in 1969.

In Portland, Indiana on December 14, 1963, Ray married the love of his life, Dianne L. Lay. They would welcome four children and be sweethearts for 60 years.

While attending college, Ray joined the Air National Guard, being Honorably Discharged in August of 1968.

Ray was owner of Plummer & Company, Inc., serving Warsaw and the surrounding cities as a CPA for 38 years. He would retire in 2012. He was also a major industrial land developer in Warsaw and Defiance, OH. He was an active Warsaw community member and served on various boards.

He was wise beyond words, patient and kind, but he could also be tenacious and stubborn. Ray was smart as a whip and had a very generous soul. He taught his family the importance of hard work and that family means everything. Ray loved his wife dearly and his children, and was gentle and extra loving to his grandchildren or as he called them his “angels.”

He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time and trips to Alaska and Florida. Ray was a member of Pleasant View Bible Church in Warsaw, and on Thursdays he enjoyed meeting with a group of men from the church for breakfast.

Ray is dearly missed by his wife, Dianne of Warsaw, and his children: Dawnna Plummer of Warsaw, Timothy (Vicki) Plummer of Claypool, and David (Niki) Plummer of Elburn, IL; 6 grandchildren: R.J. (Taylyn) Plummer, Amber (Brandon) Yoder, Bethany (Logan) Davidson, Ben (Ashlee Brink) Plummer, Layla Plummer and Dylan Plummer and 8 great-grandchildren.

His siblings are: Peggy Ramey, Carey (Brenda) Plummer and Nancy Oberhaus, all of Ohio, and sisters-in-law, Joyce Plummer, Phyllis Brewer and Linda Decker.

He was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Plummer; his parents; and his brothers: Robert, George, Tom and Larry.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 3-6 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw. Funeral services will immediately follow at 6 p.m. in the funeral home with Dennis Crumbley officiating.

Family burial will take place the following day in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorial contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 4656 W Jefferson Blvd #100, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or Beloved: Not Forgotten PO Box 962 Warsaw, IN 46581-0962.

Condolences may be sent to the family through the website:
www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com

James D. Bonine

Oct. 7, 1937 – April 21, 2023

James D. Bonine, of Culver Indiana, passed away peacefully on April 21, 2023, at the age of 85. Jim was born on October 7th, 1937 in Rochester, Indiana to the late Ernest D. and Martha A. (Brown) Bonine. On May 29, 1960, he married Rosalie R. Beigh. Jim is survived by wife of 62 years, Rosalie, their four children: Cynthia Goss of Glendora, CA, James Kevin (Amy) Bonine of Culver, Karen (Estel) Blocker of Culver, and Stephany (Walter) Engel of FL; seven grandchildren: Stephen Goss, Natalie Goss, James Anthony Bonine, Kellie Ann Bonine (Raymond) Harris, Kathryn Blocker, Daniel Blocker, Anna Blocker; and sister Harriet (Ed) Provost.

Jim was a 1955 graduate of Rochester High School. He was an apprentice in funeral service during his senior year. He then went on to graduate from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1956, the youngest in his class.

After becoming licensed, he relocated to Warsaw, Indiana. There he met Rosalie at a funeral home while employed together. As a young couple they moved to Culver in 1960 and were associated with the Easterday Funeral Service, purchasing the business in 1963. In 1965 they relocated the funeral home from the former downtown storefront to a newly remodeled location at 104 Lakeshore Drive to better serve the community. He operated the Bonine Funeral Home and served the community in their time of need for over 40 years.

In addition, Jim ran the funeral home's 24/7 ambulance service and was the first in Marshall County to have EMTs. He later helped organize Culver-Union Township Emergency Medical Service in 1979 and donated an ambulance to support his community.

Jim was a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association for over 50 years. He was also an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge, South Bend Scottish Rite, Culver Union Township Volunteer Fire Department, Maxinkuckee Lodge IOOF, Culver Chamber of Commerce, Culver Lions Club, Culver Economic Development Committee, Culver Jaycees, Culver Organization for Planning, Action, and Development, and the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Funeral Services will be at 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in Culver Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver with Reverend Daniel J. Berger officiating. Visitation hours will be from 12:00pm – 3:00 pm, Thursday at the church. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of James D. Bonine to Culver Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 Schools Street, Culver, Indiana 46511.

Margaret M. Baumgartner

Nov. 24, 1927 0 April 23, 2023

Margaret M. Baumgartner, 95, of Warsaw, Ind. and formerly of rural Mentone passed at 4:50 am, Monday, April 24, 2023 at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw, Ind.

Margaret was born on Nov. 24, 1927 in Defiance, Ohio to the late Frank and Hattie (Thomas) Relue. She graduated from Defiance High School in 1945. She married on Feb. 16, 1947 in Defiance to W. Wayne Baumgartner, who preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 2010.

She was a homemaker and helped on the family farm. She was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church. She had also been a member of the Warsaw Moose Lodge. Margaret collected vases of all kinds and enjoyed gardening, traveling, solving puzzle books, and jigsaw puzzles. She also collected many different hummingbird pieces. She and her husband enjoyed wintering in Palmetto, Florida.

She is survived by her daughters Carol and husband Bill Sisk of Claypool and Virginia Tuttle of Rochester Hills, Michigan; daughter-in-law Debbie Baumgartner of Mentone; grandchildren Jack Sisk, Lori Price, Paula Olson, Shari Rudd, Ryan Baumgartner, and Dane Harmon; 17 Great Grandchildren; a Great Great Grandchild due in May; 4 Step Great Great Grandchild; and a sister Betty and husband Paul Lehman of Holland, Ohio.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wayne, son Jerry Baumgartner, granddaughter Diane Harmon, son-in-law Jim Tuttle, brother Rudy, and sisters Mildred and Evelyn.

The funeral service will take place at 12:00 noon, Saturday, April 29, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Ind. with Pastor Butch Troke officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Ind.

Visitation hours will be held from 10 am to 12 noon, Saturday, April 29, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Beaver Dam UMC for Wheels on fire.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Linda K. Wilson

Dec. 22, 1952 – April 20, 2023

Linda Kay Wilson, 70, of Winamac, IN, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2023 on a warm spring day at her home by the creek.

She was born on December 22, 1952 in Rensselaer, IN to the late Robert Henry and Marolyn Elaine [Christian] Keiper. Linda graduated from Winamac High School in 1970.

On September 16, 1972, she married William Wesley Wilson in Winamac. Several years later, she graduated from Knox Beauty College. Linda owned and operated Heads Up Beauty Salon for a few years. She worked at Sander's for many years and retired as a manager 9 years ago.

Linda enjoyed walking along Mill Creek, which is in her back yard and the great outdoors, in general. She also enjoyed "day trips" throughout Indiana and Southwest Michigan, especially during peach and apple season. She favored dining at good Italian restaurants. Later in life, she liked to relax and watch old TV show reruns.

Linda cherished her nieces and nephews and loved her entire family very much. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband, William Wesley Wilson of Winamac; her sister, Laura (Tim) Callahan of Winamac; her nieces, Kathy Jackson and Jamie Callahan; her nephews, Brian (Patty) Robison and Tyler Callahan; and her great nephews, John Walker, Brandon Robison and Jeremy Robison.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert Henry and Marolyn Elain [Christian] Keiper.

No Services will be held at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be offered at www.frainmortuary.com. Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary in Winamac.

Alice May Wallace

Jan. 15, 1941 – April 24, 2023

Alice May Wallace, 82, of Burket, Ind. passed at 2:15 am, Monday, April 24, 2023 at the Warsaw Meadows Care Center.

Alice was born on Jan. 15, 1941 in Wautoma, Wisconsin to the late Ernest and Jenny (White) Richtmyre. She married on June 10, 1972 in the city of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin to Delbert Dean Wallace, he preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 2010.

She had been a homemaker and also worked in the printing business. Alice enjoyed traveling and served as the navigator on trips with her husband. She was always very organized and enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, and even mechanic work. She collected stuffed animals and was fond of Shirley Temple.

Surviving is her daughter DeEnna Wallace of Silver Lake; grandsons Joshua and Dakota Norman; great grandson Jaiden Norman; and brothers David and wife Carol Richtmyre of Pensacola, Florida and Phillip and wife Jean Richtmyre of Cadot, Wisconsin.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother Paul, and sisters Ruth, Effie, Alrene, Hazel, and Pearl.

The funeral service will take place at 12:00 pm, Thursday, April 27, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Ind. with Pastor Rod Ruberg officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the South Union Cemetery, Nappanee (Locke), Ind. located on County Road 50

Visitation hours will be held from 11 am to 12 noon, Thursday, April 27, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Riverview Community Church 3780 IN-110, Tippecanoe, IN 46570 or Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Share a memory or online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

Susan Kay Green

October 9, 1959 – April 24, 2023

It is with deep sadness and regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Susan Kay Green, 63, on Monday, April 24, 2023, in Nashville, Tenn.

Susan was the daughter of the late Donnelly Spice and Lorene Rhodes Spice, and was born on Oct. 9, 1959, in Rochester. She was a graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School, Class of 1978. She married Rick Green in 1979. For 27 years, Susan worked at Washington Elementary School in Warsaw, first as a cafeteria worker and then as a kindergarten assistant. After being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, she retired and dedicated her remaining time to her family. The last seven months of her life were spent with her husband/caregiver, Rick, residing in the home of her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren in Nashville, Tenn.

As a member of Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church and woman of God, Christianity was the driving motivation in Susan's life. She prayed and enjoyed doing her daily devotions and scripture readings. Her Christian beliefs and lifestyle were passed on to her children.

Family was Susan's passion. All efforts she made in life were for the purpose of supporting and loving her family. She was the sole caregiver of her parents as they aged until they died. When Susan had vacations from work, she welcomed her children to her home or made trips to Tennessee to see them and her loved ones.

Friendship was an important part of Susan's life. She enjoyed many long walks with her best friend, Barb Smith.

Susan was a great cook. Her family will always remember her thoughtful, delicious meals and her amazing breakfast omelets. Inspired by simplicity, Susan had a particular love of Amish books, and she found solace in the wholesome stories and the Christian values they espoused. Susan was also an extraordinary cross-stitcher, and her works were intricate and beautiful. Her family will cherish the many monk's cloth embroidered blankets and cross-stitched pictures she created for them over the years, and they will serve as a testament to her skill and creativity.

In addition to her parents, Don and Lorene, Susan was preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Reed, and her brother, Dennis Spice. She is survived by her loving husband, Rick Duane Green; sons, Eric (Amber) Green and Kevin (Vanessa) Green; grandchildren, Greyson Green and Violet Green; and a host of extended family and dear friends.

The family cordially invites guests and relatives for a time of visitation from 10 a.m. until noon Monday, May 1, with a funeral service at noon and burial to follow

at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216.

Arrangements are entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, "Where Nashville Comes to Remember."

Leesa Nan See

April 27, 1958 – April 27, 2023

Leesa Nan See, 65, Twelve Mile, Indiana, passed away at 6:32 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at her residence, surrounded by family on the morning of her sixty-fifth birthday.

Born April 27, 1958, in Rochester, Indiana, she was the kind and beautiful daughter of George Raymond and Frances Nellene (Tilden) Rentschler. On June 23, 1990, in Logansport, Indiana, she was married to Larry Dean See, who survives.

She was a graduate of Caston High School and was the secretary/treasurer for B & S Transport in Twelve Mile. She loved spending time at Nyona Lake enjoying nature and taking in the sun at her peaceful retreat not far from home. More than anything, though, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Larry See, Twelve Mile; mother, Nellene Rentschler, Rochester; four children, Dustin Wentzel, Logansport; Holly See, Brookston; Barry (Susie) See, Twelve Mile; and Brook See (Sandra Silvey), Lucerne; five grandchildren, Branson (Bailey) Eber, Emily (Chance) Baldwin, Jady See, Carter See, and Kassie See, five great-grandchildren; one sister, Reesa (Michael) Mills, Indianapolis; brother, Timothy (Melanie) Rentschler, Rochester; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Rich Conrad officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Twelve Mile.

Visitation will be from 3-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Carmel Cemetery and sent in care of the funeral home at PO Box 248, Denver, Indiana 46926.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Pamela Cox

Pamela K. Cox, 73, Leiters Ford, died at 6:37 p.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are to be announced by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Thomas J. Condon Jr.

Jan. 27, 1951 – April 29, 2023

Thomas Joseph Condon Jr. "Tom" 72 of Harvard, IL passed away on April 29th, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Tom was born on January 27th, 1951, in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania to Thomas Joseph Condon Sr. and Sarah "Sally" (Sullivan) Condon. On April 24th, 1971, he married the love of his life Margie (Anderson) Condon in Harvard, IL.

After attending Rock Valley College, he enlisted in the Air Force serving from 1970 to 1974. While in the Air Force he continued his education at the University of Illinois Champaign. After being honorably discharged he and his family moved back to Harvard. He was a dedicated family man and devoted husband. He was an accomplished athlete and passed his love of sports on to his children. He coached his kids' sports teams and was a former Commissioner of the Harvard Boys League. His love of all things sports eventually led him to becoming a high school and junior tackle football referee. Although not born in Harvard he considered it his home. He donated his time to his community serving on the zoning board and was a member of the rotary club. He was a long-time member of the Harvard Moose Lodge as well. Tom began as a volunteer firefighter at the Harvard Fire Protection District eventually becoming District President. He faithfully served his community for 35 years before retiring from the board. He often liked to stop at the firehouse and have coffee with the duty crew. He was a man of faith and was a former Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus.

Tom began his career at Dean Food's in 1974, eventually becoming Plant manager until his retirement in 2013. Tom was a staple of Harvard Milk Days and was honored as the Grand Marshall of the parade in 2012. After his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandkids. He could often be seen around his neighborhood driving them around in his golf cart. He was an avid Chicago Bears, Penn State and Notre Dame fan.

He was a member of Dads along the sidelines and advocated for improvements to the high-school track and football field. In 2010 he was inducted into the Harvard High School Alumni Hall of fame. He loved the Harvard community and was always willing to help anyone in need. His generosity was known to his family, friends, and strangers alike. His sense of humor was second to none. He

was a proud Irishman, so he sometimes found it difficult to make a long story short. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him and loved him.

Tom is survived by his cherished wife Margie (Anderson) Condon, his 4 children Shawn (Angela) Condon, Kara Nelson, Michael (Rachel) Condon and Keeli (Bjorn) Nebergall. His grandchildren Lyndee (Mark) Mersch, Shane (Paige) Mackie, Ryan Bough, Chase Bough, Grady Condon, Haley Condon, Molly Condon, Noah Nebergall, Caleb Nebergall, Madelyn Nebergall and his Great grandchildren Mason Mersch, Isabelle Mersch, Silas Mersch and Boston Mackie. His brothers Chris (Dev) Condon and John (Amy) Condon his cherished sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins and many more beloved extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Tom and Sally Condon, his father and mother-in-law Charlie and Julia Anderson and his son in law Tim Nelson.

Services are to held May 6th, 2023, with the visitation being from 10am to 1pm at Saunders and McFarlin Funeral Home, 107 W. Sumner St., Harvard, IL 60033, with a service to follow an hour later at 2pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 206 E. Front St., Harvard IL 60033.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.saundersmcfarlin.net.

Call Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home for more info at 815-943-5400.

Pamela Cox

June 14, 1949 – April 27, 2023

Pamela K. Cox 73, Leiters Ford, Indiana, passed away at 6:37 P.M. Thursday, April 27, 2023 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Indiana.

She was born on June 14, 1949 in Hazel, Kentucky, the daughter of Basil Ray Evans and Erin (Williams) Evans Lowry.

Pamela had worked at Medallion Cabinetry in Culver, Indiana and at the Leiters Ford Tavern. She enjoyed gardening, planting flowers, sewing and crafting.

Survivors include her children, Daryll (Joy Cook) Stone, Niles, Michigan, Morgan Stone, Leiters Ford, Indiana, Crystal (Donny) Creviston, Leiters Ford, Indiana, grandchildren, Sierra (Jordan) Sharp, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Grant (McKenzie) Stone, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kennedy Creviston, Leiters Ford, Indiana, Kadence Creviston, Leiters Ford, Indiana, great grandchild, Cassidy Mark Sharp, Ann Arbor, Michigan, sisters, Towanna of North Carolina and Peggy of California, father, James Lowry, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be conducted at 12:00 P.M. Saturday May 6, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit one hour

prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.
Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Dennis J. Kercher

July 4, 1967 – May 2, 2023

Dennis J. Kercher, 55, Macy, Indiana, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born July 4, 1967, in Rochester, Indiana, he was the son of Forrest J. and Janet (Wilhelm) Kercher, who survive and reside in Macy.

He is also survived by one brother, Jason Kercher, Macy.

Dennis was a graduate of North Miami High School and was a lifelong farmer in the North Miami community. He enjoyed being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Visitation will be from 2-3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The funeral procession will leave immediately after the visitation time for a graveside service at Plainview Cemetery, Macy, Indiana, with Chaplain Jason See officiating.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Timothy L. Bahney

Oct. 29, 1960 – May 2, 2023

Timothy L. Bahney, 62, of rural Akron, Ind. gained eternal victory in glory at 8:09 pm, Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, Ind.

Tim was born on Oct. 29, 1960 in Peru, Ind. to the late John L. and Barbara Jo (Mygrant) Bahney. He was a 1979 graduate of North Miami High School. He then attained his Associates Degree in Automotive and Diesel Technology from the former NBC Tech of Lima, Ohio. He married on Sept. 12, 1987 in the Calvary Baptist Church of Wabash, Ind. to Jane Bass, she survives.

Tim was a lifelong dairy farmer, until his ALS diagnosis in 2017. He tended to his cattle and the land with his Case IH equipment. Tim enjoyed sports and coached all 4 of his children through the years. He was always in attendance at all of their events. He had been an active member of the North Miami Booster Club. He was a devoted family man and an Indiana Hoosier Basketball fan. His faith was

a huge part of his life and he was baptized in the Tippecanoe River on Aug. 25, 2018.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years Jane Bahney of Akron; children Alex and wife Hannah Bahney of Rochester and children Amelia, Marlee, and Elise, Hannah Bahney and wife Jessica Knudsen-Bahney of Indianapolis, Ind., Clayton Bahney and Kenzie Howard of Akron and children Aubree Bahney, Greyson Howard, and Paisley Kline, and Garrett Bahney of Indianapolis, Ind.; sisters Karen and husband Kevin Wilson of Walton, Sandy and husband Steve Linn of Macy, and Tammy and husband Mayo Medina of Fulton; brothers Allen and wife Lane Bahney of Macy, and Ted and wife Missy Bahney of Wabash; mother-in-law Betty Bass of Wabash, Ind.; sister-in-law Susan Bass and wife Kendra Ducy.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents John and Barb, father-in-law Richard Bass, sister-in-law Beth Arwood and her husband Lee.

The funeral service will take place at 10:00 am, Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Ind. with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating.

The interment will be in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery of Marion, Ind.

Visitation hours will be from 2 pm to 7 pm, Friday, May 5, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to The ALS Association Indiana Chapter 9449 Priority Way W Dr #130, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Leroy E. Moss

April 30, 1928 – May 1, 2023

Leroy E Moss, 95, of Logansport, passed away Monday, May 1, 2023, at McKinney Place in Logansport.

Born on April 30, 1928, in Twelve Mile, Indiana, Leroy is the son of the late David E. and Estella May (Beamer) Moss. On April 30, 1948, in Logansport, Leroy married Willidean E. Cumberland who preceded him in death on August 29, 1997.

Leroy was a United States Air Force Veteran and served during the Korean War. He was a member of the Metea Baptist Church, American Legion Post 60, V.F.W Post 3790, and Rochester Masonic Lodge.

Leroy had worked for RBM/ Essex Wire/Hamilton Standard/United Technologies as an industrial engineer, he retired from there in 1992.

Surviving Leroy are his three children, Cinda (Jim) Harness of Lucerne; Rick (Sherri) Moss of Zephyrhills, FL, and Tym Moss of New York, NY; four

grandchildren, Blake (Charlotte) Harness, Whitney (Katie) Harness, Jill Moss and Courtney Moss; seven great grandchildren, Bailey and Carson Harness, Emma, Olivia and Willa Harness, Raine Hamm and Carter Moss.

Leroy was also preceded in death by a grandson, Mark Harness; daughter in law, Lynne Moss; five brothers, Ellis, Edwin, Carl, Tom and Raymond Moss; and two sisters, Hazel Pierson and Garnett Rimpler.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 5, 2023, in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Foreman officiating. Burial with full Military Graveside Rites will follow in the Metea Baptist Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 4, 2023, also in the Gundrum Funeral Home. A Masonic service will be held at 7:00 PM.

Memorials may be made to the Metea Baptist Church, envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

You may sign Leroy's guestbook and leave condolences for his family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Robert L. Brubaker

Aug. 11, 1943 – May 4, 2023

Robert Lee Brubaker 79, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 10:25 P.M. Thursday, May 4, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on August 11, 1943 in Los Angeles, California, the son of Robert V. and Dorothy L. (Shobe) Brubaker. He spent many years living and working in California before moving to Rochester.

Robert had served with the United States Air Force and had worked for Indiana Metals in Rochester. He attended the Hillcrest Baptist Church, and in his spare time enjoyed painting, making models and volunteering at the Senior Center.

Survivors include his sisters, Carolyn (Keith) Bathrick, Rochester, Indiana, Phyllis Arlene Croussore, Crestview, Florida and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, dear grandmother, Eva Shobe, grandparents, and brother -in-law, James Croussore.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 9, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Patricia A. Armstrong

May 23, 1947 – May 6, 2023

Patricia “Pattie” Ann Armstrong 75, Lucerne, Indiana, went to be with the Lord at 7:52 A.M. Saturday, May 6, 2023, passing away peacefully at her home.

She was born on May 23, 1947, in Rochester, Indiana, the daughter Charles “Bud” and Margaret L. (Spencer) Sutton. On October 2, 1999, she married Vancel Keith Armstrong. He preceded her in death in 2017.

Pattie was a member of Fletcher’s Lake Church. She spent several years of employment taking care of people with special needs. She enjoyed and loved spending time with family. She had a love for music, she loved to sing and play the Omnichord, guitar and ukulele. She enjoyed playing Euchre and Canasta. She was a collector of Angels and love to take pictures.

Survivors include her sons, Tom (companion Laurie) Roush, Lucerne, Indiana, Troy Roush, Lucerne, Indiana, grandson, Cole Roush, daughter-in-law, Jennifer Roush, Logansport, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, Indiana, with Rev. Dave Sommers officiating. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Peak Community Services through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

David W. Hutchison

David W. Hutchison, 62, Rochester, died unexpectedly May 6, 2023, at his home.

His family is planning a private celebration of life at a later date. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Lois Mathias

Lois Mathias, 89, of Rochester, passed away at 10:05 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

A celebration of the life of Lois Glenn Mathias will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Chaplain Jason See will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 1-3:30 p.m. in the funeral home on Tuesday.

Interment will be in the Richland Center Cemetery.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Laura L. Yeazel

Laura L. Yeazel, 72, Rochester, died at 8:02 a.m. Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are to be announced by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Teresa R. Friend

Oct. 8, 1964 – May 12, 2023

Teresa Renee (Brown) Friend left this Earth on Friday evening, May 12, 2023, at 9:22 p.m. due to a sudden illness. Teresa was born in Monroe, La., on Oct. 8, 1964,

to James Edward Brown and Sharon Faye (Bowden) Brown. Teresa spent her formative years in North Louisiana and she graduated from West Monroe High School in 1982.

Teresa entered the United States Marine Corps in 1989 and was stationed in Beaufort, S.C. at the MCAS Beaufort and was honorably discharged in 1994.

During her time in service she met her husband, Joesph L. Friend, who urvives, and they were married on Feb. 18, 1994.

After being discharged from the Marine Corps, Teresa and her husband Joe moved to the Anderson, area where Teresa spent 12 years working for the State of Indiana Corrections as a corrections guard, a control officer and an investigator. She then graduated from Ivy Tech and began a career in the medical field as a certified medical assistant. She had to retire from this field in 2021 due to her bout with breast cancer.

Teresa and her husband moved to Kewanna in 2016 and she loved living on her mini farm with her husband and animals. Teresa was a fierce lover of her children, her grandchildren, her family and her friends, she loved animals passionately and she was always quick with a laugh and a smile.

Teresa was preceded in death by her parents James and Faye, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Surviving Teresa are her husband and their daughters, Haley Renee Brown of Anderson, Hannah Leigh Friend of Gainesville, Fla., and Rachel Elizabeth Friend (fiancé James Elias) of Hachinohe, Japan. She is also survived by her brothers,

Timothy Russell Brown (fiancée Ashley Horstkamp) of Fairview, Mo., and Terry Randall Brown (fiancée Tess Anderson) of Calhoun, La. She is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Colton Steel Kiefer, Jaxton Allen Kiefer, and Haven Renee Kiefer, all of Anderson. She is also survived by her in-laws, Thomas and Pamela Friend of Anderson, 6 nieces, Chelsea, Caidy, Kelsea, Rebekah, Josey, and Wiley, as well as a nephew, Kyle, and brothers-in-law Greg Friend of Nashville, Tenn., and Brad Friend (Celeste) of Galesburg, Ill. She also is survived by many cousins and friends whom she loved dearly.

There will be no service or viewing. There will be a Celebration of Life that will occur in August and details will follow to family and friends when that is scheduled.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Richard L. Teel

Aug. 15, 1944 – May 17, 2023

Richard Lee Teel of Mentone passed away and went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2023 after a four-year battle with dementia.

Richard, also known as Dick, was born August 15, 1944 to Herschel and Mary (Witham) Teel. Dick was the middle son of five boys. On June 6, 1964 he married Janie Newton, the love of his life and best friend. They shared 60 years together.

Dick and Janie have three daughters, Debbie, Brenda, and Heather. They also had a beloved son Scott, who passed away at 18 years old in a heart-breaking accident. Dick was also blessed with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was a 1962 graduate of Mentone High School. Dick was a dedicated employee at RR Donnelley's for 43 years, before retiring in 2006. Throughout Dick's life, he enjoyed bowling, hunting for mushrooms, collecting coins, watching the Cardinals, rooting for the Bears, fishing, mowing, and taking annual trips to Florida and fishing trips to Wisconsin.

Dick and Janie loved watching their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in all of their activities, birthday parties, sporting events, and family get-togethers. Dick was a devoted family man who loved his wife and children with all he had. Everything he did, he did for them. He was generally a quiet man, selfless, funny, loving, and generous. He never missed a birthday or anniversary of his dear wife, Janie.

Dick also had his little Yorkie, Dori, currently 17, with whom he loved. They took daily rides around the countryside looking at cattle. Dick and Janie were

members of Riverview Community Church. They both have a strong faith in the Lord and know they will be reunited again in Heaven with all their loved ones, which gives comfort to our broken hearts.

Richard is survived by his wife, Janie of 59 years, Brothers: Jim (Barb) Teel Warsaw, Dave (Lou) Teel, Beaver Dam; Daughters: Debra (DeWayne) Doty, Winamac, Brenda Miller, Winona Lake, Heather Teel, Kokomo; Grandchildren: Michael (Whitney Frey) Doty, Benjamin (Laura) Doty, Sarah (Logan) Kreft, Sydney Miller, Macy Miller, and Josie Miller; Great grandchildren: Dylan, Brantley, Braden, Lillian, Clayton, and Leah; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Herschel and Mary Teel; Brothers Larry and Tom Teel; Son in law Todd Miller; Beloved son Scott.

The funeral service will take place at 11:00 am, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at King Memorial Home 101 North Tucker Street Mentone, Ind. with Pastors Rod Ruberg and Steve Wilhelm officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Sycamore Cemetery of rural Mentone, Ind.

Visitation hours will be from 5 pm to 8 pm, Monday, May 22, 2023 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Beverly A Pinder

Feb. 12, 1946 – May 18, 2023

Beverly Ann Pinder, 77, of Plymouth went to be with her Lord at 7:05 a.m., Thursday, May 18, 2023 at her home with her husband, Jerry, by her side.

Born on February 12, 1946 in Trent, Texas, she was the firstborn child of Clayton and Doris Hood. Her mother was born Grace Walton and changed her name at the age of 16 to Doris Smith.

On August 23, 1965, she married Jerry Pinder while both were in the Army at Ft. Dix, NJ. He survives.

She was a dedicated nurse for over 30 years, working in Chicago before moving to Plymouth.

Bev enjoyed reading and playing computer games.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Pinder of Plymouth, son, Darren Pinder (Vanessa) of Knox, grandchildren, Brett Kersey, Jared Fawley, Brendon Pinder, Jacob Pinder, Abigail Pinder and Olivia Tallarita, brother, Wayne Hood of Kauffman, TX. and sister, Marie Bannister of Trinidad, TX. She is also survived by an Aunt, Dorothy Russell of Abilene, TX. and cousins, Charles Russell of

Abilene, TX., Janice Walton Patton of Celinas, TX. and Bonnie Walton of California. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by daughter, Deanna Hale, son, Kerry Pinder, brother, Terry Hood and sister, Gail Pinder.

Funeral Services with Military Rites and Nursing Honors will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, Kewanna with Chaplain Wyatt Smith officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial will follow at Citizens IOOF Cemetery in Kewanna.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Center for Hospice Care, 1419 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN. 46563

Bev's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Emmy Speicher Leeman

A celebration of life for Emmy Speicher Leeman will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2023, on what would have been her 96th birthday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour before the celebration. A private burial will follow. She will be interred at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Kevin Morrow

Kevin Morrow, 55, Rochester, died Friday, May 19, 2023.

Survivors include his daughter, Kendall Morrow, Corpus Christi, Texas; parents Ellen and Jim Conley and Joe Morrow; brother Tony Morrow; and sister Jo Ellen Baugh.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service.

Annetta Ritter

Annetta Ritter, 80, Rochester, died at 10 p.m. Thursday at Indiana University Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Larry V. Gearhart

Feb. 1, 1935 – May 23, 2023

Larry V. Gearhart, 88, Fulton, passed away at 2:22 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at his residence.

He was born Feb.1, 1935 in Huntington County, Indiana, the son of Frank and Edna (McPeak) Gearhart. On May 2, 1954 in Akron, he married Donna Becker and she survives.

Larry had been a butcher, owning and operating his own grocery store, Gearhart Groceries in Fulton. Larry later worked for Martin Supermarkets, Kroger grocery store and owned the gas station in Fulton. He had also owned his own antique Store, Gearhart Antiques. In his spare time, he had been a 50-year member of the Fulton Baptist Temple, a 20-year member of the Fulton- Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department and had been a charter member of the Fulton-Liberty Township Lions Club. He enjoyed playing euchre, mushroom hunting and spending time with his children, grandchildren and greatgrand-children, supporting their athletic activities, and spending time with all his relatives from being one of 18 children. He was an avid Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame fan.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Gearhart, Rochester; children Rick (Amy) Gearhart, Winamac, Diane Gearhart, Rochester; daughter-inlaw, Cheryl Gearhart, Fulton; grandchildren Tim (Gretchen) Gearhart, Winamac, Jessica Gearhart, Pennsylvania, Kristen Overmyer, Rochester, Brandon (Elvis) Gearhart, Indianapolis; eight great-grandchildren; siblings Dorothy LaVerne Alger, Laketon, Ruth Miller, Manchester, Joan Harris, Fulton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Greg Gearhart, siblings Ethel Gearhart, Edith Gearhart, Ray Edward Gearhart, Opal Gearhart, Floyd Charles Gearhart, Leonard Otto Gearhart, Donald James Gearhart, Harold Walter Gearhart, Leo John Gearhart, Sharon E. Meenen, William Eugene Gerhart, Max Junior Gearhart, Dick K. Gearhart, and Roger Gearhart.

Funeral service will be conducted at 12 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 10 a.m.-noon. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.

Memorial contributions may be to the American Diabetes Association, Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or the Fulton-Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Online condolences may be expressed at [www. zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com).

Roger K. Rettinger

March 21, 1958 – May 16, 2023

Roger K. Rettinger was born to Herman and Evelyn Rettinger on March 21, 1958 in Bremen. He passed away from natural causes on May 16, 2023.

He knew Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and enjoyed using his musical talent by sharing gospel songs with area churches, nursing homes, REAL Services, and often with his friend, Pastor Britt Myers.

Roger graduated from Triton High School, where he honed his musical talents in band, choir and musical productions. He attended Purdue University where he was a member of the Glee Club. He was a graduate of Ancilla College and took numerous courses in ministry from Bible colleges. He also worked on the family farm.

In addition to his much-requested singing, Roger was an accomplished piano player, and added much energy and interest with his own unique rollicking stylings over the notes of the chords in the gospel songs and hymns that he played. He had a great love for his family. He was loving, kind-hearted and very generous with his correspondence and gifts for his niece, nephews and siblings. He reached out and maintained connections with his extended family by phone, letters, and cards.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents.

Roger is survived by his siblings: Jon (Jeanette) Rettinger of Bourbon, Romel (John) Duncan of Indianapolis and Joel (Chandra) Rettinger of Bloomington; three nephews, one niece and two great-nieces.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Deaton- Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504.

A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Britt Myers officiating.

The family was grateful for the care given to Roger by the staff at Life Care of Rochester.

Thank you to all our friends and community for your support during this difficult time.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is honored to be providing services in celebrating the life of Roger and wishes to express our deepest condolences to the Rettinger family.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

Kathryn Eileen Sommers

Dec. 21, 1939 – May 19, 2023

Kathryn Eileen Sommers, 83, of Grass Creek. passed away May 19, 2023, in Brownsburg, following a recent illness.

She was born Dec. 21, 1939 to, Harry and Ruby Rice Quinn. Raised on the family farm in Liberty Township, Carroll County, she graduated from Delphi High School in 1958 and attended Indiana Business College.

On June 23, 1963, she married David Lee Busch in Calvary Presbyterian Church in Logansport. They celebrated 34 years of marriage until his death on Dec. 6, 1997. On Jan. 15, 1999, she married Carl D. Sommers, who preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 2019.

Eileen worked for GTE, various local tax preparers, Smith Office Supply, and the Cass County Assessor's office. She was widely known in the region for her position as an outside sales representative for Barton's, visiting businesses in Logansport, Winamac, Rochester, Flora and Monticello for over 30 years.

She was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church for 41 years, where she served as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and communicants class leader. Following her move from Logansport to Grass Creek in 1999, she attended the Grass Creek United Methodist Church and was active with many church activities, including making loaves of bread for military service members overseas and preparing funeral dinners for members of the church and the Grass Creek community. Eileen and Carl were beloved for hosting church members after their annual Christmas caroling, serving a bountiful assortment of Christmas cookies and hot chocolate topped with her delicious homemade marshmallows.

Eileen was active in numerous volunteer and civic efforts throughout north central Indiana, including the Cass County Historical Society, the Logansport School Board nominating committee, the Logansport Lioness Club, the Grissom Air Force Base Community Council, the Indiana Canal Society, the Elks Lodge, and the Grass Creek Lions Club, where she focused on grant writing to improve the community park and preserve the historic Grass Creek Depot. She was a founding board member of the Friends of the Fulton County Parks and Recreation Department, Inc., and a 52-year member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, most recently as a member of the Preceptor Delta Beta chapter.

Eileen was an avid reader and loved assembling jigsaw puzzles. She collected Heisey glassware, accumulating hundreds of pieces during a 40-year span of attending auctions and yard sales. She enjoyed tending to her garden that yielded vegetables for her family and neighbors. Her favorite activity was traveling with family and friends to China, Germany, Hawaii, Cancun, Alaska, and scores of places all over the United States.

She is survived by her two sons, Michael David Busch of rural Rochester, and Steven (Tammy) Busch of Brownsburg, Indiana; stepson Randy (Lisa) Sommers of Grass Creek; grandchildren Joshua (Shaun-Marie) Busch of Fort Hamilton, N.Y., and Elisabeth Busch of Brownsburg, currently with the United States Army; stepgrandchildren Kaitlin (David) Peraino of Findlay, Ohio and Kyle (Amanda) Sommers of Grass Creek; great-grandsons Dean Phillips and Charles Busch; stepgreat-grandchildren Addison Peraino, Alex Peraino and Callum Sommers; brother David R. (Lori Klein) Quinn of Tomball, Texas; beloved nieces and nephews in Texas, Georgia, and Ohio; and a stepson and stepdaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands, an infant daughter, brother Harold E. Quinn of San Antonio, Texas, sister Rebecca J. Quinn of Tomball, Texas, and stepgreat-granddaughter Alaina Peraino.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the funeral home.

A private family graveside service will be held at Woodville Cemetery in Carroll County.

Memorial Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Grass Creek Lions Club, the Fulton County Community Foundation, or a charitable organization of one's choice.

Annetta (Vires) Ritter

March 15, 1943 – May 18, 2023

Annetta (Vires) Ritter, 80, Rochester, passed away at 10:18 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023, at Indiana University Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born March 15, 1943 in Hazard, Kentucky, the daughter of Pierce and Nannie (Wright) Vires. On Nov. 2, 1960, in Bourbon, she married Bishop Richard A. Ritter Sr. He preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 2022.

Annetta had worked as a seamstress for many years at Hart, Schaffner and Marx, retiring from there, and later worked at Life Care Center of Rochester. She was a member of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church and is remembered as a caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, watching Hallmark Movies, reading, and was a fan of country music especially, Elvis Presley, Randy Travis, Hank Williams and Willie Nelson.

Survivors include her children, Damita Jo Taylor, Lake Station, Richard A. (Mary) Ritter Jr., Rochester, James Ritter, Logansport, Stephen Paul (Kim) Ritter, Kewanna, Marcus A. (Companion Amy Dingess) Ritter, Laketon; 12 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; sisters Betty Houin, Argos, Deloris Doody,

Culver; brothers Haroldean Vires, South Bend, Pierce Vires Jr., Argos, Bernard Vires, Argos, Larry (Rhonda) Vires, Argos; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers James Arthur Vires, Ewen Vires, Charles Vires, sister Rhoda Hensley, grandchild Anna belle Ryleigh Ritter, and son-in-law Donald Taylor.

Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to service Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe.

Memorial contributions may be made to a non-profit American Indian School. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, May 27, 2023

William Hammel

William Hal Hammel, 78, Rochester, died at 4:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Alan D. Bitterling

Alan D. Bitterling, 79, Rochester, died at 9:22 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at his residence. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Darrell L. Elsea

Nov. 14, 1942 – May 26, 2023

Mr. Darrell L. Elsea, 80, Macy/Nyona Lake, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away Friday, afternoon, May 26, 2023.

In Cicero, Illinois on Nov. 14, 1942, Darrell Leroy Elsea was born. He was the treasured son of Dale and Ruth Johnson Elsea. Their family later moved to Indiana. As a Polar Cub, Darrell graduated in 1960, from Burlington High School in Carroll County. Shortly thereafter, patriotism beckoned, and Darrell answered the call by enlisting with the United States Army. During his tour of duty, he served in Korea, following the Korean War.

On Oct. 3, 1964, Darrell married the love of his life, Mona C. McCarty, in Michigantown. Their union of 58 years brought on many adventures in life and produced two handsome sons Darren and Mike. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessing of a beautiful granddaughter Amanda.

With a strong work ethic, Darrell worked for Kokomo's Chrysler Corporation for 34 years, retiring in 1994. His memberships include the Fulton Community Church, UAW Local, Fulton County Gun Club, Elks Lodge and F & AM Lodge.

To relax Darrell was an accomplished trap shooter and he competed in many events. He and Mona fished on the lakes in Michigan, Wisconsin and Canada. His favorite was Fulton County's Nyona Lake. With the skills to use many pole types, Darrell was most commonly seen whipping a fly rod, attracting the catch of the day! When he wasn't fishing Darrell enjoyed the game of golf, playing the Elk's and Mill Creek courses.

Mona and Darrell wintered in Tuscon, Ariz. for 13 years. Darrell looked forward to visiting with family and friends and an occasional game of euchre.

Left to cherish Darrell's memory are his wife Mona at home; sons Darren Elsea (Chris) of Nyona Lake, and Mike Elsea of Mooresville; his granddaughter Amanda Horning (Mike); and a brother-in-law, Dick McCarty (Dorothy).

Preceding Darrell in death are his parents, brother-in-law Don McCarty and wife Susan.

A Celebration of the life of Mr. Darrell L. Elsea will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with his family from 11 a.m. until the hour of the service. Pastor Roger D. Kneibel will officiate. Burial will follow at the Fulton Cemetery. The Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor's Team will accord military graveside rites.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton Community Church, P.O. Box 115, Fulton, IN 46931 or to Kindred Hospice, 1476 West 18th Street, Rochester, IN 46975.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

John 'Jack' T. Politz

Aug. 11, 1950 – May 25, 2023

We are sad to announce the passing of Jack Politz of Saline, Mich. He died peacefully, surrounded by family, on Thursday, May 25, 2023, after an extended and hard-fought battle with cancer.

Born Aug. 11, 1950 to Raymond D. Politz and Helen Claire (Turner) Politz in Kokomo, and the middle child of three, Jack graduated Kokomo High School and attended Indiana State University.

Jack worked for Ervin Industries in Ann Arbor as a sales manager for 43 years, retiring in 2017. He enjoyed many friendships through his work, and looked

forward to holiday gatherings and tailgating at Michigan Football games with them each year.

His first marriage produced two children, Kelly Susanne (Scott) Osterling of Zionsville, and Michael Alan (Simone) Politz of Big Rapids, Mich. In 1996, Jack married Carol Dorr Melcher- Politz and their combined household included Carol's children, Kathryn Johanna Melcher, and Scott David (Carrie) Melcher.

Jack's greatest love, his grandchildren, brought many hours of joy. They nicknamed him "Sugarbear," and he followed their academic and sporting accomplishments, often traveling to Indiana to watch Taylor Paige Osterling and Nolan John Osterling in their many sporting events. They were truly one of his greatest joys in life that he loved talking about.

His "happy place" is the lake cottage in Rochester on Lake Manitou. He enjoyed sharing his love of the lake with family and friends, and his many beloved neighbors. Going to breakfast, golfing, and cruising the lake after doing some type of outdoor project were among his favorite things. Born and raised in Indiana, Jack's roots at the Indy 500 run deep. A faithful season-ticket holder, Jack attended every Memorial Day Weekend race for 40+ years until his declining health prohibited it. Jack is survived by his wife, Carol, children Kelly (Scott), Mike (Simone), Kate, Scott (Carrie), and his beloved grandchildren, Taylor and Nolan. Also surviving are his brother, Steve (Kathy) and sister Linda.

Funeral arrangements have been made with Robison- Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline, Mich. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Jack's memory.

Douglas Neil Krisher

July 15, 1959 – Ma 28, 2023

Douglas Neil Krisher, of Los Angeles, was the son of Dorothy Bradley Krisher and Charles K. Krisher, both of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves behind three siblings. Kathy Stutzman of Florida, Deborah Sears of Indiana and William Krisher of Missouri. Another sibling preceded him in death, Janet Beck of Indiana as well as his beloved dog, JJ.

A graduate of Rochester High School, Rochester, he was active in the drama club. This interest later led to a career as an actor in Hollywood. Doug had a varied career background, serving in the retail and restaurant field as well as an actor. A member of Screen Actors Guild, he appeared in many movies and television shows which included The Boy in The Bubble, Seabiscuit, and ER.

He was an avid fan of the Lakers and enjoyed watching their games along with Super Bowl games. He and his dog, JJ, were local "celebrities" in their neighborhood from their dog walks.

What was most unique about Doug was his ability to form friendships wherever he went. No one was a stranger around Doug. If he saw someone alone, he would make a point to talk to them and include them. He was known as the event planner among his friends and would organize get togethers for them.

He was known for his wittiness and ascerbic sense of humor. No one had to guess where he stood with Doug. He was known for his stubbornness and resilience which served him well as he battled illness in his last years.

Shelley R. Foster

Shelley R. Foster, 54, Rochester, died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, at Stillwater Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Michael E. Davidson

Michael E. Davidson, 63, Rochester, died at 7:54 a.m. Tuesday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Billy D. Hoffman

Billy D. Hoffman, 93, Rochester, died at 5:08 a.m. Sunday at his residence. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Donald G. Moon

Dec. 19, 1927 – May 29, 2023

Donald G. Moon, 95, of Greenwood, who spent his childhood in Fulton County, passed away peacefully Monday morning, May 29, 2023, at Greenwood Village South Retirement Community in Greenwood.

Born Dec. 19, 1927, in Mishawaka, Donald George Moon was the treasured youngest son of Charles and Elgie Ipes Moon. Growing up he shared his childhood with five sisters and three brothers. He graduated from Kewanna High School with the Class of 1947 and shortly thereafter served with the Indiana National Guard.

On Nov. 10, 1951, Don and Emma McDonald were married in Mishawaka. They had one daughter, Judy, born in 1955. Don worked for the Bendix Corporation in South Bend for 33 years, retiring in 1980. He was also an F & AM Mason, a member of the Council Oak Lodge #745 of South Bend.

Don and Emma moved from South Bend to Mt. Vernon Retirement Community, Bradenton, Fla, in 1984. In his retirement, he and Emma enjoyed socializing with many good friends. Don also enjoyed lending a helping hand to neighbors. He was a talented handyman who could fix just about anything.

A few years after Emma's passing in 2019, Don made the move to Greenwood Village South Retirement Community in Greenwood. He spent the last remaining years of his life spending time with his daughter Judy and his grandchildren, Benjamin, Matthew and Jessica.

Left to cherish Don's memory are his daughter, Judy Moon of Greenwood; three grandchildren, Benjamin Zitzer, Matthew Zitzer, Jessica Zitzer (Frank Thames); sister Thelma Frettinger and brother William "Bill" Moon, both of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Don in death are his parents, beloved wife Emma on Feb. 9, 2019, four sisters, Donnabelle Hoff, Hattie Baldwin, Agatha Marsh, Ethel Mathias, and two Moon brothers, Charles and Lee.

A celebration of the life of Donald George Moon will be immediately following the 11 a.m., Masonic Service on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Childrens Hospital, 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Billy D. Hoffman

April 7, 1930 – May 29, 2023

Billy D. Hoffman, 93, Rochester, and formerly a Florida resident of more than 24 years, passed away at 5:08 a.m. Sunday, May 28, 2023 at his residence.

He was born April 7, 1930 in South Bend, the son of Delbert A. and Bernice (Carr) Hoffman. On July 5, 1963 he married Nancy Jane Rensberger, who him in death Oct. 28, 1993.

Billy was an U.S. Marine Corps veteran having served the late 1940's and early 1950's. Billy spent his professional career in the printing business. Early in his career he traveled around the country providing printing repair service and later serving as director of printing operations for the State of Indiana. He had been a member of International Typographical Union Local 590 and served as president and treasurer. He had been a member of the Moose Lodge, Elk's Lodge, American

Legion and was a 32 Degree member of the Masonic Lodge. In his spare time he enjoyed printing, and trips in the spring to Minnesota for walleye fishing.

Survivors include his children, Patricia (Vern) Hibner, St. Cloud, Florida, Janet Hoffman, Kewanna, Susan Van Lake, Kewanna, Michael (Jody) Hoffman, Winamac; four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; brother, Art (Lela) Hoffman, Rochester; sister, Joan “Pat” Clary, Rochester; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law Dennis Van Lake and uncle Dean Carr, and brother-in-law Richard “Dick” Clary.

No services are scheduled. Private interment will take place at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Beth Ann Hilbert

May 6 1973 – June 1, 2023

Beth Ann Hilbert, 50, Peru, and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 8:40 a.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on May 6, 1973 in Warsaw, the daughter of Rodger L. and Bonnie S. (Cowen) Sherk. On Dec. 8, 2007, in Silver Lake, Indiana, she married John R. Hilbert and he survives.

Beth had worked as a C.N.A. at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Kokomo and at the Logansport Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed sewing, country music, loved to show cattle, and loved her “fur babies” Jack and Little Joe.

Survivors include her husband, John R. Hilbert, Peru; sister Betsy (Sherk) and husband Chris Gardner, Rochester; brother Ryan (Joanna) Sherk, Columbus; nieces and nephews Kirsta Gardner and Caleb Gardner, both of Rochester, Charity Sherk, Rochester, Taylor Sherk and Braxton Sherk, Argos.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2023, at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Twelve Mile.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Beth Hilbert Memorial Fund through the funeral home.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

James Robert ‘Jim Bob’ Ewen

April 14, 1943 – June 3, 2023

Jim Bob Ewen, 80, of Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 8:07 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023 at his home.

On April 14, 1943, James Robert Ewen was born in Fulton County. He was the treasured son of Howard and Marguerite Moore Ewen. Proudly he graduated from Rochester High School with the Class of 1961. At age 16, he received his pilot’s license, as the youngest in the state of Indiana. Continuing his education, he studied aviation management at Central Texas College. Answering the call of patriotism, Jim served with the United States Marine Corp and was honorably discharged.

In Kokomo, Jim and Karen L. Halfast were married on Aug. 24, 1969. They shared 46 years of life’s adventures. From their union came a handsome son Garrett. They enjoyed many spring break trips to Florida. As captain of the Mastercraft, Jim took Garrett and his buddies water skiing and tubing on the lake.

The Ewen family returned to Texas while working for Burton Mechanical Contractors/ National Homes from 1969-1975. Jim was honored to fly former President Lyndon B. Johnson and family to assigned destinations. Returning to Rochester, Jim joined the Rochester Police Department 1978-1989 to serve the community he loved. Jim was appointed as the chief pilot for Air-Vac and was also involved in management of the Fulton County Airport that evolved to a jetport during his tenure. His memberships include F&AM Masonic Lodge, Mizpah Shrine Club of Fort Wayne and the Mentone Flying Club. Jim’s favorite plane was the P-51 Mustang.

On Sept. 14, 2019, Jim and Mila Barts were married at Lake Manitou. They enjoyed spending time on the lake and cruising on the pontoon. Both Jim and Mila liked to go camping in the RV to a variety of destinations in Michigan.

Left to cherish Jim’s memory are his wife Mila; son Garrett Ewen and wife Kim of Granger; blended family Lindsay Barts, Dr. Caitlin Rich and husband Mike, Clinton Barts and wife Leigh; grandchildren Caden Ewen, Gavin Ewen, Linzie Ewen, Eleanor Rich, Maverick Rich, Jacqueline Barts, Bonnie Barts; brothers-in-law Greg and Jean Halfast, Rick and Lynne Halfast; sisters-in-law Trillia Gearhart; nieces and nephews Eric Halfast, Alicia Scorsone, Danleigh Kaplan, Lauran Pierce, Ashley Craft and husband Chris, Cory Gearhart and wife Ashley, Emily Gearhart; two feline companions, Sissy and Rocky.

Preceding Jim in death are his parents and wife Karen on Feb. 9. 2016.

A Masonic Service for James Robert Ewen will be at 1:00 on Thursday, June 8, 2023, followed by the celebration of life service in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 11-1 on Thursday in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lake Manitou Association, PO Box 376, Rochester, IN, 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [www. goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).

Mary Jo Brash

Aug. 15, 1957 – June 4, 2023

Mary Jo Brash, 65, Rochester, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Mary Jo was born Aug. 15, 1957 to Maurice and Fran (Smith) Brash. She was the daughter they longed for, already having five sons. Born in Woodlawn Hospital, she spent her early life in Rochester and when she was eleven, the family moved to Bloomfield Hills, Mich. There she continued her education and graduated from Lahser High School in 1975.

Upon her father's retirement, Mary Jo and her parents moved back to Rochester to be closer to family. For a time, she was a volunteer playground assistant at Columbia Elementary School. She devoted her time to family activities with her dear nieces and nephews and enjoyed the company of her beloved golden retriever, Beaujangles. In 2005, Mary Jo took up residence in the home of her brother and his wife, Greg and Kay Brash. She took pleasure in spending her weekends in the home of her brothers and their spouses. In January 2017 she moved to Life Care Center of Rochester.

Mary Jo was a lover of all animals, especially dogs. She had an amazing memory for names and dates and could recount the entire family's list of birthdates. In spite of numerous medical and physical challenges throughout life, she remained positive and always looked at the bright side. She enjoyed her time at Life Care, participating in activities, making many new friends and appreciative of the help of staff. She had been a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She will be lovingly remembered by her brothers and sisters- in-laws, Bob (Jan) Brash, Rochester, Greg Brash, Rochester, Rick (Kay Morgan) Brash, Maryville, Tenn., Terry (Brenda) Brash, Rochester, Tim (Maribeth) Brash, Rochester; twelve nieces and nephews and their spouses and 28 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister-in-law, Kay (Schroeder) Brash.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester. Friends may visit from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 8,

2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana, where a Rosary will be recited at 7:15 p.m. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or to the Manitou Training Center. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Nickulas Jay ‘Nick’ Wood

Nov. 16, 1970 – June 7, 2023

Nickulas Jay “Nick” Wood, 52, of Rochester, passed unexpectedly at 8:34 a.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.

Nick was born on Nov. 16, 1970, in LaPorte, to James J. and Linda Diane (Perry) Wood. He married on Aug. 7, 2007, in Plymouth, to Amanda Kay Hicks.

He was a 1989 graduate of Argos High School. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force. Nick was the superintendent of the Argos Water Department for many years. He was currently working for Lochmandy Ford of Knox. He started in sales, then finance, and most recently he was their service manager. Nick enjoyed music, dancing and being at home. He loved his family and tried hard at everything he did and was very humble.

He is survived by his wife Amanda Wood, of Rochester; children, Garrett Wood and Courtland Wood; parents, James and Diane Wood, of Walkerton; stepdaughters, Alexis Hicks, Payton Fincher Johnson and husband Devin, and Aubrie Tate Skeans and husband Atticus; and a sister, Stephanie and husband A.J. Reynolds, of North Liberty.

Nick was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A memorial gathering will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 160 Reed Lane, Rochester.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the donor’s choice of charity. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Norma Joyce ‘Joy’ Jennings

January 27, 1934 – June 11, 2023

Argos – Loving mother, grandmother, wife, cheerleader and Child of God, Norma Joyce Jennings, known to all as “Joy,” 89, entered Heaven, as family members lifted her up in prayer at her home, on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Joy was born Jan. 27, 1934, in Burr Oak, to Forrest and Dolores (Woolington) LaMunion. She graduated from Tyner High School in May of 1952 and she married John Edward Jennings, who survives, on June 1, 1952. For the next 71 years, John and Joy lived in the same farmhouse in Argos where they worked side-by-side on the dairy farm, raised five sons, and hosted the many family reunions consisting of, currently, more than 60 descendants.

Joy was a humble homemaker with a perpetual smile, and she has left a legacy of love that will last for generations! She enjoyed cooking, gardening, socializing and serving people in need. With a passion for reading/studying The Bible, Joy was bold about telling people about Jesus. She was a member of the Argos Civic Club, Walnut Ruralites Home Economics Club, Bunco Fellowship Club, the Argos United Methodist Church, and God’s Kingdom! In addition to her loving groom, Joy is survived by six siblings, Carol, Norman, Dennis, Diana, Beverly and Roger. All five sons survive: Stephen (Mary) of Rensselaer, Bruce (Sharon) of Bremen, Douglas (Carol) of Logansport, Scott (Staci) of Tippecanoe and Brian (Cheryl) of Argos. In addition, John and Joy are loved by 16 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Grandchildren are Christine Jennings, David (Julie) Jennings, Debbie (Ryan) Standish, Jaclyn (Rick) Miller, Justin (Katrina) Jennings, Shannon (Bobby) Rickert, Jared (Kortney) Jennings, Rachel Jennings, Whitney Jennings, Matthew Jennings, Mallorie (Derek) Sellers, Hannah (Drew) Mosson, Courtney (Jared) Stouder, Alexis (AJ) Waldron, Jenna (Jacob) Ruff, and Brent Easterday.

Great-grandchildren are Zach (Macy) Moore, Caleb (Makayla) Moore, Clayton Moore, Micah Moore, Jason Jennings, Kaylee Jennings, Daniel Jennings, Darius Lapsley, Eva Lapsley, Kail Standish, Finley Standish, Allanah Miller, Harper Miller, Brecken Miller, Izaiah Miller, Hazel Jennings, Edison Jennings, Logan Rickert, Roman Rickert, Palmer Jennings, Daxton Sellers, Malcolm Seller and Lux Mosson.

Great-great grandchildren include Scott and Mason Moore. In addition to her parents, Joy is preceded in death by her older brother, Richard Earl LaMunion, a younger sister, Shirley Richardson, and a grandson, Garrett Weston Jennings.

In addition, John's parents, Just and Beatrice (Yockey) Jennings, and Joy's sister-in-law, Sue Ellen Jennings, preceded Joy in death.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2023, at the Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos. Funeral services, facilitated by Pastor Bob Vale, will begin at 11 a.m. at the church on Saturday June 17, 2023, following a period of visitation from 10-11 a.m. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos.

Memorial donations may be made to the Argos High School Dollars for Scholars Organization, 500 Yearick St., Argos, IN 46501, or the Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Indiana.

Donna Kay Kuehl

Sept. 23, 1942 – June 8, 2023

Donna Kay (Younce) Kuehl, 80 of Franklin and formerly of Rochester, passed away Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

She was born Sept. 23, 1942, in Marion, Grant County, to Don and Betty (Merritt) Younce. She attended Converse High School and was salutatorian of the first graduating class from Oak Hill High School in Converse. She received her BS and MA degrees from Ball State University with additional credits toward gifted and talented.

On Aug. 3, 1963, upon the completion of her bachelor's degree, she married her best friend and soul mate, Ron Kuehl, a teacher at Rochester High School. Donna moved to Rochester in August of 1963.

She taught grades 3 and 4 at Richland Center and kindergarten at Kewanna. With the birth of their two children, Ron Jr. and Susan, Donna realized that her most important job was to be a mother. Donna stayed home with her children until they were in school. She then became a teacher at Grace Nursery School at Rochester's Grace United Methodist Church. In 1980, Bryon Tinkey, deputy prosecutor, asked Donna if she would be his secretary and part-time director of the Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement program, a position which she held until her retirement in February 2011.

She and her husband Ron also owned and operated a needlework and quilt shop, "The Sample" in North Manchester, from 1985 until 1996. She was a member of Sigma Delta Phi, Tri Kappa, the Rochester Grace United Methodist Church choir, Love Notes, and its bell choir, and a charter member of the Sycamore Ridge EGA.

Survivors include her husband Ron E. Kuehl of Franklin; her son Ron Kuehl Jr. and his wife Carolyn of Royal Oak, Mich.; her daughter Susan Fisher and her husband Darrin of Whiteland; three grandchildren, Reagan Kuehl of Royal Oak, Mich., Evan Fisher and Grace Fisher both of Whiteland; and a sister, Mary Lou Wittig of Florence, Mass.

Her parents and sister Dale Lynn Wright preceded her in death.

Dr. Rev. Jenothy Irvine will conduct a celebration of life service on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. at Franklin's Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E. Adams St. in Franklin. Friends may call on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. until service time at the church. A private inurnment service will take place at a later date at Metzger Cemetery in Miami County.

The family request memorial contributions be made to Grace United Methodist Church, attention Music Ministry, 1300 E. Adams St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 300 South U.S. 31 (Morton Street) in Franklin, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swartzmortuary.com. Information: 317-738-0202.

Monica Jo Howard

Aug. 23, 1937 – June 9, 2023

Monica Jo (See) Howard, 85, Macy, passed away Friday evening, June 9, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

Born August 23, 1937, near Deedsville, she was the daughter of the late Leo and Lucie M. (Anderson) See. On Aug. 10, 1967, she was married to Howard Leroy Hornbaker, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1985. Then, on Sept. 21, 1996, in Macy at the Macy Christian Church, she was married to Bob J. Howard, and he survives.

She was a 1955 graduate of Deedsville High School and was a member of the Deedsville Community Church, where she was one of the church musicians for many years. She loved baking, playing the organ (sometimes before the sun came up), and reading her Bible. She had retired from Hart Schaffner and Marx in Rochester.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Howard, Macy; three children, Chris (Linda) Leedy, Macy, Jolene Musselman (companion, Dennis Layman), Hartford City, Howard "Champ" (Amanda) Hornbaker, rural Macy; five grandchildren, Michelle (Aaron) See, Macy, Aaron Leedy, Argos, Kinsie (Craig) Fisher, Columbus, Holly (Ben) Weller, Bloomington, and Jackson Ray, rural Macy; eight great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Ty Howard and Clint Howard, both of South Bend; and two stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Melvin L. See.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in the Deedsville IOOF Cemetery, Deedsville.

Visitation will be from 4-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Deedsville Community Church or the Deedsville IOOF Cemetery.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Saturday, June 17, 2023

Ralph E. Mullins

Jan. 19, 1925 – June 13, 2023

Ralph E. Mullins, 98, Rochester, passed away at 9:17 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at his residence.

Ralph was born Jan. 19, 1925, in Marshtown, the son of Charles and Ida (Evans) Mullins. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, serving as a member of the Underwater Demolition Team 18 during World War II. Ralph was awarded the Asiatic Pacific 1 Bronze Star, Victory Medal WW II and was authorized to wear the Combat “V” for his heroic service participating in pre-assault operations against enemy Japanese-held beaches at Balikpapan, Southeast Borneo in late June, 1945.

On December 22, 1945, in San Diego, California, he married Mildred Gunter. She preceded him in death on May 1, 2012.

Ralph owned and operated Mullins Home Service, in Fulton, working as an electrician and in appliance repair and sales. He also worked in construction for many years. He served as a volunteer fireman and fire chief for the Fulton-Liberty Township Fire Department, as well as serving as Scoutmaster in the local Boy Scouts, mentoring many young men in the community. Ralph had been a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 60 years, holding the position of worshipful master. He also held membership in the Scottish Rite, the American Legion for more than 55 years and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. Ralph earned his private pilot’s license and enjoyed flying his small aircraft along with his ultralight. He had also served as a flight instructor in his earlier years. Mostly self-taught, and always learning, Ralph was a musician, photographer, mechanical engineer, genealogist, computer specialist, and editor of a newsletter to fellow UDT members, of which he was the last.

Survivors include his daughters, Judy Hughes, Rochester, Linda (Tom) Hardin, Greenwood, Donna (Charles) Smith, Macy, Susan Mullins, Noblesville; sons Ron,

(Deb) Mullins, Chandler, Ariz., Al (Jan) Mullins, Chandler Heights, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, two great-great-granddaughters; a sister, Darla Jean Caldwell, Deer River, Minn.; several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were sisters, Verna Huegel, Bessie Bain, Esther Bixler, Zora Lee Conner, Mary Collins, Luella Mullins, brother LeRoy Mullins, granddaughters, Jen Mullins and Konya Mullins, sons-in-law, Don Hughes and Bob Minthorn.

Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 19, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, June 18, 2023 and one hour prior to service Monday at the Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Historical Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Shirley Jean Hairrell

June 11, 1842 – June 11, 2023

Shirley Jean Hairrell, 80, Morrow, Ohio, died at 9:08 a.m. Sunday at her residence.

Immediate survivors are her husband, Roger Hairrell; daughters Lorri Allen, Brookville, and Dawn Johnston, Maineville, Ohio; siblings Don DeWald, Macy, Deloris Kingery, Peru, and John DeWald, Peru.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Jerry Leon Secrist

Aug. 1937 – June 16, 2023

Jerry Leon Secrist, 85, of rural Mentone, passed at 4:26 pm, Friday, June 16, 2023 at his residence.

Jerry was born Aug. 19, 1937, in Warsaw, to the late Glenn Everett and Alice Mae (Ellsworth) Secrist. He was married on Sept. 24, 1988 to Mary Walker Bulick. She survives.

He was a 1956 graduate of Mentone High School. Jerry was a contractor and was the original owner of Secrist Builders. He then owned and operated Niff-Tone of Mentone since 1975, retiring eight years ago. Together with his wife they started

a food pantry for the community in 1988. Mary and Jerry's Helping Hands has been helping families in the Mentone area more than 35 years.

Jerry was a longtime member of the Mentone United Methodist Church and previously attended the Baptist Church of Mentone and the United Methodist Church of Burket. He was an active member of the Mentone Lions Club, Mentone Kiwanis Club, and was a sponsor for the KEY Club. He also was a past president of the Mentone Chamber of Commerce and on the Kosciusko County Fair Board for 10 years. He served his community as a Mentone town deputy, a volunteer fireman, and drove the ambulance.

In years past, he was very active with the Mentone Youth League. He assisted in construction at the ball park. He also coached baseball as well as basketball more than 25 years at both Mentone Elementary and Tippecanoe Valley Middle School. He attended every football and basketball game at Tippecanoe Valley. He could be seen sitting on the end of the gym or leaning on the fence at the games cheering on the Vikings.

He is survived by his wife Mary Secrist of Mentone; children Jeff Secrist of North Manchester, Jay and wife Kimberly Secrist of Warsaw, Joe and wife Lisa Secrist of Mentone, Troy and wife Brandi Bulick of Markle, and Jamie Bulick of New Jersey; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson; sisters Ellen Elliott of Bourbon and Serita Workman King of Bourbon; and brothers Larry and wife Jean Secrist of Columbia City and Steve Secrist of Warsaw.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Ronald Secrist, and a sister Glenda McFarland.

The funeral service will take place at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana with Pastor Emily Gearhart officiating.

The interment will take place following the funeral service in the Mentone Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Kenneth M. Smith

Sept. 27, 1964 – June 12, 2023

Kenneth "Ken" Michael Smith, 58, of Rochester, passed away on June 12, 2023, at 4:50 p.m. at Franciscan Health Lafayette East, Lafayette.

On Sept. 27, 1964, in Plymouth, he was born to Richard K. Smith and Lenora (Overmyer) Smith. He had lived in Rochester since 1988, having grown up in the Argos community.

On Dec. 30, 1993, in Rochester, he married the love of his life, Melody Lynn Glassburn, and together they shared the next 29 years.

Ken worked as a CNC machinist at Zimmer-Biomet in Warsaw. He was a member of the Rochester Eagles Aerie 852, Rochester, and a graduate of Argos High School with the class of 1982. Ken was a diehard IU basketball fan and loved to watch Notre Dame football and the Chicago Cubs. He enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. As the jokester of the family, he was always cracking jokes and “earitating” others. Whenever you heard laughter Ken was surely at the center. He was an incredible husband, dad, papaw and brother who will truly be missed.

Ken is survived by his wife, Melody Smith of Rochester; daughters Kendra Smith and fiancé Terrell Pearson of Greenwood, and Nicole Brubaker of North Manchester; three grandchildren, Rhys, Kora, and Nolan; sisters Kathy Evans of Argos, Karen Smith of Argos, and Kim Lockwood and husband Jim of Plymouth; aunt Mary Huber of Syracuse; stepfather Robert Voreis of Argos; and lifelong friend Dona Leadbetter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Richard Smith and Lenora Voreis.

Friends visited with the family today, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be June 21, 2023, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Martin Furrow of The Cross, Rochester. Entombment will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Indiana.

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Betty E. Thousand

Aug. 5, 1922 – June 22, 2023

Betty Ellen (Sherrard) Thousand, 100, Rochester, passed away at 11:39 p.m. Thursday, June 22, 2023, at her daughter’s residence in Rochester.

She was born Aug. 5, 1922, east of Deedsville in Miami County, the third of four children of Henry Weldon and Opal (Durbin) Sherrard Sr. The family moved to Green Oak in October of 1925. She attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary School and graduated from Rochester Joint High School Class of 1940. She went to Chicago College of Commerce and worked for eight years in the office of Armour Creameries, Rochester.

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established construction business and their house was built just south of her parents. Together representing National Land Improvement Contractors of America, they were in 22 countries exchanging conservation practices. She was active in the state and the national organization of LICA and she was named Contractor's Wife of the Year Award for both organizations in 1970. She served on the administrative staff of the Indiana LICA for 17 years. She and L.D. they were made honorary members of INLICA.

She enjoyed many crafts, she belonged to Grace United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary Indiana Post #36, Order of the Eastern Star and the Green Oak Community Club.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Lowell "L.D." Thousand (2010), daughter Janice Ellen Pugh (2015), brothers H. Weldon Sherrard Jr. (2014), and Donald Sherrard (1920), sister Miriam Sherrard (1921), step-grandson Robert Pratt (1989).

Private visitation and services will be observed. Burial will be in the Corinth Cemetery, Twelve Mile, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Cyrus 'Ed' Beaird

Oct. 1, 1951 – June 25, 2023

Cyrus E. "Ed" Beaird 71, Kewanna, Indiana, passed away at 12:42 P.M. Sunday, June 25, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on October 1, 1951 in Rochester, Indiana, the son of Chance Edward and Bertha Mae (McGee) Beaird. Ed had been a life long resident of Fulton County.

Ed started his professional career working at New Holland Ford as service manager. His passion for serving and law enforcement, led him to serve over thirty- two years with the Fulton County Sheriff's Department where he retired in 2015 as Sergeant. After retiring from the Sheriff's Department, he worked part-time for Wilson's Body Shop, Rochester. He had been a member of the Eagles Lodge and Kewanna V.F.W. His passion in life was working on anything mechanical, having great pride in his two restored cars, a 1950 Studebaker and a

1963 ½ Ford Galaxy 500. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, music, especially playing his guitar to his favorite country songs. Most of all, he loved being with his family, friends and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his companion, Jodi Miller, Kewanna, Indiana, children, Jeanette (Dale) Cave, Macy, Indiana, Karie Pena, North Judson, Indiana, grandchildren, Josh (Hannah) Haimbaugh, Rochester, Indiana, Wade (Becky) Cave, Rochester, Indiana, Cassidy (Andrew) Harlan, Rochester, Indiana, Brodi Draper, Rochester, Indiana, Nico Pena Rochester, Indiana, A.J. Haimbaugh, Macy, Indiana, great grandchildren, Chance Cave, Payton Cave, Robin Harlan, Xena Draper, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, George Clark, Jack Clark, Earl “Junior” Clark, John L. O’Connor, John Sweet, Patricia Thomas and Barbara Jean Mason, Jerry Wayne Beard, and step-daughter, Tara Draper

A time to celebrate Ed’s life will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Disabled American Veteran’s Fund. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Larry E. Polley

Dec. 5, 1939 – June 26, 2023

Larry E. Polley passed away peacefully at Mulberry Health on June 26, 2023, where he had been a Memory Care patient since April 26, 2021. He was born in Fulton County on December 5, 1939, to the late Edward and June Fletcher Polley. He was a 1958 graduate of Rochester High School where he played basketball.

During the summer and after he graduated, he worked for his brother, Ward, for Dean Milk Company in Logansport, IN.

On April 22, 1966, he married Judith Ann McKeever Phillips at Congress Street Methodist Church in the chapel where they were 55 plus years members.

He was active in the Lafayette Jaycees and Lafayette Lions Club and was a member of the Lafayette Board of Realtors. He started his work career at Dean Milk, Stark & Wetzel and Spiker Oil Company. He then became a Lafayette firefighter obtaining the rank of Lieutenant and retiring after 25 years. On his off days, he worked at Lafayette Glass Co., Inc. as an outside salesman, drove a school bus for Lafayette School Corporation and sold real estate for several companies. He was followed on the Lafayette Fire Department by his son, Greg Phillips and his son-in-law, John Butler.

He always kept busy whether tinkering in his garage, doing things around the house or helping neighbors. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Larry never met a stranger and was always the “life of the party”! He enjoyed his swimming pool and traveling in his RV’s. He especially enjoyed his trip out West and going to Naples, FL, for the winter months where he made many friends.

His grandkids were most important of all to him and he enjoyed attending all of their events whether it was sports or otherwise. Family pets, Candy, Tasha, Heidi and Coco, all dogs, were a big part of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Polley, his son, Greg Phillips, Lafayette, his daughters Gretchen (Todd) Tyrie, Rock Hill, SC, Brenda (Shawn Scott, fiancé) Downs, Rochester, IN, Natalie (Francisco) Negreros, Ave Maria, FL. His grandchildren, Brock (Mimi Graham, fiancé), Butler, Allyson Butler, Grant (Sarah) Downs, Drake (Aditi) Ashok-Downs, Evan Downs, Latecea Negreros and Adriann Negreros. His brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Chuck and Karen Fiedler, Hilton Head, SC and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Lucy and Micah Downs.

Traci R. Little

July 30, 1964 – June 25, 2023

Traci R. Little 59, Indianapolis, Indiana, and formerly of Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 3:13 A.M. Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Eskenazi Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

She was born on July 30, 1963 in Rochester, Indiana, the daughter of John and Terra (Mollencupp) Little. She graduated from Rochester High School in 1981 and continued her studies receiving her bachelor’s degree from Indiana University.

Traci started her professional career working in marketing for Miller’s Merry Manor Nursing Homes and attending Law School at Indiana University. She graduated from Indiana University McKinney School of Law in 1998. Specializing in health care law, Traci worked for various law firms in Indianapolis before becoming Corporate Counsel for Guidant Corporation and later Boston Scientific Corporation. She was currently employed with the Elizabeth Marshall-State Farm Insurance Agency in Indianapolis.

Traci had served on the Rochester City Council from 1992- 1994, had been a member of the Lions Club, Indiana State Board of Nursing and the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Indianapolis. She volunteered numerous years at the Indianapolis 500 and had served on the Indianapolis 2012 Super Bowl Committee. In her leisure time she was an avid NASCAR fan, loved to collect memorabilia, read and travel the world on adventures.

Survivors include her mother, Terra Little, Indianapolis, Indiana, father, John (Sue) Little, Rochester, Indiana, aunts, Carol and special uncle Denny Stevenson and family, Downey, California, Sandra Migonis, Rochester, Indiana, uncle,

George Mollencupp and Family, Dayton, Ohio, cousin, Jeff Ferrell, Rochester, Indiana, “Brother” exchange student Hinrich, Germany, several cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, June 29, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Kyla Ann Ellinger

Jan. 9, 2000 – June 26, 2023

It is with profound sadness that the family of Kyla Ann Ellinger of Rochester, Indiana, announce her passing on June 26, 2023 at the age of 23.

Kyla, who was born on January 9, 2000 in Plymouth, Indiana, will be lovingly remembered by her fiancé, Justin Biltz, parents, Todd and Tammy Ellinger, children, Oliver McClellan and Thea Ellinger, siblings, Shauna (Ellinger) Fagan, Stephen Ellinger and Jacob Ellinger, grandparents, Ann (Leap) Blair, all of Rochester, Dennis and Rebecca Ellinger, Plymouth, Indiana, several aunts, uncles and cousins as well as one niece and one nephew. She was preceded in death by her older brother, Taylor Ellinger.

Kyla began her school years in the Plymouth school district where she excelled at gymnastics for several years at Jana’s Gymnastics. After moving to the Rochester School district her 6th grade, Kyla began her volleyball career. Kyla played as a front hitter in volleyball until her junior year when she chose to join the workforce as a responsible young adult. She graduated a year early after deciding to start a beautiful family of her own. Her son Oliver and daughter Thea were cherished by her. She was an absolutely amazing mother and a mother to envy. As an adult, Kyla became one of the most caring, giving, authentic and committed friends one would ever meet. Her infectious smile and laughter lit up a room with ease.

Kyla also enjoyed music and art. She was self-taught on the piano and played it beautifully. She also loved to draw and paint. She has several paintings hanging in family members homes and has even sold a few. Kyla will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Friday, June 30, 2023, and 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 1, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the funeral home with graveside services following at Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Kyla Ellinger Memorial Fund for her Children. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Dale Hummel

July 20, 1948 – July 1, 2023

Coach Dale Hummel, 74, of Rochester was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away peacefully at 4:05 a.m. on July 1, 2023, at his son's home.

On July 20, 1948, Dale M. Hummel was born in Mishawaka. He was a treasured son of Jack E. and Sally L. Shephard Hummel. Growing up he shared his childhood with a brother Danny.

In 1966 Dale graduated from Penn High School. He continued on to pursue his life dream of becoming a coach and teacher at Ball State University. Dale graduated in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. Continuing on, he earned his master's degree from Indiana University- Purdue University in Indianapolis.

In Osceola, Dale and Susan A. Liggett were married on Sept. 2, 1967. They have shared 56 years of life's adventures. From their union came three handsome sons, Derek, Damon and Dustin. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hummel was an educator and loved to coach and teach his students the finer points of sports and life. He embarked on his career in Middlebury at Northridge High School. While there he started the Raider's wrestling program. Coach moved to Shelbyville and continued as the wrestling coach of the Golden Bears at Shelbyville High School and added football to their sports team lineup. From 1975 through 1989, Coach Hummel started both the football and tennis programs for the Culver Cavaliers. He was also served the Cavs as their head wrestling coach and the baseball coach. The Hummel family made Fulton County their home in 1989. Continuing to teach and coach Rochester High School, he was RHS head wrestling coach. Coach Hummel kept the stats for the Zebra High School football team and was the high school throwing coach, helping his teams with the finer points of discus and shot put.

While in the Culver community, for nearly 15 years, Dale was a Marshall County sheriff's deputy, worked as an emergency medical technician and also assisted with the water patrol on Lake Maxinkuckee. In about 2000, being very tech savvy, Dale established and opened That Computer Place and continued to assist the Rochester community for 23 years with their technical needs for computers, software and hardware.

With the gift of creativity, Dale enjoyed making stained glass art. At home in his woodshop, he created custom pieces for his family and special friends. Mr. Hummel also made commemorative trophies for his graduating seniors. To relax Dale enjoyed reading science fiction.

Left to cherish Dale's memory are his wife, Susan, Rochester; three sons, Derek Hummel and wife Rhonda, Rochester, Damon Hummel and wife Angela of Granger, Dustin Hummel and wife Abby of Rochester; six grandchildren, Keith and wife Kaleigh, Brittany, Addison, Jackson, Alexandria, Dawson; three great-grandchildren, Gannon, Winslow, Iris, brother, Danny Hummel and wife Terri of Elkhart, and many friends, students and colleagues he met on life's journey.

A celebration of the life of Coach Dale M. Hummel will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral, 1200 W, 18th St., Rochester. Rev. Larry J. Pyeatt will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Larry Lynn Smith

May 22, 1943 – June 30, 2023

Larry Lynn Smith, age 80, formally of Akron, died peacefully on June 30, 2023, at 2:36 p.m., at the Parkview Wabash Hospital, Wabash.

He was born May 22, 1943, in Argos, to Ned and Mildred (Town) Smith. Lynn graduated from Akron High School in 1961. He married Norma Kay Hiers on Nov. 26, 1961. He was a point guard on the high school basketball team and served as the treasurer of the FFA.

Lynn was a dairy farmer for 33-plus years and worked at Sonoco several years in Akron. Other career jobs included maintenance tech at Life Care Center, Rochester; Craig's Welding, Mentone; vehicle porter and parts runner; and various other jobs.

In 1994 Lynn earned an associate's degree at Ivy Tech for Industrial Maintenance Technology. He had been a member of the Akron Lions Club. He enjoyed going to flea markets, sale barns and was a collector of John Deere items.

Lynn lived in Akron for 60-plus years, then moved to Roann and lived there for six years. He and his wife then made the decision to move into The Waters of Wabash West in Wabash, where Kay now resides.

Lynn was the “McGuiver” of the family and could fix or create a solution to any household maintenance issue or farming issue using various odds and ends we called the “Lynn-Rig.”

He enjoyed having morning breakfast with his buddies around the “Bull Shipper’s Table” in Akron, as well as other local places in Roann and Laketon. He was a collector of various tools, machinery, all things “John Deere,” antiques and anything he could fix and resell, as well as whatever was left over from a sale.

To his grandchildren, he was known as “Poppie.” He made the best Poppie cakes (pancakes) and slushies. They always enjoyed staying overnight at Poppie and Grandma’s, who supported all the grandkids extracurricular activities.

Surviving Lynn is his wife: Norma Kay Smith of Wabash; three daughters, Lisa Studebaker of Akron, Holly (spouse Kevin) Vedder of Cookeville, Tenn., Heather Runyan (fiancé Jason Starzak) of Portage; one son, Kalyn (spouse Kara) Smith of Kokomo; seven grandchildren, Preston (spouse Molly) Studebaker of Mentone, Leslie (spouse Bryce) Fisher of Akron, Shelby Vedder of Seattle, Wash., Riley (spouse Justin) Robertson of Frankfort, Avery and Cole Runyan of Portage, Penelope Smith of Kokomo; two great-grandchildren, Brylie and Logan Fisher of Akron; one brother, Duane Smith of Rochester; two sisters, Marilyn Brofford of Akron and Janet (spouse Jerry) Vigar of Akron.

Preceding Lynn in death are his parents, brother Lyle Dean Smith, son-in-law Dan Runyan.

To celebrate Lynn’s life, there will be a Celebration of Life gathering of friends and relatives on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 1-4 p.m. at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like any donations to be made to the Tippecanoe Valley FFA. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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 and friends of Larry Lynn Smith.

Mable Joan Hammond

March 19, 1944 – June 30, 2023

Mable Joan Hammond, known to her loved ones as Joan, peacefully passed away Friday, June 30, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 79.

She was born on March 19, 1944, in Rochester, to Oscar Wayne and Lois May (Nordman) Crill. She was married on April 29, 1961, in North Manchester, to Buddy L. Hammond Sr. He survives.

Joan attended Akron High School. She was a dedicated and hardworking individual throughout her life. In her free time, she enjoyed camping, and she had a special love for animals. These hobbies brought her great joy and allowed her to connect with nature. In years past, she worked in the Deli at Lance's Grocery Store and also for Timbercrest Senior Living Community.

Joan was a woman of faith and found solace in her spirituality. She worshipped at Shiloh Chapel, where she found strength and support within her community. She served as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader and also was song leader at the church. Joan leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Joan is survived by her devoted spouse of 63 years, Bud Hammond of Akron; her loving son, Buddy Jr. and wife Carla Hammond of Akron; her cherished daughter, Kimberly and husband Mark Hubartt of Muncie; and grandchildren Michael, Sarah, Brandon and Leann.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana with Pastor Dwight Wagner officiating.

The interment will take place in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Visitation hours will be 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Larry Eugene Cudney Sr.

Dec. 21, 1949 – June 30, 2023

Larry Eugene Cudney Sr., 73, of Rochester, passed away at 8:08 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

On Dec. 21, 1949, he was born in Plymouth, to Earl Welcome and Iris Luella Cudney. He was united in marriage to Sharon Ann Cudney on Nov. 17, 2006, in Knox, who survives.

Larry honorably served our country in the U.S Army during the Vietnam Conflict from 1969-1971. He also worked for Oliver Ford as an auto detailer. Larry attended Antioch Baptist Church, Rochester, and was a member of National Rifle Association, Moose Lodge, P l y m o u t h , American Legion Post #27, Plymouth

and The Lions Club, Argos. He enjoyed fishing, eating, and going to auctions and garage sales.

He is also survived by his son Brian Scott (Shey) Cudney, Valdosta, Ga.; stepson Tom Solmos, Plymouth; stepgrandson, Steven Solmos and Haley McMillan, Plymouth; his brother, Bruce Allen (Debbie) Cudney, Granger; one sister, Norma Fish, Plymouth. He was also survived by his three beloved dogs, Bee, Lexi, and Sugar.

Larry was preceded by his parents, his son Earl Cudney, two sisters, Velma Burns and Sharon Carson and two brothers-in-law, Raymond Carson and Don Fish.

Visitation hours will 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023, in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Annis Crum officiating. Burial will follow at new Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made in Larry's honor to Marshall County Humane Society, 11165 13th Road, Plymouth, IN 46563.

James 'Jim' E. Harris

March 14, 1944 – July 2, 2023

James "Jim" E. Harris, age 79, of Macy (Nyona Lake), passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023.

He was born in Biscoe, Ark., to the late Charlie and Pauline Harris.

Jim graduated from Eastern High School in 1962. He then went on to work for General Motors and retired after 30 years.

Jim was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Fulton County and around Kokomo as well. He was a big racing fan, and loved to watch NASCAR.

Jim enjoyed any body of water, especially if he was on vacation with his family. He was a loving, caring, and kind soul that will be missed by many.

Jim is survived by his children , Dawn (David) Thomas, Shawn Harris, Tammy Kennedy , Randy (Charlotte) Kennedy; daughter-in-law Debbie Kennedy; grandchildren Melissa Matricia, Meghan Zwiebel, Courtney Ditchley, Shawn Harris Jr., Kasey Kennedy, Kayla Kennedy, Kagan Kennedy, Kelsey Kennedy, Natalie Haddad, Jeremy Kennedy, Steven Johnston, and Ron Johnston. He also leaves behind 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jim is preceded in death by his wife Joyce Harris, son Chuck Kennedy, brother Gary Harris, and sister Charlene Roseberry.

A visitation for Jim will be Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary & Crematory Center, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, Indiana, 46902, followed by a funeral service at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284 and the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, Florida. 33134.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ellersmortuarywebster.com for the family.

Jerry C. Jolley

Sept. 29, 1948

Jerry C Jolley, 74, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away about noon Saturday, July 1, 2023, at his home.

Immediate survivors are his wife Karen, Rochester; children Larry Jolley, Rochester, Sharon Bashaw, New Carlisle, Shawn Butka, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and sister Carla "Connie" Weston, Columbia City.

A private celebration of life for Jerry C. Jolley will be observed at the Good Family Funeral Home.

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Norma Jean Miller

March 15, 1936 – July 5, 2023

Norma Jean Miller, 87, of Lucerne, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born on March 15, 1936, in McLean County, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Donald and Laura (Phillips) Cohagan.

She was a Grass Creek High School graduate.

On Sept. 4, 1955 she married Walter "Bus" Miller. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1993.

Known as a hard worker, Norma worked alongside her husband on the farm for many years and was formerly employed at Community State Bank in Royal Center. She also worked in the cafeteria at Caston High School and as a mail carrier.

Norma was an active member of multiple churches throughout her life, and a loving dog owner. She also enjoyed golfing, bowling, and square dancing. She will be remembered most for her active involvement and love for her family, serving as an enthusiastic supporter and frequent sports spectator.

Survivors include her daughters, Pamela Jones (Sammy) of Star City and Susan K. Loftain (Kevin Stolze) of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Josh Jones of Star City, Christy Coon (Craig) of Kewanee, Kipp Long (Ashley) of Winamac, Evan Long

(Megan) of Lucerne, Ryan Jones (Leah) of New Palestine and Amy Jo Jones of Indianapolis; and great-grandchildren, Kamden Long, Kane Long, Avery Long, Lindsey Coon, Lucas Coon, Katelyn Coon, Reagan Coon, Tucker Long, Teagan Long, Callie Long, Ralph Jones, Lucille Jones, James Jones and Walter Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Harrison Chapel, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center, with Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2023 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Grass Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton County Vet Clinic, 1634 N. US 31, Rochester, Indiana 46975 and/or the American Cancer Society.

Norma's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Gerald S. Cummins

Oct. 3, 1958 – July 6, 2023

Gerald S. Cummins, 64, of Rochester, passed away Thursday, July 6, 2023, at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis.

Born Oct. 3, 1958, in Rochester, Gerald is the son of the late William Ray and Elizabeth (Batker) Cummins. Gerry married Darla J. Becker, who survives.

Gerald worked in IT for Bank of America for the past 30 years. He was a 1977 graduate of Caston High School.

Surviving along with his wife Darla, are two children, Nancy (Bart) Hamilton of Arizona, Christian Cummins of North Manchester; seven brothers, Jim (Regina) Cummins, Brad (Judy) Cummins, John (Cathy) Cummins, Bob (Traci) Cummins, Chris (Tina) Cummins, Clinton (Lisa) Cummins, Mark (Donita) Cummins; two grandchildren, Trenton Gunter and Hayleigh Gunter; several nieces and nephews.

Gerry was preceded in death by his father, William Ray Cummins and one brother, Bill Cummins.

A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the Fulton Community Building, 204 E. Dunn St., in Fulton.

Visitation time will be from 2 p.m. until the time of service, also in the community building.

You may sign Gerald's guestbook and leave condolences for his family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Annabel J. Marshall

Sept. 28, 1936 – July 6, 2023

Annabel Jean Marshall, 86, of Mentone, passed Wednesday, July 6, 2023, at her residence.

Annabel was born Sept. 28, 1936, in Kosciusko County, to the late Charles and Velma (Smith) Horn. In 1956, she married Alton Devon Marshall. They parted ways, but she continued her relationship being his caregiver for many years. He preceded her in death on April 13, 2019.

She was a graduate of Talma High School in 1954. In years past, she worked for Midwest Spring and Boggs and Nelson Insurance Agency both of Mentone. She was a longtime attender of the Mentone Church of Christ.

Annabel was preceded in death by her parents; former husband Devon; sons Allen D. Marshall and Gary Marshall, brothers Dale Horn and Robert Horn, and sisters Jeanette Clementson, Doris Newcomer and Donna Arven.

Following her wishes, no services will be held at this time. A private burial will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

The arrangements have been entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker S., Mentone, Indiana.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Eugene E. ‘Gene’ Hart

March 13, 1927 – July 8, 2023

Eugene E. “Gene” Hart, 96, Rochester, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2023, at his residence.

Gene was born on March 13, 1927, in Coshocton, Ohio, the son of Clifford E. and Mabel (Bowman) Hart. Following high school graduation, Gene served in the United States Navy during World War II. On Aug. 27, 1947, in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, he married Annabelle L. Swan. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2017.

Gene started his working career in sales, working for various businesses before moving to Rochester in the late 1950’s. He worked for many years as manager for Wilson Corn Products where he helped develop the bird seed business, retiring from there in 1992. He had been a member of Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester Elk’s Lodge and an active member in the North American Miller’s Association. In his leisure time he enjoyed, hunting, fishing, trap shooting, gardening, working in his yard and playing bridge.

Survivors include his daughter, Gretchen Walter (Vince Stewart), Rochester; grandson Christopher Walter, Greenwood; nephew who he helped raise, Jim (Kathy) Cross, Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Christopher E. Hart, and sister Carol Klessig. Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Citizens Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans' Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Kevin L. Hinderlider

Sept. 16, 1960 – July 10, 2023

Kevin L. Hinderlider, 62, of Rochester, passed away peacefully at 1:30 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, at home surrounded by family.

Born Sept. 16, 1960, in Rochester, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Betty Lou (Peters) Hinderlider.

He was a 1978 Kewanna High School graduate.

On June 30, 1984, he married the love of his life, Mary Ellen Bennett.

Kevin retired from IMI in Plymouth. He also was formerly employed at Cowles Sand and Gravel in Kewanna.

He was a member of the Kewanna V.F.W. Post 1121 Auxiliary and enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, riding his motorcycle and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hinderlider of Rochester; sons Brock Hinderlider (Leah) of Kewanna, Nick Hinderlider (Amber) of Rochester and Cole Hinderlider of Winamac; sister Cynthia Bowyer (Daniel) of Kewanna; grandchildren Macee Hinderlider of Kewanna, Kent Hinderlider of Kewanna, Ayden Burns (Chloe) of Kewanna, Addison Crippen of Rochester, Violet Hinderlider of Rochester and Lane Hinderlider of Rochester; and great-granddaughter, Aspen Burns.

He was also preceded in death by brother, Steven Hinderlider.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 14, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gentiva Hospice.

Kevin's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Mary M. Hott

Mary M. Hott, 94, Rochester, died Monday, July 10, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Marvn ‘Ozzie’ E. Osborn

Nov. 9, 1935 – July 12, 2023

Marvin “Ozzie” E. Osborn, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in Rochester.

Marvin was born to Jesse Lovell and Mary (Bredehoff) Osborn, Sr. on Nov. 9, 1935 in Knox.

Marvin was a long-time resident of Argos and Plymouth. He married Beverly Hartle on Sept. 11, 1955 in Knox, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 28, 1999. He then married Rosella Carol Hartle Bollhoefer on Feb. 5, 2000 in Akron.

He attended Plymouth Community Church. He retired from Chase Leasing after 35 years of working on semitrucks. He had also worked for Eley Sawmill of Argos and Central Transfer of Plymouth. He enjoyed rebuilding lawn mowers, helping build race cars, racing go-karts, and antique engines. He was a founder of Hoosier Old Wheels, and a member of Fulton County Historical Power Association.

Marvin will be dearly missed by his wife, Rosella Osborn of P l y m o u t h ; his daughters, Peggy (Ken) Rinkenberg of Goshen, Mary (Tim) Pugh of Nappanee; his son Randy Osborn of Plymouth; his stepchildren Dennis (Andrea) Bollhoefer of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Donna (Jeff) Runkle of Rochester, Dianna Iles of Logansport, Debra (David) Mathias of Akron, Dan (Julie) Fox of Plymouth; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; his sisters Ilene (Paul) Van Cleave of Miles City, Mont., and Alice (Gerald) Winters of Fort Wayne.

Marvin is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Glenda Conley, Rosemary Osborn, Luella Norris, his brother Lowell (Bud) Osborn, and a stepson-in-law.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 16, 2023, from 2-6 p.m. at Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral service will be Monday, July 17, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder Funeral Home with Pastor Rodney Briscoe and Pastor Kami Coffin presiding.

A graveside service will follow at 12 p.m. in Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to Fulton County Museum, 37 E. 375 North, Rochester, IN 46975.

Thank you to all our friends and community for your support during this difficult time.

Deaton-Clemens Van Gilder Funeral Home is honored to be providing services in celebrating the life of Marvin and wishes to extend our deepest condolences to the family.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

Mary M. Hott

Sept. 9, 1928 – July 10, 2023

Mary M. Hott, 94, Rochester, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mary was born on Sept. 9, 1928, in Porter County, the daughter of Lester Clarence and Mary Elizabeth (Schultz) Sensilbaugh. On Nov. 15, 1947, in Leiters Ford, she married John V. Hott. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 2010.

Mary worked as a seamstress at Hart, Schaffner and Marx for many years as well as working on the family dairy farm. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking for her family and all the farm staff over the years.

Survivors include her sons, John “Jack” Hott, Rochester, Joe (Gwen) Hott, Kewanna, daughter Diane (David) Sheetz, Akron; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; sisters Wanda Fox, Rochester, Doris Kissner, Knox, Phyllis Barnes, Oregon.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Melody Sue Hott, sons Michael Hott and James V. Hott, sisters Thelma Nelson, Leona Starkey, Frances Marks, and brothers Gene Sensilbaugh and Donald Sensilbaugh.

Private interment will take place in the Moon Cemetery, Kewanna.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Richard McCarty Sr.

May 18, 1959 – July 15, 2023

Richard McCarty Sr., 64, of Winamac passed away at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 15, 2023, at his residence.

On May 18, 1959, Richard Eugene was born in Knox to Sylvester “Tubby” and Kathryn Rose McCarty.

Richard and Karen Campbell were married Oct.10, 1987. They have shared 36 years of life's adventures with their blended family.

With a strong work ethic, Rick worked at Federal Mogul of Leiters Ford and at Plymouth Tube of Winamac. He liked to play cards, whether it was euchre, pinochle, back alley or poker. Rick enjoyed playing slots and traveling to the Four Winds Casinos in South Bend, New Buffalo and the Sevenwinds Casino in Hayward, Wisc. As a diehard Cub's fan, he loved to share the Seventh Inning Stretch and the number of home runs per inning with his family.

Left to cherish the memories of Rick are his wife Karen; three daughters, Evelyn Dell and husband Jason of Rochester, Katy Batta of Argos, Dottie Batta and companion Kimberly Dunsizer of Plymouth; three sons, Richard McCarty Jr. and wife Tori of Rochester, Justin McCarty of Bremen, Dustin McCarty and wife Kristen of Peru; fourteen grandchildren, Brody Stone, Kyndra Stone, Jaslyn Dell, Dreyton Dell, Makayla Batta, Damien Keeling, Parker Keeling, Keltinn Gentry-McCarty, Dustin James McCarty Jr., KayLea McCarty, Jaxton Tillman, Karlie Tillman, Alaynah Tillman, Jared Tillman; great-granddaughter Kayleigh Marie; brother Joe McCarty of Rochester.

Preceding Rick in death are his parents, Sylvester McCarty and Kathryn Tilley and infant grandson Jacob Ehlinger.

A celebration of the life of Richard Eugene McCarty will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Thad Stewart will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2023, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Please wear your favorite Cub's attire to honor Rick.

Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gentiva Hospice, 1476 W. 18th St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Saturday, July 22, 2023

No Obituaries

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

June Ann Young

June 3, 1940 – July 16, 2023

June Ann Young passed away peacefully after a long illness on July 15, 2023, with her loving family by her side. She was 83 years old.

Born June 3, 1940, to Guy and Verna Fall of Fulton County, June had fond memories of her childhood in Indiana. These memories included her mom's cooking, her dad's work ethic, the mischief that she and her siblings always managed to find on the farm, and her favorite cat, Charley. It was in Grass Creek that she met and married William L. Young, whose parents owned the general store across the street from her house.

With the birth of her twin boys, Todd and Jeff, in 1964, she chose to stay at home to be the central figure in the lives of her children. They welcomed a daughter, Stacey, in 1969.

June inherited her temperament – a combination of independence and determination – from her hard-working parents. Despite not having a college degree and taking a break from the workforce to focus on her children, June was able to obtain a job as a teller at Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Lovettsville, Va., after her children grew up. Even after her divorce in 1985, her intelligence, dedication, and strong work ethic allowed her to ascend to the position of assistant vice president at the bank, all while raising her children through the completion of their degrees at Virginia Tech. In her later career, she joined the CIA as a data analyst, retiring from this position in 2011.

In 2011, June was blessed to enter the Catholic Church along with her daughter, Stacey, granddaughter, Lindsey, and son-in-law Patrick. June had long searched for a spiritual home and found it at St. John The Apostle in Leesburg, Va. She worked hard to never miss a Sunday, always sitting with her family in the third pew on the left. June also loved deepening her faith and community by attending many bible classes taught at the parish.

A lifelong handcrafter, June made countless crocheted items, often gifting them to friends and family. Upon her retirement, however, she taught herself how to quilt and loved passing on her magnificent creations to her family. June loved combining colors and patterns into beautiful gifts for her very favorite people. Yes: most of them went to her grandchildren!

Retirement also allowed her the opportunity to volunteer with Birthright of Loudoun, a cause she came to love. Her favorite activity, other than chatting with the other volunteers, was to make up layettes for expectant mothers.

June is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers James Fall of Marion, and Russell Fall of Zephyr Hills, Fla., and sisters Rose Fall of Fulton County and Carol Hewitt of Logansport.

June is survived by her three children, Todd (Patricia) of Ashburn, Va., Jeff (Angie) of Centreville, Va., and daughter Stacey Laubacher (Patrick) of Leesburg, Va.; five beloved grandchildren, Lindsey, Ryan, Sammy, Matthew, and Brandon.

Service will be held at St. John The Apostle Catholic Church, 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive NE, Leesburg, VA 20176. There will be a visitation held on July 25 from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary beginning around 7:30 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home, 201 Edwards Ferry Rd NE, Leesburg, VA 20176. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on July 26 at 2 p.m. Interment will be private.

Flowers may be sent to Colonial Funeral Home or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birthright of Loudoun, [https://www. birthrightofloudoun.com](https://www.birthrightofloudoun.com).

Phyllis D. Thomas

June 29, 1938 – July 24, 2023

Phyllis D. Thomas, 85, of Grass Creek, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2023, at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Born June 29, 1938 in Marion, she was the daughter of the late Dale and Gertrude (Bridegroom) Frazier.

She was a 1956 Marion High School graduate and a 1957 graduate of Marion Business College.

On Jan. 27, 1957 she married Eugene R. Thomas. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2022.

Phyllis retired from the pharmacy department from CVS in Rochester. She also was formerly employed at Super X Drugs in Rochester.

She was a member of Greek Creek United Methodist Church where for many years she served as Bible School director and was a member of the Ladies Aide. She was a founding member of the 20th Century Ladies Home Economics Club. Phyllis also enjoyed crocheting and made certain all of her grandchildren received a blanket she had crocheted for them upon their high school graduation.

Survivors include her children, Curtis Thomas of Crossville, Tenn., Bradley Thomas (Lisa) of Rochester, Bryan Thomas (Brynley) of Sommerset and Kim Sigman (Tony) of Indianapolis; brother Delbert Frazier (Sandra) of Marion; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brother-in-law, Loren Thomas (Liz) of Ft. Wayne; sister-in-law, Yvonne Jones (Rich) of Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving is sister-in-law, Melba Frazier of Gas City, with whom Phyllis enjoyed taking many vacation trips.

She was also preceded in death by son, Christopher Thomas and brother, Donald Frazier.

Service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna with Pastor David Sommers officiating.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Burial will follow at Grass Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Grass Creek Lions Club.

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Margaret ‘Louise’ Jones

Feb. 7, 1926 – July 22, 2023

Margaret “Louise” Decker Jones, 97, went home to her Heavenly Father on July 22, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, T.R. Jones.

Louise is survived by her sister, Mary Elouise Decker Dunaway, of Canfield, Ohio; her children, Jim Jones (Teresa), Lee Ann Jones Lamb (Jim), and Kent Jones (Kandi); seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Her 14th great-grandchild is due this week.

Louise was born Feb. 7, 1926, to James Lafayette and Nell Champion Decker in Fulton County, Kentucky, and was the oldest of seven children. She grew up on a farm near the Mississippi River, where she worked alongside her family and helped care for her siblings. She loved her parents, family, and surroundings and described her childhood as idyllic.

At age 18, Louise studied for her teaching certificate at David Lipscomb College and began her teaching career, giving lessons to children of all ages in the same one-room schoolhouse she had attended. She taught there for seven years and later taught elementary students during her young married life.

Louise first met T. R. at an evening church service in Murray, Kentucky, before he was deployed overseas. Five years later, while students at Murray State College, they ran into each other in the library. They were married in 1953.

T.R. was a minister in Churches of Christ for 50 years, and Louise was a great helper to him and the communities they served in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee. She loved to go with T.R. to visit the elderly and those in need and taught Sunday school classes for decades. She attended Mentone Church of Christ until T.R.’s passing in 2018. She was a member of North Central Church of Christ in Indianapolis the last five years. Louise was a professional seamstress

for many years and enjoyed sewing and quilting in her personal time. She even made her daughter's wedding gown! In their retirement, she and T.R. ran a small daycare. Louise loved to care for little children, and many mothers entrusted their babies and young children to her care.

Louise enjoyed many things: babies and little children; family get-togethers; sewing and painting; and cooking for her family and friends. No matter where she lived, Louise made her house a home – decorating and arranging with care. She was a lover of birds and blooms, helping T.R. with his vegetable garden and growing beautiful flowers herself.

She loved family gatherings like reunions, holiday meals, and visits with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

One of her most joyful times in recent years was T.R.'s 100th birthday in 2018, where she spent time with their many friends and loved ones from across the country.

Louise took up painting in the 1970s and excelled at it, winning blue ribbons and the grand champion prize in the arts and crafts division for many of her artworks in the Kosciusko County Fair. She mainly painted still life that reflected the beauty of nature. Her children cherish the many paintings they have of hers.

For the past five years, Louise made her home with her daughter Lee Ann and son-in-law, Jim, in Indianapolis. Even in her last years, she found joy in nature and her family.

Most of all, Louise was a kind and sweet soul who brought joy to the people around her, whether with an encouraging word, a bit of gardening advice or her abiding example of living by faith. She will be missed greatly by those blessed to know her.

Visitation will be Saturday, July 29, from noon-1 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 1 p.m. with John Wilkins officiating, both at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Ind. Burial will take place at the Mentone Cemetery following the funeral service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, Indiana 46384.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

William M. O'Blenis

July 27, 1932 – July 27, 2023

William M. O'Blenis, 91, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 4:44 A.M. Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

He was born on July 27, 1932 in Rochester, the son of Milton Ray and Eva B. (Wolfe) O'Blenis. On Sept. 5, 1951 in Rochester, he married Earline Cloud and she survives.

Mr. O'Blenis was an U.S. Navy veteran serving during the Korean War. He retired from the United States Postal Service and had also operated his own construction business, O'Blenis Construction. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Elk's Lodge serving as past Exalted Ruler, Odd Fellows Lodge, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed woodworking, guns and John Deere Tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Earline O'Blenis, Rochester; children Timothy (Sandra) O'Blenis, Rochester, Lisa D. (Steven) Smith, Sedgwick, Kan., Deena K. (Richard) Smith, Rochester; grandchildren Karen O'Blenis, Walkerton, Jennifer O'Blenis, Mishawaka, Stacey (Steven) Heinzman, Rochester, Aaron (Kalyn) Ranstead, Rochester, Cory (Jennifer) Smith, Rochester, Mich., Michael (Minori) Smith, Houston, Texas; nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Alvena Mollencupp.

Private services are planned. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Robert J. Struck

July 28, 1936 – July 27, 2023

Robert (Bob, RJ) Joseph Struck, 86, started Fly Fishing with the Lord at 9:44 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2023.

He was born on July 28, 1936, to Susan Struck (Buchko) and Stephen Struck in Trenton, N.J. He attended Trenton High School before he joined the Air Force in 1953. He was trained to be a missile mechanic in Sampson, N.Y. He spent a year in Korea during the Korean conflict. He was then stationed in Amarillo, Texas.

Fate then brought him to Bunker Hill. While in the Air Force he was part of a water high diving team. During the summer of 1957 he went to Luken's Lake and

performed for the crowd. Roberta Barnhisel happened to be in the crowd. They fell in love and were married that fall on Nov. 23, 1957, at the Bunker Hill Chapel.

They started a family. Dyanne (Rick) Fivecoate (deceased), Kim (Lester) Walden, Lynda (Jeff) Shrock, Dennis Struck, Kary (Mason) Kuhn. He has 9 grandchildren Ben (Shelby) Walden, Hunter (Taylor) Musselman, Savannah (John) Yarnelle, Colton (Lauren) Musselman, Brenlyn (Daniel) Freeman, Karasyn Kuhn, step-grandchildren Josh and Daniel Walden and Sam Shrock. 8 great grandchildren. Siblings are Stephen, Dolly, John, Marie, Bill, Sue, Joe, Eleanor and Irene.

Together they lived many places, which included Eglin, Fla., Mcquire, N.J., Kincheloe, Mich., Malmstrom, Mont. He spent 21 years in the Air Force. After retiring from the Air Force, he and Roberta purchased land and raised their family on the farm. Bob also worked for many places as a diesel mechanic. Through the years, he worked for Hartzler Trucking, Musselman Grain and Trucking, Kercher Engines and Gaerte Engines.

He was a member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge in Gilead and the Laketon American Legion. He was part of the pit crew for Indy car driver Tony Bettenhausen, with Provimi Veal. He also enjoyed scuba diving, woodworking, taxidermy, hunting, coin collecting and had a large collection of hats and other memorabilia. His favorite hobby was fishing, especially fly-fishing. He even tied his own flies. He could fix almost anything from a Barbie Doll to a missile.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Michael Barnhisel officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Gaerte Cemetery, with graveside military honors performed.

Visitation is 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Bob was honored to be a part of an Honor Flight with his daughter. Donations can be made in his memory to help others at: Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 5, Huntertown, IN 46748 or the Miami County 4-H Counsel.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Ronald Merle Fites

Sept. 22, 1941 – July 31, 2023

Ronald Merle Fites, 81, Macy, passed away Monday afternoon, July 31, 2023, at Parkview Hospital, Wabash.

Born Sept. 22, 1941, in Macy, he was the son of Ralph Edward and Beatrice Ilean Bahney Fites.

Ron was a lifelong resident of Miami County, and was a retired dairy farmer in the North Miami Community. He was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Macy, and served for many years on the Ebenezer Cemetery Board. In addition he was a member of the Macy Masonic Lodge and the Royal Center Eastern Star. After retiring from farming, Ron helped part-time at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

He loved watching sports and attended many North Miami games over the years, never missing an opportunity to point out the mistakes made by the softball umpires and basketball officials.

Until a stroke in 2020 left him homebound, Ron made his daily rounds to many different coffee spots and restaurants, keeping up on the local news, but most importantly, always keeping a close eye on his favorite waitresses – just to make sure they were doing their jobs correctly. He was proud to have never lost an argument in his life, and he'd argue that fact if you disagreed.

Ron is survived by his only son, Jason Edward Fites; two brothers, Bernard (Mary Esther) Fites, and Byron (Mary Beth) Fites, all of Macy. Also surviving are his three nephews, Ryan, Brandon, and Matt Fites; a niece, Emily Fites; and many cousins, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, older brother Lawrence Ralph Fites, and his twin brother, Donald Earl Fites.

Funeral service will be held at 12 p.m. (Noon) Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Bill Babb III officiating. Burial will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Over the years, I have been privileged to know him as “Uncle Ron” and while we were not actually related he has always been part of my family. As this brief biography comes to a close, I want to extend my utmost thanks and gratitude to Ron’s caregivers and family for their constant help throughout the past few years. Ron’s ability to stay at homestead on the farm was only made possible by the constant sacrifice of others, and there are not words to express how much you have all meant throughout this time. Thank you all so much, Brad McClain.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ebenezer Cemetery.

Luther ‘Wade’ Bussert

May 31, 1958 – July 4, 2023

Luther “Wade” Bussert, 65, of Kewanna, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2023, following a brief illness.

Born May 31, 1958 in Medford, Wisc., he was a son of Harry and Shirley Ann (Ingram) Bussert.

Wade was a 1976 Kewanna High School graduate and he also attended Ancilla College.

He enjoyed gardening, taking care of his animals and being active in the local art community for many years.

Wade worked at Green Oak Antiques in Rochester more than 40 years and also cleaned and did maintenance for Community State Bank in Kewanna and the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his mother, Shirley Bussert of Kewanna; and brother, Ryan Bussert (Sari) of Springfield, Ohio. He is also survived by many many friends.

Wade was preceded in death by his father, Harry Bussert, and partner Jeffrey Skersick.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, at the Heartery, 414 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton County Animal Center, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN. 46975

Wade’s online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Joseph P. Arnett

Joseph P. Arnett, 71, Rochester, passed away at 6:37 a.m. Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Joseph P. Arnett

July 2, 1952 – Aug. 1, 2023

Joseph P. “Joey” Arnett, 71, Rochester, passed away at 6:37 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at his residence.

He was born July 2, 1952, in Rensselaer, the son of Joseph and Delores Marie (Garcia) Arnett. Aug. 5, 2015 at the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, he married his companion for the past 44 years, Sharon Sue (Summers) Eytcheson Leffert, and she survives.

Joseph worked his whole life in the concrete construction business serving as owner-operator of Arnett Concrete. Arnett concrete was one of the first concrete contractors in the state to install fiber optics in concrete for night time illumination. He also took part in the original concrete construction for the Dome at Epcot in Disney World. He was a longtime member of the Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 692.

Joseph had been a member of the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, ABATE , American Legion, Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge, Elk's Lodge and V.F.W. He was an avid NASCAR fan, enjoyed horse racing, country and western movies and music, running in his younger days, grilling out and spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Arnett, Rochester; children, Lori (Brian) Peterson, Peru, Junior (Lisa) Eytcheson, Rochester, Darci (Chad) Roe-Koch, Rochester, Julie Hernandez, Fort Wayne; grandchildren Cortnie (Travis Hardesty) Tuttle, Cory (Amanda Fell) Meadows, Sarah Bauder, Bennett (Toni) Peterson, Ayriel (Mark) Eytcheson, Ashley "Biggie" (Rich Mommsen) Webb, J.T. Jones, Colt (Ashley) Meadows, Coty (Morgan Brown) Roe, Brandt Eytcheson, Garrett Eytcheson, Dominic Hernandez, Amy Hernandez, Diego Hernandez; 19 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert "Bob" Arnett, Destin, Fla., Wink (Tammy) Arnett, Rochester; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Amy Arnett in 2000 and his brother John E. Arnett in 2002.

Friends may visit from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Make-AWish- Foundation or to Riley Children's Hospital Oncology Department.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Jean Garber

Jean Garber, 98, Rochester, died at 12:17 p.m. Friday at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Jean Garber

Feb. 25, 1925 – Aug. 4, 2023

Jean Garber, 98, Rochester, passed away at 12:17 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She was born Feb. 25, 1925, in Rochester, the daughter of Walter and Elizabeth B. (Dickinson) McDougale. On Aug. 23, 1947 in Indianapolis, she married Hubert Carl Garber. He preceded in death on April 1, 2007.

Jean had been a homemaker most of her life and had worked as a deputy auditor in Fulton County. She was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church and Tri-Kappa sorority. Jean loved playing cards with her family and was an avid Bridge player for many years. She enjoyed sewing, painting, gardening, traveling across the country with her husband and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Gretchen E. (Braxton Eikenberry) Coplen, Akron, Jennifer (Tim) Quick, Plymouth; grandchildren Daniel S. (Kelly) Coplen, Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael (Adrienne) Coplen, Carmel, Megan E. (Ryan) Lebo, Plymouth, Nathan (Amber) Quick, Bangkok, Thailand; 11 eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters Helen Elizabeth Smith, Mary Deniston Jennens, and Kathleen Downs.

Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fulton County Hope or United Ministries.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Dorothy Jean Richter

Feb. 7, 1935 – Aug. 8, 2023

Dorothy Jean Richter, 88, of Rochester, passed away Tuesday Aug. 8, 2023, at Wynnfield Crossing in Rochester.

She was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Kewanna, to the late Elmer F. and Nola June (Burton) Douglass. On June 19, 1960, in Lucerne, she married Harry J. Richter, who preceded in death on Nov. 26, 2022.

Dorothy was a retired elementary school teacher. She had taught in the South Bend, Logansport, Rochester and Caston schools. She had also formerly worked at the Fulton County License Branch. Dorothy was a member of the Lucerne Christian Church, a 1953 graduate of Grass Creek High School and a 1959 graduate of Ball State University with a master's degree in education.

Survivors include two sons, Brian (Jennifer) Richter, Rochester, Todd Richter, Rochester; two grandsons, Nicolas (Mackenzie) Richter, Rochester, Blake Richter and fiancée Abbey Hanson, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was preceded in death by two brothers, Elmer Jay “Don” Douglass and Dale Douglass.

A celebration of life will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Lucerne Christian Church, 1585 W. Frushour St., Lucerne, with Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiating. Burial will follow in the Fulton Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, in the Gundrum Funeral Home. There will also be a visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at the Lucerne Christian Church on Friday.

Memorials may be made to the Lucerne Christian Church or A Helping Hand program C/O Caston School Corp., 9815 S. State Road 25, Rochester, IN 46975.

You may sign Dorothy’s guest book and send online condolences to the family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Saturday, August 12, 2023

James F. Bickel

Sept. 30, 1935 – Aug. 7, 2023

James F. “Jim” Bickel, 87, of Akron, passed at 8:36 p.m.. Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.

Jim was born Sept. 30, 1935 in Miami County to the late Palmer O. and Maxine Ruth (Needham) Bickel. He was married Nov. 5, 1953 in Oswego, to Shirley J. Wentzel. She survives.

He attended school in Gilead. Jim later served his country in the U.S. Army. After his military service, he and his wife moved back to Akron in 1960 to raise their family. Jim had been a truck driver for many years, starting in the late 50’s as a milk truck driver. In 1965 he became an owner/ operator of his own truck. He hauled for numerous trucking companies through the years.

Jim was a present member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge #523, where he had been a member for over 50 years. He also was a member of the Laketon American Legion and served the community four years on the Akron Town Council.

Jim attended the Akron Church of God for many years. He had been a motorcycle enthusiast, Jim and Shirley rode the Goldwing many places. In 1979, he drove the Liberty Belle, a 1976 modified Kenworth owned by Metzger Trucking. He raced in Texas, California, and Arizona. He won the California race on the 2.5 mile track, qualifying there at 110.3 mph.

Throughout all of Jim's driving years, he estimated well over 5 million miles on the road. His last role was a daily route, hauling scrap metal, for Rochester Iron & Metal. He drove 300 miles a day until January of 2023.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Bickel of Akron; children Fred and wife Michele Bickel of Warsaw, Jeni Adams of Akron, Jeff and wife Laura Bickel of Akron; grandchildren Colby (Jasmin) Bickel, Jamie (Andrew) Murphy, Nathaniel Bickel, Kala (Justin) Hughes, Ryan (Chaitra) Adams; six great-grandchildren; a sister Ruth Ann Funk of Akron.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Jerry Bickel and Robert Eugene Bickel, and son-in-law Gary Adams.

The funeral service for Mr. Bickel will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans officiating.

Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites being performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Roselyn B. Jamees

Sept. 16, 1961 – Aug. 10, 2023

Roselyn B. James, 61, Rochester, passed away at 9:49 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 16, 1961, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Allen and Hannah (Allen) Glassburn.

Roselyn had worked in customer service for many restaurants over the years. She had been a volunteer for Red Cross and enjoyed doing beadwork, making necklaces and bracelets.

Survivors include her children, Angelia Gaines, Rochester, Susan Suire, Plymouth, Robert James, Winamac; grandchildren Ashley Salita, Jake Duffin, Tatiana Ulicny, Belle Dixon; three great-grandchildren; siblings Allen Glassburn, Rochester, Loid Glassburn, Rochester, Melody Smith, Rochester, Phillip Glassburn, California, David Glassburn; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No services are scheduled at this time.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Donald A. Zinsmaster Jr.

Aug. 13, 1956 – Aug. 15, 2023

Donald A. Zinsmaster, Jr., age 67, Rochester, passed away Aug. 15, 2023, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family following a three-year battle with cancer.

Born August 13, 1956, in Logansport, he was the son of Josephine and Donald A. Zinsmaster, Sr., both of whom preceded him in death.

Don graduated from Logansport High School in 1975 and pursued his passion for football at St. Joseph College and Marshalltown Community College. Post college, he moved to California, continuing to play football at the semi-professional level and working a variety of jobs. He eventually moved back to Logansport and began a career in the mining industry as a heavy equipment operator and specialized in safety. The highlight of his career was the last few years he spent at West Plains Mines in Wabash, retiring in 2021 due to his illness.

Don loved watching, coaching and participating in sports. He played center for many semi-professional teams including the Southern California Rhinos, Logansport Lancers, and Kokomo Mustangs until age 52. He coached youth league, middle school, and high school football.

Don inherited his love of music from his father, who was an avid jazz listener. He picked up playing guitar by watching his friends perform live music. Don loved live music, a cigar and a shot of tequila. Don was also an exceptional cook, with Italian food being his specialty. Don met Venetia Faulkenberg in 2011. They made Lake Manitou and Rochester their home in 2017 and they were married there in 2022. Their lake home became the gathering place for family and friends where cherished memories were created.

Don was extremely proud of his children and their accomplishments, also finding great joy in spending time with his grandsons. He was very proud of his daughter's teaching career, and living in close proximity allowed them to maintain a strong and tight-knit bond. Additionally, he took great pride in his son's athletic pursuits; his presence and support further strengthened the bond they shared.

Don is survived by his wife Venetia, Rochester; daughter Hayley Zinsmaster, Logansport; son Luke (Rachel) Zinsmaster, Fishers; stepdaughter Lindsay (Josh) Scott, Indianapolis; stepson Ross Faulkenberg, Portland, Ore.; and grandsons Lincoln and Cole Zinsmaster, Fishers. Surviving siblings are Donna Young and Stevie Zinsmaster.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to Gentiva Hospice for their outstanding care and support.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 East Market St., Logansport.

The funeral service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, also at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Due to Don's love of sports, donations may be made in his honor to the Chad Lambert Youth Athletic Fund.

Messages of condolence may be posted at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Kroeger Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

Fred Heckathorn

Oct. 1, 1937 – Aug. 16, 2023

Fred Heckathorn, 85, of Celina, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at his residence in Celina. He was born on October 1, 1937 to the late Kenneth D. and Mary Jane (Greenwald) Heckathorn in Logansport. On June 6, 1959, he married Merlee Sue Smoker who survives in Celina.

He is also survived by his children Robin (Kenneth) Hawkey of Louisburg, N.C., Traci Heckathorn of Van Wert, Penny (Tom) Abner of Celina, Kendra (Dacia) Turner of Gulf Breeze, Fla., nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law Penny (Dave) Scott of Clearwater, Fla., and brother and sister-in-law Jerry (Rhonda) Heckathorn of Rochester.

He is preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, son Brent Heckathorn, and sister-in-law Maxine Heckathorn. Fred proudly served his country in the United States National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1969. He was a jack of all trades, owning and operating Nickel Hardware and Sears Roebuck in Celina, Grand Lake Auto Sales, and owning and managing many rental properties, with his wife by his side for 64 years. He was a member and a trustee for the Grand Lake United Methodist Church and was very active with Cheryl Ann Schools. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed camping.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at the Lehman Dzendzel Funeral Home, with Rev. Matt Overman officiating. Burial will follow in the North Grove Cemetery.

Military Honors will be provided by the Celina American Legion Post No. 210 and the Celina V.F.W. Post No. 5713. Friends and family may call from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, and an hour before services on Monday at the Lehman Dzendzel Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made out to Grand Lake Hospice, 1122 E. Spring St., St. Marys, Ohio 45885 or the Grand Lake United Methodist Church, 119 E. Fulton St., Celina, Ohio 45822. Condolences may be shared with the Heckathorn family online at LehmanDzendzelFH.com.

William D. Schroeder Sr.

Oct. 10, 1943 – Aug. 8, 2023

William D. Schroeder Sr. (Dale) was born Oct. 10, 1943, to Norbert Francis Schroeder and Evelyn Nora (Knoedler) Schroeder in Two Rivers, Wis. He spent his formative years in Rochester. After graduating from Rochester High School in 1961, he took a job at Indiana Metal, a textron company that produced automotive and specialty fasteners. He transferred to sister company Camcar Textron in the early 1970s and became a very successful field sales engineer until his retirement in 2000. He relocated his family to Columbus in December 1972 where he remained until his death. He married Julia C. (Herkless) Schroeder Feb. 8, 1964. They were married 59 years and 6 months to the day.

He is survived by his wife, Julia C. (Herkless) Schroeder; his brother, Paul N. Schroeder; his two sons, William D. (Bill) Schroeder Jr., John D. Schroeder; his two granddaughters, Taylor J. (Schroeder) Ferguson, Bailey C. Schroeder; and a grandson, Levi N. Schroeder.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Elizabeth (Beth) (Schroeder) Carroll and Kathryn Marie (Kay) (Schroeder) Brash.

Dale was a three-sport athlete in high school. He was a tremendous amateur golfer holding a five handicap or less well into his sixties. He had many accomplishments in amateur golf including 10 holes-in-ones, 1988 Club Champion at Otter Creek, Top Ten in the Indiana Amateur in the late 1980s and shot a 64 at Otter Creek in the summer of 1981.

Dale had a very gregarious personality and a crazy sense of humor! He was tons of fun! Dale was a quietly generous man that gave to his favorite charities and performed many random acts of kindness. He was a doting grandfather who loved all of his grandchildren very much.

In keeping with the family's wishes, cremation took place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the Schroeder family at barkesweaverglick.com.

Gloria K.M. Wilson

Dec. 1, 1938 – Aug. 16, 2023

Gloria Kay Miller Wilson, 84, Macy, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Born Dec. 1, 1938, at Dukes Hospital, Peru, she was the daughter of Lorraine E. and Bernece Katherine Ream Miller. On June 9, 1957, at the Denver Baptist Church, she was married to John William Wilson, and he survives.

She was a 1957 graduate of Chili High School and was a member of the church at Niconza until its closing. In her earlier years, Kay had worked at the elementary schools in the North Miami area and also as a telephone operator, but most of her life, she spent helping on the family farm.

Survivors include her husband, John W. Wilson, Macy; two children, Bradley S. (Donna) Wilson, Macy; and Felicia K. (Roger) Mikel, Waco, TX; six grandchildren, Alissa Dias, Florida; Tyler (Brynn) Mikel, Philadelphia; Trevor Mikel, Waco; Grace Wilson, Macy; and Olivia Wilson, Macy; Kristy (Mark) Curtis, Osceola; and Amanda (Andy) Bowers, Walkerton; ten great-grandchildren, Teddy Mikel, Quinn Mikel, Ben Mikel, Liam Dias, Ryley Sears, Alexa Wilson, Phoenix Green, Steven Curtis, Brantley Bowers, and Savannah Curtis; great-great grandson, Kain Stewart; and one brother, Mike Miller, Bellevue, Neb.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister-in-law, Joan Miller, and grandson-in-law, Marcial Dias.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Larry Pyatt and Pastor Phil Medsger officiating. Private burial will be at Chili Community Cemetery, Chili.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Sunday, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chili Cemetery Association.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclaifh.com.

Clymenia M. Halterman

June 30, 1938 – Aug. 17, 2023

Clymenia M. Halterman, 85, Rochester, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023.

Survivors include her husband, Willis D. Halterman, Rochester; daughter, Angela Condon Park Ridge, Ill.; sister, Judy Kuhn, and brother, Jimmie Tyler, both of Rochester.

A celebration of the life is at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

AnnaBelle V. DeLuca

AnnaBelle VanDalsen DeLuca, 97, Port Charlotte, Fla., died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at Fawcett Hospital, Port Charlotte, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Roland J. McFadden

July 3, 1960 – Aug. 18, 2023

Roland J. “Rolly” McFadden, 63, of rural Claypool, Indiana passed after a farming accident on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at his residence.

Roland was born on July 3, 1960 in Rochester, to the late Dr. Orville L. and Vanoma I. “Judy” (Sprague) McFadden. He was married on Sept. 17, 1988, at the farm, to Pamela S. Hampshire, who survives.

Roland was a 1978 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School. He was a farmer and a handyman. He raised beef cattle and hogs, and made lots of hay. In earlier years, he worked for Dick Webb and farmed for McSherry Farms. He had most recently been working as commercial maintenance manager for Cardinal Services of Warsaw, where he had worked for 24 years.

He served the community more than 35 years at the Burket Volunteer Fire Department, where he was a former assistant fire chief. He also served as a past Seward Township trustee. Roland was a longtime member of the Mentone Masonic Lodge #576, for which he was past master, as well as the Scottish Rite and the Mizpah Shrine. He was a former member of the Talma Lions Club. Roland was a lifetime member of the NRA, and scoutmaster for over 10 years. He enjoyed coaching at the Mentone Youth League, especially T-ball. His tractor of choice was International and he enjoyed riding his yellow Harley Davidson Road King. Most of all, his family was his life.

He is survived by his wife Pam McFadden of Claypool; children Beth and husband Chris Miller of Fulton, Nathan and wife Erica McFadden of Warsaw, and Devin and wife Haley McFadden of Warsaw; grandchildren Taylor, Caitlynn, Sammie, Jonathon, RJ, and Ryker; great-granddaughter Rosalee; brother James and wife Debra McFadden of Mentone; sisters Deneice Childers of Florida and Karen and husband Roy Dishong of Huntington; and nieces Rebekah, Megan, and Jenna.

Roland was preceded by his parents, a brother Dean McFadden (1983), brother-in-law Keith Childers and Tony Hampshire of Louisiana (2023).

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana. The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery.

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, at King Memorial Home, with a Fireman’s Service at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Echoes of the Past, Fulton County Animal Center, or the Burket Volunteer Fire Department.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Charles J. Pletcher

Jan. 23, 1937 – Aug. 6, 2023

Charles J. “Chuck” Pletcher, 86, of rural Etna Green, passed from this life into eternity at 8:28 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 at Stillwater Hospice Home of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Chuck was born on Jan. 23, 1937 in Monterey, to the late Charles F. And Mertie (Woodcox) Pletcher. He was married on March 28, 1970 in Warsaw, to Kristine Spurlock, who survives.

He served more than 30 years as a janitor. He worked in Reno, Nev. for over eight years and locally he was the Tippecanoe Valley High School janitor for 16 years. He attended the First Christian Church of Warsaw for many years. He enjoyed going to church and loved to spend time with his family. Chuck also enjoyed tractors, motorcycles, especially rides on the Goldwing , and drinking coffee with friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years Kris of Etna Green; daughters Pam Yungandreas of Bremen and Sally Pletcher of Warsaw; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; mother-in-law Elizabeth Spurlock, a daughter-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, son Dennis Pletcher, a grandson Johny Yungandreas, brothers Lester White and Edison and his wife Mable White, father-in-law Vernon Spurlock, sister-in-law Robin Briggs, brother-in-law Bill Spurlock, and a niece Donna.

Memorial visitation will be from 12 noon-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, Indiana.

A graveside service will then take place following the visitation on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, in the Mentone Cemetery, with Pastor Matthew Rogers officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Stillwater Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Charlotte M. Easterday

June 15, 1937 – Aug. 19, 2023

Charlotte M. “Dolly” Easterday, 86, of Rochester, passed surrounded by family at 11:09 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester, Indiana.

Dolly was born June 15, 1937 in Rochester, to the late Herman and Nina (Rhodes) Kindig. She was married on Aug. 2, 1965, in Rochester, to Roy J. Easterday, who preceded her in death after 56 years of marriage, on March 16, 2022.

Dolly was a homemaker and formerly sold antiques in Fulton. She resided in Fulton for 35 years and then moved to Rochester. She was a member of the Moose Lodge 1107, Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 852, and VFW Post 1343. Dolly loved shopping, especially for antiques and primitive pieces. She also enjoyed auctions and mushroom hunting in Michigan . Dolly and Roy, together, enjoyed traveling to Wisconsin to fish, and Florida where they shortly wintered. Dolly was always thankful for the care she received from all the staff of Woodlawn Hospital. She, most of all, enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughters Tammy Shively of Athens and Dawn Kistler of Plymouth; grandchildren Casey Shively, Cody and wife Krista Kistler, Dylan Kistler, Priscilla Powell, and Mitchel Kistler; a great-grandson, Noah Kistler; sister Doris and husband Harold Molter of Illinois; son-in-law Don Foerg of Rochester; and lifetime friends Charlotte Wintrode of Andrews and Vickie and Kenny Eytcheson of Fulton, as well as many other friends and caregivers.

Dolly was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Harold Chapman, husband Roy, daughter Cindy Foerg, sisters Mary Knapp, Carolee Powell, Shirley Shirk and Nancy Conaway; and son-in-law Charles "Chuck" Kistler.

A private graveside service will take place in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society or the Fulton County Animal Center.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Leota M. Holloway

Sept. 28, 1924 – Aug. 18, 2023

Leota M. Holloway, 98, of Talma, passed at 3:42 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Leota was born Sept. 28, 1924 in Fulton County to the late Fred A. and Anna Lavera (Stockberger) Horn. She was married Nov. 10, 1945, in Larwell, to Samuel A. Holloway, who preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1995.

She was a 1943 graduate of Mentone High School. Afterwards, she attended a secretarial school in Dayton, Ohio. She was a homemaker and worked as a seamstress for many years. Leota was an exceptional gardener and enjoyed

cooking and crafting. Her memory will live on in the lives she changed and of course, her recipes. The most important thing to her was to worship God at Riverview Community Church.

She is survived by her daughter Diana Holloway of Talma; sons Jerry and wife Sue Holloway of Warsaw and Steven Holloway of Athens; several grandchildren, which include Andy and wife Jackie Holloway of Akron; a sister, Shirley and husband Richard Wine of Warsaw.

Leota was preceded in death by her parents, husband, several brothers and sisters, and daughter-in-law Ronda Holloway.

The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Rod Ruberg officiating.

The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery next to her husband.

Visitation hours will be held 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug 24, 2023, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Riverview Community Church.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneral.com.

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Saturday, September 2, 2023

Dale Becker

May 7, 1935 – Aug. 28, 2023

Dale Becker, 88, of Rochester, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at 11:23 a.m. Monday, August 28, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital.

On May 7, 1935, Lawrence Dale Becker was born in Rochester to Walter Hale “Mike” and Lucille Sweany Becker. Proudly he graduated from Rochester High School in 1954.

Dale married his love of his life and best friend, Norma Jean Enyart, on Sept. 4, 1955. Knowing each other since childhood, there was hardly a time you would see Dale without Norma. This Sunday, they would have celebrated their 68th anniversary.

Growing up in Rochester, Dale made many lifelong friends. A stellar athlete, he played on the varsity basketball team and was a member of the undefeated 1954 Zebra football team! Go Zebras! During his RHS tenure he played both varsity football and basketball for all four years. Playing at forward, Dale was the team’s top scorer during his senior year. Throughout the years he kept in touch with teammates and coaches and many other friends. Upon graduation, Dale was recruited to play basketball for Western New Mexico College in Silver City, N.M. Dale later transferred and graduated from Indiana University School of Business.

Dale began working for W.T. Grant, where he managed and opened new stores throughout Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Illinois and northern Indiana. In the early 70’s Dale and Norma settled in Elwood and opened a Coast-to-Coast hardware. He was also the street commissioner for the City of Elwood.

Wherever they traveled, they always remained close to friends and family back home. So, it seemed natural when they moved back to Rochester in 1981 and began their life at the lake.

Evenings and weekends were spent cheering on their son Jeff, who played varsity basketball and football for the Zebras. For many years, Dale and Norma worked at Enyart’s True Value with many family members including his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Emerson and Barbara, his nieces June and Janet and many friends. Dale loved working but he finally retired on March 29, 2019.

However, retirement did not slow him down at all! He spent the last few years finishing up projects and helping his kids with theirs. Never afraid of learning something new, Dale became a very handy man. If he was not working on renovations to their home, he shared his knowledge (and weekends... and tools) with his kids. He loved those weekend (and sometimes longer-than-weekend) projects!

Paramount of importance to Dale was family and friends. Dale and Norma were blessed with three children, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with them, especially on the boat or on their deck for family cookouts. For many years, Dale could be found cruising around the lake with whoever was visiting that weekend. Many vacations were taken all over with family. He loved watching his son and grandson play and sing in their bands, going to grandkids many activities, but mostly just hanging out. He couldn't wait to catch up with friends each weekend and at reunions.

Left to cherish Dale's memory are his loving wife of 68 years, Norma; daughter Connie Scher and husband Marty of South Whitley; two sons, Dennis Becker and companion Cathy Collins, Jeff Becker and wife Lisa, all of Rochester; five grandchildren, Micheal Becker and wife Jenny, Annemarie Baker, Christine Baker, Kellie Scobie and husband Chad, Reagan Becker; seven great-grandchildren, Shelby Becker, Sophia Becker, Camden Baker, Karsyn Baker, Seth Flenar, Amelia Scobie, Watson Scobie; three sisters-in-law, Suzanne Beattie, Barbara Enyart and Pat Enyart; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Dale in death are his parents, grandson Jamie Becker and brother Don Beattie.

A celebration of the life of Dale Becker will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Mr. Mike Murphy will host. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. 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 St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Dennis A. Haynes

Oct. 16, 1958 – Aug. 30, 2023

Dennis A. Haynes, 64, North Manchester, passed away unexpectedly Aug. 30, 2023, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

The son of John W. and Ruth Ann (Moyer) Haynes, Dennis was born in Wabash on Oct. 16, 1958.

After graduating from Manchester High School in 1976, Dennis moved to Florida where he worked for a well rigging company. Upon returning to Indiana, Dennis worked for his brother at Haynes & Sons Well Drilling for a few years before going to work for Dean Foods in Rochester. He was there 34 years before

the plant closed. Dennis then joined the maintenance team at Oji Intertech, most recently known at Intertech Products, for six years before retiring in May 2023.

A hardworking, dependable, and dedicated father, Dennis was immensely proud of his two children, Derek and Brooke. He enjoyed helping them and being involved in their lives, from coaching Little League to taking them to school and helping them in class. He taught his children the value of hard work and leading by example. Dennis was an intelligent man who possessed a gift for fixing things when most people could not. He relished in working outside on various projects, feeding birds, and had a soft spot for animals, especially his dogs.

On Sept. 6, 2012, Dennis married June Airgood. For nearly 11 years the two walked through life together, creating fond memories along the way. Despite his untimely passing, the love that Dennis carried for June was never ending.

The loving memory of Dennis Haynes will be forever cherished by his wife, June Airgood, North Manchester; his twins Derek (Brittany) Haynes, Peru, and Brooke (Chris) Betten, North Manchester; brothers David (Jane) Haynes, Akron, Douglas (Kristie) Haynes, North Manchester, and Dwight Haynes, Laketon; sister Dail Ann Moore, Ramseur, N.C.; and grandchildren Gavin and Elin Betten, and Alivia, Dean, and Ben Haynes.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ruth Ann Haynes.

Dennis's wishes were not to have a service, but instead remember him in your own way.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave, Wabash, Indiana 46992 or the Manchester High School Athletic Department, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of Dennis Haynes has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com.

Marilyn R. Blacketor

Marilyn R. Blacketor, 90, Jacksonville, Fla. and formerly of Fulton County, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday at Ortega Gardens Care Center, Jacksonville, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Ruth Bose

Ruth Bose, 94, of Rochester, died at 8:45 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester.

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Ruth Bose

June 26, 1929 – Aug. 31, 2023

Ruth Bose, 94, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at her home in the early morning hours on Aug. 31, 2023.

On June 26, 1929, Edith Ruth Culp was born to Arvie Earl and Mable Kathryn Frey Culp. She attended school at Michigantown, Bell Center, Union Buffalo and graduated from Monticello High School in 1947.

On June 26, 1949, at the Sitka Baptist Church, Monticello, Ruth was married to Elmo Junior Bose by the Reverend V.R. Graham. From their union came four wonderful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of three more generations. Sadly, Junior preceded her in death on March 25, 2022, after 72 wonderful loving years of marriage. During these years they served as pillars to our community as stewards and spiritual leaders.

Over the years, Ruth had been employed at Bryan's Manufacturing, Monticello, and at Chamberlains, Akron, for several years. She was a member of the Rochester Pleasant Valley Club; the First Baptist Church, where she served on the Diaconate Board; The Ruth Missionary Club and the Women's Guild of the Bethlehem Baptist Church. She had volunteered at the Woodlawn Hospital for over 30 years, where she served as Chairwoman of the Woodlawn Hospital Auxiliary and assisted in the operation of the Woodlawn Gift Shop. She also had been very active in the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Ruth served her Lord and her family with a glorious love and devotion all while keeping her amazing, unique sense of humor. She and Junior enjoyed vacationing. They were particularly fond of the explorations to the Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Cozumel, Mexico.

Left to cherish Ruth's memory are four children: Richard (Joyce) Bose, Mentone, Dan (Barbara) Bose, Sharlene Haney and Sheila Wildermuth, all of Rochester. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: April Irons (Rick), Matthew Bose (Chantelle), Orville Haney, Jeremiah Haney (Rachel), Barney Haney (Molly), Amy Reeser (Geoff) and Evan Wildermuth (Angie); 21 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding Ruth in death are her husband; a daughter, Susan, in infancy; her parents; two sisters; and two brothers-in-law.

A celebration of the life of Ruth Bose will be Thursday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m., in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th Street, Rochester. Her family will greet friends from 11 a.m. until the hour of the service. Interment will follow in the I.O.O.F Cemetery, Rochester.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Marilyn R. Blacketor

Nov. 4, 1932 – Aug. 31, 2023

Marilyn R. Blacketor, 90, Jacksonville, Fla., and formerly of South Bend and Fulton County, passed away at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Ortega Gardens Care Center, Jacksonville, Fla.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1932 in Cass County, the daughter of Harry Paul and Thelma Fay (Skinner) Culp. On May 23, 1951, in Fulton, she married William J. “Bill” Blacketor and he survives.

Marilyn worked for L.S. Ayres Department Store for many years while living in South Bend. She and her husband Bill retired to the Jacksonville, Fla. area about 20 years ago. She enjoyed spending time with her Bible study groups and her family.

Survivors include her husband, William J. “Bill” Blacketor, Jacksonville, Fla.; children Daniel (Joanna-spouse) Blacketor, South Bend, Gary (Terese-spouse) Blacketor, Indiana, Sharolyn Blacketor (Lance Helton-spouse), Jacksonville, Fla., Matthew (Sherri-spouse) Blacketor, Jacksonville, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Wanda Dinsmore, Harry Blane Culp, Paul Culp and Joyce Johnson.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Wendy L. Smith

November 18, 1970 – August 20, 2023

Miss Wendy L. Smith, 52, formerly of Rochester and LaPorte, died at 8 p.m. Aug. 20, 2023 at Summit City Nursing and Rehabilitation of Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her father, David Smith, Trumansburg, N.Y.; two sisters, Linda Stidman, Rochester, and Tiffany Vore, Corydon.

Her funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

No Obituaries

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Rebecca Mahoney

Rebecca “Becky” Mahoney, 63, Macy, died at 2:46 p.m. Sunday in Little River-Academy, Texas. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Miles E. Hoffman

Dec. 15, 1941 – Sept. 12, 2023

Miles Eugene Hoffman, age 81, of Silver Lake, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne at 5:54 a.m.

He was born Dec.16, 1941 in Warsaw, to Howard and Mary (Whetstone) Hoffman, where he grew up on a farm.

He attended and graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1960 where he was a top star, playing on the basketball team known as the Ramblers.

Miles married Pat Kuhn on June 15,1963 in Akron, and lived in the Silver Lake community for 43 years. He worked 42 years for the Indiana Department of Transportation as a project supervisor in the Fort Wayne District and retired in 2003.

Miles was a member of the Beaver Dam Community Church near Akron. He was an avid collector of John Deere tractors and his favorite pastime was playing euchre with anyone who was willing to play with him. His classmates were very important to him and would meet with them every year and sometimes in between. Miles also liked his coffee club that he joined and met mostly in Silver Lake. He enjoyed going to and watching all of his kids’ and grandkids’ sporting events. Miles enjoyed mowing yard and was a perfectionist in everything that he did.

Surviving Miles is his wife, Pat Hoffman of Silver Lake; his son Troy (spouse Sue) of Silver Lake; his daughter-in-law Jessica Hoffman of Silver Lake; five grandchildren, Chelsea (spouse Brad) Brubaker, Jade Hoffman, Noah Hoffman, Jacob Hoffman, Brandon Hoffman; three great-grandchildren: Raegan, Easton and Jaxx.

Preceding Miles in death are his parents and a son, Brent Hoffman in 2019.

Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, at the Earl- Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana from 3-7 p.m.

The funeral service will be Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at the funeral home at 10 a.m., officiated by Rev. Robert Jarboe assisted by Pastor Butch Troke, with burial in the Akron IOOF Cemetery, Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made to Wheels on Fire, Beaver Dam Community Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron, IN 46910.

Dean P. Baker

March 2, 1937 – Sept. 12, 2023

Dean P. Baker, 86 of Akron, passed at 3:14 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at his residence.

Dean was born March 2, 1937 in Canton, S.D., to the late Edgar Paul and Annabelle Marie (Ellis) Baker. He was married June 6, 1959 in Clarion, Iowa, to Suzanne Turk. She survives. They moved to Akron from Clarion, Iowa, in 1964.

Dean retired in 1999 as president of Pike Lumber Company of Akron, but he would tell you he was a forester from Iowa State University. He was a longtime member of the Akron United Methodist Church, where he served numerous roles. He also was an active member in the Akron Lions Club and various industry associations, which included the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen's Association and the Indiana Forest and Woodland Owners' Association.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne Baker of Akron; son Chris and wife Darleen Baker of Rochester; daughter Sarah and husband Richard Solano of Akron; grandchildren Nathan Baker, Daniel and wife Sara Solano, Andrea Baker, Adam and wife Celia Solano, and Thomas Solano; and sister Lois Baker of Edina, Minn.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may gather at 10 a.m. for a memorial service that will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 7, 2023, at the Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, with Pastor David Eaton officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Beaver Dam Community Church/Wheels on Fire to assist the community members who are fighting cancer or to the Akron United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Rebecca C. Mahoney

Sept. 29, 1959 – Sept. 10, 2023

Rebecca “Becky” C. Mahoney, 63, Macy, passed away at 2:46 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2023, in Little River-Academy, Texas.

She was born Sept. 29, 1959, in Temple, Texas, the daughter of David W. and Clara (Pazdral) Phillips Sr. On May 26, 1981, in Clarksville, Arkansas, she married Patrick W. Mahoney.

Becky grew up on her family’s farm in Little River- Academy and was one of the first girls in the area to belong to FFA. She graduated from Sul Ross State University and worked as an L.P.N. Becky retired from nursing to be a stay-at-home mom, homeschooling her children and running her own family farm. Becky was a member of The Cross Wesleyan Church of Rochester, and the Rochester Optimist Club, where she served as club president, as well as Distinguished Governor for the Optimist Indiana North District. She also served as the board president for the American Guinea Hog Association.

Survivors include her husband, Patrick W. Mahoney; her four children, Brian Patrick Mahoney, of Indianapolis, Phillip Matthew Mahoney and wife Brittany, of Auburn, N.H., Clara Elizabeth Mahoney, of South Bend, and Kathleen Jeanette Mahoney, of Macy; her three grandchildren, Taran Benjamin Timothy Mahoney, Quinn Saoirse Ann Mahoney, and Miriam Aisling Rebecca Mahoney, all of Auburn, New Hampshire; her brothers Tod Phillips, of Little River-Academy, Texas, Mark Phillips, of Tomball, Texas, Jimmy Phillips, of Austin, Texas; sister-in-law, Cindy Avery, of Little River- Academy, Texas; as well as several nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David W. Phillips Sr. and Clara Joan (Pazdral) Pinkerton, and her brother, David W. Phillips Jr.

Memorial Services will be held at 3 p.m.. Friday, Sept.r 29, 2023, at The Cross Wesleyan Church, Rochester. Friends may visit from 1-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Optimist Club or The Cross Wesleyan Church.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Beth Ciavardoni

Aug. 26, 1949 – Sept. 23, 2023

Beth Ellen (Clemans) Ciavardoni, 74, North Manchester, formerly of Rochester, passed away early Saturday morning, Sep. 23, 2023, at home, surrounded by her family. She was successfully recovering from a stroke that occurred two months ago, when she accidentally fell a few weeks ago, suffering a brain bleed.

Born Aug. 26, 1949, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Ralph “Spike” and Ellen (McCord) Clemans.

On Dec. 18, 1993, in Logansport, she was married to Robert Ciavardoni. He preceded her in death Nov. 17, 2014.

Beth was a graduate of Caston High School. After many years, Beth retired from the meat-processing facility now known as Smithfield in Peru.

Beth was a member of the former Bethlehem United Methodist Church. A fierce but loving mother and grandmother, Beth was a hard-working woman who loved spending time with her family. She will be remembered fondly for the exceptional candies she made for the holidays. For many years, Beth was the “apple dumpling and pizza lady” and sold her delicious homemade products for folks to enjoy.

She is survived by her daughter, Stacey Dawn Lopez; son Brandon Lee Ciavardoni; sisters Karen (Joseph) Mroz and Liane (David) Hurst; grandchildren April Jenkins, James (Tierra) Skiles, Dakota Riviera, Dominic Lopez, Johanna Lopez, Azaiah Depalma and Mahlah Ciavardoni; and great-grandchildren Phoenix Mae Jenkins, Eathan Oliver Jenkins, and Grayson, Cayden and Caitlyn Skiles.

A funeral service celebrating Beth’s life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, prior to the service in the funeral home.

Private burial will be at a later date.

You may share memories and words of comfort on Beth’s Tribute Wall at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Claude ‘Sonny’ Bradley

Nov. 16, 1943 – Sept. 22, 2023

Claude Bradley Jr, affectionately known as Sonny, of Rochester, peacefully passed away in his home of 36 years on Friday, Sept. 22, 2023, surrounded by family.

He was born Nov.16, 1943, in Jeffersonville, the son of Claude and Laura (Gambill) Bradley Sr. On July 25, 1968, he married Cheryl L. Lindgren. Together they spent 29 years raising their family and enjoying life before Cheryl passed away Oct. 12, 1997. Following years of laughter and adventure, he married Vickie (Voorhees) Rudd on Oct. 29, 2022. Vickie stood by his side until he breathed his last breath.

A 48-year member, Sonny Joined the Millwright union 1076 (Formerly Local 1043) on June 23, 1975. He spent his retirement years owning and operating his own lawn mower repair business and continued to work on them in his garage for many years. There wasn't much that Sonny couldn't fix!

He was a proud veteran having served his time in the United States Army. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as the American Legion Post 36 in Rochester. Through his many years of service with the American Legion, Sonny held the offices of historian, commander, finance officer, and first vice commander.

In his spare time, he enjoyed tinkering in his garage (especially when he was teaching things to his grandsons), going to casinos, and camping. Sonny became an ordained minister in 2017 to officiate his grandson's wedding and continued providing matrimonial services until as recently as one month ago. Sonny was a cherished father and devoted grandfather, adored by his family. While he may have left this Earth, you will find a piece of him in each of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Sonny leaves behind his treasured family including his wife Vickie Bradley, Rochester; children Melanie (Bernie) Green, Tuckerman, Ark., Todd Bradley (companion Laurie), Rochester, Kevin Bradley (companion Beth), Gary, Lori (James) Cunningham, DeMotte, Brian Bradley, Merrillville, Tim Bradley (companion Rhonda), Rochester, Tami (Craig) Spurlock, Key West, Fla.; stepchildren, Kim Meadows (Companion Greg), Rochester, Jason (Bobbi) Meadows, Crawfordsville; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings Paul (Donna) Bradley, Winamac, Floyd "Tickie" Bradley (Companion Tammy), Lake Village, sister Davi Rawlins, Monument, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Joey Bradley, great-grandchildren Khristian and Maleigh Bradley, parents, sisters Rosalee Pawlosky, Betsy Porras, Nellie Jo Martin, and brother George Keesee.

Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. The Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard will perform military rites after visitation at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosh.com.

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Mary Lou DeWitt

June 17, 1933 – Sept. 28, 2023

Mary Lou DeWitt, 90, of Rochester, died at 8:13 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at Wellbrooke of Wabash.

She was born on June 17, 1933, in Wabash, to Wilbur and Vera (Grier) Baer.

Mary Lou was a 1951 graduate of Chippewa High School, and a graduate of the Fort Wayne School of Nursing. She married Virgil “Dan” De- Witt in Wabash on Sept. 23, 1994.

Mary Lou worked as a licensed practical nurse at Millers Merry Manor in Wabash, and also Life Care in Rochester. She was a member of the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash. Mary Lou enjoyed flowers and being outdoors near the pond. She loved her cats and dogs, and her nursing career.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil “Dan” DeWitt of Rochester; nine children, Daniel (Debbie) Ford of Wabash, Claudia (Doug) Weitzel of Lagro, Duane (Chris) DeWitt of Florida, Cheryl Porter of Tennessee, Penny (Mark) Howkinson of Fairbanks, Michelle (Russell) Conley of Rochester, Walt (Kim) DeWitt of Florida, Lori (Kyle) Hoover of Rochester, and Clinton (Kaysone) DeWitt of Oregon; 23 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Nancy Ford; one grandson; brother, Bob Baer; and her half-sister, Betty Baer.

Memorial service will be 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Michael Eaton officiating. Friends may call 5-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book for Mary Lou may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Patty Hiatt

Oct. 4, 1948 – Sept. 29, 2023

Patty Hiatt, 74, Rochester, died at 9:05 a.m. Friday at Stillwater Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Immediate survivors include her husband Pat; children Laura Correll, Goshen, Matthew Norris, Tyler, Texas, Cathlene Strong, Marion, Bev Hiatt, Huntington, David Hiatt, Rochester; sisters, Janice Holmes, Winchester, K.Y., and Jane Guest, Noblesville.

A celebration of the life of Patricia “Patty” Hiatt will be at noon Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Friday in the funeral home.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Dean P. Baker

March 2, 1937 – Sept. 12, 2023

Dean P. Baker, 86, Akron, Indiana passed at 3:14 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at his residence.

Dean was born March 2, 1937 in Canton, S.D. to the late Edgar Paul and Annabelle Marie (Ellis) Baker. He was married on June 6, 1959 in Clarion, Iowa to Suzanne Turk. She survives. They moved to Akron from Clarion, Iowa in 1964.

Dean retired in 1999 as President of Pike Lumber Company of Akron, but he would tell you he was a forester from Iowa State University. He was a longtime member of the Akron United Methodist Church, where he served numerous roles. He also was an active member in the Akron Lions Club and various industry associations, which included, the Indiana Hardwood Lumbermen’s Association and the Indiana Forest and Woodland Owners’ Association.

He is survived by his wife Suzanne Baker of Akron; son Chris and wife Darleen Baker of Rochester; daughter Sarah and husband Richard Solano of Akron; grandchildren Nathan Baker, Daniel and wife Sara Solano, Andrea Baker, Adam and wife Celia Solano, and Thomas Solano; and sister Lois Baker of Edina, Minnesota.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may gather at 10 a.m. for a memorial service that will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at the Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, Indiana with Pastor David Eaton officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Beaver Dam Community Church/Wheels on Fire to assist the community members who are fighting cancer or to the Akron United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Vera M Terry

Sept. 3, 1922 – Sept, 27, 2023

Vera M. Terry, 101, died Sept. 27, 2023, at her daughter's home in Cottontown, Tenn.

She was born in Rochester. Immediate survivors include her son Stephen Terry of Tell City, and her daughter, Medrith Adams of Cottontown, Tenn.

Her funeral services was at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at Seventh Day Adventist Church, Tell City, preceded by visitation 3-7 p.m. Saturday.

Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home, Tell City, was in charge of her arrangements.

Patricia Hecht

Patricia A. Hecht, 68, Macy, died at 10:13 a.m. Saturday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Patricia Hecht

June 9, 1955 – Sept. 30, 2023

Patricia A. Hecht, 68, Macy, passed away at 10:13 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born on June 9, 1955, in Kokomo, the daughter of George A. and Wanda L. (Tharpe) Sexton. On Oct. 5, 1996, at Nyona Lake, she married Kenneth R. Hecht and he survives.

Patricia had been a homemaker and previously had worked for years at Wal-Mart and McDonald's. In her leisure time, she enjoyed reading and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth R. Hecht, Macy; daughter, Heather Hunter, Kansas; stepchildren, Jennifer Hecht, Florida, Jessica Hecht, Galveston, Kenneth Hecht Jr., Tippecanoe; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Jon Eads.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

M. Lorraine Moore

Sept. 16, 1940 – Oct. 4, 2023

M. Lorraine Moore, age 83, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on October 4, 2023, in Murfreesboro, TN.

She was a wonderful mother that devoted her life to her children, and was always there when they needed her. She cared deeply for her brothers and sisters and cherished all her family.

She was born in Kewanna to George H. and Thelma L. (Holloway) Feidner, both of whom preceded her in death. As a child she helped work the family farm and gained a lifetime love of gardening, reading books and rescuing animals.

She leaves behind her children Rayna L. (Moore) McCullough, Kathrine G. (Moore) Justice, and Nyles R. Moore. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Bethany (Moore) Walters.

Survivors include her brother Marion Feidner, sisters Ruth (Feidner) McCullough and Sylvia (Feidner) Hartshorne, and two half-sisters Mary (Feidner) Todd and Martha (Feidner) Bryant.

She was preceded in death by her brothers H. Kurtis Feidner, Charles H. Feidner, David R. Feidner, and half-brother George C. Feidner.

Lorraine was a very private person and asked that no funeral or memorial be held.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Charles W. Salyer Jr.

July 22, 1957 – Oct. 5, 2023

Charles W. Salyer, Jr., 66, of Plymouth passed away peacefully in his home Oct. 5, 2023 surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born on July 22, 1957 to Charles Sr. and Syntha (Howard) Salyer in Martin, Kentucky.

Jr. was a lifelong mechanic and owner of Salyer Auto Sales in Plymouth. He was known as one of the best mechanics around. Jr. had a passion for not only working on vehicles but also teaching his nephew, Bruce, to follow in his

footsteps. He taught him to build racing engines and enjoyed attending car auctions together. Jr. also looked forward to attending swap meets in the area too.

In his free time, he spent time deer hunting and fishing along with gardening and cutting wood at his property. He also liked visiting area yard sales. If it had to do with the outdoors, Jr. loved it. Jr. was a dedicated member of the NRA.

His family remembers him as being a smart, happy-go-lucky person with an easy-going mentality. He went out of his way to help others and enjoyed doing so. Jr. liked to talk with his friends and family on the phone on a regular basis.

Jr. is survived by his mother, Syntha; longtime companion, Brenda Carter; siblings Barbara Pritchett, Judy Pritchett, and Janet Salyer; along with several nieces and nephews, including his nephew whom he loved as his own son, Bruce Salyer with significant other, April.

He is preceded in death by his father, Charles, Sr., and brother, Kenneth Salyer.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, from 4-7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Visitation will resume one hour before the funeral service at the funeral home Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Chuck Krieg officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions can be made in Charles honor to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences can be left to the family at the website: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Sheila A. Busenburg

March 16, 1945 – Oct. 5, 2023

Sheila A. Busenburg, formerly of Mentone and a resident of Warsaw, was surrounded by her family when she went to be with the Lord Oct. 5, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Shelia was born to Benjamin and Zelma (Tullis) McCloughan on March 16, 1945, in Warsaw.

Sheila was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of many. Sheila led a life filled with dedication and passion. She embarked on a fruitful career as both a cosmetologist and beautician, owning her own salon called Shelia's Beauty Salon. Her skills and artistry in cutting hair brought smiles to countless faces over the years. In addition to her work at the salon, Sheila also worked at Tippecanoe Valley High School in the study hall.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Sheila nurtured a creative spirit that found expression through her craft business called Country Creations. For two decades, she poured her heart into crafting beautiful creations that brought joy to many. On

April 15, 1967, Sheila married the love of her life Dave Busenburg. This union was blessed with love and companionship that lasted throughout their lives.

Together they built a beautiful family and shared countless cherished memories.

A woman of faith, Sheila found solace and community at Riverview Community Church in Mentone for 39 years. She embraced her faith wholeheartedly and lived as a shining example of compassion and love for others. She is also remembered as a wonderful cook who put love into every dish she prepared.

Sheila leaves behind a legacy that will forever be cherished by her surviving family and friends: husband David Busenburg, of Warsaw; children Lanee Busenburg of Winona Lake and Troy (Lori) Busenburg of Mentone; grandchildren Ashley Busenburg and Taylor (Spencer) Cooper; great-grandchildren Michael Busenburg and Aiden Cooper; and sister, Sandy (Raymond) Streit.

Sheila is preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Zelma McCloughan, and by brother, Ted Mc- Cloughan.

Titus Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 2000 Sheridan St., Warsaw, is entrusted with the care of the Busenburg family. A private graveside service will be held at Sycamore Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be directed to Alzheimers Research, Greater Indiana Chapter by mail to 225 N Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Scott E. See

Oct. 12, 1963 – Oct. 5, 2023

Scott E. See 59, Macy, Indiana, passed away at 6:58 P.M. Thursday, October 5, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on October 12, 1963 in Rochester, Indiana, the son of Victor R. and Donna (Smith) See. On November 9, 1996 in Rochester, Indiana, he married Shirley Diane (Booth) Alderfer and she survives.

Scott worked for over forty years at Modern Materials in Rochester. He enjoyed fishing, camping, working outside with his son, going to auctions, driving his Amish friends to various locations, turkey shoots and attending the chili cook-off.

Survivors include his wife, Diane See, Macy, Indiana, son, Riley B. See, Macy, Indiana, step-children, Dawn Alderfer, Macy, Indiana, LeRoy Alderfer, Macy, Indiana, grandchildren, Skylar Alderfer, Summer Alderfer, Tonia Alderfer, siblings, William (Lucy) See, Fulton, Indiana, Bobby (Jody) See, Fulton, Indiana,

Vicky Overmyer, Nappanee, Indiana, Sarah (Terry) Kimble, Mentone, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Kenneth R. See, Thomas See, and Timothy See, and grandson, Trey Alderfer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 P.M. Friday October 13, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M to 7:00 P.M. Thursday and one hour prior to service Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Coon Hunter's Club.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Emily Joan Eller

July 20, 1922 – Oct. 6, 2023

Emily Joan (Breedlove) Eller, 101, formerly of Rochester, passed away Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Joan was born in Sweetser on July 20, 1922 to Glenn and Georgia (Leamon) Breedlove.

On March 16, 1947 she married Bernard G. Eller. He preceded her in death Oct. 24, 1982.

Joan was a graduate of Warren High School in 1940. She was co-owner of Culligan. She retired from the Sweetser Telephone Company in 1987. After her retirement she moved to Rochester and worked part time at The Rochester Sentinel and volunteered at the United Ministries Food Bank. She was a member of Grace Church, Rochester.

Joan is survived by four daughters Toni (John) Soloperto, Stuart, Fla., Nikki Eller, Carmel, Kay (John) Garrett, and Sue (John) Cash, both of Rochester; daughter-in-law June Eller, Chandler; two granddaughters, Sarah Eller, Chandler, Emily Kamp, Rochester; three great-grandsons, Isaiah Lowe, Chandler, Hunter Kamp, Rochester, Rebel Kirkwood, Rochester, and one great-granddaughter, Finley Kamp, Rochester, four stepgrandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bernard, son Ted Eller in 1998, brother Bill G. Breedlove and sister Betty Lou Kirkendall.

A private graveside service will be conducted at a later date at the Gardens of Memory in Marion. Memorial contributions can be made at Parkview Hospice or United Ministries Food Bank.

The daughter of Joan wish to extend sincere thanks to Dr. Julius Sitjar and Tet, the nurses and aides on the second floor at Peabody Inn, Parkview Hospice and the

Transitional Care Unit of Peabody. You made Joan's care a priority. We are grateful.

Carolyn Sue Robowski

Jan. 15, 1958 – Oct. 9, 2023

Carolyn Sue Robowski 65, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 12:40 P.M. Monday, October 9, 2023, at her residence.

She was born on January 15, 1958, in South Bend, Indiana, the daughter of Francis and Louise (Stigall) Stevens. On July 20, 1974, in Kingsford Heights, Indiana, she married Everett Rondell Robowski and he survives.

Carolyn worked for over thirty -three years in construction. She also owned and operated the Barn Café in Plymouth, Indiana and at the Rochester Sale Barn in Rochester. She enjoyed cooking and baking, especially taking great pride in her homemade pies. She also enjoyed her flowers, working puzzles and word searches. She is remembered as someone who never met a stranger, also loving to strike up a conversation.

Survivors include her husband, Ron Robowski, Rochester, Indiana, daughters, Rochelle (Mike) Sanderson, Rochester, Indiana, Jenny Robowski, Rochester, Indiana, grandchildren, Dakota (Russell) Temme, Rochester, Indiana, Logan Linsner, Rochester, Indiana, seven great grandchildren, siblings, Dennis (Madge) Stevens, Plymouth, Indiana, Rebecca Stevens, Plymouth, Indiana, Ray "Bo" Walsh, Kewanna, Indiana, Kay Lugabihl, Kewanna, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Ronald Everett Stricklin, and sister, Anna Jane Jones.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1:00 P.M- 5:00 P.M. at her home, 2942 West 450 North, Rochester, Indiana. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Lorena 'Lori' Vandermark

Dec. 20, 1962 – Oct. 11, 2023

Mrs. Lorena B. "Lori" Vandermark, 60, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 10:06 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at her home.

On Dec. 20, 1962, Lori was born as Lorena Beth Weber in Wenatchee, WA. She was a cherished daughter of Michael and Janet Law Weber.

Affectionately known as Lori to those closest to her, during her early years she exhibited an adventurous spirit and loved exploring the outdoors, nature and rescuing animals. As a little girl, with great joy, she dressed her pet duck Henry, who she nurtured and pushed around in a stroller.

Lori graduated with the Class of 1981 from Rochester High School. In pursuit of her dream to become a nurse, she continued her education at Ancilla College and earned the distinction of registered nurse, graduating from Indiana University of Kokomo.

On July 31, 1981, Lori married her sweetheart, Roy Allen Vandermark, in The Church of Christ of Rochester. They have shared 42 years of life's adventures. From their union came two wonderful children, a daughter Inga and a son Brent. The family tree continued to grow with the blessings of three grandchildren.

A devoted God-fearing woman, Lori was a guiding light to many in the Church of Christ in Rochester, where she shared her faith with her community. A registered nurse, Lori dedicated more than three decades of her life to working in obstetrics at Woodlawn Hospital Maternity Oasis. Her compassionate care left an indelible mark on countless families, as many mothers and children would fondly remember her exceptional care during their special deliveries. Nursing was much more than just a profession; it was her passion. Her advice was highly sought after on a wide spectrum of topics from babies, to bruises and big toes.

As the matriarch of the Vandermark family, the title of "Nana" was her most cherished. There was great mutual admiration between Nana and the grands!

Lori thrived during the summer months where she enjoyed gardening and sharing the bounty of the harvest with friends and family. She reveled in the sun's warmth, teaching her grandchildren to swim in the pool.

Lori's sense of adventure found her seated behind Roy on his motorcycle, allowing them to experience the freedom of the warm summer breeze while exploring various destinations near and far. Lori's love for travel was boundless. She was her family's unofficial travel planner, always excitedly plotting the next expedition.

Gifted with her hands, Lori was a talented crafter and creative soul. She frequently enlisted the help of Roy to bring her imaginative ideas to life. Their partnership in both life and creativity was a beautiful testament to their enduring love.

Lori will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Roy; daughter Inga Omondi and husband Phelix of Rochester; son Brent Vandermark and wife Katelyn of Waterford Township, Mich.; father Michael Weber of Englewood, Fla.; three grandchildren, Owen Omondi, Olive Omondi, Boden Vandermark; sister Peggy Tyler of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

Now at peace, Lori is reunited with her mother, Janet Weber, who preceded her in death.

Lori's legacy of love, compassion and her zest for life will be forever cherished by those who were fortunate enough to know her. She leaves behind a beautiful tapestry of memories, a testament to her vibrant spirit and enduring love.

A celebration of the life of Lori Vandermark will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, in The Church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St., Rochester. Preacher Jim Dillinger will officiate.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Oct. 16, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service in the church.

Memorials may be made to The Church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Kathleen M. Kegarise

June 15, 1950 – Oct. 8, 2023

Kathleen M. Kegarise, 73, Kewanna, passed away at 9:48 a.m. Sunday, October 8, 2023, at Hickory Creek Healthcare, Rochester. She was cared for in her home by her loving husband until her final two days when a lengthy illness necessitated her being moved.

Kathy was born June 15, 1950 in Chicago, Ill. She was the daughter of the late Stanley and Isabelle (McVicar) Czech. She grew up outside of Denham on her family's farm. Kathy attended and graduated from San Pierre High School in 1968. Kathy also studied at Ivy Tech.

On Feb. 9, 1974 she married Donald R. Kegarise. They shared 49 years, 8 months of marriage and countless adventures. Cross-country bike trips, golf, trips to the lake and art were some of their shared loves.

Kathy was formerly employed at the PACE office in Winamac, the Kewanna Post Office, Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home and First Source Bank.

She was a member of the Heartland Artist's Association and past board member of the Heartery in Kewanna. Kathy was a Purdue Extension certified master gardener, a poet, photographer and artist. She and her husband were recognized as Fulton County artists of the year in 2015. She displayed her work in many art shows in the local area. Kathy was a multi-talented individual. She shared her talents with others through gifts, volunteering, and contributions to the community.

Perhaps you remember her riding her bike delivering newspapers, tending her flower gardens, having coffee with friends at Flo's, crocheting blankets for gifts,

volunteering with hospice, helping people earn their GEDs or delivering your mail. Her life touched so many others in ways that cannot be measured but will always be remembered.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Kegarise of Kewanna; son John Kegarise (Shannon) of Culver; daughters Aryn Freels of Royal Center, Andra Kegarise of Winamac; brothers Edward Czech (Phyllis) of Winamac, Thomas Czech of South Carolina; and sister Pamela Czech of Logansport. She is survived by 8 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson and sisters Jeannette Cobb and infant Mary Czech and sister-in-law Kathy Czech.

The family wishes to express deepest gratitude to friends who regularly visited, ran errands and helped in anyway. Additionally, to the hospice nurses and caregivers who were always only a phone call away, we say thank you from the bottom of hearts.

Per Kathy's wishes services will private; however, a celebration of life at the Heartery will be held at a future date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fulton County Community Foundation.

Kathy's online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared with the Kegarise family at [www. ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com).

Shirley Diane See

Dec. 7, 1959 – Oct. 10, 2023

Shirley Diane See 63, Macy, Indiana passed away at 7:12 P.M. Tuesday October 10, 2023 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on December 7, 1959 in Wabash, Indiana, the daughter of Eugene and Lucille Lee (Mullins) Booth. On November 9, 1996 in Rochester, Indiana, she married Scott E. See. He preceded her in death on October 5, 2023.

Diane worked at Modern Materials for over twenty- five years. She enjoyed going to garage sales, auctions, collecting unicorns, porcelain dolls, painting mirror art and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Dawn Alderfer, Macy, Indiana, Leroy Alderfer, Macy, Indiana, Riley B. See, Macy, Indiana, grandchildren, Skylar Alderfer, Summer Alderfer, Tonia Alderfer, siblings, Debra Boyd, Peru, Indiana, Raymond Booth, New Hampshire, Geare Booth, Logansport, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, brothers, William Booth and Gerald Booth, sister, Barbara Owens and niece, Tonia Shockey.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 and one hour prior to service Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana.

Online condolence may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Melissa Ousley-Belpedio

Nov. 23, 1972 – Oct. 13, 2023

Melissa Lynn Ousley-Belpedio 50, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 7:29 P.M. Friday, October 13, 2023 at her residence.

She was born on November 23, 1972 in Peru, Indiana, the daughter of Ron and Pam (Pruitt) Bechdolt. On August 2, 2003 she married Rick Belpedio and he survives.

Melissa graduated from Western Governors University with a degree in Education and had been an elementary school teacher at Columbia Elementary in Rochester. She attended the Mill Creek Missionary Church and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Belpedio, Rochester, Indiana, children Amanda (Fiance' William Smith) Ousley, Macy, Indiana, Ashley (Fiance' Eric Thomas) Oulsey, Savannah, Georgia, Blake (Amanda) Belpedio, Oxford, Indiana, grandchildren, Mathis Ousley and Thea Smith, mother, Pam Bechdolt, Perry, Florida, siblings, Tom (Dianna) Ousley, Logansport, Indiana, Kristi (Jason) Gochenour, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Sheri (Rob) Livingston, Camden, Indiana, David Bechdolt, Indiana and Aimee (Dan) Stephens, Sellersburg, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ron Bechdolt.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Thursday October 19, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date at Sycamore Memorial Park, Mentone, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, please send school supplies to help those students in need.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Darlene Martin

Darlene Martin, 91, Rochester, died at 10:44 a.m. Tuesday, at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Helen K. Holiday

Oct. 19, 1940 – Oct. 14, 2023

Helen K. Holiday 82, Peru, Indiana, and formerly of Fulton County, Indiana, passed away at 1:15 A.M. Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru, Indiana.

She was born on October 19, 1940 in Fulton County, Indiana, the daughter of Eldrith and Eloise L. (Mow) Cook. On September 18, 1960 in Fulton County, Indiana, she married Richard W. Holiday and he survives.

Helen graduated from Richland Center High School and attended Manchester College. She worked for the Farmers and Merchant Bank in Rochester and was secretary for the Peru/Miami County Chamber of Commerce for eight years. She had also worked for NIPSCO for four years and had been an Avon Representative for over 45 years.

Helen was a member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church where she taught Sunday School classes for children and was nursery coordinator for over 25 years. She was also a member of the church choir and served on the Christian Education Commission as well as the Care Commission at church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard W. Holiday, Peru; children, Susan (Mitch) Cariaga, Highland, Calif., Beth (Les) Slough, Lancaster, Penn.; daughter-in-law, Vickie Holiday, Nappanee; grandchildren, Kipton (April) Cariaga, Taylor (Joselyn) Cariaga, Molly (Ryan) Donlon, Abby (Channing) Sailer, Shelby Cariaga, Clayton Holiday, Devion Shipman, Lindsey (Luke) McFadden, Erin Slough, Morgan Slough and Lillian Slough, 12 great grandchildren; sister, Anne (Loy) Mork, Rochester; brother, Loyd Cook, Nekoosa, Wisc., several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Daniel Holiday who passed away on October 12, 2023, sister, Janet (Cook) Nier and sister-in-law, Dolly Cook.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway Avenue, Peru, Indiana, 46970. Friends may visit from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at the church.

Burial will follow services at the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Grace Brethren Church.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Patrick Brennan

Dec. 6, 1946 – Oct. 18 2023

Patrick (Pat) Brennan, 76, passed away on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Pat was born in December of 1946. He loved construction and working with his hands, building with steel and wood. After his five-year apprenticeship with plumbers and pipefitters Local 172, he went on to 40 of challenging projects as a pipefitter/welder. He enjoyed the heaviest construction the best: nuclear power plants, steel mills and many local sites. He also enjoyed completing the blind welds sometimes necessary to complete a technical project. He often said he was born for this profession. Pat was also a fine woodworker making many pieces of furniture for his family and friends.

In 1995, Pat bought an 8N Ford tractor, he loved this machine. He designed and built many unique tools and implements which he posted on the Ford 8N forum site over the years. He built a front-end snowplow, and the Ford tractor magazine used the plans as a featured article. A picture of his tractor was featured in a Ford 8N calendar.

Being outside was primary in Pat's life. He loved fly fishing for blue gill, squirrel hunting and going after walleye and pike on fly-in-fishing trips. He enjoyed taking his wife and friends with him on these trips. He also visited Ireland, skied Switzerland, and walked about Australia.

His greatest joy was metal detecting with friends in England. Over many years he discovered amazing historical coins and artifacts, some over 2000 years old. He was a world traveler.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Gerry Brennan and his brother, Tom. He is survived by his 2 sisters, Jill and Sue and his 4 children from his first marriage, Chris, Lisa, Lori and Julie. In 1998 he married Linda and gained 4 more children, Jenny, Bill, Sam and Betsy. Pat had a total of 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Pat loved his children and was very proud of them.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2023, at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka, IN. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the funeral home with Reverend Jo An Schaeztle officiating.

Contributions can be made in Pat's memory to Boys Scouts of America or the Humane Society of St. Joseph County.

To leave an online condolence or to share a memory, please visit www.hahnfuneralhomes.com or Hahn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Darlene L. Martin

June 28, 1932 – Oct. 17, 2023

Darlene L. Martin 91, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 10:44 A.M. Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport, Indiana.

She was born on June 28, 1932 in Fulton, Indiana, the daughter of Charles E. and Gertrude (Wichmann) Beattie. She married Lee Roy Hoehne in 1951 and they had two children, David and Darla. On February 22, 1975 at the Metea Baptist Church, she married Frederic S. “Steve” Martin and he preceded her in death on June 30, 2018.

Darlene had worked as a bookkeeper. She had worked for Public Service Indiana from 1964-1970, Torx-Camcar Rochester from 1970-1982 and for Mike Anderson Automotive in Logansport, Indiana from 1987-2000. After retiring, she had been a substitute school teacher at Caston and Rochester schools.

She had been a member of Metea Baptist Church for over seventy years. She enjoyed cheering on the Caston Comets Athletic teams and sharing her excellent gardening and flower skills to family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Darla Jean (Robert) Kaminski, Lombard, Illinois, Mike Martin, Kokomo, Indiana, Kathy (Kristi) Stockberger, Rochester, Indiana, Lori Rochelle Higgins, Logansport, Indiana, grandchildren, Kristen (Andy) Dalton, Andrea (Luke) Stocking, Matt Coleman, Tawnie Ramer, Michelle Dotson, Jackie Robertson, Kerry Brouyette, great grandchildren, Natalie Stocking, Elin Stocking, Marek Stocking, Cameron Robertson, Jenna Robertson, Garrett Brouyette, Gaby Brouyette, Kaden Brouyette, Maddie Dalton, Abby Dalton, great-great grandchildren, Keegan Martin, Kase Brouyette, and Granger Brouyette, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Beattie, mother, Gertrude Emry, son, David Hoehne, siblings, Charles Junior Beattie, Gerald William Beattie, Donald L. Beattie, Dolores Irene Musselman and Sharon Louise Ness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Friday, October 27, 2023 and one hour prior to service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Metea Baptist Cemetery, Cass County, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Caston Closet at Caston Schools. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

James D. Gatewood

Oct. 1, 1957 – Oct. 18, 2023

James “Jim” Dill Gatewood 66, Rochester, Indiana passed away at 5:32 P.M. Wednesday October 18, 2023 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana.

He was born on October 1, 1957 in Noblesville, Indiana, the son of Bill and Louann (Dill) Gatewood. Jim graduated from Noblesville High School in 1976. On May 19, 1978 in Arcadia, Indiana, he married Kathy Conaway and she survives.

Jim had worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as a Food Inspector for over thirty -two years retiring in 2012. In his free- time, he enjoyed woodworking, cooking, fishing, sports, going to his grandchildren’s sporting events and dearly loved spending time with his family, especially being a proud granddad to two granddaughters.

He had been a double leg amputee for over a decade, but never let his disabilities slow him down from the things he loved to do. Always lifting others spirits by encouraging them to stay strong and work through adversities.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Gatewood, Rochester, Indiana, children, Holly (Jason) Borges, Fulton, Indiana, James P. Gatewood, Rochester, Indiana, grandchildren, Ally Borges, Brookston, Indiana, Brooklyn Borges, Fulton, Indiana, brothers, David Gatewood, Surprise, Arizona, sister-in-law, Nancy Gatewood, Noblesville, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Kevin Lee Gatewood, Bill Gatewood and step-father, Sam Craig.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday, October 26, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Jimmy R. Marshall

Jimmy R. Marshall, 62, Rochester, died at 2:19 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

No Obituaries

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Timothy L. Grosvenor

July 3, 1949 – Oct. 25, 2023

Timothy L. Grosvenor 74, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at his residence.

He was born on July 3, 1949 in Goshen, Indiana, the son of Calvin and Donna Jean “Donnie” (Cretcher) Grosvenor Metheny. On March 28, 1991 in the Grand Bahama Islands, he married Lynne (Tribbett) Osborn and she survives.

Tim started his professional career as co-owner, along with his brother Tom, at Rochester Cement Products. After becoming an EMT in 1974, he spent much of his career as a Paramedic serving Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Indiana, Logansport Memorial Hospital and Pulaski County Emergency Medical Services. He had spent a short stint as a traveling Paramedic in Boca Raton, Florida. As part of his medical career, he enjoyed training others on CPR and becoming Emergency Medical Technicians.

Tim had been a member of the Mill Creek Church and the Rochester Jaycees, where he directed the Junior Miss program. In his leisure time he enjoyed traveling, genealogy, and photography.

Survivors include his wife, Lynne Grosvenor, Rochester, Indiana, children, Anjanette (Michael) Paul, Chicago, Illinois, Byron (Jennifer) Osborn, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Marji (Josh Pike) Osborn, Rochester, Indiana, Lincoln (Carrie) Osborn, Plymouth, Indiana, foster-son, Dustin (Cori) Meid, Farmersburg, Indiana, grandchildren, Anna Osborn, Byron Osborn, Lily Johnson, Timmy Johnson, William Johnson, Chase Thomas, Megan Thomas, Jaxs Pike, Matthew Osborn, Taylor Medina, Tanner Medina, Aleasia Sarver, Tucker Sarver, Reine Whippo, Brice Meid, five great grandchildren, sisters, Deb (Lonnie Evans) Grosvenor, Logansport, Indiana, Peg (Grosvenor) Howell, Rochester, Indiana, brother-in-law, Allen (Andi) Tribbett, Royal Center, Indiana, sister-in-law, Valerie Grosvenor, Rochester, Indiana, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Janice Grosvenor, brother, Thomas Grosvenor, step-daughter, Christina Osborn, and step-father, Wayne Metheny.

His funeral service is at 11:00 A.M. Friday, November 3, 2023, at Mill Creek Church, Rochester. Friends may call from 4- 8 p.m. Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester and one hour prior to service Friday at the church. Burial will be in the Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society (<https://raiseyourway.donordrive.com/campaign/Tim-Grosvenor->

Memorial). A matching donation will be made to the EMS programs in Pulaski, Fulton, and Cass counties to further support the work that Tim dedicated his life to. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com

Joyce A. Day

Feb. 1, 1957 – Oct. 24, 2023

Joyce A. Day, 66, of rural Roann went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly surrounded by her family at 9:42 am, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 at her residence.

Joyce was born on Feb. 1, 1957 in Wabash to Luther and Marie (Becraft) Young. She was a 1975 graduate of Northfield High School. She married on May 12, 1979 in Urbana to De Wayne Day and she survives.

She worked for Midwest Poultry Services for 38 years, retiring in Aug. of 2023. She was the Director of Quality Assurance for 34 years. She traveled to multiple states for MPS to oversee many plants. Throughout her career, she attained many certificates in food service, and was even the Upper Wabash Vocational School Outstanding Student in 1974-1975.

She loved euchre and played up to three times a week. Joyce enjoyed baking, everyone loved her cookies, cakes, and especially her peanut brittle. Together with her husband, they enjoyed camping, traveling all over the country, and playing cards. In years past she attended the Olive Branch Church of God. She traveled to numerous sporting events for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joyce would do anything for her family and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband De Wayne Day of Roann; daughter Detre and husband Scott Jones of Denver; son William and wife Katie Day of Rochester; grandchildren Austin, Anthony, Alicia, Kaylyn, Howie, Liam, and Arden; 10 Great Grandchildren; sister Geraldine Friend of N. Manchester; and brother Gerald Young of Texas.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Alfred Young and Eugene Young.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street, Akron with Pastor Kathy Nelson officiating.

The interment will follow in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 3-7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the American Red Cross. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.Hartzlerfuneralservices.com/

Wayne R. McPherson

Jan. 23, 1945 – Oct. 22, 2023

Wayne Robert McPherson, 78, died Sunday, October 22, 2023, at home with his family in Drasco, Arkansas.

Wayne was born on Jan. 23, 1945. He was born and raised in Kewanna, Indiana, and is the son of William Joseph McPherson and Pearl Lavon James-McPherson. Both preceded him in death (Joe, Dec. 18, 1985 & Pearl, Nov. 6, 2020).

As a child, Wayne attended Kewanna Elementary and High School. He received certificates for perfect attendance the last few years of high school, and enjoyed playing baseball when he was younger.

Wayne eventually met his wife Sandra “Sandy” Lucile Garbison-McPherson in 1964, and later married her on July 30 1965. The two moved around a bit, living in Idaville, Royal Center, and later Kewanna with their 4 children.

Wayne took over his father’s business “Key Discount” service station in Kewanna, and worked there for 33 years. Many people enjoyed stopping by the station for some playful banter and his knowledge on motor vehicles. He was the light and heart of the community. Wayne retired in 2007 when he sold the business.

He will always be remembered by his loved ones for the mischievous look and chuckle he gave you after he did something small to annoy his wife (which she secretly loved), and his love for a sweet treat. He will also be remembered as a religious man who attended the Philadelphia Church of God every single Saturday while he was able. He was a hard worker, and a man who loved his family more than life. He will be missed sorely by his loved ones.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Sandy, his children: Angela (Tommy), David (Bonita), Daniel (Donna) and Sylvia, his 7 grandchildren and his 6 great grandchildren.

Ronnie Young

July 25, 1933 – Oct. 25, 2023

Ronnie Young, 90, Rochester, died 9:15 p.m. Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Immediate survivors include two sons, Danny, Rochester, and Alan, Poway, Calif.; and one sister, Wanita Haupt, Fort Wayne.

His funeral service is at 1 p.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.

Harold J. Kleckner Jr.

Harold J. “Jimmy” Kleckner Jr. 68, Rochester, died at 1:02 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023**Larry Dean Smith**

June 15, 1940 – Oct. 28, 2023

Larry Dean Smith 83, Rochester, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 6:05 A.M., Saturday, October 28, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Larry was born on June 15, 1940, in Rochester, Indiana, the son of George and Helen (Pickens) Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Irene Miller, AnnaRuth Taylor, Carolyn Abrams as well as a daughter, Debra Jean.

Larry was married to his beloved wife, Carol Hibner for 64 years. They had six children: Debra Jean, Patricia (Marvin) Funk, Macy, Indiana, Susan (Steve) Duff, Bourbon, Indiana, Larry G. Smith, Rochester, Indiana, Trevor Smith, Rochester, Indiana, Lora Johnson-Smith, Rochester, Indiana, as well as two bonus kids he raised, Destiny Miller-Rice and Crystal Smith. He was blessed with many grandchildren, Gessica (Rick) Absi, Gregory P. Brown, Darrien (Merissa) Duff, Brianna (Bryce) Barrus, Emily (Johnathan) O’Dell, Dustin (Chelsie) Smith, Zach (Taylor) Smith, Destiny Rice, Crystal Smith, Ashlee Smith, Cody Johnson, Justin Jordan, Ryan Johnson Jordan, thirty great grandchildren and counting.

Larry was a hard- working man, he started Smith Trash Removal in 1968 before that he delivered newspapers, set up pins at the bowling alley as well as worked at the foundry. He enjoyed going to auctions, spending time with his family, horseback riding with his precious granddaughter Crystal as well as camping at yogi.

The Smith family will announce a memorial for Larry at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Linda K. Ryan

May 10, 1950 – Oct. 25, 2023

Linda K. Ryan, 73 of Kewanna, formerly of Blue Island, Illinois, passed away at 8:48 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Born on May 10, 1950 in Blue Island, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Charlet (Harvey) Andersen. On September 13, 1986, she married Joseph P. “Joe” Ryan.

Linda was a homemaker and master gardener. She enjoyed cooking, bird watching and horses. She was an active member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary James F. Talbott Post #1121 in Kewanna and also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #36 in Rochester.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Ryan of Kewanna, children, Michael Demith (Dottie) of Chicago Heights, IL., Sandy Bliss (Robert) of Darien, IL., Amy Neace of Blue Island, IL. and Jessica Fowler (Jason) of Kokomo, and grandchildren, Autumn Haslinger and Stella Neace.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Harry F. Andersen, Judith L. Loudon and JoAnne B. Costello.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Rans Funeral Homes & Crematory, Metzger Chapel in Kewanna with Pastor Chris Kosary officiating.

Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Linda to the Fulton County Animal Center, 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, IN. 46975

Linda’s online guestbook is available and condolences can be shared at www.ransfuneralhomes.com.

Harold J. Kleckner Jr.

Feb. 20, 1955 – Oct. 17, 2023

Harold J. Kleckner Jr. 68, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 1:02 P.M., Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at his home.

Harold was born on February 20, 1955, in Gary, Indiana, the son of Harold and Barbara (Broshears) Kleckner Sr.

He worked as a journeyman carpenter for Union Carpenters Local #1005 of Merrillville, Indiana and had worked for Emil Perrotta Construction in Gary, Indiana. Harold had been President of Fulton County ABATE and founded the Broke Ass Biker Bash. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing in his pond, cooking, going to fish fries, football and enjoye playing his guitar having belonged to numerous bands.

Survivors include, sons Michael (Cindy) Kleckner, Valparaiso, Indiana, Kurtis Kleckner, Valparaiso, Indiana, Steven Kleckner, Valparaiso, Indiana, grandchildren, Alex Kleckner, Jasmine Kleckner, Alicia Kleckner, Brooke Kleckner, Katelyn Kleckner, Nicholas Kleckner, Van Kleckner, and Zoe Kleckner, brother, Terry Kleckner, Kouts, Indiana and sister, Kathie Cruikshank, Valparaiso, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A time to celebrate Harold's life and visit with his family will take place after 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at his residence, 7535 East 600 North, Rochester, Indiana. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Patricia L. Coffing

Oct. 11, 1948 – Oct. 28, 2023

Patricia Louise Coffing, 75, Monticello, died Saturday at her residence.

Survivors include her children, Rod Coffing, Burnettsville and Tonya (Kyle) O'Farrell; and two sisters, Sonja (Larry) Miller, Perrysburg and Jolynn (Gary) Troyer, Macy.

Funeral service is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Rita Sue Manns

Feb. 9, 1952 – Oct. 30, 2023

Rita Sue Manns, 71, of Akron, Indiana passed surrounded by family at 3:11 pm, Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 at Community Hospital North of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rita was born on Feb. 9, 1952 in Peru, Indiana to Harold and Thelma (Rogers) Mannies. She attended North Miami Schools. She married on June 30, 1968 in Silver Lake, Indiana to Willard Manns. He survives. Rita worked for Warsaw Community Schools as the Head Custodian, retiring in 2008.

She loved visiting her kids and grandkids. Rita was a talented artist and enjoyed drawing, painting, and reading. She loved to camp and trail ride horses with her family. She also enjoyed vintage shopping. But more than anything she loved being a grandma. She loved each of them to the moon and back. She was the best grandma.

She is survived by her husband Willard Manns of Akron; a daughter Joni and husband Tom Baumgardner of Noblesville; sons Scott wife Barbara Manns of

Macy and Rick and wife Christine Manns of Akron; grandchildren Jesse, Wesley and wife Dian, Holly and husband Cory, Harli, Brette, Addison, Emma, and Fletcher; great grandchildren Ian, Abby, Gracie, Kaylee, and Wyatt; siblings Schery and husband Bruce White of Peru, Montie and wife Teresa Mannies of Logansport, Mira and husband Lorenzo Leon of Akron, Velvet and husband Dale Bowser of Akron, Beth Hopkins of N. Manchester, and Shan and wife Darla Mannies of Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Becky, Mona and Matthew.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

The visitation hours will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm, Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Riley Children's Foundation P.O. Box 3356 Indianapolis, IN 46206-3356.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Daniel Porterfield

Aug. 18, 1949 – Nov. 5, 2023

Daniel Porterfield, age 74, passed away Nov. 5, 2023, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, W.V. with his loving family by his side.

He was born Aug. 18, 1949, in Connellsville, Pa., to Elsworth and Ellen (Minor) Porterfield.

He worked as a property assessor until he retired and was a member of several social clubs in Connellsville, Pa. He married Paulette Porterfield in September 2020 and she remained by his side until he passed. She survives.

Surviving are two sons, Patrick (Mary) Porterfield of Rochester, Chase (Carmen) Porterfield, Rochester; two daughters, Courtney (Matt) Clupper, Rochester, and Liz Michael (Tim Peters) of Mount Pleasant, Pa. Also surviving are his brother Gene (Cindy) Porterfield of Greensburg, Pa.; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his oldest son Lawrence Porterfield, his mother Ellen Lawver, his stepfather John Lawver, and his father Elsworth Porterfield.

A small memorial service will be held for family.

To honor Daniel's wishes, services are private under the direction of the Shell Funeral Home Inc., 164 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Uniontown, Pa. 15401.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the funeral home.

Friday, November 10, 2023

Kenneth M. Roe

Kenneth M. Roe, 74, Macy, died at 710- p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at the Waters West in Wabash. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Missing Paper

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Carol A. Chileen

Aug. 18, 1956 – Nov. 8, 2023

In loving memory of Carol Anne Chileen, 67, of Rochester, who passed away Nov. 8, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carol shared 42 years of life with her loving and devoted husband, Ron Chileen. The two were like two sides of the same coin, each complementing one another's talents, abilities, and dreams for the wonderful life they built together.

An avid gardener and lover of nature, Carol was affectionately known as the "hosta whisperer" as she could revive even the plants others believed were beyond help.

Carol's impact extended well beyond her plants and garden. She worked for the Aubbeenaubee Branch of the Fulton County Public Library for 32 years, during many of which she served as the branch manager. Just as she tended her plants, Carol served multiple generations of families through her work at the library and later as Aubbeenaubee Township Trustee and well test coordinator for Fulton County.

Above all, Carol's passion was for family. The cherished mother to sons Anthony Eisemann of McHenry, Ill., and John (Joslyn) Eisemann of Plymouth, she served as a 4-H Leader when her sons were members and for several years

afterward. Carol's smile was never brighter than when she was with her beloved grandchildren, Marion (Anthony) and Rylee and Reed (John).

Carol and her sisters, Patricia (Surber) Tolliver, Tonya Wise, and Erika Wise were all life members of the [Ladies] Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She committed time and energy to honoring veterans past, present and future. A 50-year member of the [Ladies] Auxiliary to Post 6919 in Culver, Carol spent over 30 years serving in the kitchen on Friday nights.

Carol was preceded in death by her brothers, William H. Surber (U.S. Marine Corps) and John D. Surber (U.S. Navy). Carol's loving parents Roger B. Wise (U.S. Army) and Mary Lou Wise (Past Indiana State President of the Ladies Auxiliary) also preceded her in death.

Her dedication to both family and community left an indelible mark. She will be remembered for her strength, kindness and the love she shared with those fortunate enough to know her. May she rest in peace.

The family will plan a homegoing ceremony and burial at a later date. To honor Carol, the family invites you to make a donation in her memory to Riley's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.net.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is honored to be caring for the family.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Della A. Deeb

June 11, 1925 – Nov. 14, 2023

Della A. Deeb, 98, of Rochester, passed away at her residence at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at Wynnfield Crossing of Rochester.

On June 11, 1925, Della Alberta Martin was born in rural Montgomery County near Darlington to William and Grace Burkhart Martin. Growing up she shared her childhood with five brothers and 10 sisters, Della being the 13th of 16. In 1943 she graduated from Shadeland High School.

Following in her older sister's footsteps, she went to City Hospital, later Wishard and now known as Eskenazi, for nurses' training. Nurse Della A. Deeb earned the distinction of registered nurse. After obtaining her R.N. she went to work in Lafayette.

While there she cared for a student from Purdue as one of her patients, and he became her future husband, Simon Deeb. They married in New Richmond on Sept. 12, 1948. After living for a short time in Lafayette and Twelve Mile, they moved to Rochester, building their first home in Manitou Heights and raising four

children. Della worked as a private duty nurse and then at Woodlawn Hospital, where her career spanned three decades before she retired at age 65.

While at Woodlawn, Della was known as a hard-working and caring nurse and made many lifelong friendships. She was a faithful member of Grace United Methodist Church (Grace Church). In her free time, she enjoyed traveling, cooking for her family, which included several Lebanese dishes. She always enjoyed gardening and preserving her harvest to share with her family and friends. She devoted her life to her family and attended their activities whenever possible.

Della was a loving, caring person and will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Jayne Gretz. of Deer Park, Ill., Connie Snyder and husband Jim, of Rochester, Dennis Deeb and wife Terri, of Hebron, Debe Williams and husband Mark, of Mahomet, Ill.; her eight grandchildren, Ben Snyder and wife Kara, Meredith Daw and husband Peter, Emily Morris and husband Randy, Whitney Gretz and husband Chris, Claire Williams, Alex Williams and wife Ashley, Daniel Deeb and wife Laurie, Clayton Deeb and wife Megan. She has 13 great-grandchildren, James, William, Aiden, Mason, Aubrey, Ella, Simon, Logan, Lucas, Evan, Martin, Murphy and Crina and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Della in death are her parents, husband, a granddaughter and her 15 siblings.

Della's family would like to thank Wynnfield Crossing, especially Cassandra Beatty and Taylor Ether, for their wonderful and loving care of Della over the last several years.

A celebration of the life of Della A. Deeb is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. Pastor Kurt Nichols will officiate. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Grace Church, 201 W. Seventh St., Rochester, IN 46975, the Si Deeb Agriculture Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth St., Rochester, or charity of one's choice.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Devon Gibbons

March 8, 1953 – Nov. 15, 2023

Devon Gibbons, 70, of Rochester, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Stillwater Hospice of Fort Wayne.

On March 8, 1953, Harold Devon was born in Rochester to Harold “Gibby” and Marjorie Waltz Gibbons. Growing up he shared his childhood with his brother Don. Devon graduated with the Class of 1971 from Rochester High School. He continued his education at Louisville Electronics Institute earning an associate degree.

Devon and Christopher M. Newell were married Oct. 21, 2001, near the Quad Cities close to the Mississippi River. They have shared 22 years of life’s adventures.

With a strong work ethic, Devon worked as a heavy equipment operator for E.J. Wagner and McMahan-O’Connor Construction Companies building roads. Later he worked for Pike Lumber in their IT department.

Planes, trains and automobiles were all very much a part of Devon’s life. As a railroad enthusiast, he and Chris loved to travel to museums and study history. As an engineer Devon once drove a train. A licensed pilot, Devon nervously accomplished his first solo flight after slightly straying off course.

Devon enjoyed flower gardening, keeping the beds manicured and the sunroom full of beautiful, vibrant houseplants. While in the kitchen, he made the most amazing homemade pizza with pepperoni, mushrooms and onion. It was the all time favorite, shared with family and friends.

As a volunteer, Devon was the “chief audio engineer” of Rochester High School’s Auditorium. He loved teaching kids the technical aspects of stage and theater. He also ran technical aspects of the Maxinkuckee Players and was chief engineer for implementing the audio the Times Theater.

Left to cherish Devon’s memory are his husband Chris; son Austin Gibbons and wife Ashley of Rochester; twin granddaughters, Lillian and Madelyn; brother, Don Gibbons and husband Howard of Boston, Mass.; two sisters-in-law, Shelly Newell and companion Joyce Harmon of Rochester, Loraine Thompson and husband Brad of Rochester; nephew Cahner Thompson and wife Adrienne and great-nephew Parker Thompson.

Preceding Devon in death are his parents.

A celebration of the life of Devon Gibbons will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Private family interment at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to RHS Tri- Epsilon for auditorium technical ceeds, 1 Zebra Lane, Rochester, IN 46975 or the Fulton County Animal Adoption & Education Center, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Edward D. Bigler

Sept. 8, 1930 – Nov. 11, 2023

Ed was born Sept. 8, 1930, near Lacrosse, Indiana, to Edward and Ruth (Dutton) Bigler. He had three sisters, Rosemary Krueger, Margaret (Peggy) Simmons, and Elizabeth (Bitsy) Darda. Both Rosie and Peggy preceded Ed in death.

After growing up on a farm in LaPorte County Ed graduated from Portage High School in 1948 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He attended both Purdue and Indiana universities after his military service.

In Chicago, Ed married Gail Lawler on April 27, 1957. She preceded him to Heaven in March of 1983.

Ed began his career with TransAmerica Finance in Gary, and transferred to Fort Wayne where he was the branch manager until 1964. That year he and Gail purchased the first of what would be multiple neighborhood bars and restaurants in and around the Fort Wayne area, owning many establishments while also pursuing other endeavors. He went back into the finance field in 1968 serving as the district sales manager for Economy Finance. He was then the Northern Indiana business development manager for Manpower, Inc. until 1972. From 1972 through 1979 Ed was the co-founder and president of Excel Temporary Placement services in Fort Wayne.

During his time in the business world Ed was active in Kiwanis Club, Fort Wayne Lenders Exchange, the Heart Fund and was Sixth District director for the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association. He was nominated and listed in “Who’s Who in Indiana” in 1974.

He came to the Rochester area having purchased the defunct Leiters Ford Tavern with his sons, Tim and Guy. After extensive refurbishing and remodeling the business reopened in 1983 and the “LFT,” as it was known, was later listed in the Indianapolis Star as “One of the Best Places to Meet and Eat” in towns of less than 5,000 people. Ready to retire once again, Ed and the boys sold the Tavern at the end of 1987.

During his time at Leiters Ford he became acquainted with Patti Eudy and they were companions for more than 20 years until her passing in January of 2014. During his time with us Ed was known as a teller of tales and was always ready to share an interesting story about the many experiences and adventures he had during his long and interesting life.

Ed leaves behind many loved ones including sons Tim (Deb) Cypress, Texas and Guy (Merlee) Rochester.; grandchildren Chase Chappell, Olpe, Kan., Michelle (Craig) Brouyette, Rochester, and Ryan Fall, Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren Lori Chappell, Olpe Kan., Dylan Aven and Macy Fall, Fort Wayne and Evan, Madalyn, Avery and Molly Brouyette, all of Rochester.

He was preceded to heaven by grandson Clay Chappell, Cypress, Texas.

A celebration of the life of Edward D. Bigler will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors Team. Following the service, the celebration will continue at Lake Manitou Moose Lodge #1107, 1911 West Side Road, from 2:30-5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Mooseheart International, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Cynthia Kay Sutton

Sept. 22, 1953 – Nov. 19, 2023

Cynthia (Cindy) Kay Sutton, nee Joschko, passed away peacefully Nov. 19, 2023, in Dothan, Ala.

Cindy was born Sept. 22, 1953, in LaPorte, to Melvin and Orla Joschko. Cindy spent her childhood years in LaPorte, living in a duplex with her grandparents Joseph and Lottie Joschko. It was there she had many happy years with her siblings Judy, Rick and Patty. Along with her parents and siblings Cindy relocated to Coon Rapids, Minn. in the early 1970s. After losing her father at an early age Cindy became close to his brothers, especially her Uncle Jerry.

Cindy married Dennis Hazelton in February 1974 and in 1976 gave birth to her only son, Joe. In the early 1980s Cindy moved back to Rochester, and met her second husband, Ronald Sutton, and they married on Jan. 23, 1988. Ron and Cindy made their home for a brief time in Rochester and eventually moved to the Chicago suburbs in 1992.

While in the Chicago area Cindy held a job cleaning homes and in 1995, they were able to build a home in Plainfield, Ill. As the early 2000s arrived Ron and Cindy became worn out with the long Midwest winters and relocated to Hartford, Ala. in 2005. Ron and Cindy quickly adapted to southern life and found happiness in their small home in the country. They enjoyed traveling to the Florida beaches and all the smalltown festivals.

Cindy was a gifted artist and drew amazing pictures that included a clipper ship and many of The Peanut's gang. However, it was her talent for the art of crocheting that she will always be remembered for. She spent many long hours crocheting doilies, blankets, clothing, you name it. It is through her crocheting that her memory will live on for many years and numerous family and friends blessed to be in possession of some of her treasured art.

Cindy was preceded in death by her Parents, Melvin and Orla; a sister, Judy Jacobson, nee Joschko; and a brother Rick Joschko.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Sutton of Hartford, Ala.; a son Joe Hazelton, Duluth, Minn.; a sister, Patty (Jeff) Pray of Oak Grove, Minn., brothers-in-law Jim Jacobson of Hartford, Ala., Robert (Kathy) Sutton of Rochester; Roy (Martha) Sutton of Rochester; sisters-in-law Karen (Doug) Gladden, Morris, Ill., Kristie (Alan) Amos, Rushville; 8 nieces, 10 nephews, 8 grand-nieces, 5 grand-nephews; many friends and extended family and in addition the many animals of the forest who were loved by Cindy.

Cindy was a loving wife and mom left us too soon. We will miss her sense of humor and enduring love.

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Brenda J. Harrell

Jan. 13, 1947 – Nov. 21, 2023

Brenda J. Harrell, 76, Rochester, passed away at 12:47 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 13, 1947, in Rochester, the daughter of James Fairly "Junior" Hooks Jr. and Rosalee (Cole) Hooks. On Dec. 19, 1965, Brenda married Gerald A. DePoy and they became the parents of two daughters, Tammy and Melissa. They later divorced. On Feb. 1, 1974, she married Frank L. Harrell Jr. They later divorced.

Brenda had worked for Ristance Products in Argos, eventually becoming Standard Motors, retiring in 2011 after 35 years. After retirement she became active with the Community Resource Center. She helped answer the phones for Retire Senior Volunteer Program, the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and

volunteered at Woodlawn Hospital. She dedicated herself to helping other seniors by helping them with their household chores, shopping, running errands and driving them to doctors appointments. In 2012, on Valentine's Day, she was recognized as "Queen" by the Fulton County Senior Center.

As someone always on the go, she along with her fiancée, Sam Halliburton, enjoyed taking trips and traveling across the country. She had been a member of Faith Outreach Center.

Survivors include her daughters, Tammy (Jack "Bill") Utter, Akron, Melissa (DePoy) Artist, Rochester; grandchildren, Brandi Utter, Argos, Allen Morgan, Plymouth, Cody (Shay) Utter, Athens, Derrick Morgan, Rochester, Jack Utter Jr., Rochester; great-grandchildren Bruce, Skilee, Jeff and Sam Utter and Rylee Jonas; nephew Chris (Kelli) Hooks, Rochester; several cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, James Kenneth Hooks, and fiancée Sam Halliburton.

Funeral service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Faith Outreach Center, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at a later date at Athens Cemetery, Athens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Scott L. Barber

Aug. 30, 1984 – Nov. 18, 2023

Scott "Scotty" Lawrence Barber, 39, of North Manchester, and formerly of Akron, passed unexpectedly Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023.

Scott was born Aug. 30, 1984 in Warsaw, to Dail R. and Jan (Scott) Barber. He was a graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School and furthered his education with two associate degrees from Ivy Tech. He had most recently worked for Explorer Van of Warsaw.

Scott enjoyed helping people and always had a smile on his face. He never knew a stranger. If he had a dollar in his pocket, he would give it to you. Scott had many interests. He enjoyed going to casinos and to the track. He was a collector, and found enjoyment in many things. He collected coins, 2 dollars bills, and crosses. Scott's family was very important to him. He was a very proud uncle and loved supporting all of his nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his parents Dail and Jan Barber of North Manchester; siblings Randy and wife Tammy Barber of North Manchester, Leslie and husband Bruce Jackson of Syracuse and Amanda "Mandy" and husband Dylan Carlson of Akron;

nieces and nephews Macy, Gavin, Hailey, Layne, Ben, Luke, Elizabeth, Brett, Tara, Brenden, and Grant; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Scott was preceded in death by his grandparents, aunts Buni Leininger and Susie Jackson, and great niece Lainey Reinhart.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at the Beaver Dam Community Church, 9798 W. 1000 South, Akron, Indiana with Pastor Butch Troke officiating.

Memorial visitation will be held from noon until the time of the service at the church.

A private interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Beaver Dam Community Church/Wheels on Fire to assist the community members who are fighting cancer. S

hare a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

William Creighton

Dec. 2, 1932 – Nov. 21, 2023

William “Eddie” Creighton, a beloved member of the community and longtime manager/ owner of his family business, Creighton Brothers & Crystal Lake Egg Products, has sadly passed away at the age of 90 in his home in rural Warsaw on Crystal Lake.

He will always be remembered as a remarkable figure in the agricultural industry and a pillar of the community.

Born Dec. 2, 1932, in Warsaw, Eddie grew up surrounded by the beauty of rural life. From an early age, he displayed a strong work ethic and a passion for agriculture that would shape his future endeavors.

After his education at Mentone High School and Purdue University, Eddie was well-prepared to carry on the family legacy. Eddie’s dedication and commitment to his family business were evident throughout his long and successful career.

As the leader of the business for many years and even in his retirement, he worked tirelessly to ensure its continued growth and success. His selfless leadership and genuine character made him a respected figure within the industry.

His hard work did not go unnoticed. Eddie’s contributions were recognized through various accolades throughout his life. He was honored to be named Kosciusko County Man of the Year for his significant impact on the local community. Additionally, he was awarded the prestigious Golden Egg Award from the Indiana State Poultry Association for his longtime dedication to the egg industry. He was also named an Animal Science Distinguished Alumni for

Purdue's College of Agriculture and was elected to three terms as a Kosciusko County Commissioner.

Even with all of these accomplishments, Eddie remained humble and down to earth. To those who knew him best, he was known for his honesty, trustworthiness, empathy and kindness. These admirable qualities endeared him to all who had the privilege of crossing paths with him.

Aside from his professional achievements, Eddie held deep-rooted values centered around faith and family. He was a lifelong member of Atwood Otterbein Church where he exchanged vows with Louise Jordan, the love of his life. He and Louise enjoyed many trips, often with friends, in their motorhome. They could be found from Alaska to Key West and Nova Scotia to the desert Southwest.

Eddie was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club, a private pilot and dedicated many years of his life as a Boy Scout troop leader, leading Atwood Troop 59 for multiple generations of scouts. His guidance and mentorship touched the lives of countless young men. He greatly enjoyed the opportunity to take his scouts to the Philmont Scout Ranch in the New Mexico mountains and the Region Seven Canoe Base in Wisconsin.

More than anything, Eddie loved time spent with his family. His wife of more than 71 years, Louise Creighton survives as do their three children, sons, Bill and Tim (Sandi) Creighton of Warsaw and daughter, Mindy (Ron) Truex of Warsaw; four grandchildren, Brittany (Nick) Martin of Warsaw, Nathan Creighton of Warsaw, Heather Truex of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Tracy (Jason) Nichols of Warsaw; six great-grandchildren, Logan Martin, Ellie Martin, Brandon Pequignot, Katie Wood, Ian Nichols, and Ella Nichols; and two sisters, Jo Bodle and Martha Milton.

Eddie is preceded in death by his infant daughter, Sara Creighton; sister Barbara Edwards; an infant brother and his beloved parents, Hobart and Ester (Robbins) Creighton, who provided him with the foundation on which he built his remarkable life.

Titus Funeral Home, 2000 Sheridan St., Warsaw is entrusted with care of Eddie and the Creighton family. Visitors may gather there on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 from 3 to 7 p.m. On Wednesday, Eddie's Life Celebration Funeral will be held at Atwood Otterbein Church, 306 E. Main St., Atwood beginning at 11 a.m. Doors will be open for one hour prior; burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to Atwood Otterbein Church, Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Council or to Stillwater Hospice with envelopes available at the funeral home. Written condolences may be left at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of William Creighton, please visit our flower store.

Marilyn S. Mitchell

Marilyn Sue (Mathias) Zartman Mitchell, 91, Logansport, and a longtime Rochester resident, died at 2:53 a.m. Thursday at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Vada M. Owens

July 14, 1937 – Nov. 22, 2023

Vada Maxine (Scott) Owens, 86, of Rochester, and formerly of the Argos community, passed away Nov. 22, 2023, at 6:10 a.m. at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

On July 14, 1937, in Bourbon, Vada was born to John Ervin Scott and Minnie Mae (Elkins) Scott. She had lived in the Argos community since 1955.

On Dec. 30, 1955, in Plymouth, she married Lawrence Gray Owens and together they shared the next 59 years before his passing on Dec. 6, 2009.

Vada worked at Kroger in Rochester, for many years as a clerk, and in the bakery. She was a dedicated farmer's wife and mother.

Vada and her husband loved to square dance and did so with the Swinging Dudes from coast to coast. She was a graduate of Bourbon High School with the class of 1955.

Vada is survived by her sons, L. Gray Owens Jr. and wife Sandy of Rochester and Bryan Owens and wife B. Louise of Argos; daughter Vonda Delf and husband Dale of Hamilton, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, granddaughter Cassie Delf, and great-granddaughter Allison Owens, seven brothers and three sisters.

Friends may visit with the family Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, Indiana. Service will follow at noon Thursday, Nov.30, 2023, at the funeral home with Rev. Brian Sewell of the Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester. Burial will follow at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Fulton County 4-H Dairy project, 1009 W. Third St., Rochester, Indiana 46975.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Indiana.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Carl R. Howard

Aug. 25, 1930 – Nov. 24, 2023

Carl R. Howard, 93, of rural Macy, passed at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Carl was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Kosciusko County, to the late O. C. and Dora (Craft) Howard. He was a graduate of Rochester High School in 1948. He was married Aug. 3, 1973, in Cave City, Ill., to Nancy Keele Reed, who preceded him in death on Jan. 31, 2012.

Carl was a farmer and also worked for Sonoco Products Company of Akron, and General Tire of Peru, which later became Gencore. He worked for the company for over 30 years. While working there he designed many tools and had a few patents. Carl was a lifetime member of the Eagles Lodge Aerie 852 and the Elks Lodge as well as a regular at the American Legion, all of Rochester.

Carl enjoyed farming with International tractors, golfing and westerns. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and loved to talk sports. He was a poker and euchre player. He had card buddies that he played regularly with for many years. He loved getting together with family, especially at reunions and at the former Teel's Restaurant of Mentone. He also liked ice cream and popcorn and recently he woke up and asked Eddie "Can we go to Dairy Queen?" but it was 2 o'clock in the morning.

He is survived by his children, Teresa Howard Friedman of Jasper, Rick Howard and wife Rebecca of Rochester, Tim Howard and wife Betty of Tippecanoe, Todd Howard and wife Deb of Rochester; stepchildren Debra Hull and husband Marvin of Boise, Idaho, Eddie Reed of Macy, and Mike Reed of Nappanee; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; brothers Harold Howard and Paul Howard, both of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, wife Nancy, a son, Mike Howard, sisters Betty Miller, Finette Rudd, Thelma Rudd, and Eileen Davis, and a brother, Junior Bailey.

The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, Indiana.

The interment will follow the service in the Athens Cemetery, next to his wife Nancy.

Visitation hours will be from 11 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made in Carl's memory to the Fulton County Animal Center, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, Indiana, 46975.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneral.com.

Joshua d. Spencer

Oct. 10, 1981 – Nov. 24, 2023

Joshua D. Spencer, 42, Rochester, passed away at 3:21 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 10, 1981, in Rochester. He was an U.S. Army veteran, having served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He enjoyed shooting his guns at the firing range, working on his car, culture, religion and being with his beloved cat, Sosa.

Survivors include his daughter, Arissa Enderle, Fort Wayne; mother and stepfather, Cristal Jewell (Rich) Garrison, Rochester; siblings Mitchell Levi Spencer, North Judson, Jade Dawn Jewell, Rochester; grandmother Verna Oliver, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Oliver Jackson, and grandfather, Junior Oliver.

Graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans' Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to D.A.V. or the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosh.com.

Kent Allen Jones

Oct. 8, 1951 – Nov. 24, 2023

Kent Allen Jones, 72, Rochester, passed away Nov. 24, 2023, in Rochester.

Born Oct. 8, 1951, in Fulton County, he was the son of Kathryn M. and Francis Burnell "Shorty" Jones.

Survivors include three children, David A. (Deana) Jones, Peru, Boog L. Jones (Jennay) Jones, Macy, Casey E. (Terry) Faine, Peru; grandchildren Kaylee Jones, Kokomo, Spencer Flood, Peru, Sam Jones, Peru, Logan Jones-Faine, Peru, and Ashley Faine, Young America; siblings Mark Jones (Diane), Rochester, Lana Kuhn (Larry), Denver, Jane Jones (Bob Myers, Sr.), Mexico; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three grandchildren, Coltin M. Flood, Tyler W. Jones, and Caytlin P. Flood-Hinkle.

Military rites and a service of remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana. Pastor Wayne Balmer will officiate. Visitation will follow from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Lorrie Rogers

Lorrie (Erp) Rogers, 52, North Manchester and formerly of Rochester, died at 2:15 p.m. Monday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Jerry Lee Holcomb

July 25, 1942 – Nov. 24, 2023

Jerry Lee Holcomb was welcomed by his beloved wife of over 50 years at the gates of heaven on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, at the age of 81. He had been a resident of Anderson for nearly 35 years.

Jerry was born to Irwin and Vesta Holcomb on July 25, 1942, in Winamac, the third youngest of 10 children, seven boys and three girls. He developed his work ethic early, as there were no days off on the farm or in the field. Music was a huge part of the family, offering hour upon hour of instruments and voices in harmony and providing entertainment when work and school commitments were met.

Jerry was more ornery than studious in his younger days, therefore becoming better friends with the school principal than the teachers, and he found the structure he needed while faithfully serving in the 173rd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After returning home from the war, he rekindled with a former classmate of his, Patsy Leap, who he then courted and eventually married on June 23, 1968 – the best decision he ever made.

He returned to school and completed his associate degree in business and finance. Their journey together would take them across the country as he worked for financial institutions and she taught school, before finally returning home to Indiana and landing in Anderson.

Along the way, they raised two doting daughters, Shannon and Dulcie. Jerry also worked corrections for a number of years for the state of Indiana, and finally finished his working career in the trucking industry.

Ever the one to stay busy, this did not slow him down as he and his wife returned to his first love, music, in their retirement, performing for and bringing joy to those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities all over the state until shortly before her passing in 2021.

He developed two new interests in recent years, his woodworking and his Can-Am. Between creating and building beautiful projects or witnessing amazing scenery, and most recently with the plans for his girls to join him on the road, he certainly stayed busy right up until his final moments.

Quite possibly the most important development in Jerry's life happened just this year as he sought and found a personal relationship with God. He chose his home church, began his spiritual journey, and was baptized on June 11 at the age of 80 years, declaring his devotion to his Lord and Savior.

Jerry is preceded in death by his wife and soulmate, Patsy Holcomb (Leap); his parents, Irwin and Vesta Holcomb (Locks); his brothers Harold "Jum," Jeff, Thomas "Keith," Walt, and Joe; and sisters, Vivian "Biv" Mersch, Sally Reed, and Joan Utter; as well as his granddaughter, Savannah Grace Thompson.

He is survived by his two daughters, Shannon Rae Hartzell and Dulcie Lynn Holcomb, both of Anderson; his brother Orville (Kathryn) of Lowell; as well as beloved brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, and nieces and nephews from both sides of the aisle.

Services for Jerry will be Friday, Dec 1, at Fall Creek Christian Church, 1102 W. 700 South, Pendleton, IN 46064. The visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon, service to immediately follow officiated by Pastor Tom Wiles.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your local humane society or veterans organization, or planting something in his honor to watch it grow. Please take some time out of your day to do something for someone that they cannot do for themselves, and pay your blessings forward, as he did every day.

Violet M. Fisher

Nov. 26, 1936 – Nov. 22, 2023

Violet M. "Cricket" Fisher, 87, of Rochester was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 5:32 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at her home.

On Nov. 26, 1936, Violet M. Smith was born to Sam C. and Hazel M. Sutton Smith near Tiosa. Growing up as the third born of five of the Smith kids, she shared her childhood with two sisters Betty and Alice, and two brothers, Allen and Rich.

At Rochester's First Presbyterian Church, Violet and Roy Lee Fisher were married Dec. 19, 1958. They have shared nearly 65 years of life's adventures. From their union came two sons. The family tree continued to grow with the blessings of two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A passionate farmer, Violet could be seen seated on her Farmall-International Harvester tractor turning the soil in the spring preparing for planting. Her standard apparel included a Dekalb Seed Corn Cap with a silk head scarf. She took great joy with helping to run the family's farming operation, in the early years milking 110 head of Holsteins. For a few years their farm raised feeder cattle then went into hog farming as their primary livestock. The only event to top the plowing and planting was the harvest itself. Violet and John handled trucking the grain to the elevators while Roy drove the combine and Bill handled the discing.

An esteemed leader in Fulton County government, Violet served as chairman of Fulton County Democrats. She was the longest continuous running chair, passing the torch and retiring in 1988. With a diverse interest level, she was a Fulton County's bail bondsmen more than three decades.

Gifted with her hands and an eye for aesthetics, Violet was a crafter and created many floral pieces, including flowers for her family's wedding events. With the heart of a lion, she was devoted and loyal to her family and friends, always there for them and never let them down.

Left to cherish Violet's memory are her husband Roy; a son, John Fisher and wife Lee Ann of Rochester; two grandchildren, Wendy Merrill and husband Jimmy, Nathan Flory and wife Britney; six great-grandchildren, Lukas Clark, Maverick Pyle, Kadyr Merrill, Asher Merrill, Brayson Flory and Kinley Flory; a brother, Allen R. Smith of Akron, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Violet in death are her parents, son William "Billy" Fisher, two sisters Alice Gaerte and Betty Little, and brother Richard L. Smith.

A celebration of the life of Violet M. "Cricket" Fisher will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and for an hour prior to the celebration service. Pastor Thad Stewart will officiate. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Edward D. Bigler

Sept. 8, 1930 – Nov. 11, 2023

Ed was born Sept. 8, 1930, near Lacrosse, Indiana, to Edward and Ruth (Dutton) Bigler. He had three sisters, Rosemary Krueger, Margaret (Peggy) Simmons, and Elizabeth (Bitsy) Darda. Both Rosie and Peggy preceded Ed in death.

After growing up on a farm in LaPorte County Ed graduated from Portage High School in 1948 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He attended both Purdue and Indiana universities after his military service.

In Chicago, Ed married Gail Lawler on April 27, 1957. She preceded him to Heaven in March of 1983.

Ed began his career with TransAmerica Finance in Gary, and transferred to Fort Wayne where he was the branch manager until 1964. That year he and Gail purchased the first of what would be multiple neighborhood bars and restaurants in and around the Fort Wayne area, owning many establishments while also pursuing other endeavors. He went back into the finance field in 1968 serving as the district sales manager for Economy Finance. He was then the Northern Indiana business development manager for Manpower, Inc. until 1972. From 1972 through 1979 Ed was the co-founder and president of Excel Temporary Placement services in Fort Wayne.

During his time in the business world Ed was active in Kiwanis Club, Fort Wayne Lenders Exchange, the Heart Fund and was Sixth District director for the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association. He was nominated and listed in "Who's Who in Indiana" in 1974.

He came to the Rochester area having purchased the defunct Leiters Ford Tavern with his sons, Tim and Guy. After extensive refurbishing and remodeling the business reopened in 1983 and the "LFT," as it was known, was later listed in the Indianapolis Star as "One of the Best Places to Meet and Eat" in towns of less than 5,000 people. Ready to retire once again, Ed and the boys sold the Tavern at the end of 1987.

During his time at Leiters Ford he became acquainted with Patti Eudy and they were companions for more than 20 years until her passing in January of 2014. During his time with us Ed was known as a teller of tales and was always ready to share an interesting story about the many experiences and adventures he had during his long and interesting life.

Ed leaves behind many loved ones including sons Tim (Deb) Cypress, Texas and Guy (Merlee) Rochester.; grandchildren Chase Chappell, Olpe, Kan., Michelle (Craig) Brouyette, Rochester, and Ryan Fall, Fort Wayne; great-grandchildren Lori Chappell, Olpe Kan., Dylan Aven and Macy Fall, Fort Wayne and Evan, Madalyn, Avery and Molly Brouyette, all of Rochester.

He was preceded to heaven by grandson Clay Chappell, Cypress, Texas.

A celebration of the life of Edward D. Bigler will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. Military honors will be conducted by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the U.S. Army Honors

Team. Following the service, the celebration will continue at Lake Manitou Moose Lodge #1107, 1911 West Side Road, from 2:30-5 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Mooseheart International, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Lorrie Ann Rogers

Nov. 10, 1971 – Nov. 27, 2023

Lorrie Ann (Erp) Rogers, 52, North Manchester and formerly of Rochester, went home to be with God Nov. 27, 2023.

Lorrie was born Nov. 10, 1971. The 52 years that she lived were a gift to so many. In 1990, Lorrie graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School. Lorrie went on to earn a degree from the I.U. School of Dentistry as a dental assistant. Lorrie chose to work with people of all ages throughout her life. Sharing her beautiful smile, kind words, and love was her superpower!

Lorrie was the much-loved daughter of James and Linda (Hatfield) Erp, Talma, the cherished sister of Diana Erp Nettleton and husband Matthew, North Manchester, and Emily (Erp) Vigne and husband James, Lawrence, Kansas. She was the best aunt in the world to Harrison and Wilson Nettleton, Elise and Foster Vigne. Lorrie was a proud mom to her cat Pepper, who she loved very much.

Throughout the final years of her life the people who were her friends, colleagues, Manchester University students, and caregivers enriched her life and became a part of her family.

Lorrie will always be remembered as one of the strongest people most of us will ever know. She enjoyed making crafts, making wreaths for the holidays and decorating, and watching I.U. basketball. Lorrie loved watching movies and became quite a movie trivia buff. Lorrie left this world a better place for all of us by simply being her.

Lorrie was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community Chapel, 400 W. Seventh St., North Manchester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Manchester First Responders or the Wabash Animal Shelter. Burial will take place at a later date at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Donald R. Foerg

Aug. 4, 1947 – Nov. 28, 2023

Donald R. Foerg, 76, of Rochester, passed at 1:23 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Don was born on Aug. 4, 1947, in Logansport, to the late Donald and Wilmetta (Gregory) Foerg. He was a 1967 graduate of Winamac High School. Don married Sept. 5, 1996, Cindy Shively in Sandusky, Ohio. She passed on Sept. 29, 2022.

He worked for Walmart doing janitorial work as well as for Ad-Vance Magnetics both of Rochester. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge Aerie 852. Don enjoyed gambling at the Lodge and raising Boxers.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Dawn Kistler, of Plymouth, and close friends Terry and Renee Lett, of Rochester.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, wife Cindy, in-laws Roy and Dolly Easterday, and brother-in-law Chuck Kistler.

Following his wishes, no services will be held at this time. Don's remembrance place will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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.

Phyllis I. Paxton

Phyllis I. Paxton, 93, Rochester, died at 5:28 a.m. Friday at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Mildred E. Redweik

May 26, 1938 – Dec. 1, 2023

Mildred Ellen (Gudas) Redweik, 85, of Kewanna, passed away on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Hickory Creek in Winamac.

She was born May 26, 1938, in Winamac, to the late Joseph L. and Antonia A. (Arndt) Gudas, Sr. Millie graduated from Star City High School in 1956. On Nov. 10, 1956, she married Robert John Redweik, Sr. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in North Judson. He passed away on Oct. 24, 2009.

Millie taught at Pioneer Elementary School for nearly 30 years. She will be remembered by her students for the leaf project she had them complete. During her time teaching, she was actively involved in the school science fair and space camp.

Millie was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Winamac. She formerly taught Sunday School and led youth group. For many years, Millie was active in the district-wide soil and water conservation organization. She was a former den mother and scout leader. Millie enjoyed studying her family's history and origins. She also enjoyed flower gardening and traveling. She was a loving wife, mother, Oma, and aunt who will be sadly missed.

She is survived by four children, Robert (Alisa) Redweik, Jr., Anita Doan, David (Lora) Redweik, and Susan (Mike) Wood; 11 grandchildren, Garrett Redweik, Graham Redweik, D. L. "Trey" Doan III, Ryonn Doan, Hayley (Drew) Gustafson, Madison (Alex) Parrott, Kirsten (David) Johnson, Lanier (Andrew) Tyler, Kourtnee (Joel) Yates, Kailee (Clayton) Dyer, and Michael Wood II; numerous great-grandchildren; three siblings, Edwina M. Martin, Mary M. (Jim) Perry, and Edmund E. (Patty) Gudas; and a sister-in-law, Erica A. Gudas; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph L. and Antonia A. (Arndt) Gudas, Sr., her husband, Robert John Redweik, Sr., as well as three siblings, Johanna C. Gudas, Algrid J. Gudas, and Joseph J. Gudas, Jr.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at Frain Mortuary in Winamac. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 at Frain Mortuary in Winamac with Pastor Tom Woodley officiating. Burial will be at Victor Chapel Cemetery in Star City.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online tributes may be offered at www.frainmortuary.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary in Winamac.

Phyllis I. Paxton

Phyllis I. Paxton, 93, Rochester, passed away at 5:28 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She was born June 6, 1930 in Swampscott, Mass., the daughter of Francis and Katherine (Carruthers) Bradley. On Feb. 8, 1968 in Toledo, Ohio, she married Earl "Bud" Paxton and he survives.

Phyllis had worked at the former A & P Grocery Store and had been a waitress at White Tower Restaurant. She had been a member of the Rochester Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed baking.

Survivors include her husband, Earl "Bud" Paxton, Rochester; children Sandy (James) Pohlman, Galveston, Shelly Scott, Northwood, Ohio, Sue Tilton, Rochester, Sheila Smith, Rochester, Scott (Theresa) Heckert, Tennessee; stepchildren Rose Marie (Pat) King, Florida, Mary Sue (Dave) Meiser,

Indianapolis, Rita Sasek, Indianapolis, Linda (David) Gillison, Indianapolis; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Phyllis was one of 11 children and was preceded in death by her son Charles Heckert and grandsons Charlie Heckert and David White.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana.

Online condolence may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Douglas L. Gutwein

April 4, 1948 – Dec. 1, 2023

The honorable Douglas Lynn Gutwein, District 16 Indiana State Representative retired, 75, of Cary, N.C. and formerly of Francesville, went to rest with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 after a year-long battle with cancer.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at the Apostolic Christian Church, 210 U.S. 421, Francesville, IN 47946 with ministers of the church officiating. Burial, with military honors, will take place at Roseland Cemetery in Francesville. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at the Apostolic Fellowship Center, 409 N. Morton St., Francesville, and two hours prior to service at the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) or The Wounded Warrior Project. Online tributes may be offered at www.frainmortuary.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary Querry-Ulbricht Chapel in Francesville.

Robert L. Holloway Jr.

May 21, 1951 – Dec. 2, 2023

Mr. Robert Lee “Opie” Holloway Jr. died December 2, 2023, at his Rochester home.

Immediate survivors are his children, Chrystal Lyn Raderstorf, Rochester, Robert Lee Holloway III, Hammond; and a sister, Gloria “Ann” Chapel, Kokomo.

His funeral service will be Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at noon in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon Thursday.

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Tina I. VanSpeybroeck

April 11, 1963 – Dec. 3, 2023

Tina Irene Burkett VanSpeybroeck, 60, of Rochester, went home to be with Jesus. She was surrounded by her loving family when she passed at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, at Woodlawn Hospital.

On April 11, 1963, Tina Irene Burkett was born in Crawfordsville to James David and Jane Louise Crosby Burkett. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister, Mary Lou, and two brothers, David and Paul. Proudly she graduated with the Class of 1982 from Wawasee High School in Syracuse. She continued her education at Indiana University of Kokomo.

Over the years, Tina was a truck driving professional and enjoyed road trips on dedicated routes to the east coast and the Midwest. As a crafter, Tina made beautiful blankets and baby hats by hand looming. The warm hats were given to the parents of newborns at Woodlawn Hospital. She also made a variety of wall art designs with her diamond painting projects.

Tina cherished time with her family. MeMaw loved to be with Kinley and Averie. Every day she took the girls to school and picked them up and was a part of their daily activities. As the master of her kitchen, Tina prepared delicious meals and treats for her family and friends. Her cooking was a gift to the world.

Reading her Bible throughout the day brought her peace and comfort. It was her way of life. Tina was a “Tell you about my Jesus” lady. She was not shy about sharing her faith in her Jesus!

Left to cherish Tina’s memory are her daughter, Sarah Reynolds and husband Cody of Akron; two granddaughters, Kinley Grace and Averie Jane; father James Burkett of Scottsburg, sister Mary Lou Swanson of Rochester, two brothers, David John Burkett and wife Ann of Plainfield, Paul Burkett of Warsaw; two canine companions, Kahlua a white Chihuahua and Izzie, a tan Chihuahua; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Tina in death is her mother, Jane Burkett, on Jan. 30, 2020. A celebration of the life of Tina Irene Burkett VanSpeybroeck will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Chaplain Jason See will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at [www. goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).

Robert E. Hall

Jan. 27, 1958 – Dec. 6, 2023

Robert E. “Bob” Hall, age 65, Rochester, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023, at I.U. Health North Hospital, Carmel.

Born Jan. 27, 1958, in Logansport, he was the son of Edward and Freda Sherman Hall.

A 1977 graduate of Logansport High School, Bob was currently employed at CORE Mechanical in Atwood.

He was married to Doris Fissel Hall, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kristin and Craig Thomas, Warsaw; grandchildren Ellie Thomas and Cole Thomas.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary Hall and Andrew “Andy” Hall, as well as his parents.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport.

The funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, also at the funeral home, with Fr. Clark Miller officiating.

Interment will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 East Market Street, Logansport, is in charge of all arrangements.

Messages of condolence may be expressed to the family at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023**Joseph R. Bailey**

Jan. 20, 1954 – Dec. 10, 2023

Joseph “Joe” R. Bailey, 69, Rochester, passed away at 12:53 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1954, in Rochester, the son of Curt and Audrey (Brown) Bailey. Joe was employed at Biomet, currently Zimmer, in Warsaw, for the past 20 years and had also worked for Lobdell Emery for many years prior where he had served as Union President. In his younger days, he had worked at a gas station and for Pike Garage Doors. He enjoyed playing frisbee golf, rock collecting, crystals, loved cooking and entertaining friends and family.

Survivors include his children, Jennifer (Kory) Warstler, Syracuse, Casey Bailey, Indiana; brothers, Thomas Bailey, Rochester, Charles (Nancy) Bailey, Rochester, Sheldon Bailey, Rochester, Douglas Bailey, Rochester; sisters, Ann (Gary) Pouponce, Winona Lake, Pamela Bailey, Rochester, Kimberly (Todd)

Springer, Sarasota, Fla.; grandchildren, Ripley White, Syracuse, Parker Thompson, Rochester; great-grandchild, O'Rion Thompson, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Roger Curt Bailey, and grandson, Jesse Lee Bowers.

His funeral service is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Saturday, December 16, 2023

No Obituaries

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

David L. Mills

Jan. 1, 1936 – Dec. 9, 2023

David L. Mills, 87, North Manchester, passed away Dec. 9, 2023, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

The son of a farmer, David was born in Williamsport, on Jan. 1, 1936, to Robert Wayne and Mildred (McCain) Mills.

When Dave was younger, he helped support his parents, three sisters, and two brothers by taking jobs to earn money for necessities. He graduated from Rochester High School in 1954 and worked for the Army Security Agency for three years. After being honorably discharged from the Army, Dave married the love of his life, Joyce Brown, who he knew from high school, on Feb. 1, 1958, in Michigan. The couple built a beautiful life together for the next nearly 66 years and were blessed with two children, Maribeth and Andy. While the children were growing up, the family enjoyed camping and water skiing. Dave also enjoyed officiating basketball and football games for several years. He held a private pilot's license and owned and flew small planes.

Dave attended the International Business School in Fort Wayne, from which he graduated in 1961 with a degree in accounting. He worked for General Motors in Muncie and later began working at General Tire in Wabash before moving to Oklahoma to help open a new plant. Six years later Dave returned to the Wabash plant, where he spent the remainder of his career. Additionally, Dave served as a lay pastor for two small churches for seven years. He and Joyce were active in a

United Methodist program called NOMADS (Nomads on a Mission Active in Divine Service) for 15 years, in which they spent three weeks at a time at various locations taking on projects like building and repairing churches, church camps, and retirement homes. They also helped assemble kits in Illinois for others in need of personal supplies and cleaning materials following natural disasters. Dave was a member of North Manchester United Methodist Church.

The loving memory of David Mills will be forever cherished by his wife, Joyce Mills, North Manchester; son Andrew (William Shepherd) Mills, Camden, S.C; daughter Maribeth Callicoat, North Manchester; brother Jon Michael “Mick” Mills, Phoenix, Ariz.; sisters Virginia Thorrington, Kokomo, and Debra (Bob) Paulson, Coon Rapids, Minn.; grandchildren Amanda (Jeremy) Johnson, North Manchester and Amy (Gary) Johnson, North Manchester; and great-grandchildren, Kaylin, Jace, Oslo, and Winnie Johnson.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; brother Robert Mills, and sister Maribeth. Family and friends may call Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023 from 1-3 p.m. at the North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. Second St., North Manchester. Funeral service will begin at the conclusion of calling with Pastor Steve Bahrt and Cathie Markstahler. Burial will be held at Rochester IOOF Cemetery at a later date.

For those who wish to honor the memory of David Mills, memorial contributions may be made to Timbercrest Charitable Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, Indiana 46962 or the North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E. Second St., North Manchester, Indiana 46962.

The family of David Mills has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements. Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com.

Judith A. Walker

June 29, 1950 – Dec. 15, 2023

Judith (Judy) Ann Walker, 73, of Patoka, went home to the Lord Dec. 15, 2023 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born June 29, 1950, in Chicago, to the late Joseph and Dolly (Kajer) Minarik. Judy graduated from Rochester Community High School in 1969.

She worked for the Dream Motel in Patoka as a waitress and bartender for 11-plus years. Judy took a position with Emerson Radio where she was a supervisor for 15 years until they closed. Most recently she retired from Duke Energy after 20 years as power plant security.

Judy was a member of Patoka Presbyterian Church. She was a past 4-H leader while her children were growing up. Judy enjoyed crafting, such as painting and crocheting. She was known as a great baker and cook. Judy liked tending to her

garden and growing beautiful flowers. She will be mostly remembered as being a loving mother, grandmother, and wife that lived for putting a smile on everyone's face. Judy is loved by many and will deeply be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Dolly (Kajer) Minarik, son Steven Sullivan, and spouses, Everett Roush and James Clark Walker.

Judy is survived by her children, Bob (Shelli) Sullivan, Christine (Forest) Hall, and Roger Sullivan; grandchildren Mackenzie (Cody Smith) Sullivan, Holly Sullivan, Taylor (Andrew Choy) Sullivan, Brittany (Jesse) Tryon, Hannah (Quaid West) Hall, and Alexis Lamey; great-grandchildren Greysyn, Brooklyn, Landon, Maverick, Ella, Maya, and Lucas; siblings Cynthia (Wayne) Taylor and Larry Minarik; exspouse, Larry S. Sullivan.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Colvin Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial will follow at Decker Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be given to the Gibson County Animal Services or American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Condolences can be given at www.colvinfuneralhome.com. Colvin Funeral Home is honored to serve the Walker family.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Deaconess Hospital, Gentiva Hospice, Owensville Fire Department, and Judy's best friend, Lilly Shultz, for always being there, helping her, and being a wonderful companion and family friend.

Stanley W. Ellison

Nov. 17, 1945 – Dec. 13, 2023

Stanley W. Ellison, 78, of Tell City, passed away Dec. 13, 2023, in Nashville, Tenn.

He was born in Royal Center, Nov. 17, 1945, to Porter and Mary (Fletcher) Ellison. Stanley graduated from Royal Center High School in 1964 and went on to further his studies at IPFW University to obtain his associate degree.

He was united in marriage to Betty R. Wipperman Jan. 22, 1965. Together they shared 58 years.

Stanley was employed as the maintenance man at the Woods of Britton apartment complex. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, woodworking, and camping.

Survivors include his wife, Betty R. Ellison; his children Lynn (Scott) Spillman and Keith (Nanchu) Ellison; sister Loretta Conway; grandchildren Amanda (Benjamin) Crippen, Mykala Spillman and Cole Spillman.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Reaford, Thomas, James Denvil and Buford Ellison and his sisters, Beverly DePoy and Juanita Koekenberg.

A memorial gathering was 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023, at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home, Tell City. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be left at zoercher-gillickfuneralhome.com.

Jay A. Hildebrand

Sept. 3, 1959 – Dec. 12, 2023

Jay Alan Hildebrand, 64, Kalamazoo, Mich., passed away at 7:46 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 3, 1959 in Fulton County, the son of Dallas and Audrey (Perdue) Hildebrand.

He was a graduate of Rochester High School, Class of 1977 and of ITT Technical Institute in 1979. He was a lead guitarist of the band Ridge Rock in the 80s. He moved to Michigan in 1987. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 357 of Kalamazoo, Mich. for 35 years. Jay enjoyed playing his guitars, softball, bowling, golf, horseshoes and driving his Corvette.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 17 years, Sandy Hildebrand and their dog Tank, his parents, grandparents and brother in law, Mic Cox.

He is survived by his sisters, Janet Cox, and Joyce (Jerry) Ginther; his stepmother Judie Hildebrand; his children, Misti and Matthew Hildebrand and their mother; his grandchildren, Kegan (Taylor) Fisher and Matilyn Hildebrand; his great-grandchild Rhett Fisher; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date for close family and friends.

Connie L. Hartman

Sept. 20, 1937 – Dec. 15, 2023

Connie L. Hartman, 86, Logansport, and a longtime Fulton resident, passed away at 9:12 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born Sept. 20, 1937, in Akron, the daughter of Dencil and Edith (Sullivan) Walls. Connie graduated from Akron High School in 1955. On May 26, 1971, in Fulton, she married Roy Hartman. He preceded her in death Aug. 10, 1977.

Connie started her professional career working for the Rochester Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. She served as communications operator for the Logansport State Hospital from 1978-1997 and retired from the Town of Fulton as clerk/treasurer after serving 16 years. She had served as precinct

committee - man for Liberty Township, was a member of the Fulton-Liberty Lions Club, attended the Rochester Church of Christ, and was an avid Colts Fan.

Survivors include her sons, Douglas (Tammerrie) Nolen, Logansport, Howard (Tonya) Hartman, Macy, stepson LeRoy Hartman, Macy; eight grandchildren, Bryce (Laura) Nolen, Brantley (Maria) Hartman, Paul (Stacey) Nolen, Brock (Selena) Hartman, Brady Hartman, Cloe (Sam) Bowers, Sarah Nolen, Naomi (Braiden) Farlow; two great-granddaughters, Wren and Rayna Hartman; brother Donald (Sharon) Walls, Argos; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sisters Jean DeTurk and Doris Woolington.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at the Rochester Church of Christ, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 27, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will take place at the Kewanna I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Kewanna.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Church of Christ.

Online condolence may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Marlene J. Bathrick

Jan. 30, 1937 – Dec. 11, 2023

Marlene Jane (Reed) Bathrick, 86, of Rochester, went home to be with her Savior on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 at Lutheran Kosciusko Hospital in Warsaw.

Marlene was born to Howard and Lucy Reed on Jan. 30, 1937 near Nappanee. She grew up on an 80-acre farm east of Rochester and was the oldest of five girls. After graduating from Talma High School, she worked at Public Service Co. in Rochester.

On Dec. 6, 1958, she married Kenneth Bathrick at Mentone Baptist Church. They shared 58 years of marriage together before Kenny preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 2017.

She was a loving and devoted stay-at-home mother to their two children, Carmen and Kerry. Later, she drove a Rochester Community school bus and started an upholstery and boat cover business. After Kenny retired in 1996, they enjoyed winters in Okeechobee, Fla., where they spent a lot of time fishing on Lake Okeechobee and hosting friends and family.

Marlene and Ken were members of the Black Top Cruisers car club in Rochester. They enjoyed showing their restored 1931 Model A at car shows while visiting with club members and sharing insights about their restoration. Their garage eventually became full of trophies that acknowledged the craftsmanship that Marlene and Ken put into the car. Earlier in their married life, they shared a

love of boating and camping, traveling throughout the United States and Canada. Marlene also enjoyed gardening, playing piano and organ, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of Riverview Community Church and was known for her friendly and cheerful disposition, letting her light shine by engaging in conversations with those around her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Carmen (Randy) Paris, Winona Lake, Kerry (Anna) Bathrick, River Forest, Ill.; grandchildren Maddie and Landon Paris, Winona Lake, and Ellie and Jack Bathrick, River Forest. Also surviving are her sisters Deloris (Chuck) Feldman Rochester; Carolyn (Rev. Joel) McElreath, Sun City, Ariz., Janita (Scott) Stinson, Kewanna, and Sharon (Bob) Sterk, Sevierville, Tenn.; as well as her brother-in-law Keith (Carolyn) Bathrick, Rochester; sisters-in-law Karen (Dan) Gibson, Marilyn Townsend, and Carolyn (Jim) Wagoner; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, inlaws, and multiple brothers and sisters-in-law.

Friends and family visited from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, Indiana. There was an hour of visitation prior to the service. Marlene's life was celebrated with a service at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home and officiated by Pastor Rod Ruberg. A graveside service followed at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rochester.

George D. Kurtz

May 5, 1928 – Dec. 6, 2023

George D. Kurtz, 95, of Harlan, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023.

He was born May 5, 1928 in rural Allen County, a son of the late Ralph E. and Erlena M. (Yerks) Kurtz.

Surviving family include his children, Marla Kurtz, Jill (Tom) Weaver, Becky (John) Montgomery, and Ralph (Diana) Kurtz; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, June (Keller) Kurtz, an infant daughter, Susan, and four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 at Promise Lutheran Church, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at the church. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorials may be made to Promise Lutheran Church or Associated Churches. Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, is caring for arrangements. Condolences and memories of George may be left online at www.hockemeyerfuneralhome.com.

Jon A. Ruble

Jan. 28, 1947 – Dec. 14, 2023

Jon A. Ruble, 76, Akron, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

He was born Jan. 28, 1947 in Marion, the son of James and Lois (Lewis) Ruble Jr. Jon proudly joined the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Vietnam War. On April 1, 1978, in Huntington, he married Peggy (Palmer) Ruble and she survives.

Jon worked as a salesman in various industries including recently promoting bowling advertising. Previously, Jon had been a tool route distributor, as well as owning his own bar and convenient store. Jon was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Ruble, Warren; step-children Rab Miller, Huntington, Ange Miller Warren; brother William Ruble, Hamilton, Ohio; sisters Karen Burton, Palm Desert, Calif., Jayne Ruble, Erlanger, Ken., and Patty Teder, Upland.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Patricia L. Heyde

Feb. 7, 1930 – Dec. 16, 2023

Patricia “Pat” L. Heyde of Warsaw, passed away at 7:40 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at Miller’s Merry Manor of Warsaw. She lived a wonderful and full life, and after 93 years on this Earth, Pat is celebrating Christmas in Heaven.

She was born Feb. 7, 1930, in Rochester, to Dorothy (Herd) and Milton E. Leckrone. At the young age of 19, Pat married the love of her life, Russell L. Heyde, on Sept. 4, 1949. The young bride and groom continued with their educations, Russell graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry and Pat earned her teaching degree in home economics. For 11 years she taught hundreds of students lifelong skills as a home economics teacher at Warsaw Community High School.

Her favorite job was simply being Mom, and she and Russell were blessed with raising five children, later experiencing the joy of becoming grandparents, and great-grandparents. Pat and Russell celebrated almost 61 years of marriage together before Dr. Heyde passed away Aug. 26, 2010.

Pat was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Warsaw. Throughout her life, she supported her family in all of their endeavors. She participated in dental mission trips to Honduras, Mexico, and Haiti alongside her husband. Pat always kept busy, if she didn't have a book in her hands reading, she would be working away on one of her knitting projects. Her years as a home economics teacher benefited her family from her skills as a seamstress to being a wonderful cook.

Pat will forever be loved and remembered as a wonderful mother, loving grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend to many.

She will be lovingly remembered by her four children, Rebecca A. (Edgar) Schaefer, Fort Wayne, Lee L. (Dianne) Heyde, Warsaw, Jane L. (Dan) Coplen, Warsaw, and Ann M. Harman, Warsaw. Also surviving is her daughter-in-law, Cristi L. Heyde, Greenwood; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, son Bruce L. Heyde, son-in-law John S. Harman, sister Betty A. Sparks, and nephew David Sparks.

Pat's life will be celebrated with a service at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, Indiana. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Preferred memorial donations can be made to the following and would be appreciated by her family: Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2211 North Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707-3392; to the Parkview Warsaw YMCA, 1305 Mariners Drive, Warsaw, IN 46582; or to Trinity United Methodist Church, 832 E. Center Street, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Donald L. Shoemaker

Feb. 5, 1936 – Dec. 13, 2023

Donald L. Shoemaker, 87, of Elwood and Yuma, Ariz., passed away peacefully Dec. 13, 2023, followed by a brief and unexpected illness.

Donald was born Feb. 5, 1936, in Argos, to Claude and Susie Shoemaker.

Donald is survived by his wife, his forever love of 70 years, Bonnie Shoemaker; his son, David Shoemaker, Yuma, Ariz. and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; his daughter, Diana Waymire, Elwood, and Yuma, Ariz.; his grandchildren Shawn Waymire (Amber), Donald Waymire (Sheena), and Kyley Malocha (Curtis); great-grandchildren Peyton Waymire; Jayden Waymire, Leon Waymire and Logan Waymire; a sister, Claudette Canzian (Bruno); sisters-in-law Colleen Hallenbach, Karen Neff (Bob) and Rita Tracy (Owen); plus numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Barbara Warner, brothers-in-law Chuck Hallenback and Keith Warner and his beloved dog Jasmine.

Donald graduated from Richland Center High School in 1954 and then attended Purdue University. Following Purdue he went on to work at Delco Electronics, retiring after 30 Years.

Donald enjoyed life to the fullest and with his wife Bonnie spent many years traveling in their RV and wintering in Fort Myers, Fla. with his sister, Barbara, and brother-in-law Keith Warner. Summers saw them traveling to Michigan for vacations with Bonnie's sisters.

He and Bonnie spent many enjoyable years following their grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting and 4-H events.

Donald cherished and enjoyed being with his family, he loved a good competition in nearly any sport or game of cards. In his youth he was an accomplished water skier, avid angler (hours spent at this with his Dad) and enjoyed ice skating, baseball and basketball. He pitched for various baseball leagues in Kokomo. He enjoyed raucous games of bridge with his friend Jim Walker and was always ready for a casino excursion.

He will always be in our hearts and fondly remembered for his quick wit, his intellect and his love of his family and his beloved dogs.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Beverly Thomas

Aug. 20, 1948 – Dec. 21, 2023

Beverly Thomas, 75, of Rochester passed away at 3:37 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at her residence.

On Au. 20, 1948, Beverly Jean was born in Champaign, Ill. to Floyd T. and Leota Collins Parks. Proudly Beverly graduated with the Class of 1966 from Crestview High School.

Beverly and Steven L. Thomas were married on Nov. 27, 1976, in Dallas, Texas. They have shared 47 years of life's adventures. From their union came two sons, Derrick and Corey. Two more generations have been added to the family tree with the blessings of three grandsons and a great grandson.

As a homemaker, Beverly cherished the time with her family. She enjoyed traveling with Steve. Their favorite places were Cancun, Bahamas, the Barbados island and Hawaii. While in Hawaii, they visited Maui and Kona. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Black Top Cruisers, both of Rochester. Beverly was very proud to show their 1953 black Ford F-100.

Left to cherish the memories of Beverly are her husband Steve; two sons, Derrick Thomas and wife Shelly of Indianapolis, Corey Thomas and wife Jill of Rochester; three grandsons, Michael Thomas, Waylon Thomas, Weston Thomas;

three great-grandsons Carson Bobby Thomas, twins Cohen and Carter Pipes; and canine companion Scooter, a Terrier special blend.

Preceding Beverly in death are her parents.

A celebration of the life of Beverly J. Tomas will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Jim Howard will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home on Friday.

Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter, 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Jerry Joe Kimble

Nov. 29, 1945 – Nov. 30, 2023

Mr. Jerry Joe Kimble, age 78, of Bowling Green, Ky., passed away Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at The Medical Center at Bowling Green.

Jerry was born Nov. 29, 1945, in South Bend, to the late Ermal Ray Kimble and the late Dorese Ann Calvin.

He is survived by his wife, Kenan Cook Kimble; sons, Dr. Jeffrey (Alicia) Bitterling, Craig (Heather) Bitterling, Mark Bitterling, Brad (Kimberly) Bitterling, all of Bowling Green, Ky.; grandchildren Andrew, Austin, Savannah, Alexander, Nicholas (Maggie), Zachary, Benjamin, Jeremiah, Isabella, Jonathan, Olivia Grace, Corey, and Jade Bitterling; brother Larry (Julene) Kimble and sister JoAnn (Doran) Collins, both of Kewanna; nephews Mark, David, Terry (Sarah) and Michael (Jenny) Kimble; nieces Brittany (Corbin) Brent, Rae Ann Snider; great-nieces, Kynlee and Taylin Kimble; and many other great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jerry married Kenan Sue Cook on Aug. 12, 1995, in Kewanna, and they shared 28 years together. He started the Kewanna Youth Baseball League program in Kewanna in 1964 and continued it for many years. He was very proud of his accomplishments of providing an awesome program for the boys and girls of Kewanna. He was most proud of the 4th of July tournaments that were held all week that many area teams participated in and concluded with the championship game on the July 3 followed by fireworks. Many of his former players still refer to him as “Coach.”

He owned the Village Market grocery store from 1972-2009 where he never met a stranger. He loved the conversations with the customers and the salesmen and all the “sports” debates.

He was an avid Notre Dame and Western Kentucky fan. He made many friends after moving to Kentucky who became like family. They never missed a day going to breakfast together and they enjoyed golfing. He also volunteered at Potters Children's Home which takes donations of items to financially help children and families in need.

Funeral service was Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at Cone Funeral Home, Bowling Green, and burial followed in Bowling Green Gardens Cemetery.

Dale S. Friedrich

July 19, 1972 – Dec. 18, 2023

Dale S. Friedrich, age 51, of Guyton, Ga., and formerly of Pierceton, passed away Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, in Lorain County, Ohio.

Dale was born July 19, 1972, in Valparaiso, and is the son of Larry E. and Gloria (Birk) Friedrich. On Dec. 23, 1995, in Rochester, Dale married Regina Keyser who survives. Dale and Regina attended church at Springfield Oaks, in Springfield, Ga.

Dale was a 1991 graduate of Caston High School where he played football, basketball and track. While living in Pierceton, Dale was a volunteer firefighter, first responder, investigator and trainer. Dale loved spending time with his family, especially over a meal. He cherished being a papa to his "grandboys" and loved being dad. He also had a special place in his heart for his dog Sawyer.

Dale also loved being a truck driver, which he had been for 27 years. He always made sure to be home on the weekends to be with his girls. Dale was an avid Mt. Dew and coffee drinker. He liked to work on old tractors with his dad and could always be counted on to help with the spring and fall farm work that needed to be done at his parents' farm.

Surviving Dale along with his wife Regina, and parents, Larry and Gloria Friedrich, are his two daughters, Ashleigh (Joshua) Aldrich of Saulsbury, Tenn., and Nataleigh Friedrich of Guyton, Ga.; sister Amy Friedrich of Kokomo; two grandsons, Lincoln Aldrich and Colton Aldrich; niece Morgan Seeman; mother-in-law Susan Sheane of Guyton, Ga.

Dale was preceded in death by a grandson, Jackson Aldrich.

A celebration of life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Jeremy Losier officiating. Burial will take place at Kewanna Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Kewanna.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Gundrum Funeral home.

You may sign Dale's guest book and send online condolences to the family at www.gundrumcares.com.

Linda L. Redinger

Nov. 4, 1949 – Dec. 22, 2023

Linda Lou Redinger, 74, of Rochester, passed at 3:25 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester.

Linda was born Nov. 4, 1949 in Rochester, to the late Don and Opal (Hartzler) Kamp. She was a graduate of Rochester High School in 1967. She was married on Dec. 26, 1980, in Rochester, to Eldon W. Redinger. He survives.

Linda was a homemaker and retired from Rochester Metal Products, where she was a finisher. She loved to solve puzzles and was an excellent artist, drawing many things. Her faith was important to her, and she attended the Church of God in Rochester. Linda was an animal lover, raising raccoons, birds, possums and pot belly pigs.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years Eldon Redinger of Rochester; daughter Deanna Adams and Eric Cauffman of North Manchester; son Vincent and wife Hope Redinger of Etna Green; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Noel and wife Judy Kamp of Rochester, Jeff and wife Cindi Kamp of Avon, and Neil and wife Pat Kamp of Rochester; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather Estel Flenner, and a son, Jamie Redinger.

Following her wishes, no visitation or services will be held.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. Akron, Indiana.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at:
www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Justin J. Gerald

Justin J. Gerald, 35, Culver and formerly of Rochester, died at 10:48 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 in South Bend. Arrangements are to be announced by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home.

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Wilbur ‘Bud’ Ernest Cowger

Oct. 16, 1930 – Dec. 23, 2023

Wilbur “Bud” Ernest Cowger, 93, of Logansport and formerly of Rochester, passed away on Dec. 23, 2023, at 3:55 p.m. at Woodbridge Health Center, Logansport.

On Oct. 16, 1930, in White County, Indiana, he was born to Oscar “Fred” Cowger and Grace Tempelton (Clark) Cowger. Wilbur had lived in Marshall and Fulton counties most of his life.

On Oct. 23, 1948, in Winamac, he married Viola Donna DePoy, and together they shared the next 75 years.

Wilbur worked as an iron worker with Local No. 292, South Bend. He was a member of the Building Trade and Iron Workers of South Bend, Argos United Methodist Church and Community Club, Frost Proof, Fla.

Wilbur is survived by his wife, Donna Cowger, of Rochester; daughters, Beverly Cooley, of Talma, Dianna Overmyer and husband Danni, of Tippecanoe, Twyla Hartman and husband Mike, of Argos, Melody Avery and husband Clyde, of Plymouth; sons, Kelly Cowger, of Talma, and Tim Cowger, of Rochester; 30 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sons, Keith Cowger, Leon “Buddy” Cowger, Bill Cowger, Terry Cowger and Michael Cowger; a granddaughter; a grandson; a great-great granddaughter; three brothers and seven sisters.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church, 570 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the church with Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy of the Argos United Methodist Church. Burial will take place at Winamac Memorial Garden Cemetery, Winamac.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Gentiva Hospice, 1476 W. 18th St., Rochester, Indiana 46975. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

William M. Haimbaugh

May 14, 1938 – Dec. 24, 2023

William Mack Haimbaugh, 85, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family at his home.

Mack was born on May 14, 1938, in Pontiac, Mich., the son of Alonzo and Ida (Scott) Haimbaugh. On Aug. 1, 1959, at the Olive Branch Church in Fulton, he married Carol Joy Champ and she survives.

Mack had spent his life as a farmer and District Sales Manager for Garst Seed Company. He was a member of the Yorktown Road Church of Christ, Logansport. Mack enjoyed gardening, agriculture and playing games with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Carol J. Haimbaugh, Rochester; daughters, Wendy McIndoo, Rochester, Peggy (Rowdy) Carper, Winchester, Va., Rosetta (Randy) Podell, Winamac; grandchildren, Renee (Gary) Boschain, Louisville, Ky., Peggy Sue (Brian) Riffe, Kokomo, Joshua McIndoo, Muncie, Anna (Joey) Famiglietti, Winchester, Va., Chelsea (Jake) Hayes, Rockville, Md., Krista (Dylan) Diaz, Lyons, Colo., Kyle (Sarah) Podell, Idaville, Karl Podell, Winamac; nine great-grandchildren; “great-grand dogs”; brothers, Alonzo Haimbaugh Jr., Florida, Harold Haimbaugh, Florida, David Haimbaugh, Florida; sisters, Addie Fields, Florida, Nancy Rehm, Florida, Laura Lee Arnold, Florida; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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

His funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial is to follow in Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, Twelve Mile.

Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec.28, 2023, and one hour prior to service Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice, Kokomo. Online condolence may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Justin J. Gerald

Mary 25, 1988 – Dec. 21, 2023

Justin J. Gerald, 35, Culver and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 10:48 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, in South Bend.

He was born March 25, 1988, in Rochester, the son of Brian Heith Gerald and Kimberly (Bilby) Green.

Justin had worked in manufacturing earlier in life in the RV industry and was currently working for A.K. Industries in Plymouth. He attended New Song Church in Plymouth. He enjoyed camping, fishing, floating the Tippecanoe River, tinkering, working in the garage with his children, admiring the stars and sunsets and was an avid University of Michigan fan. Justin will be remembered as an optimistic, energetic, passionate person who was always eager to help others.

Survivors include his fiance, best friend, Beth Rose Kneifel, Culver; mother, Kimblery (Jamie) Green, Rochester; father, Brian (Keli) Gerald, Rochester; children, Lillian Gerald, Rochester, Wesley Gerald, Rochester, Kabel Stahl, Warsaw, Kaelyn Gerald, Culver, Kaedyn Gerald, Culver; step children, Makyna Kneifel, Culver, Kynedi Ogle, Culver; brothers, Kameron Green, Rochester, James

Green, Rochester, Brant Gerald, Rochester, Devan Gerald, Indianapolis, Tristan Gerald, Duluth, Ga.; grandparents, Barb (Brad) Tam, Rochester, Mary Ellen Bilby, Rochester, Karen Miller, Rochester.

Preceding Justin in death were his grandfathers, Richard Gerald and Bob Miller.

His funeral service is Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Zimmerman Bros Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Justin Gerald Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Thursday, December 28, 2023

Edward D. Bigler

Sept. 8, 1930 – Nov. 11, 2023

Edward Bigler, 93, formerly of Rochester, died Nov. 11, 2023 in Warsaw.

Survivors include two sons Tim (Deb), of Cypress, Texas, and Guy (Merlee), of Rochester.

His funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service. The celebration will continue at Lake Manitou Moose Lodge No. 1107, 1911 West Side Road, from 2:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Richard W. Hudkins

Aug. 18, 1925 – Dec. 23, 2023

Mr. Richard W. Hudkins, 98 years, 4 months and 5 days, departed this life on the afternoon of Dec. 23, 2023, with his loving family at his side.

On Aug. 18, 1925, near Kewanna, Richard was the first born of the Hudkins kids. His proud parents were William Judson and Mildred Iris Brooker Hudkins. Growing up he shared his childhood with five brothers and a sister. In 1943 he graduated from Leiters Ford High School.

Patriotism beckoned and Richard answered the call. In January of 1944 he entered the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. As a member of the 508th Bomber Group he flew more than 30 missions during World War II as a waist gunner on the B-17 flying fortress. The gunner protected the aircraft and was in a challenging and very dangerous position. Additionally, their crew was charged with flying POWs back to France. He was involved with the Rhineland Central Europe Campaign. Staff Sgt. Richard W. Hudkins returned home following an

honorable discharge on Feb. 15, 1946. Some of his decorations included the Victory Medal World War II, American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with 1 Bronze Cluster.

On Nov. 20, 1948, Richard married Lillian L. Mahler in Mishawaka. They enjoyed 52 years of life's adventures. Sadly, she passed away on Aug. 7, 2001.

Returning home with a strong work ethic, Richard worked at Studebaker in South Bend as a machinist. Years later he transitioned to hauling milk for Ward Polley and Dean Foods. During most of his adult life he farmed and retired at age 81.

On Oct. 18, 2015, Richard was a member of the Lafayette Veteran's Honor Flight accompanied by guardian little brother Virgil. He maintained a close relationship with many of his platoon members and attended nearly all of the 351st Bomb Group (H) Association of the Army Air Corps reunions.

As an adventurer and an American outdoorsman, Richard enjoyed annual hunting trips with the Hudkins brothers. They hunted pheasant and other game birds in Nebraska. Many times, the nephews went too. To relax, Richard loved to travel. He wintered in Port St. Lucie, Fla. for many years. He also once took a driving vacation to explore Alaska by first visiting California.

Left to treasure Richard's memory are his daughter Jane Schuldberg of Newport, N.C.; brother Virgil Hudkins (Sue) of Rochester; companion Jean Simpson of Rochester and her daughters Judy Swank and Priscilla Ballee; four grandchildren, Rebecca Peterman, Jeremy Hudkins, Jennifer Lovick, Jeffrey Kerley; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Welcoming Richard to Heaven was many of his immediate family including beloved wife Lillian on Aug. 7, 2001; his sons James E. "Jim" Hudkins on Jan. 10, 2022 and Richard "Dick" Hudkins on Feb. 5, 1996; parents William and Mildred Hudkins; a sister, Mary Ellen Hudkins George; and four Hudkins brothers, Don, George, Jerry and John P.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Richard W. Hudkins will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, in the Good Family Funeral home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Reverend Gretchen Schneider will officiate services. Friends may visit with his family on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, from 5-7 p.m. and an hour prior to his service on Thursday. Burial will follow in the IOOF Cemetery. The United States Army Honor's Team and the Fulton County Veteran's Honor Guard will accord military graveside rites.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Fulton County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. 1540 Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Online expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

Robin E. Burns

May 2, 1969 – Dec. 21, 2023

Robin Eugene Burns, 54, Vincennes, formerly of Macy, passed away Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, in Vincennes.

Born May 2, 1969, in Peru, he was the son of David W. and Linda L. (Hightshoe) Burns.

He graduated from Caston High School in 1987 and later from Vincennes University, where he studied mortuary science. After graduating and becoming licensed, he worked as a funeral director at Brockman Funeral Home in Vincennes, which later became Gardner-Brockman Funeral Home. Currently, Robin was working for Vincennes Industrial Supply, where he had worked for many years.

Survivors include his mother, Linda L. Burns, Rochester; aunts Barbara Shea, Wabash, Doris Bush, Plymouth, Barb Burns, Florida, and Diane Burns, Macy; uncle Richard (Jane) Burns, Macy, and his uncle, who was his father's twin brother, Daniel (Cheryl) Burns, Wabash; in addition to many cousins and friends whom he loved like family.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Burns; grandparents, Amen and Dorothy Hightshoe and Robert and Cora Burns; uncles Bernard Burns, Robert Burns, John Burns, and Steven Hightshoe; and aunts Peggy Hightshoe and Anna Coleman.

Funeral service is at 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The service will be live-streamed at www.mcclainfh.com/livestream. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

Visitation was noon-3 p.m. today, prior to the service at the funeral home.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com or mailed to his mother, Linda Burns, c/o Life Care Center, 827 W. 13th St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Wanda M. Flohr

Nov. 17, 1929 – Dec. 26, 2023

Wanda M. Flohr, 94, of Rochester and formerly of Akron, passed on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at Hickory Creek of Rochester.

Wanda was born Nov. 17, 1929 in Argos. She was a 1947 graduate of Akron High School. She was married on Sept. 4, 1948 in Akron, to Sam J. Flohr. He survives.

She had worked for Dr. Charles Miller and Harris Drugs of Akron. Wanda had been a longtime member of the Akron United Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing card games like bridge and euchre and working on puzzles.

She is survived by her husband Sam Flohr, of Rochester; son Michael and wife Nancy Flohr of Bloomington, Ill.; grandchildren Kelly and Kendra; and two great-grandchildren.

Wanda was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra, a brother, and two half sisters.

The funeral service for Wanda will take place at 3 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Friends and family may gather starting at 2:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A private interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Richard D. Day

Richard E. "Dick" Day, 94, of Akron and Rochester passed at 7:55 p.m. Thursday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Arrangements are currently pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Michael G. Reed

March 3, 1966 – Dec. 26, 2023

Michael "Mike" Gene Reed, 57, Rochester, passed away at 12 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at his residence.

He was born March 3, 1966 in McDowell, Ky. Growing up in Floyd County, Ky., he was a 1984 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He moved to Indiana and was employed in the recreational vehicle manufacturing industries.

Mike was known for his humor, mischief, smile and being naturally charismatic. He could bring joy and laughter to any occasion. He loved being outdoors. His favorite past times were fishing, looking for morels and hunting. He was the happiest in camouflage.

Survivors include his daughters, Bridgette (Brad) McClish, Huntertown, Keisha (Jose) Melendez, Peru; son Phillip Reed, Rochester; grandchildren, Makayla McClish, Huntertown, Lindsey Zeiger, Huntertown, Gabriella Jimenez, Peru, Bryson McClish, Huntertown, Zane Whybrew, Peru, Brayden Whybrew, Peru, Jose Melendez, Peru, Antelio Melendez, Peru; mother, Alice "Kat" Ousley, Rochester; companion Diane Blankenship, Rochester; siblings Cleisa (Jerry) McCoy, Harrodsburg, Ky., Melissa Ousley, Logansport, Marti Banic, Rochester, Sandra Reed, Martin, Ky., Dean (Michelle) Ousley, Bourbon; step-ons, Seth

Blankenship, Rochester, Corey Blankenship, Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mart and Dora Reed, brother Phillip Reed and granddaughter Makena Kay Whybrew.

Funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. today, Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Friends may visit from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

Kurt Vansteenber

March 1, 1956 – Dec. 28, 2023

Kurt Lee Vansteenber, 67, Marion, passed away at 8:43 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at his residence.

He was born March 1, 1956 in Smyrna, Tenn., the son of Leslie Joe and Marjorie (Kratzman) Vansteenber.

Kurt was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Survivors include his sister, Sharon (Tom) Mutchler, Rochester.

Graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

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