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Saturday, January 03, 2009

Ronald Dallas Cantrell, 52, Jonesboro, formerly of Marion, passed away at 7:17 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born Aug. 25, 1956 in Logan, W.Va. to Amos Jr. and Nina Jo (Moore) Cantrell. Ronald attended North Miami High School and was a surveyor with John Stephens in Wabash. In high school he played football and was a member of the F.F.A. He was a member of the A.B.A.T.E. Club of Kokomo, the National Rifle Association and was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a Notre Dame football fan and enjoyed singing karaoke. He is survived by son, Ronnie Lancaster, Macy; a daughter, Lacey Phillips and husband William, Peru; his father and step mother, Amos Cantrell Jr. and wife Polly, Wabash; two grandchildren, Dalin Phillips and Analey Phillips, both of Peru; three brothers, Donald Lee Cantrell and wife Kristy, Darrell Ray Cantrell and wife Ty-Ann, and John David Cantrell, all of Wabash; two sisters, Ilah Ann Paige and husband Norman, Pensacola, Fla., and Lisa Hayslip, Wabash; several nieces and nephews, and Max, his dog. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1979.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, on Tuesday at 10 a.m., with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is to the Animal Shelter of Wabash County. The memorial guest book for Ronald may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Richard Paul Draper, 70, Warsaw, passed away at 6:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. He was born July 23, 1938 in Roann to Paul and Margaret Alice (McElwee) Draper. R.P. was a 1956 graduate of Roann High School. He was a former owner of the Highland Hills Golf Course in Roann, the Sycamore Golf Club in North Manchester, and served as vice president at the State Exchange Bank in Roann 25 years. He was a member of the Wabash Elks Lodge, the Hanna Masonic Lodge of Wabash and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine. Mr. Draper was also a former member of the Roann Merchants Association, the Roann Town Board, and longtime treasurer of Rolanco and Roann Condominium Association. He was one of the founders of the Roann Senior Citizen Apartments. He is survived by his son, Jeff Draper and wife Beth, Noblesville; two daughters, Jennifer Draper, Warsaw, and Jeannine Cooley, Roann; four grandchildren, Rebecca Cooley, Roann, Kyle Draper, Noblesville, Paige Cooley, Roann, and Lauren Draper, Noblesville; his sister, Ruth Early and husband Levoy, Roann; two brothers, James Draper, Fairfield Glade, Tenn., and Phillip Draper and wife Sherry, Roann; and his special friend, Ruth Harris, Warsaw. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, on Monday at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor David Laborde officiating. Burial will be in the Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016 in honor of his granddaughter, Rebecca Cooley. The Web site for donations is www.cdfa.org.

The memorial guest book for R.P. may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Dorothy C. Fern, 100, of Peru, Indiana passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 1, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Scottsburg, Ind. on May 28, 1908, the daughter of George and Estelle Carr. Dorothy grew up on a farm near Elwood, Ind., and married Russell Fern on June 1, 1929. He preceded her in death on February 22, 1995. Dorothy lived on East Hartman Road in Anderson for 62 years, and worked at Delco Remy Division of General Motors in Anderson. She attended Shiloh Friends Church in Elwood. She and her husband Russell, lovingly raised two sons. She was well known in her Anderson community for making wonderful pies, and always had a pie ready for guests. She enjoyed working in her garden and canning the produce she grew. Survivors include two sons, Keith Fern and wife Barbara of Rochester, Ind., and Riverview, Fla.; their two sons, Brian Fern and his wife Marcella of Warner Robins, Ga. and their children, Corrynn, Kyler, Christian and Brayden; and Scott Fern of Indianapolis; a son, Donald Fern and his wife Janice of Peru and Naples, Fla.; and their three children, Matthew Fern and his wife Jacqueline of Woodland Hills, Calif., and their daughter Gabriella; Mark Fern and his wife Jennifer of Reading, Pa., and their sons Kyle and Chandler; and Melissa Rohde and her husband A.J. of Chicago. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Glen and Jay Carr.

A service celebrating the life of Dorothy Fern will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main in Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. on Sunday. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2009 at Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church.

Monday, January 05, 2009

Karl H. Hewitt Sr., 66, Kokomo, passed away at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at his home. He was born March 16, 1942 in Tipton to Gerald and Dollie (Willey) Hewitt. Survivors include his wife, Donna (Jaros) Hewitt; three sons, Karl Hewitt Jr., Jerry Dean Hewitt and Kelley Christopher Hewitt; a foster son, Pete Stier; four step-children, Cherise Jones, Jason Jones, Tamara Brodal and Heidi Brodal; 16 grandchildren; three brothers, Miles Hewitt, Sam Hewitt and Lee Hewitt; one sister, Charlene Bratcher; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service is planned at a later date in Prior Lake, Minn., with burial to follow. Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes, Kokomo, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions in Karl's memory will be accepted at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

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Margaret E. Jaberg, 96, Peru, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born June 3, 1912 in Cass County to John Henry and May Emaline (Myers) Anderson. On Oct. 21, 1931 in Plymouth, she was married to George W. Jaberg, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1985. Survivors include two sons, John W. Jaberg, Peru, and Donald G. Jaberg and wife Judy, Bunker Hill; one daughter, Marilyn R. Boswell and husband Robert, Denver; ten grandchildren, Susan Baker, Chesapeake, Va., Brenda Zell, Walton, John Bryan Jaberg, Peru, Laura Lee Golder, Peru, Robert Jaberg, Peru, Michael Jaberg, Peru, Matthew Jaberg, Encinitas, Calif., William Boswell, Sheridan, David Boswell, Aurora, Colo., and Richard Boswell, Greentown; 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Frances Margaret McVety; one grandson, Steven P. Jaberg; one great-granddaughter, Alexis Jaberg; one daughter-in-law, Beverly "Jane" Jaberg; and four sisters, Helen Stroud, Mildred Taggart, and Ruth and Frances Anderson. According to Margaret's wishes, funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Tuesday, January 06, 2009

Nellie B. Webb, 95, a resident of Bend in the Woods, Logansport, passed Saturday morning at home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo, with Pastor Dale T. Bliss and Pastor Andy Cisneros officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kelly House in care of Bluffton Church of the Nazarene to help Nellie's handicapped great-grandson, Robert

Patricia A. Korba, 81, Argos, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:01 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She had lived in Argos since 1996. She was born Nov. 14, 1927 in Peru to Milo and Kathryn (Wahlig) Gable. She married Joseph M. Korba Nov. 22, 1951, and he preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1996. Patricia was formerly employed as a secretary at the Peru Foundry. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, the Daughter's of Isabella and the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. Survivors include a daughter, Jan Chittum and husband Ted, Bourbon; and two grandsons, Tyler Chittum and wife Brandi, Greenfield, and Zachary Chittum, Louisville. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and an infant daughter, Leesa Korba. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Catholic Social Services at South Bend.

Edward G. Wall, 57, Peru, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born July 18, 1951 in Beech Grove to Carl and Jeanne (Foerster) Wall. He married Judy Kennedy Sept. 2, 1978, and she survives. Edward retired after 20 years from the U.S. Air Force. He had been employed at Federal Mogul in Logansport. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, and was an active member of the Harley Owner's Group, Wabash Hog Chapter 1320, Patriot Guard and ABATE. In addition, he was a member of the United Steel Workers Union Local No. 4863 and the Central Labor Council. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Indianapolis; two sons, Kenneth Wall, Clovis, N.M., and Robert Wall, Peru; numerous nieces and nephews; two brothers, Richard "Rick" Wall and wife Terri, Indianapolis, and Dennis Wall, Speedway; and four sisters, Jan Buker and husband James, Castle Rock, Wash., Pat Wall and companion Marilyn Goodwin, San Antonio, Texas, Susan Pierson and husband Perry, Fruitdale, and Shirley Koester and husband Bob, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Roger Tappert officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the U.S. Air Force. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.



James A. "Jamie" Stipes, 44, Pelzer, South Carolina and formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2008 from coronary heart disease at his residence in Pelzer. He was born March 28, 1964 in Kokomo to James Henry and Peggy (Sutherland) Stipes, the fourth of five children. He was raised in Bunker Hill and is a 1982 graduate of Maconaquah High School. Jamie worked at the Kokomo Sanitary Pottery for many years before relocating to South Carolina in 1998, where he was employed with Cryovac, Inc. Jamie married the love of his life, Jo (Ellen) Wilburn on May 26, 1996, and she survives. He was an avid fisherman with many a fish tale. He loved his friends, his dogs - especially Scruffy. He enjoyed landscaping his yard, and four-wheeling on the many trails at his home. Jamie had a great gift for laughter and always shared a joke with everyone he met. His bright eyes, smile and laughter will be greatly missed. Survivors other than his wife include a stepson, Joey; sister-in-law Jeannie Sandeck; his best friend and mother, Peggy Stipes and her fiance Roy "Pops" Todd of Galveston; sisters, Cathy Bryant of Walton, Cindy Hahn and husband Mark of Bunker Hill; brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Stipes of Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stipes of Bunker Hill; many nieces and nephews; a large extended family, and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, James Henry Stipes, and nephews Daniel and Dustin Stipes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, Ind. with the Reverend Paul Sutherland officiating. Burial will follow at the Galveston Cemetery,

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Galveston. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, January 08, 2009

Jim J. Long, 72, Carmel, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009. He was born Sept. 6, 1936 in Onward to Donald and Wilma Evelyn (Taylor) Long. On Jan. 13, 1957 in Bunker Hill, he married Loretta A. (Comerford) Long, who preceded him in passing on April 26, 2005. Jim was a member of Carmel United Methodist Church, where he was currently serving as a Stephens Minister. He was also a former member and past-president of Woodland Country Club. Jim was a sports enthusiast, and he enjoyed woodworking, cooking, playing golf, fishing and spending time with his family and friends. Surviving are his five children, Paige (Jerry) McClure, Peru, Jim J. Long Jr., Indianapolis, Kimberly (Bruce) Land, Anderson, Julie (Mike) Janssen, Carmel, and Christie (David) Blanton, Westfield; a brother, Joe Long, Wisconsin; a sister, Jan Sermons, Florida; two sisters-in-law, Connie Kelly and Nancy Youngblood; two brothers-in-law, John Comerford and Nick Comerford; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Jason, and Megan McClure, Jim III, Nicholas, and Allison Long, Chelsea, Caitlin, McKenzie and Madison Land, Ashley, Jessica, Michael and Jenna Janssen, Amanda and Andrew Abel, and Joshua Blanton. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Range Line Road. Burial will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Food Pantry in care of Carmel United Methodist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center Hamilton Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Linda P. Watt, 66, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 at her residence. She was born Dec. 14, 1942 in Gainesville, Ga. to William and Pauline (Patterson) Skinner Reed. She married Michael Watt June 19, 1975, and he survives. Linda was a homemaker and attended the Intercontinental Church of God in Fort Wayne. Survivors besides her husband include three daughters, Lynita Ann Benner and husband Michael, Winder, Ga., Tamarra "Dawn" Yoder and husband Bryce, Peru, and Jennifer Lynn Smith, Peru; a son, Kelly Scott Blackman and wife Donita, Peru; two brothers, Johnnie Lee Skinner, Gainesville, Ga., and William "Gene" Skinner, Marion; a sister, Anita Froelich, Buford, Ga.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Howard "Larry" Reed. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Vern Steury officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Friday until time of service at the funeral home.



Robert J. Cook, 73, passed away at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2008 at his home on Miyage Island near Japan. He was born in Kokomo on March 19, 1935 to Alfred and Harriet Cook. Bob graduated from Peru High School in 1952. Bob served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Korea. After his military service he began his career by working as a cafeteria manager for the Grissom Base Exchange. Then from 1964 to 1992 Bob was the chief business officer of the Executive Branch of the Army, Air Force Base Exchange (AAFES), both in the United States and in Japan. In 1992 Bob retired and three years later he returned to work. He worked eight more years as chief business officer for the Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) in Okinawa. After retiring, he and his wife built a new home on Miyage Island near Japan, and resided there two and a half years before his death. Bob was a natural leader who was well respected by his friends and coworkers. Survivors include his wife Tokie, living on Miyage Island; his three sons, Robert Jr. of North Carolina, Ronald of Arizona, and Mike of Kokomo; his daughter, Pamela, North Carolina; ten grandchildren; a sister, Joyce Case of Peru, Ind., and a brother, John Cook, also of Peru. Bob's graveside services were held on Miyage Island on Aug. 4, 2008.

Friday, January 09, 2009

Leona E. King, 88, of Kokomo went home to be with the Lord at 5:31 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Sterling House Health Care Center in Kokomo. She was born February 28, 1920 in Howard County to Homer D. and Millie (Helmuth) Sommers. In March 1944 in Howard County, she married Milphert King, who preceded her in death December 30, 1996. Leona was a homemaker and a member of the Onward Christian Church, Onward, Ind., and was also a member of the ladies auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, quilting and gardening. She was a devoted mother and grandmother to her family. Survivors include her son, Bill King and wife Kathy of Walton; a daughter, Karen Bontrager and husband Jim of Westfield; three grandchildren, Brian King of Logansport, Scott Bontrager of Pendleton, and Tish Bontrager of Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren; a step great-grandchild; and two sisters, Alice Horner and Ruthie Horner, both of Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her husband Milphert, a granddaughter Bridgette, a great-granddaughter Zoe, a brother and five sisters. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., in Galveston, Ind. with the Reverend Rod Mason officiating. Burial will follow in Onward's Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward, Ind. Calling will be Saturday, 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Onward Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

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Saturday, January 10, 2009



Charles D. Kile, 89, Kokomo, passed away at 4:29 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born March 5, 1919 in Howard County to Merle and Lucinda Mae (Nesbit) Kile. He was raised by his step-mother, Hazel (Willson) Kile. He married Naomi (Fox) Kile March 22, 1947, and they were married for over 60 years. She survives. Charles was a World War II veteran, serving with the 12 Armor Tank Division. He was a self-employed farmer, a life member of Bennetts Switch Methodist Church and a member of the Kokomo Pilots Club. In addition, he enjoyed sports, flying, fishing and his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Richard Kile, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Shirley Gluys, Noblesville; five grandchildren, Chad Kile, Phoenix, Ariz., Keith and Ruthanna Kile, Cutler, Kevin Kile, Kokomo, Heather and Kyle Derickson, Elmhurst, Ill., and Brian and Maria Gluys, Raleigh, N.C.; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with the Rev. Norm Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, with military rites graveside. Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Ellenora M. Brown, 92, Denver, passed away at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Converse on Sept. 5, 1916 to Pliney George Dingman and Gladys Benditt Dingman. She was married to James W. Brown, and he passed away in 1980. Ellenora was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, and the Women of the Moose. In her early years, she was employed by Senger Department Store and later at Lee's Bootery. Survivors include a grandson, Christian James Howard and wife Tammy, Inglis, Fla.; three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Noah and Tate Howard; a son-in-law, Raymond Howard, Denver; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Coblentz, Peru; and nephews, Michael, William and Steve Coblentz and their families. She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Sandra K. Howard and Melanie Lee Brown; four brothers; one sister; and her foster mother, Christina Kemper. There will be no services or visitation. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Della L. Wilson, 84, Kokomo, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Aug. 12, 1924 in Kokomo. Della was a registered nurse with Peru Community Schools. Survivors include her husband, Charles E. Wilson, Kokomo; a son, Dr. Charles F. Wilson, Washington, D.C.; and two brothers, Larry Kirkman and wife Jennifer, and Vernis Kirkman Jr. and wife Rosabelle, both of Kokomo. A memorial service will be planned for a later date in Kokomo. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Monday, January 12, 2009



Opal N. Flenner, 88, of 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away at 5 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne on January 10, 2009. Opal was born on Oct. 12, 1920 in Miami County, the daughter of Elmer and Margaret (Day) Hartzler. On Oct. 12, 1990 she married Estel Flenner in Anderson, Ind., and he survives. She retired from Torx Products in Rochester and in her later years, she was a homemaker. Opal attended Gilead High School and she was a member of the First Church of God in Rochester. She enjoyed traveling and her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include her husband Estel of Rochester, one daughter, Linda (husband Eldon) Redinger of Winamac, three sons: Noel and wife Judy Kamp of Rochester, Ind., Jeff and wife Cindi Kamp of Indianapolis and Neil and wife Pat Kamp of Rochester. One steps-son, Jeffery Flenner of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., as well as eight grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren also survive as do 14 great-grandchildren and 14 step-great-grandchildren. One step-great-great-grandchild also survives. She was preceded in death by two sisters: Edith Tilden and Evelyn Stallard, two grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services for Opal will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street in Akron, Ind. Rev. Larry Dodge will officiate with burial in West Lawn Cemetery in Denver, Ind. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Hartzler Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the First Church of God in Rochester. Online condolences may be sent at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Eldon J. Sincroft, 87 of North Manchester, Ind. passed away Sunday, January 11, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Calling 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

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Robert J. Hlavaty, 55, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 at his residence. He was born July 31, 1953 in Wabash to Joseph Hlavaty and Sarah Hipskind Metz. Robert was a self-employed master mechanic. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Peru, the Wabash Eagles and Wabash VFW. Survivors include his mother, Sarah Metz, Wabash; a daughter, Leif Cox, North Manchester; two sisters, Mary Wertz and husband Juan, Fort Wayne, and Lois Garcia, North Manchester; his loving companion, Marie Baker, Peru; four granddaughters; four nephews and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene, 331 W. Sixth St., with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Nazarene. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. – also Wednesday, January 14, 2009



Iris Hanson, 78, Peru, passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 11, 2009 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. Iris, a lifelong homemaker in the truest sense of the word, moved to Peru in 1960 when her husband, Major Laurel Hanson, was assigned to then-Bunker Hill Air Force Base. They left Peru in 1964 for assignments in Louisiana and Southern California before returning to Peru in 1970 upon Laurel's retirement from active duty. When Laurel suffered a stroke in 1974, Iris assumed the role of selfless care provider and vigilant advocate until Laurel's death in 2001. Since that time, Iris stayed on in her beloved

little creek-side home on Plothow Road on the outskirts of Peru until a turn in her health finally compelled her to move briefly to the Caring Hands nursing home on Grissom this past New Year's Eve day. Iris was born Sept. 20, 1930 in Stockton, Minn., the sixth of seven children of Benjamin Luhmann and the former Amanda Ties, both of rural Lewiston, Minn. They preceded her in death, as did her two brothers, Ralph and Everett, and sister Marjorie Cizek.

Surviving are sisters Phyllis, Minneapolis, Gladys, Winona, Minn., and Audrey, La Crescent, Minn.; two sons, Lee Hanson, Ph.D., a professor of business management and associate dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, California State University-San Bernardino, residing in Crestline, Calif., and Craig Hanson, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army (retired), residing in Yorktown, Va.; two grandchildren, granddaughter Alexandra Hanson, second lieutenant, USAF, assigned to RAF Lakenheath, England, and grandson Cody Hanson, who recently joined Lockheed-Martin Corp., Herndon, Va. Iris lost a five-month-old granddaughter, Adriana, in 1994.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald, St. John's Lutheran Church, presiding. Friends may call from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations are recommended to the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru; the Food Pantry of Peru; the Nickel Plate Trail Inc.; the Grissom Air Museum or the Wounded Warriors program.

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Herbert A. Sundheimer, Jr., 83, of Wabash, passed away at 8:50 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw, Ind. He was born April 10, 1925 in Wabash to Herbert and Edna E. (Parrett) Sundheimer. On August 3, 1977 he married Phyllis LaWanda Whetstone, and she survives. Herbert was a veteran, having served in the Marine Corps in Europe during World War II. He was retired, and had worked as a machinist at Diehl Machines in Wabash. He had lived the past 16 years in Kosciusko County, Indiana. He attended the First Brethren Church in Warsaw, was a member of VFW Post 1126 of Warsaw, and for many years volunteered as a clown in the Peru Amateur Circus.

Survivors include his wife Phyllis, of Warsaw; two sons, Stanley Sundheimer and wife Jet of Cicero, Ind., Alan Sundheimer of Ellettsville, Ind.; two daughters, Gay Haist and husband James of Wheaton, Ill., Dina Glass and husband Larry of Noblesville; three stepsons, Scott Davis and wife Carol of Las Vegas, Nev., Merle Warren and wife Pat of Fort Wayne, and David VanderVeen of Chicago; two stepdaughters, Judy Dewlen of Covington, Ind., Dalene Goshert of Winona Lake, Ind.; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother Carl Sundheimer and wife Lucy of Urbana. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services will be officiated by Pastor Ronnie Sams at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, Ind., with military rites conducted by American Legion Post #49 and VFW Post #1126, both of Warsaw. Arrangements entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, Ind. Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website, www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

Mary Jane McAlister, 83, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 12, 2009 at Community South Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born November 4, 1925 in Kokomo. She and Frank C. McAlister were high school sweethearts for five years, and were married for 65 years. Mrs. McAlister was a resident of Greenwood Village South where she enjoyed art, euchre, bingo and shuffleboard. She was a DAR, Beta Sigma Phi and "PHT." A graduate of University Beauty College and a beautician for 15 years, she was an oil painter and won ribbons for that, and was also a winemaker. Mary and Frank were avid travelers and enjoyed trips to Ireland, Alaska, Germany, Switzerland, and South America. When they were not traveling you could find them at Indiana University football and basketball games. Survivors include her loving husband Frank; a son Mark, of Bloomington and Hilton Head, N.C.; a daughter, Susan of Indianapolis; four grandsons, Daniel, Leith, Brand, and James, and a great-grandson, Jax. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2009 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main, with Chaplain Joanna Morse Lekberg officiating. Entombment will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood. Visitation will be Thursday, 10-11 a.m., at the Greenwood Chapel. Memorial

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contributions are requested to the American Lung Association of Indiana, Suite 1180-S, 115 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Online condolences available at www.wilsonstpierre.com.



Daisy Lorena Wales Tillett, Indianapolis, passed away at 8 p.m. Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Crowne Point Assisted Living Facility in Carmel, Ind. after a lengthy illness. Born to William Benjamin Wales and Adelaide (Della) Connolly-Wales of Tinus, La., she was the youngest of their ten children. After being raised on the family farm in St. Helena Parrish, Lorena, as she was known to her southern family, she completed her nurse's training at Our Lady of the Lake School of Nursing in Baton Rouge, La., and entered the U.S. Army Nursing Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant during World War II. While stationed at Fort Robinson in Little Rock, Ark., she met her future husband, William J. Tillett, and they relocated to his hometown of Peru, Ind. In Peru she worked at the Wabash Railroad Employee Hospital. When the couple moved to Indianapolis in the 1950s, she worked for several years at St. Vincent Hospital. A longtime resident of the

Broad Ripple area, she was an active member of the Meridian Street United Methodist Church. Although Dee, as she was known to her northern family, was predeceased by all her siblings and one nephew, she is survived by her husband of 61 years, William; a daughter, Nancy E. Tillett; a son James F. Tillett; and nine additional nieces and nephews. Family and friends will gather at Flanner and Buchanan Broad Ripple Funeral Center Thursday, January 15, 2009, 5-8 p.m. A service celebrating the life of Daisy Lorena Wales Tillett will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street in Peru, with Pastor Anne Rosebrock officiating. Burial will follow at the Reyburn Cemetery with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites unit. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent Hospice or the Meridian Street United Methodist Church.

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Max E. Burns, 83, of Fort Wayne passed away at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital. He was born November 14, 1925 in Chili, Indiana to the late Earl Burns and Frances May See. Max graduated from Chili High School in 1943, and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He owned Custom Drapery Installation for 17 years, retiring in 1988. Survivors include his wife, Rosetta (Black) Burns; a son, Mark Burns and wife Jackie; daughters Kimberly Singleton and Melody Fey; a sister Phyllis Wooten and husband Gene, Peru; a brother, Garl Burns and wife Ellen of Champaign, Ill.; grandchildren Duane, Justin and Elaina; and great-grandchildren Jasmin and Max. He was preceded in death by three brothers. There will be no funeral service. Arrangements were by C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells Street, Fort Wayne.

Raymond D. Morrow, 76 of Twelve Mile, Ind. passed away at 5:26 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at his residence. He was born July 17, 1932 in Twelve Mile to Cecil T. and Gail (Dillman) Morrow. He married Suzann P. Baber on June 2, 1957 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Washington Township. Mr. Morrow was a lifetime farmer, and a member of God's Family at Corinth Brethren Church. Survivors include his wife, Suzann Morrow of Twelve Mile; a son, Michael Morrow and wife Cathy, Logansport; a daughter, Maureen Weller and husband Rod, Logansport; sisters Maridean Hinkle of Marion, and Lois Thomson and husband William of Logansport. Also grandsons Aaron Morrow, Mason Weller, and Winston Weller, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Jay Morrow; and one sister, Betty Pearl Conrad. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Corinth Brethren Church in Twelve Mile with Pastor Michael Thompson officiating. Burial will follow at the Corinth Brethren Cemetery, Twelve Mile, Ind. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2009 at Gundrum Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity or the Corinth Brethren Church. Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport is caring for arrangements.



Saturday, January 17, 2009

Vera Frances Graft, 93, passed away on Jan. 16 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on Oct. 12, 1915 in Erie Township, Miami County, to Omar O. and Ida Altman Butt. She married Clifford Vern (Tip) Graft on April 30, 1938, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 18, 2005. Vera graduated from Peru High School in 1933 and was a lifelong resident of Miami County. She moved into the Blair Ridge Retirement Community in 2000 and had resided at Miller's Merry Manor since March of 2008. She attended Manchester College and then taught elementary school at Ridgeview School, Peru. She later finished her B.S. degree in education while teaching at Nead Elementary School. She retired from teaching in 1978 after over 26 years in the profession. Vera was a member of the Loree Brethren Church, the

Gideons International Auxiliary and the Dukes Hospital Auxiliary. For many years she was a Sunday School teacher and played the piano and organ for church functions. She had many hobbies which she dearly loved, including working with stained glass, oil painting and crocheting. Many of her finished works of art are on display in homes of family members and friends. She taught herself how to use the computer and thoroughly enjoyed making greeting cards to send to others. Vera and Tip spent more than two decades wintering in Braden Castle Park, Bradenton, Fla. Vera lovingly raised two children, and loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much. A woman of strong faith and integrity, she was always looking for ways to help others and was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Weaver and husband Richard,

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Peru; her son, John Graft and wife Marcia, Fishers; nine grandchildren, Julie Sommers and husband Larry, Greg Montel and wife Cathy, Jeff Montel and wife Libby, Debbie Patterson and husband Larry, Kevin Weaver and wife Leslie, Chris Weaver and wife Rachel, Michelle Sheehan and husband Tom, Ryan Graft and wife Alison, and Shawn Graft; 17 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Vera was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; husband; two sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, and one hour prior to the funeral service. A funeral service celebrating the life of Vera will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Steve Fleck and Pastor Eugene Oburn officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Gideons International and/or the Loree Brethren Church.

Monday, January 19, 2009

Vivian Adeline Ridenour, 90, formerly of Peru, passed away Friday, January 16, 2009, at The Sanctuary at St. Paul's in South Bend. Vivian was born in Peru to Guy Dean and Almeda Mae Guildenbecher on March 29, 1918. On April 2, 1938, she married John D. Ridenour and lived the next 57 years in Peru. John preceded her in death. Vivian's love of God and family was known by everyone. She was employed by the Wabash Valley Abstract Company and at the Wabash Valley Bank & Trust Company. She later became a homemaker and active in PSI IOTA XI sorority. Before moving to South Bend in 2000, Vivian was an active member and treasurer of Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru. Upon moving to South Bend, she became a member of the Evangel Heights United Methodist Church. Left to cherish her loving memory are her sons, John D. Ridenour Jr. and his wife Mary of Louisville, Ky., and James M. Ridenour and his wife Kay of South Bend; her loving grandchildren, David Ridenour, Erin R. (Nick) Carter and Allison Ridenour, all of Louisville, Ky., and Cole Ridenour and Matt Ridenour of South Bend. A service celebrating the life of Vivian Adeline Ridenour will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home after 11 a.m. Tuesday. Memorial donations may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church or American Cancer Society.

Louise Fitzgerald, 86, Peru, passed away at 2:31 p.m., Friday, January 16, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Louise was born in Silver Creek, Minn. on March 26, 1922 to Carl J. and Hilda Johnson Broman. On October 7, 1948, she married Robert E. Fitzgerald at the Grace Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Calif., and he survives. She graduated from Monticello High School in Monticello, Minn. and attended Minneapolis Business College. She and her husband owned and operated Fitzgerald Jewelry Store in Delphi from 1952 to 1960. They purchased Smith Jewelers in Peru in 1962 and operated it as Fitzgerald Jewelers from 1962 through 1986, when they retired. Louise and her husband Bob lovingly raised three children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Peru Elkettes, Ladies of the Moose, Miami County Ladies Golf Association and Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Louise never met a stranger. She had a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed being with people. She and Bob loved to dance and she was an avid golfer.

Surviving in addition to her husband Robert, are her children, Todd Fitzgerald and his wife Teresa of Peru, Dara Matters and her husband Greg of Noblesville, and Carla Sturch and her husband Don of Mexico; her brother Bernard Broman and his wife Verona of Plainfield; grandchildren Andrew and Amanda Fitzgerald, Michele and Danny Gahs, Michael and Deseri Fuqua, Dr. Kasee and Matthew Carlstedt, Hayden Sturch, Nolan Sturch and Jason Sturch; great-grandchildren Jaqueline Sturch, Seth Sturch, Ethan Gahs, Emma Gahs, Eden Gahs, Dylan Sturch and Gavyn Fritz. Also surviving are her extended and loved family members David and Patty Westcott of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Donna Wilson and Betty Ammans. A service celebrating the life of Louise Fitzgerald will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

John Basil Goodnight, Jr., 52, of Peru passed away at 11:44 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born October 20, 1956 in Tipton, he was the son of John Goodnight, Sr. and Irma J. Goodnight. On October 24, 1998, he June Ellen Jameson at the Peru Knights of Columbus, and she survives. He worked at Kokomo Gravel in Peru, and he enjoyed collecting Jeff Gordon NASCAR memorabilia. He was a United States Army Veteran. Other survivors include his father and step-mother, John Goodnight, Sr. and his wife Jerri, Peru; one daughter, Shauna Goodnight; three stepchildren, Troy Truax and his wife Andrea, Toni Truax, and Todd Truax and his wife Julie, all of Peru; 11 step grandchildren, and seven step great-grandchildren; one sister, Becky (Terry) Phillips of Windfall and their children, Theresa and Valerie; two brothers, Lloyd (Evelyn) Goodnight, Peru, Ind., and Dennis Goodnight and his son Brandon Goodnight of Troy, Ohio; a stepbrother, James Harley Sparks, Jr., Peru; and aunts and uncles, Joe and Anita Albarado of Peru and George and Kathy Walker of LaFountaine. He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Irma and James Harley Sparks; one stepsister, Karen Johnson; and one stepbrother, Kenneth Sparks.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Friends are invited to call from noon until the time of services Wednesday. – also Wednesday, January 21, 2009

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Berniece Pearl Gow, 92, Denver, peacefully departed from her earthly home at 4 a.m. Thursday January 15, 2009. She was born September 29, 1916 in Toronto, Canada to Albert and Elsie (Everingham) Meadows. In 1940, she married William Jefferson Carr, and he preceded her in death. She was later married to Alexander Gow, and he also preceded her in death. She was an energetic, enthusiastic, and compassionate woman. For six years, she was the Prima Ballerina for the Detroit Civic Opera. A woman of many talents and hobbies, she passed on her love of fishing, gardening, animals, and quilts to her children and grandchildren. Berniece was a renowned artist and sculptor and sold many pieces of art through museums and her import stores. Her creativity and energy knew no bounds and she, herself, knew no enemies. She was a talented seamstress and quilter. She loved all pets, but held a special place in her heart for the perfect poodle, King Tut, who spent the last four days of Berniece's life faithfully at her side.

Survivors include her devoted daughter, Sara Jessica Stalker, Denver; two granddaughters, Rebecca (Kelly) Shanley and their children, Amanda, Gavin, and Griffin, and Shanti Lee Carr, Florida; two grandsons, Nathan Stalker and his wife Veronica, Spain, and their daughter, Ki Stalker, Frankfort, and Jeff Zody and his wife Leslie and their sons, Navar and Zack, all of Kendallville. In addition to her husbands, her beloved son, Timothy Lee Carr, preceded her in death. She will be missed by all and mourned deeply by her family. It was Berniece's wishes that there would be no public services at the time of her death. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Cuma Catherine Becht, 75, Rochester, passed away at her residence at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 16, 2009. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2009, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. A memorial service will be conducted by the Women of the Moose at 6:30 p.m. Burial will take place at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery on March 9, 2009. Memorials in Cuma's memory may be made to Manitou Moose Charities. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Florence A. Simpson, 90, Peru, passed away at 2:25 a.m. Sunday, January 18, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Ellen Mae Higgins, 71, Peru, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Friday, January 16, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 22, 2009, at The Salvation Army, 84 W. Second St., with Major Tim Wilson officiating. There will be no visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

David A. Hayes, 59, Bunker Hill, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born July 27, 1949 in Kokomo to William R. Hayes Sr. and Ella Jean (Karnes) Dillman. On Feb. 17, 1984, he married Mara Lynn Beach, and she survives. He worked at Chrysler for 37 years until his retirement in 2003. He loved Harley-Davidson motorcycles and did a lot of benefit rides. He was a member of the HOG motorcycle club. He enjoyed going to Daytona Beach, loved tending to his cats and always took in strays. He was in need of a lung transplant, but he worked out and improved his health so much that his doctors took him off the list. He had a love for life and cherished his kids and his grandkids. In addition to his wife, Lynn Hayes, he is survived by two daughters, Angela York and Tosha Brown; his step-mother, Isabelle Hayes; four grandchildren; four brothers, Robert Hayes, James Hayes, Mitchell Pierce and Kevin Hayes; three sisters, Terry Name, Patricia Sprouse and Sherry Hayes; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Marianne Hayes; and two brothers, Kent Pierce and Randall Hayes. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with Pastors Mark Engle and Linwood Sprouse officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com.



Steve D. Dolce, 64, Peru, passed away at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 6, 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Jessie Radliff. He was married to Pamela McComas by Father Parker at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Peru on June 19, 1965, and she survives. Steve graduated from Peru High School in 1963, and retired as a clerk for CSX Railroad after 43 years. He began his railroad career with the C/O Railroad in Peru, retiring from CSX Queensgate Yards in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2007. At that time, Steve and Pam returned to Peru to begin their retirement years. Steve was an elementary basketball coach, Little League Babe Ruth baseball coach for over 10 years and was an avid Notre Dame fan. He also enjoyed renovating old homes, landscaping, fishing, reading and spending time with his family. In addition, he belonged to the TCU, NARVRE and Trinity Episcopal Church in Covington, Ky. Survivors include his mother in Kokomo; his wife; a daughter, Brigitte Kintner and husband Kirk, Peru; a son, Brad Dolce and wife Kristie, Ruskin, Fla.; five grandchildren, Isaac, Thaddeus and Paxton Kintner, and Layke and Landen Dolce; a brother, Michael Dolce, Kokomo; two sisters, Joe Ann Rice, Lake City, Fla., and Pam Nevin, Cincinnati, Ohio; and two aunts, Betty Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mary Manning, Danville, Ky. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, with

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Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the March of Dimes and/or Shrines Orthopedic Children's Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral

Friday, January 23, 2009



Charles L. "Roy" Smith, 79, Gilead, passed away at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at his residence. He was born Feb. 18, 1929 in Miami County to William H. and Elsie (Rentzel) Smith. He married Iris Schmidt Oct. 27, 1950, and she survives. Roy was a retired dairy farmer and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. He was a former member of the Deedsville IOOF Lodge and the Gilead Masonic Lodge. In addition, he was an avid euchre player. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Charles Craig Smith and wife Donna, Gilead; a daughter, Cathy Jo Hileman and her family, Peru; two grandsons, Matthew Minthorn and Aaron Charles Smith; a great-granddaughter, Greta Minthorn; and a sister, Joann Denny, Converse. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, William, Robert, Earl and infant George Smith; and eight sisters, Evelyn Betzner, Mildred Wilson, Kathryn Leedy, Esther Pattison, Naomi Cossairt, Wilma Jean Frieden, Mary Smith and Helen Linkenhelt.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Pauline E. Palmer, 89, Kokomo, passed away at 1:22 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born June 15, 1919 in Logansport to Russel and Viola (Hopper) Greasor. She married Jean A. Palmer Dec. 5, 1943, and he survives. Pauline graduated from Kokomo High School in 1937. She worked for Delco Radio for 15 years in Kokomo, retiring in 1969. She was a member of First Christian Church, Kokomo. In addition, she was a very thoughtful person, always going out of her way to help others and her family. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Kathy Jo Stamper and husband Chris, Kokomo; and a grandson, Brian Stamper, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her

parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Mary Pruiett and the Rev. Will Jewsbury officiating. Burial will be in Onward's Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Calling will be from noon until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, Kokomo. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Emily "Maxine" Pope, 86, Peru, passed away at 11:44 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Aug. 18, 1922 in the Gaines community near Wilmot, Ark. She married Robert Lee Pope Aug. 7, 1943 in Wilmot, Ark., and he preceded her in death. Emily retired from Square D Company and was a member of the Apostolic Chapel Church, Peru. She loved to work in her vegetable garden and always grew a variety of beautiful flowers. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Hawkins, Kokomo; two sons, Leroy Pope and wife Beki, Georgetown, Ky., and Willie Pope and wife Nita, Peru; five grandchildren, Andrew Pope, Logansport, Chris Pope, Lexington, Ky., Thomas Pope, Peru, Melissa Young, Tipton, and Sara Stoeckinger, Lexington, Ky.; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; nine brothers and eight sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Stephen Baines officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends called from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to VNS (Visiting Nurse Service), Howard Regional Hospice Services, 2800 S. Reed Road, Second Floor, Kokomo, IN 46902, and/or Parkinson's Disease, 4755 Kingway Drive, Room 333, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Charlene L. Blackman, 79, passed away peacefully at her home in Orange Beach, Ala. at 5:56 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, 2009, surrounded by her family. She was born February 5, 1929 to Harry and Esther (Snodgrass) Sheets, who preceded her in death. She married Donald Blackman on December 27, 1950, and he survives. She is also survived by her sister, Ellen Guenther of Midwest City, Okla. Charlene was the beloved mother of Jon L. Blackman and wife Vicky, Kokomo, Michael C. Blackman of Fort Wayne, and Jeffrey L. Blackman and wife Teresa of Gainesville, Fla. She was the adored grandmother of Michelle Easterday-Hernandez and husband Wilmer of Peru, Nicole Rodriguez and husband Hector of Peru, Gregory Blackman of Birmingham, Ala., Cody Blackman of Auburn, Ala., Shannon Darrow and husband Adam of Fort Wayne, Lisa Boyce and husband Tim of Kokomo, and Kelly Majors and companion Monie McMurtry of Kokomo. She treasured her great-grandchildren, Maddison and Griffin Easterday, William Rodriguez, Jessica and Nicholas Boyce, Kokomo; Kert, Mia, Aiden, and Callie Darrow of Fort Wayne; a special niece, Valerie Elliott and husband Chris, Harrah, Okla.; along with several other nieces and nephews. Charlene worked as a legal secretary in Peru for Attorney Albert Cole for 25 years, until her retirement in 1994. Upon retirement, Charlene and Don moved to Orange Beach, Ala., where they enjoyed gardening, traveling, going to the beach, and spending time together with family. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Peru, and enjoyed volunteering as a Pink Lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital for several years. She was also active in the American Business Women's Association. A memorial service in Charlene's honor was held in Orange Beach, Ala. on January 21, 2009.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2009 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Sunday, 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Helen L. (Hoffman) Thieme, 84, Fort Wayne, passed away at Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the funeral service Tuesday at the church. Please consider memorials to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Volunteer Center RSVP or Community Harvest Food Bank.

Margaret Ruth Allen, 84, Peru, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at Hickory Creek in Peru. She was born April 19, 1925 in Mitchell to Joe and Blanche Tyree. She married Homer D. Allen on July 27, 1946, in Lawrenceville, Ill., and he preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 2001. Margaret was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren. Survivors include one son, Marvin Kent Allen and wife Janis, Mexico; two grandchildren, Jammie Jones and husband Chad, Logansport, and Rick Allen and wife Cathy, Delphi; and three great-grandchildren, Brittany Allen, Zoe Jones and Cole Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, Denise Ann Allen. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Donald Ritchey officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Marion Wallace Jones Andrews, 93, Woodstock, Ill., formerly of Peru, passed away at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 in Hearthstone Manor, Woodstock. She was born March 15, 1915 in Vincennes to Dr. John and Pauline Jones. She married Graham A. Andrews on March 5, 1939 in Indianapolis, and he preceded her in death June 28, 1990. Marion moved from Peru to Woodstock in 1996. During the 1940s and 1950s, she was associated with her husband in their wholesale petroleum distributorship in Peru. She was later a legal secretary for 18 years with Cole, Haig, and Roberts, Peru, retiring in 1981. In Peru, her memberships included the First Presbyterian Church, Tri Kappa Associates, the Red Cross Executive Board and the Peru Civic Center Board. In Woodstock, she was a member of the Woodstock First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her children, Edith Cowlin and husband John, Crystal Lake, Ill., G. Tom Andrews and wife Sue, Rocky River, Ohio, Paul Andrews and wife Rosemary, Lakewood, N.Y., and Mark Andrews, Las Vegas, Nev.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a sister, Margaret Moschelle; and a brother, the Rev. William Jones. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorials be made in Marion's name to Building Fund, First Presbyterian Church, 2018 N. Rt. 47, Woodstock, IL 60098; Hearthstone Manor, Good Samaritan Fund, 920 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, IL, 60098; Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund, 580 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 100, Lombard, IL 60148; or First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970.



Mary Lee Toepfer, 64, Peru, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at her residence. She was born March 28, 1944 in Florala, Ala. to Thomas and Dorothy Allen. She married William E. Toepfer on Aug. 16, 1974 in Wabash, and he survives. Mary graduated from Lanier High School in Montgomery, Ala., and business school in Montgomery, Ala. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Peru Moose Lodge #249. She loved flowers, reading and animals. Survivors besides her husband include a son, William B. Toepfer and wife Mona, Peru; a daughter, Elizabeth Murphy and husband Mark, Peru; four grandchildren, Alaina, Nick, David and Molee; and two great-grandchildren, Ethen and Emmalee. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Noah F. Sheppard. A service celebrating the life of Mary Lee Toepfer will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Raymond Lee Howard, 74, Peru, passed away at 11:13 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born March 30, 1934 in Miami County to Homer E. and Mary M. Wilkinson Howard. On Dec. 31, 1970 he married the former Sandra Kay Brown, and she preceded him in death in 2003. Raymond was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and the Moose Lodge, Peru. He was a professional sign painter, and he was retired from United Technologies. Survivors include three sons, Christian James Howard and wife Tammy, and their children, Mackenzie, Noah, and Tate Howard, all of Inglis, Fla.; Raymond Grant and David Grant; two daughters, Mary Helen Miller, Nashville; and Leanne Grant, Nashville; one sister, Bonnie Brown and husband Wendell, San Antonio, Texas; and one brother, Richard Howard and wife Mary, Atwater, Calif. One brother, Eldon Howard, preceded him in death. In accordance with Raymond's wishes, there will be no funeral service. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Betty J. Skinner, 82, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 6:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 25, 1926 in Miami County to Joseph R. and Jeannie P. (Jones) Hammett. She married Carl Skinner Jr. in 1946, and he preceded her in death. Betty retired from Rock Industries. Survivors include a daughter, Susan Peterson and husband Edward, Warsaw; two sons, John B. Skinner and wife Cindy, Peru, and Mark A. Skinner, Peru; five grandchildren and

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six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and five brothers. Private family graveside services will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Robert H. McMillen, 92, Logansport, passed away at 7:43 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Chase Convalescent Center in Logansport. He was born August 6, 1916 in Logansport to Chester and Blanche (Herd) McMillen. He graduated from Logansport High School in 1934, the year Logansport won the state basketball championship and he was sports editor of the school newspaper. Robert belonged to Boy Scout Troop #7 and became an Eagle Scout, serving as swimming and athletic instructor at Fletchers Lake and Camp Callahan. On July 4, 1940 Robert married Opal I. Franklin in Delphi, who preceded him in death on December 14, 2000. Robert retired in 1979 as a conductor with Conrail and Pennsylvania Railroads after 43 years of service. He was a member of Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the First United Methodist Church of Logansport. Robert spent vacation time traveling the United States with his wife and daughters. He had visited all 50 states, as well as Canada and Mexico. His hobbies included swimming, golf, fishing, and watching sports. His greatest thrill was seeing Babe Ruth in person, pitch for the Red Sox. Survivors include two daughters: Sandra Roberson of Logansport, and Judi Phillips of Peru; three granddaughters, Michelle Baber and husband Stephen of Peru, Debra Brown and husband Kerry of Pendleton, and Laura Roberson of Indianapolis; a grandson, Robert Phillips of Peru; six great-grandchildren, Reese Baber, Weston Baber, Brooklyn Baber, and Brandon Phillips, all of Peru; and Cody and Kyle Brown of Pendleton.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009 at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport, with the Reverend Bill Shannon officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Logansport. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at Gundrum Funeral Home.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Charlet M. Smith, 82, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Charlet was born in Indianapolis May 29, 1926 to Charles S. and Merle Wilson Norton. She married Joseph Smith on Aug. 11, 1946 at the Richvalley United Brethren, Richvalley, and he preceded her in death Jan. 1, 1992. A Chippewa High School graduate, Charlet then went on to Indiana Central University. She was a librarian for the Peru Public Library for 23 years, retiring in June 1997. Charlet wrote articles for the Miami County Shopper titled "Here Abouts," was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Genealogy Society, Miami County Tourism Committee and the Miami County Historical Society. Charlet gave walking and driving tours of Miami County before there was a tourism bureau. She also taught at St. John's Lutheran School in the 1960s and for many years was a Sunday school teacher. Charlet was a very talented and creative individual, who loved the Lord, her family and music. Surviving are her children Edward A. Smith and wife Nancy, Flowery Branch, Ga., Russell O. Smith and wife Louise "Weedie," Shelbyville, and Jennifer J. McKinley and husband Donald, Peru; grandchildren Janel Little and husband Jeff, Duke McKinley and fiancée Heather Tharp, Allison Smith and Hillary Smith; and great-grandchildren Marlena Steinhall, Kayla Steinhall, Madisyn Little and Wesley Little. A service celebrating the life of Charlet M. Smith will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. John's Lutheran Church, the Peru Public Library or the Alzheimer's Association.

Elizabeth Ann "Ibby Ann" Kurtz Schram, 94, of Tipton, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on February 11, 1914 in Connersville to Fred V. and Ella M. (Marlatt) Miller. Ibby Ann married William A. Kurtz, M.D., in 1941, and he preceded her in death in 1974. She married Robert M. Schram in 1977, and he preceded her in death in 2005. Ibby Ann was a teacher. She graduated from Indiana University, belonged to the Kemp United Methodist Church, was a member of Tri-Delta and Tri-Kappa Sororities. She twice received the Sagamore of the Wabash, and received the Distinguished Hoosier award. She served as Vice Chairman of the Indiana Bicentennial Committee. Survivors include two sons, William M. Kurtz and wife Rose of Indianapolis, and Robert S. Kurtz, M.D., and wife Charla of Noblesville; three stepchildren, R. Thomas Schram and wife Betsy of Cincinnati, David Schram and wife Carol of Kirkline, Wash., and Mary E. Schram of Kirkline, Wash. She has seven grandchildren, Laura Clouser, Jennifer Cugier, Allison Kurtz, Julie, Tom, Katherine and Rachel Schram; and three great-grandchildren, Ethan and Ava Clouser, and Spencer Cugier. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home, 216 W. Jefferson St., in Tipton. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Robert and Elizabeth Schram Education Fund at the Tipton County Foundation, P.O. Box 412, Tipton, IN 46072 or the Tipton Hospital, 1000 S. Main Street, Tipton, IN 46072.

Thursday, January 29, 2009

Howard "J.R." Slifer, 77, Twelve Mile, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born April 28, 1931 in Twelve Mile to Howard and Nellie Glassburn Slifer. On Sept. 12, 1948, at the Baptist Temple in Logansport, he was married to Eileen Kingery, and she survives. J.R. was the owner of the Ford dealership in Twelve Mile for over 50

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years. He received multiple Dealer In Excellence awards. He was proud to serve his community as a volunteer fireman for over 50 years. He was named the first Fireman of the year in Cass County in 1983. J.R. was one of the founding members of the Cass County Crime Stoppers and was past president. He was a member of VFW in Logansport, Eagles No. 852, the American Legion No. 60, and a 50-year member of the Royal Center Masonic Lodge No. 585. J.R. had a love for music and played guitar for 67 years. He had the privilege of playing with Hank Williams, Jr., Stonewall Jackson and Crystal Gayle to name a few. In 1949, his band, the Cass County Ramblers, played the opening for the WSAL Radio Station. He enjoyed getting

together with his friends for jam sessions and teaching his son and grandsons to play the guitar. He also had a love for camping, mushroom hunting and spending time with his family.

Survivors besides his wife include two children, Donita Hook and husband Jim, Logansport, and Anita Boldry and husband Steve, Rochester; a daughter-in-law, Helen Slifer, Florida; two sisters, Sandra Tigler and husband Bill, Denver, and Patty Cooper and husband Wally, Michigan; a sister-in-law, Mary Weller, Kokomo; 11 grandchildren, Rob Hook, Wendy James, Doug Hook, Bill Hook, Eric Slifer, Marcus Slifer, Gabby Slifer, Libby Behr, Tammy Bonnell, Brad Boldry and Scott Boldry; 14 great-grandchildren; and several, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one son, Charlie Slifer, and one brother, Richard Weller. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bob Cree officiating. Burial will follow in Spring Creek Cemetery, rural Cass County. Friends are invited to call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile Volunteer Fire Department or American Diabetes Association. - also Friday, January 30, 2009 and Saturday, January 31, 2009

Donald Leroy Rouch, 93, of Santee, Calif. went to be with his Lord on Monday, January 19, 2009. He was born May 15, 1915 in Miami, Fla. to Claude and Nellie (Lynch) Rouch. Donald was married to Naomi Ellen Wackerle for 63 years, and she preceded him in death. Don was retired from Square D Company in Peru, with more than 43 years of service. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, the Elks and Moose lodges. Survivors include three children, Sandy Thompson and husband Jerry of Carmel, Sonja Guyer and husband Harold of Georgetown, Texas, and Fred Rouch and wife Ginger of Santee, Calif.; five grandsons, four granddaughters, and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one brother, Robert Rouch of Denver, Colo. and a sister-in-law, Shirley Oates of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one sister. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main in Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Komen Breast Cancer Research. - also Friday, January 30, 2009 and Saturday, January 31, 2009

Saturday, January 31, 2009

William D. McDougle, 54, Nappanee, passed away at 12:57 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at the Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Feb. 24, 1954 in Peru to Clarence E. McDougle Sr. and Georgia (Ropp) McDougle. William served in the U.S. Air Force and was a laborer at Gulf Stream. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge. Survivors include his parents in Mexico; two sons, Erick McDougle, Nappanee, and Richard McDougle, Michigan; two brothers, Clarence E. McDougle Jr. and wife Cathy, Peru, and Harold McDougle and wife Berniece, Denver; three sisters, Della Maynard, Mexico, Joyce Cupp and husband John, Morristown, and Shelly Hoff and husband Rick, Peru; and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a son. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Monday, February 02, 2009

Rowena E. Hahn, 69, Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the intersection of U.S. 31 and 400 North as a result of an automobile accident. Rowena was born June 20, 1939 in Peru to Dale E. and Mary Lucille (Gilbert) Hahn. She was a registered nurse. Prior to retiring, Rowena was an inspector for the State of Indiana, inspecting nursing homes and hospitals. She was a 1957 graduate of Clay Township High School and received her nursing degree from Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Rowena was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary and a member of the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary. She is survived by a brother, Jeff Hahn of Peru; a sister, Mary Cavins and her husband Clifford Sr. of Peru; nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Harold "Jake" Hahn and grandparents, Harvey and Edna Hahn. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at Mount Hope Chapel with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Clara "Bernice" Cole, 93, Peru, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Bernice was born November 20, 1915 in Neenah, Wisc. to Joseph and Margaret (Johnson) Flitcraft. On May 27, 1939, she married John H. "Jerry" Cole in Lebanon. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1986. Bernice was a homemaker. She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Utley of Peru; two sons, Jerry Cole and his wife Joan of Tucson, Ariz., and Danny Cole and his wife Barbara of Logansport; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and eight siblings - Joseph, Theodore, Russell, Clark, Aaron, Beatrice, Hattie and Iris.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call Tuesday at the funeral home from noon until the time of service.

Tuesday, February 03, 2009



Suzanne P. Conover, 51, Mexico, went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 at 4:44 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born May 6, 1957 in Rock Island, Ill. to Charles Conover and Rosemary McAllister. Suzanne was a homemaker. She lived a good life, had a big heart, cared more about everyone else's problems and took care of them instead of herself. She sacrificed and was a good person. Her father, two sisters, three brothers and many, many special friends, including dearest friends Mary Campbell, Betsy Swingle, survive her. A memorial service was held on Monday at Peru Baptist Church, 351 E. Fifth St., Peru, with Pastor Rose Sorenson officiating the service.



Pendré "Penny" Le Miller, 60, Peru, passed away at 4:58 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Aug. 11, 1948 in Terre Haute to Robert Mason and Lois "Maxine" (Little) Glenn. Penny was a member of Fellowship of Hope, Kokomo, and a homemaker. Survivors include three daughters, Shannon L. Carter, Bowling Green, Ky., Candace McCune and husband Steven, Bunker Hill, and Kim Ogden and husband Ted, Peru; a son, Charlie A. Miller II, Bunker Hill; a niece, Stephanie McVey and husband Kenny, Terre Haute; three sisters, Sherry Davie and husband Mike, Terre Haute, Tracy Ford, Canada, and Cheryn Hines, Brazil, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from noon until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Pendré "Penny" Miller family through the funeral home.

Wednesday, February 04, 2009

Garnet E. Cooper, 79, Peru, passed away at 7:37 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care. She was born Aug. 25, 1929 in Hurricane, W.Va., to John and Annie (Wallace) Searls. She married Theodore H. Cooper Feb. 28, 1948, and he preceded her in death June 3, 1991. Garnet was a homemaker and known for her laugh. Survivors include three daughters, Patricia K. Lay and husband Don, Cynthia Dean and husband John, and Michelle Newman and husband Terry, all of Peru; three sons, Johnny Cooper and wife Jamie, Anderson, Theodore Cooper Jr., and Mark Cooper and wife Patty, all of Peru; a brother, Lawrence Searls and wife Mary Ann, West Virginia; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Sherman Searls, Harold Hunter, Clarence Searls and Daniel Searls; and two sisters, Margaret Barker and Justine Sponaugle.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Chapel of Praise, 2430 S. Business 31, with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Emma H. Uhlig, 94 of Peru passed away at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2009 at the home of her nephew in Denver, Ind. She was born April 19, 1914 to Paul and Caroline "Carrier" (Berker) Uhlig, in Peru. She graduated from Lutheran Grade School, and then from Peru High School in 1932. Emma was a lifelong member of Saint John's Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. She had many friends, and was loved very much by her family. She loved to travel, and loved

classic country music. Emma was a telephone operator for Bell Telephone for 38 years, retiring in 1978 and was a member of the Red Hat Society. Survivors include nephews and nieces, Fred Ammerman, James Yard and wife Pat, Ronnie Yard and wife Charlene, Raymond Uhlig and wife Tonya, Steve Uhlig, Randall Uhlig, Jane Ellen Uhlig and Christine Uhlig Sanders; and several great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Reginald Uhlig; brothers Paul L. Uhlig and Raymond Uhlig; sisters Bertha Yard, Mathilda Ammerman, and Dorothy Uhlig; a niece, Sue Ammerman; and a nephew, Paul Uhlig, Jr.

A service celebrating the life of Emma H. Uhlig will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2009 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main in Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru, Ind. Visitation will be Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Thursday, February 05, 2009

Early Leverett Jr., 81, Peru, passed away at 1:22 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Sept. 1, 1927 in Choctaw County, Ala. to Early and Clordia Craig Leverett. Early was a production worker for United Technologies and member of Mount Herman Baptist Missionary Church. Survivors include two brothers, Wesley Leverett, Cleveland, Ohio, and Leo Leverett, Alabama; a niece, Teresa Richardson, Peru; two nephews, Bryant Leverett and Winston

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Leverett, both of Peru; a great-nephew, Dwight Leverett, Peru; and two great-nieces, Tiara Richardson and Kanaysha Leverett, both of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and six brothers.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Hermon Baptist Missionary Church, 451 W. Second St., Peru, with the Rev. E.J. Lacy officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mount Hermon Baptist Missionary Church, 451 W. Second St., Peru. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St.

Helen M. Watts, 81, of Peru, went to be with the Lord at 1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care. She was born February 28, 1927 in Breathitt County, Ky. to Elijah and Kate (Smith) Combs, both deceased. She married Carl Watts on February 1, 1945 and he preceded her in death on March 8, 1990. Helen had lived in Peru since 1947. Helen was a homemaker and loving wife. She was a member of the First Brethren Church. She loved the Lord and her family, and loved being around her family and friends. Survivors include her daughters, Janey Prather and husband Daryle of Peru; Judy Schroll of Peru; and Jerri Bunker of Peru; a son, Larry Joe Watts, also of Peru; a brother, Amos Combs and wife June of Peru; 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren; ten nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; a son Carl James; two sisters, Mavis and Anne; a granddaughter, Kathryn Rose Bunker; and a great-grandson, Brettley Maxwell Owen.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, with Pastor Lorie Keck officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County, Ind. Friends may call Thursday, February 5, 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Watts family.

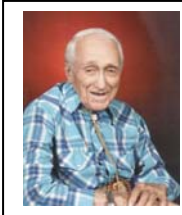
Friday, February 06, 2009



Peighton Wrigley Haney was stillborn at 3:51 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. She was the daughter of Jarred Haney and Brittany Brown. Surviving in addition to her parents of Kokomo, are two brothers, Chase Haney and Nolan Haney, both of Peru; maternal grandparents Michael and Melinda Brown of Kokomo; paternal grandmother Yvonne Michael of Kokomo of Kokomo; maternal great-grandparents Martha Lake of Kokomo, Glenda Brown of Bunker Hill, and Connie Pavey of Kokomo; paternal great-grandparents Bill and Lenore Siler of Peru; great-great grandparents Anna Johns of Bunker Hill, Mary Jane and Leo Stokes of Russiaville, and Russell and Alean Graves of Kokomo; aunt Sidney Brown of Kokomo; uncles Greg Graf of Peru, Dan Michael and his wife Sheryl of Peru, and Joshua Fields and wife Amanda of Kokomo; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Jefferson Street Chapel, 414 West Jefferson, with Pastor Kent Kessler officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 p.m. until service time on Saturday. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Saturday, February 07, 2009



Keith E. Vance, 94, Peru, passed away at 5:48 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care. He was born Oct. 1, 1914 in Logansport to Bonney and Clara (Gladmon) Vance. He married Grace E. Finks Sept. 6, 1937, and she preceded him in death Dec. 16, 2003. Keith was a short course graduate of Purdue University, a certified livestock judge, a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and retired farmer. He graduated in 1933 from Washington Township High School in Cass County, was a 4-H leader for more than 20 years, a beef barn superintendent for many years and served on the Miami County 4-H Fair Board. In addition, he was a 1986 Indiana Rural Development Committee Award recipient, a 1992 Master Farmer Conservationist Award recipient, received the 1977 and 2007 Indiana Hereford Man

of the Year Award, was a past Kiwanis Man of the Year, a 1987 lifetime past recipient of an Indiana State Fair award for participating many years in beef, and in 1991 he was inducted into Purdue University's Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Survivors include three daughters, twins Judy Satrom and husband David, Peru, and Jean Douglass and husband Morgan, Carmel, and Grace Cole, Mooresville; five grandchildren, Lori Spayde, Vance Cole, Wayne Satrom, Steven and David Douglass; three great-grandchildren, Christopher Spayde, Cordelia and Keith Cole; and one great-great-grandson, Cole Couch. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County 4-H Fair Beef Project.



Paul "Tom" Thomas Wickersham, 76, 1850 N. Matador St., passed away at 10:08 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Tom was born February 28, 1932 in Kokomo to Paul J. Wickersham and Ruth (Hutchcroft) Wickersham. On February 13, 1955, he married Evelyn E. (Gaddie) Wickersham. She preceded him in death on September 12, 1994. A longtime resident of Bunker Hill, he was retired from Stellite in Kokomo. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of Steel Workers Union and Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors include his children, Ann Winans and her husband Jerry of Muncie, Phillip

Wickersham of Arizona, Lora Bowers and her husband Mark of Ohio, Diana Reed and her husband Paul of Valparaiso, and

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Cindy Warnement and her husband Keith of Ohio; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Marjorie Sonafrank of Bunker Hill, Julia Banter of Pierceton and Marilyn Linn of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2009, at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 2009, at the funeral home.

Monday, February 09, 2009



Betty Jane White, 85, Peru, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born Nov. 23, 1923 in South Bend to Floyd E. and Lucy Kessler White Sr. Betty graduated from Culver High School and was a bookkeeper for H.A. Thrush for 27 years. She was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and the Care Givers and the Women's Missionary Society of the church. Survivors include two brothers, Melvin Max White and wife Ruth Ann, Wabash, and Floyd E. White Jr. and wife Betty, Peru; a sister, Melba Easterday, Culver; a sister-in-law, Martha White, Fort Wayne; nieces and nephews, Tom Easterday, James Easterday, Martin Easterday, Steve White, Susie White, Hugh Hartz, Nick Hartz, Pam Miller, Doug Hartz, Kim Buzbee and Kristi Shawhan; and several great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Perry White; and a sister, Vona Belle Hartz.

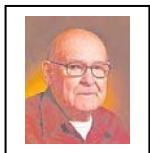
A service celebrating the life of Betty Jane White will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Velma May Keith, 95, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington. She lived in Peru most of her life. She was born Dec. 27, 1913 in Cass County to Otto and Essie (Damran) Castle. She married Cecil Bender, Glen Eshelman and Vearl Keith, and all three preceded her in death. Velma retired from Bailey Manufacturing, Peru, and was a homemaker. She also was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, the Eagles and Moose Lodge auxiliaries, loved to dance and play shuffleboard and cards with family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Joann Draper and husband Wayne, La Fontaine, and Frances Mannies and husband Arville, Peru; a son, Ronnie Keith and wife Gail, Florida; three grandsons, Mark Draper and wife Lori, Scott Draper, all of Wabash, and Wayne Mannies and wife Jane, Peru; two granddaughters, Cheryl Draper, Kirkwood, Mo., and Vickie Medley and husband Darrell, Peru; five great-granddaughters, Becky Ulery and husband Josh, Peru, Ashley Appleton, Noblesville, Janelle Darnell and husband Adam, Indianapolis, Sofia Draper, Wabash, and Kandis Draper, North Manchester; five great-grandsons, Ben Mannies, Indianapolis, Jeremy Appleton and Chad Mooney, both of Peru, Brian Draper and Andrew Draper, both of Wabash; and two great-great-grandchildren, Jordyn Ulery, Peru, and Keaton Frieden, North Manchester. She also helped Vearl Keith raise Don, Diane, Tom and Bob Keith. She was preceded in death by her parents, three husbands and a sister, Helen Forshee.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Gaerte Cemetery, Northern Miami County. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



William F. "Bud" Ream, 81, of Arch Grizzle Drive in Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Peru, passed away on Sunday February 8, 2009 in Emory Hospital following a brief illness. Mr. Ream was born December 16, 1927 in Miami County, Ind. to the late Herman and Verna (See) Ream. He retired from Wilson Foods in Logansport, Ind. after more than 21 years of service. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a member of the I.O.F. organization, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his loving wife, Dorothy Payne Grizzle Ream of Blairsville, Ga.; four sons, Ronald Ream and wife Linda, Roger Ream, Jeff Ream and wife Lynne, and Randy Ream, all of Peru; a sister, Frances Fogle of Russiaville, Ind.; a brother, Loren Ream of Blairsville, Ga.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. Bud was preceded in death by his first wife, Peggy (Gasaway) Ream, in 2000, and a brother, Herman Ream, Jr. in 1993. Graveside services and interment will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville, Ga. is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences on-line, at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, February 12, 2009



John P. Markley, 71, Peru, passed away on Wednesday morning, Feb. 11, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born March 10, 1937 in Pulaski County to Harris and Naomi Shaw Markley. He was first married to Bonnie A. Cosgray, and she preceded him in death. On July 2, 1978 in Warsaw, he was married to Carolyn J. Fouts, and she survives. He was a United States Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War, and he was retired from Bryan Steam in Peru. He enjoyed going to auctions and working outside.

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Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Jennifer Markley, Jacksonville, Ill.; one son, Troy Markley, Kokomo; one stepdaughter, Karen Trigg, Deedsville; one stepson, John Weisenberger, Peru; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Linda Leisure, Kewanna, Susie Rysz, Bluffton, Ohio, and Jeanie Froman, Ferdinand; one half-brother, Jeff Markley, Rochester; and one half-sister, Julie Birge, Kewanna. One son, Jeffrey Markley, one brother, Donald Markley, and one grandson, Matthew Stout, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Steve Bate officiating. Military honors will be presented. Burial will follow at Buck Cemetery in Thornhope. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, February 13, 2009

John Junior Leedy, 80, Mexico, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2009 at Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park, Fla. He was born May 30, 1928 in Mexico to John H. and Mable (Bell) Leedy. He married Betty Jo Fox Feb. 14, 1949, and she survives. Leedy retired from Square D in Peru as a machine operator and was a former volunteer for the Mexico Fire Department. He graduated from Mexico High School in 1946 and was a member of First Baptist Church in Peru, formerly served as a deacon and Sunday School president, a member of the Mexico Masonic Lodge and the Eastern Star. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Gary Leedy and wife Norma, Wittmann, Ariz., Steven Leedy, Lake Wales, Fla., and Jack Leedy and wife Cannie, Kokomo; a daughter, Julie Colwell and husband George, Peru; three grandchildren, Deon, Daniel and Tim; three great-grandchildren, Xavier, Ziamza and Jess; two nieces; a great-niece and a great-nephew; a brother, Terry Leedy and wife Linda, Peru; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jesse; and a brother, Bob.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastors Robert Adelsperger and Charles Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 6 p.m.



Elaine Jenkins Loucks, 80, Ormond Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 at home. She was the daughter of the late Carl and Georgia Jenkins, formerly of Peru. She married William Norris Loucks Oct. 17, 1945, with the marriage later solemnized in the temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Elaine was a creative homemaker, a talented artist and a loving mother and friend. She will be greatly missed. Survivors include her husband of 63 years and their six children, Carol Nak, Crista Abbott, William D. Loucks,

Robert C. Loucks, John R. Loucks and Summer Ray; 22 grandchildren, including Stephanie Mason-Teague, Ormond Beach, Fla.; 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, John D. Jenkins, Peru; and a sister, Susan Jenkins Cain, Burlington, Vt. Services were held Monday, Feb. 9, at L.D.S. Chapel, Daytona Beach, Fla. Arrangements were under the care and trust of Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Mary Jane Starbuck, 66, of Wabash, Indiana passed away at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at her residence. She was born October 10, 1942 in Chili, Indiana to Forrest and Elvah (Kelly) Long. On April 20, 1964, she married James Ray Starbuck in Bunker Hill. Mrs. Starbuck retired from the Indiana State Police where she had been a dispatcher at the Peru Post for 20 years. She was a member of the 4th Night Bridge Club and the Womans Clubhouse Association, both of Wabash; and the Retired Indiana State Police Association. Mary graduated from Chili High School in 1960, and loved playing bridge, golfing and gardening. Survivors include her husband, James R. Starbuck; her daughter, Cindy Bengé and husband Kenny; two grandchildren, Kelly and Aaron Bengé, all of Wabash; and two sisters, Betty Jean Dillon and husband Bob of High Springs, Fla., and Esther Irene Line and husband Homer of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa Kelly Starbuck, three brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue in Wabash, at 4 p.m. Sunday, with the Reverend John Murdoch officiating. Inurnment will be in the Roann Community Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Mary may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Marcella Range, 96, Peru, passed away at 8:27 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness. She was born July 22, 1912 in Coeburn, Va. to Edward and Cora Mae (Fenney) Shouse. She married Hugh E. Range, and he preceded her in death in 1982. Marcella was a retired cook at Peru High School. Survivors include a daughter, Dorothy Mae Range, Peru; a son-in-law, Don Geiselman, Peru; five grandchildren, Dottie Geiselman Thompson and husband Jay, Indianapolis, Don Russell Geiselman Jr., Peru, Charles Geiselman, Wabash, Debby Mullikin and husband Brian, Peru, and Jeff Range, Peru; five great-grandchildren, Jordan Geiselman and wife Christa, Justin Geiselman, Tiffany Johnson and husband Jeff, Ami Jo Mullikin and Derek Mullikin, all of Peru; and three great-great-grandchildren, Izabel Geiselman, Makenna Johnson and Taylor Johnson, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Ernie Range; a daughter, Mary Ruth Geiselman; four brothers and five sisters.

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Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Gregory Alan Greenwald, 60, of Portsmouth, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 in Portsmouth. He was born in Peru, Indiana on July 27, 1948 to the late Lewis and Grace Greenwald. Gregory was retired from Hill-Rom Industries. He was in the U.S. Navy, and was a Vietnam veteran. Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Conner) Greenwald; three daughters, Michelle Greenwald, Tammy Greenwald, and Heather Stegelin; two grandchildren, Corey Stegelin and Caleb Stegelin; a step-grandson, Justin Evans; a great-granddaughter, Kaylie Evans; and a sister, Nancy Garrett.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 16, at Melcher Funeral Home, 1417 Offnere Street, Portsmouth, Ohio. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Portsmouth, Ohio. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Sunday, February 15, at Melcher Funeral Home, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Monday, February 16, 2009

Daniel L. Lynch, 66, Logansport, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2009, at his residence. He was born October 13, 1942 in Logansport to Paul and Agnes M. (Evans) Lynch. On November 21, 1970, he married Marjorie Walters at Wheatland Avenue Methodist Church. She survives. A 1960 graduate of Metea High School, Daniel had been employed as a truck driver at Exide Corporation and later worked for USF Holland. He was a bus driver for the Logansport Community School Corporation. In later years, Dan especially enjoyed taking special needs children on bus trips to Indianapolis. He was a founding member and elder of Crossroads Community Bible Church in Perrysburg. Surviving with his wife Marjorie are his children Danielle (Tony) Johnson of Galveston, Rod (Michelle) Lynch of Rockfield, and Ann Marie Lynch of Indianapolis; brothers Max (Nina) Lynch of Rochester, and Tom (Sharon) Lynch of Ten Mile, Tenn.; a sister, Patti Longenecker of Warsaw; brother-in-law, Kenny Cunningham of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Cunningham, and a brother, Jack Lynch.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at Crossroads Community Bible Church, 9303 N. Old U.S. 31 in Perrysburg, with Rev. Jim Rairigh officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Logansport. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at Kroeger Funeral Home and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Crossroads Community Bible Church (roof fund), 9303 N. Old U.S. 31, Macy, IN 46951. Condolences may be placed on-line at kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Annabelle Hileman, 80, Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 2009, at Hickory Creek at Peru. Annabelle was born November 10, 1928 in Miami County to Harvey and Edna (Finster) Hahn. On November 25, 1949, she married Henry "Gene" Hileman and he survives. She was a member of the Denver Methodist Church and had retired from Square D Company where she had been employed as a press operator and assembler. Surviving with her husband, Gene, are: a son, Randy Hileman and his wife Frances of Denver; a daughter, Janet Rose and her husband Ed of Peru; grandchildren Shelly Sparks, Jeromy Hileman, Amber Hileman, Amy Eldridge and Jeff Rose; Great grandchildren Emma, Gavin, Zoey, Chloe, Auston, Owen, Elsee, Lilly, J. D., Dalton, Jeffrey, Ryan, Brianna and Erika; a sister, Betty Lou Flagg of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Cecil, Phil and Dale Hahn; a sister, Velma Martin.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at Mount Hope Chapel in Peru with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009



Sherry Kay Wray, 70, Peru, passed away at 5:18 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2009, at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Peru on September 29, 1938 to Ernest and Georgia Spurgeon Wendt. On July 31, 1959, she married Floyd E. Wray. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1985. Kay graduated from Peru High School in 1957 and was employed as a clerk at Cutler-Jones/Arnies Ace Hardware from 1972 to 2008. She and her husband, Floyd, lovingly raised four children. Kay most valued her domestic life with family. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her children, Terry Wray and Carla See of Peru, Beth Mullett and her husband Greg of Peru, Tim Wray of Peru, and Margie Rice and her husband Steve of Bloomington; grandchildren Jordan Wray, Taylor Wray, Avriel Mullett, Kyle Mullett, Alex Rice and David Rice; a sister, Esther Bragg of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Floyd, a sister Betty Albert, a brother Jack Wendt and a son-in-law Michael Wilson.

A service celebrating the life of Sherry Kay Wray will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru. Memorial donations may be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church or the Wabash-Miami Home Health Care and Hospice.

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Jereme Wayne Powell, 20, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at his residence. He was born July 16, 1988 in Peru to Steven Wayne Cox and Ruth M. Powell. Survivors include one son, Jamison Wayne Lundberg, at home; his father, Steven Cox, Peru; mother, Ruth M. Thorpe and her husband Eric, Peru; one sister, Kelli L. Powell, Peru; one brother, Austin M. Thorpe, Peru; maternal grandmother, Patricia Powell, Denver; paternal grandparents, Frank and Yvonne Ritchie, Peru; and two nephews, Brayden Bradford and Jordon Worl, Peru. His grandfathers, Oliver B. Powell and Thomas L. Cox, Sr., preceded him in death.

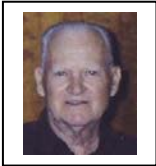
Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Carolyn Kay Stuber, 65, Denver, passed away at 8:10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She was born Jan. 2, 1944 in Rochester to Russell Eldon and Helen Marie (McClaran) Ogle. She married Allen Stuber in Denver on March 19, 1960, and he survives. Carolyn was a North Miami High School graduate and enjoyed painting with oils and watercolors and crocheting. She is survived by her husband, Allen Stuber, Denver; three sons, Kurt Stuber and wife Jackie, Denver, Kerry Stuber and wife Melissa, Chili, and Wendell Stuber, Denver; two daughters, Karen Boone and husband David, Denver, and Kara Gordin and husband Steven, Warsaw; eight grandchildren, Nathan Stuber, Mexico, Jennie Stuber, Kokomo, Nicholas Stuber, Chili, Trent Gordin, Warsaw, David Jr. and Abigail Boone, both of Denver, and Madisyn Gordin and Kaitlyn Gordin, both of Warsaw; six sisters, Doris Turnpaugh, Nyona Lake, Betty Miller, Rochester, Patricia Powell, Denver, Barbara Thompson and husband Ronald, Rochester, Diana Mitchell, Aiken, S.C., and Shirley Cook and husband Jim, Denver; and her brother, Thomas Ogle, Mexico.

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

Helen A. Pounds, 89, Peru, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born June 24, 1919 in Pittsburgh, Pa. to John and Mary (Zarzechy) Yaros. She married Albert M. "Bud" Pounds May 20, 1943, and he preceded her in death Nov. 11, 2006. Helen was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Kirkpatrick and husband Richard, Peru; a brother, Stanley Yaros, Monacata, Penn.; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers and one daughter, Joan Andree. A private service is planned, but no visitation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



John T. Lott, 82, Kokomo, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at his residence. He was born August 17, 1926, in Kokomo, to Carl Wesley and Nellie Elizabeth (Federspill) Lott. On September 2, 1950, he married Carol Douglass, and she survives. John served in the United States Army from 1944 through 1946, during World War II, at the 670th Med Port in the Philippines. During that time, he earned a Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and the Philippine Independence Ribbon. He later worked at Delco for 31 years, as a skilled trades painter and glazer, until his retirement in January of 1993. As a skilled painter, he painted prominent homes including the Haynes Apperson home. He loved telling stories about the history and all the important people of the Kokomo area. He enjoyed walking in the park and feeding the squirrels and giving candy and fruit to family, neighbors, and even strangers.

In addition to his wife, Carol Lott, he is survived by two daughters, Nila Damitz and her husband Charles, Kokomo, and Darla Burns, Lexington, South Carolina; one son, Thomas Lott and his wife Mary, Greentown; eight grandchildren, Alaina Hutcheson and her husband Jack, Alasha Lott, Thomas Lott, Tyson Damitz, Brian Damitz, Chad Damitz, John Paul Burns and Robert Burns; one brother, David Lott and his wife Sally, Kokomo; two sisters, Imogene Reed, Buchanan, Michigan, and Madaline Stevens and her husband Jim, Fort Collins, Colorado; two sisters-in-law, Mary Lott, Galveston, and Winifred Lott, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark E. Lott; and two brothers, Carl Lott and Joseph Lott. The family would like to thank the hospice, especially Valerie, Debbie, Joyce, and Julia, for the great care that they gave.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with Rev. Harold Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to VNS Healthcare System, 4701 North Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46205. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.mem.com.

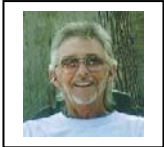
Barbara D. Miller, 68, Wabash, passed away at 6:50 a.m. Sunday, February 15, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, February 20, 2009, at Ever-Rest Memorial Park with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Love offerings may be made to the Barbara Miller Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, IN 46970. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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Thursday, February 19, 2009

Kim Allen Garbert, 56, Peru, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 at his residence. He had lived here seven years, moving from Florida. He was born April 19, 1952 in South Bend to Joseph "Joe" and Mable (Mummey) Garbert. Kim graduated from River Valley High School in Three Oaks, Mich., attended Michigan State University for two years, and Southwestern College in Michigan. He was a former salesman at his family's furniture store in Buchanan, Mich. (Sexton Furniture Company), was a member of the First Church of God and the Peru Moose Lodge. Survivors include his father in Peru; his grandmother, Bertha Garbert, Peru; four aunts, Jayne Lutz, Wabash, Pat Hamman and husband Murray, Marilyn Allen and husband James, and Janet "Kay" Montgomery and husband Grant C. "Bud," all of Peru; and an uncle, Larry Garbert, Sebring, Fla. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Larry Klein officiating. Burial will be in Forrest Lawn Cemetery, Three Oaks, Mich. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until time of services Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard Regional Hospice Services, 3548 S. Lafountain, Suite 8, Kokomo, IN 46902.



Robert "Bob" A. Burgan, 64, Arnold, Mo., passed away Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 in Naples, Fla. He was born Feb. 1, 1945 in Peru to John R. and Ruby (Mughmaw) Burgan. He married Gerrie DeLaber in 1961, and she survives. Bob was a retired UPS driver. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Judy Hahan, Arnold, Mo., and Renee Bierman and husband Bill, St. Louis, Mo.; four granddaughters, Jennifer Allison, LeeAnn Smith, Grace Bierman and Bethany Bierman; one great-granddaughter, Cali Hammers; and three sisters, Wanda Coleman, Peru, Joann Sturgeon and husband Jim, Rockford, Ohio, and Susan Witte and husband David, Arnold, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Duane Burgan.

A memorial service will be held in Arnold, Mo. at a later date. Local arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Gertrude A. "Trudy" Graber, 77, Amboy, went to be with the Lord at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, following a three-year battle with her illness. She was born in Middlebury Sept. 11, 1931 to Amos J. and Elizabeth Bontrager Christner. She married Richard Wayne Graber on Jan. 29, 1949 and he preceded her in death. Trudy worked as a nurse's aide at Marion General Hospital and at the Marion VA Hospital for 18 years prior to her retirement in 1993. After her retirement from the VA in Marion, she did in-home health care for a short time. She enjoyed quilting, needlepoint and various crafts. She loved gardening and thoroughly enjoyed being outside among her flower beds. A woman of great faith and integrity, Trudy was an active member of the Loree Brethren Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years for the Seekers Sunday school class. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Shirley Kunkle and husband Don, Peru, Richard Graber and wife Janet, La Fontaine, Randy Graber, Amboy, and Robert Graber and wife Darlene, Peru; grandchildren, Carrie and Brandon Broyles, Matthew and Christi Kunkle, Catherine and Jared Bailey, Christopher Graber, Kelsey Graber and Kendra Graber; great-grandchildren, Gareth Broyles, Emily Broyles, Aubry Bailey, Brennan Bailey, Branden Bailey, Madison Kunkle and Jenna Kunkle; brothers, Sam Christner and wife Ruby, Nappanee, Elmer Christner and wife Amanda, Goshen; a brother-in-law, Wilmer Graber, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Ricky Graber; and a sister, Ida Graber. A service celebrating the life of Trudy Graber will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Eugene Oburn officiating. Burial will follow in Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Loree Brethren Church.

Lula (Heinnickel) Kramer, 101, of Saint Henry, Ohio passed away on Monday, February 16, 2009 at the Gardens at St. Henry, Ohio. She was born November 5, 1907 in Loree, Indiana to the late Frederick and Ellenor (Rhynard) Heinnickel. On February 7, 1937 she married Frank Kramer in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on July 23, 1967. Mrs. Kramer was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church. She had nine children: Albert and Mary Joan (deceased) Kramer of Columbus, Ohio; Thelma and Louis Heitkamp of Saint Henry, Ohio; Wilma and John Post of Celina, both deceased; Mary (deceased) and Robert Hall of Columbus, Ohio; Margie and Randy (deceased) Manning of Kansas City, Mo.; Charles Kramer of Dayton, Ohio; William and Amy Kramer of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Connie and Gene (deceased) Flowers of Wabash, Ohio; an infant son, deceased; 23 grandchildren with four deceased; 45 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: Marvin, Charles and William Heinnickel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at St. Henry Church, with Father Tom Hemm officiating. Visitation will be at Hogenkamp Funeral Home-St. Henry, 4-8 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009, and Saturday, 9-10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Coldwater, Ohio.

Friday, February 20, 2009

Gerald "Jerry" Ray Hall, 73, Wabash, passed away at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash. He was born Oct. 30, 1935 in Walnut, Ark. to William and Elva (Garland) Hall. He married Caroline Sue (Hendrix) Anderson in Orlando, Fla. on Oct. 20, 2001, and she survives. Jerry was a 1954 Converse High School graduate. He retired

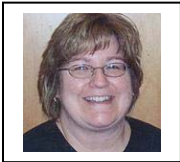
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from the U.S. Navy after 20 years. He also worked civil service 15 years, retiring in 2005, and worked at Wal-Mart in Marion and Orlando, Fla. He attended the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, was a member of the Moose Lodge, the American Legion and the VFW, all of Orlando, Fla. Jerry enjoyed playing cards and bowled many years. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Sue Hall, Wabash; two sons, Gerald R. Hall Jr. and wife Diane, Chicago, Ill., and John W. Hall and wife Allison, Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Mave Hall, Aileen Hall and Iona Hall, all of Chicago, Ill., Abigail Hall and Dillon Hall, both of Indianapolis; five step children, Tony Bennett and wife Robyn, Pontoon Beach, Ill., Timothy Bennett and wife Carol, Chuluota, Fla., Laurie Wykoff and husband Rick, Vero Beach, Fla., Jerry Bennett and wife Kathy, Winter Springs, Fla., and Dorothy Rose, Wabash; three brothers, Lawrence Hall and wife Rhonda, Converse, Robert Hall and wife Jenny, Orlando, Fla., and Clifford Hall and wife Janet, Falls Church, Va.; a sister, Jolene Bratka and husband John, Westerville, Ohio; 11 step grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Wabash Church of the Nazarene, 902 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Saturday at 2 p.m., with Pastor Matt Tygart officiating. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Jerry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

W. Marie Rains, 93, Marion, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 in Colonial Oaks Health Care Center. She was born on Oct. 8, 1915 in Greentown to the late Luther and Sylvia Fear. Mrs. Rains was a homemaker and had lived in Converse since 1995. She had lived in Bunker Hill prior the coming to Converse. She loved to read. Survivors include three daughters, Arliss Richardson and husband Howard, Converse, Kitty M. Dearing, Oscoda, Mich., and Monelle E. Ragan, Peru; three sons, Paul L. Hodson, Kokomo, Larry E. Hodson, Kokomo, and Danny W. Hodson and wife Becky, Miami; two step daughters, Waunitta Winters, Peru, and Johnnie Miller and husband Gilford, Macy; 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jonathan P. Hodson, who died in 1957; her second husband, Emerson L. Rains, who died in 1988; a daughter, Janet Thomas; a son, James R. Hodson; a grandson, Pfc. John W. Dearing; three step daughters and one sister.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Pastor Michael Rush officiating. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday until time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences: may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.



Elizabeth "Beth" Anne Houlihan, 41, rural Peru, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009 at her home. She was born May 5, 1967 in Wabash to James P. and Barbara (Meeks) Houlihan. Beth was a 1985 graduate of North Miami High School and received her associate degree in 2003 from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion. She was a job coach at the Wabash-Miami Area Program five years and worked with autistic children. She also worked at Wabash Magnetics 15 years and at Pathfinders. She was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ of Wabash and was very involved with her church friends.

Beth enjoyed swimming, kite flying, quilting, crafting and traveling, and had been to Romania on two mission trips in the past two years. She especially enjoyed laughter. She is survived by her parents, James and Barbara Houlihan, Peru; a sister, Diana Biscella and husband Tony, Logansport; a brother, Patrick Wayne Houlihan, Akron; and a nephew, Shane Biscella, Logansport.

Funeral services will be held at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. St. Rd. 15, Wabash, on Sunday at 2 p.m., with Solomon David and Linda Mirante officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and one hour prior to service Sunday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Beth may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Willie Viola Hedrick, 89, Peru (formerly of Logansport) passed away at 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at her residence. She was born in Tallahatchie, Miss. on May 26, 1919 to Will and Middie (Hardy) Crow. On May 6, 1935 in Paris, Miss. she married Luther Davis, who preceded her in death in 1955. On November 12, 1966 in Fairfax, Va., she married Glenn Hedrick, who preceded her in death in 1976. Willie was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Union Church, and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Lillian Fowler and husband James, Lewisburg; sons Luther Alvis Davis and Jim H. Davis, both of Lawrenceburg, and Odis Davis of Logansport; stepson Alvin Hedrick and wife Virginia of Peru, and stepson Glenn Hedrick of Arizona; a sister, Flora May Gentry of Crowder, Miss.; a brother, Jerry Long of Lambert, Miss.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Newcom of Peru; two granddaughters, Misty Moss and husband Tim of Logansport, and Janie Stern and husband Michael of Cleveland, Ohio; grandsons Thomas "Tony" Fowler and wife Kim, and William Shaun Fowler and wife Kathy, both of Logansport; 17 step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren Stephen Moss, Amber Moss, Tyler Stern, Mikaylah Stern, Christina Sylvester and husband Jeremy, Dawn Smalley and husband Shannon, Joshua Fowler and wife Robin, Christopher Fowler, Matthew Fowler, Carrie Kutch and Tommy Kutch; 24 step great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and four step great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Alene D. Oaks; a son, Eugene Davis; three step-sons and a sister.

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Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, February 23, 2009 at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Mike Stow officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be 1-4 p.m. Sunday, February 22, 2009 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Guardian Angel Hospice.

Monday, February 23, 2009

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, for Mrs. **Della E. Wilson**. Mrs. Wilson passed away on January 7, 2009. She is survived by her husband, Charles E. Wilson; son, Dr. Charles Fredrick Wilson; brothers Vernis T. Kirkman and wife Rosabelle, and Larry Kirkman and wife Jennifer; nieces Ramona Duncan, Danette Ingle; nephews Charles Kirkman and wife Kathleen, and Larry Lee Kirkman. She was the daughter of Vernis T. Kirkman Sr. and Rachel (Poe) Kirkman.

The service will be held at North Woods Village, 2233 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, Ind. Persons who wish to attend need to respond by Thursday, February 26, to (765) 453-0098.



Pablo R. Nino, 73, Bunker Hill, passed away at 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born June 29, 1935 in Donna, Texas to Pedro and Librada (Rodriguez). On May 10, 1959, he married Juanita (Khan) Nino, and she survives. Pablo graduated from Edinburgh High School and served in the United States Marine Corp. A longtime resident of Bunker Hill since 1964, he worked at Haynes International in Kokomo, was a member of the steelworkers union and attended St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Elizabeth Nino, Indianapolis; three sons, Pablo Nino Jr. and wife Jill, Rochester, Luis Nino and wife Jacqueline, Bunker Hill, and Andy Nino and wife Geneva, Greenwood; and seven grandchildren, Shannon, Jennifer, Luis II, Francisco, Michael, Jocelyn and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents; and infants son and daughter, John Gilbert and Diana.

A burial service will be Wednesday at St. Charles Church, with Father Frank Kilcline III officiating at 10 a.m. Full military honors will be administered by the United States Marine Corps honor guard at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill after the church services. Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with a Mass service at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Lois Foust, 81, Converse, passed away at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born in Fairmount March 30, 1927 to William and Gladys McCombs Thompson. She married John L. Foust at the Jonesboro United Methodist Church on Oct. 26, 1946, and he preceded her in death May 27, 1998. Lois graduated from Converse High School in 1945 and attended Marion Business College. A woman of great faith and integrity, Lois was a member of the Mier Community Church. She valued most her domestic life with her family, and her family was always a top priority with her. She also took great pride in her family history. She enjoyed being with friends, working crossword puzzles and playing cards. As a parent, she devoted countless hours to her sons' activities and served as a den mother for Cub Scout Pack #14 in Converse for more than 15 years. She was also a district trainer for the Cub Scouts.

Surviving are her sons, Bill Foust and wife Carolyn, Kokomo, and Bob Foust and wife Nancy, Azle, Texas; a sister, Phyllis Bowland, Amboy; grandchildren Kris Foust, Kurt Foust, Bo Fritts and Sara Fritts; and her special friend, Everett Kling and his family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John; a great-granddaughter, Morgan Foust; and a sister Betty Thompson.

A service celebrating the life of Lois Foust will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor L. Michael Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at the Converse IOOF Cemetery, Converse. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Nancy Jean Prior, 65, Peru, passed away at 10:53 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Sept. 24, 1943 in Peru to Clifford and Dorothy (Hileman) Easterday. She married Jerry Prior Oct. 8, 1996, and he survives. Nancy retired from Kmart in Peru and was a member of the Moose Auxiliary, a life member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed the Colts, bingo and her cats. Survivors include a brother, Larry Easterday, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Donna Elaine Bowyer, 47, Peru, passed away at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital. She was born Jan. 11, 1962 in Peru to Lamoine and Deema A. (Hall) Bowyer. Donna retired from Robertsons Transformers. She never married. Survivors include four brothers, David Lee Bowyer, Phoenix, Ariz., Danny L. Bowyer, Battleground, John D. Bowyer and fiancée Amber Crossland, Peru, and Jimmy D. Bowyer and wife Brandy, Ironwood, Mich.; and two sisters, Sharon I. Swick and husband Terry, Akron, and Shirley E. Galloway and husband William, Macy. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Lamoine Bowyer Jr.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Larry Klein

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officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to The Donna Bowyer Family and/or The Riley Hospital for Children and/or the animal shelter through the funeral home.

Wednesday, February 25, 2009



Dennis David Underwood, 64, Peru, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 8, 1944 in Nodaway County, Mo. to Everett C. and Audrel M. Jeffers Underwood. On Aug. 20, 1977 he was married to Jean M. Lockie, and she survives. Dennis was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church, the National Rifle Association and the Mexico Lions Club where he was currently serving as club president. He retired in October 2008 from Delphi Automotive in Kokomo. He was a United States Navy veteran, serving in Greenland during the Vietnam War. Surviving

besides his wife are three children, Linda McIntire and husband Jeff, Rockford, Iowa, Terry Bryant and wife Stacey, Charles City, Iowa, and Jennifer Ireland and husband Kent, Denver; seven grandchildren, Allyn McIntire, Candace Groesbeck, Korydon McIntire, Taylor Bryant, Hunter Bryant, Seth Ireland and Isaac Ireland; and three great-grandchildren, Shayne Groesbeck, Emily McIntire and Abby Groesbeck. One grandson, Keelan McIntire, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Mexico Lions Club.

Billy David Cooley, 60, Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 at his residence after an extended illness. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Jerry L. Marquis, 74, Peru, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Peru Oct. 12, 1934 to Alven and Mary (Baber) Marquis. Jerry married Viola Bailey in Muncie on Aug. 25, 1956, and she survives. Jerry graduated from Peru High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959. He was employed at Firestone Tire in Peru for more than 17 years and as a custodian with Peru Community Schools until his retirement in 2000. He was a lifelong Miami County resident and he and his wife, Viola, lovingly raised two children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church and the Keenager Group of the church. He was a quiet man, with a twinkle in his eye and a smile that would warm your heart. An avid fisherman, many of Jerry's happiest days were spent fishing while at their family lake cottage. He was a great volunteer of the Special Olympics. Surviving in addition to his wife, Viola, are his children, Brenda Ward and husband James, Peru, and Bret Marquis and wife Melanie, Celina, Ohio; grandchildren, Heather and Clayton Hicks, Ryan Marquis, Robin Ward and fiancé Scott Harmon, and Nathan Ward; and a brother, James Marquis, Plainfield. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Alvin E. "Buss" Marquis, and his wife Charlene. A service celebrating the life of Jerry E. Marquis will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Peru Grace Brethren Church, 436 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastor Ronald Bowland and Pastor David Jodry officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Family and friends will gather at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and at the church one hour before the service Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Peru Grace Brethren Church.



Thursday, February 26, 2009

Charles W. Glosser, 76, Peru, passed away at 9:22 p.m. Monday, February 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Charles was born May 12, 1932 in White County, Arkansas to George and Gurthia (Hollamon) Glosser. On February 2, 1924, he married Nellie (Harris) Glosser. She preceded him in death on March 12, 1999. Charles served in the U.S. Army and was retired from Continental Steel Mill. He was a member of the Emmanuel Fellowship Church. Survivors include his companion, Earlene Purvis of Peru; two brothers, Albert L. Glosser of Tennessee, and George J. Glosser Jr. of Bunker Hill; several nieces and nephews; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Billon, and twin sisters, Jessie and Bessie.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 2, 2009, at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Gerald Zook officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Allen Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Emmanuel Fellowship Church.



Doris Ellen Cattin, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:08 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at Caring Hands Health Care. Doris was born November 28, 1922 to Perry and Gladys (Hoagland) Haines in Peru. On September 14, 1939, she married Wayne D. Cattin. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1997. A member of the Church of the Brethren in Peru, Doris was the quintessential stay-at-home wife and mother of the 40's, 50's and 60's. During those years, she was PTA President, Brownie Scout leader, 4-H leader and homeroom mother. She loved to sew, knit and crochet for her family. In the early 70's, she worked at Clara Lee Bakery in Peru and was gift shop manager at Dukes Hospital. She and her husband were one of

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the original couples of the Jack & Jill Bowling League. Doris is survived by two daughters, Ellen Harvey and her husband Pat, and Susan Cassel and her husband Steve, all of Peru; a son, David Cattin of Washington, D.C.; six grandchildren, Debbie Bowsher of Peru, Joseph Liska of Trinity, Fla., Lisa Frank of Kokomo, Lani Lind of Hickory, N.C., Stephanie Farquer of Metamora, Ill., and Stan Cassel of Peru; 10 great grandchildren, Alicia Liska, Travis and Josh Bowsher, Joey Liska, Allison and Haley Frank, Sam Lind, Katie Cassel, Owen and MacKenzie Farquer; sisters-in-law, Audrey Cattin Hiers of Peru, Mary Haines of Wabash and Betty Cattin of Bunker Hill. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Chaplain Julie Walker officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Brethren, 134 E. Fifth St., Peru.

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Reverend G. Colyer Brittain, 91, of Nunica, Mich. (formerly of Peru) passed away Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at VNS Homecare and Hospice of Muskegon. A Requiem Mass for the Rev. G. Colyer Brittain will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven, Mich. with the Reverend John Laycock presiding. A reception will immediately follow the service. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be at Nashotah House in Nashotah, Wis. Memorial contributions to Nashotah House are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com. The family is being served by VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

James R. Boyer of Peru (formerly of Logansport), Ind. passed away at 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at his home. He was born February 26, 1927 in Macy to Todd and Maude (Gruewell) Boyer, both deceased. Mr. Boyer was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a retired supervisor from the C & O Railroad. He was married to Caterina Stinka, from Italy; and to Nora Cortie, both of whom preceded him in death. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Logansport. Survivors include a special friend, Esther Bragg of Peru; daughter Jovona Masters and husband George of Peru; a son, John Boyer and wife Brenda, Peru; step-sons, Tom Smith and wife Ann of Logansport, Gary Gilsinger and wife Judy of Lake Cicott, Ind., and Jimmy Conn of Logansport; a brother, John Bud Boyer of Atlanta, Ga.; sisters, Bonnie Brooks of Peru, Goldie Wilson of Corning, N.Y., and Jean Ramer and husband Terry, of Miss. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren: Clinton Masters and wife Carol, Jeff Moorman and wife Mary, Philip Masters and wife Becky, Eric Masters and wife Stacy, James Boyer and wife Jennifer, Bobby Hewitt and wife Shelly, Jason Gilsinger, Desiree Conn, Kim Smith, Joe Smith, Jesse Gilsinger and wife April, and Tammy Gilsinger; great-grandchildren Travis Frischman, Morgan Young, Jeremy Young, CJ Masters, Kassandra Masters, Brittany Masters, Patrick Masters, Alex Masters, Victoria Masters, Anna Boyer, Claire Boyer, and Lauren Boyer; and one great-great grandchild, Trevor Smith. Mr. Boyer was preceded in death by his parents, both wives, a brother, Bob Boyer, a sister, Elizabeth Johnson, and a great-grandchild, Jacob Young.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Healthcare and Hospice. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Monday, March 02, 2009

Philip E. Brooks of Peru passed away at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis on Friday, Feb. 27, 2009 at 5:42 a.m. Philip was a retired tool and die maker at United Technology in Peru. Philip was born April 3, 1941 in Peru, the son of Edward E. Brooks and Norma (Hartleroad) Brooks. Edward preceded him in death. On Dec. 10, 1960, he married Nancy Hudson, who survives. Philip attended the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church in Peru and was also active in youth development activities including Cub Scouts. He also coached ASA girls softball and was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School. Philip was an avid Notre Dame football fan and also enjoyed fishing. His mother and wife survive, as do: a son, Darren Brooks of Indianapolis; a son, Mark Brooks (wife Shannon) of Westfield, Ind.; a daughter, Michele Barton (husband Jeff) of Kokomo and a daughter Katherine Lehman (husband Arlen) of Noblesville, Ind. Three grandchildren - Blaine, Tanner and Jamison also survive. Philip's special extended family includes Steve and Deonna Holland and their children, Stephen, Keegan, Jackson and McKinnin Holland and a fishing buddy, Joe Eckelbarger also survive. A sister, Norma Kay Hall (husband Jim) of Fremont, Calif., and an aunt, Betty Ramer, of Peru, also survive. His father, three brothers - Bob, Tom and Jim, as well as an aunt, Irene White, also preceded him in death. Funeral services for Philip will be Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church (34 W. Main St., Peru) with Reverend Father Douglas Hungerford officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home and again at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church.

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Ethel A. Spitznagle, 85, Peru, passed away at 5:05 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Born September 12, 1923 in Michigamme, Mich., she was the daughter of Albert Harry and Jennie A. Guidebeck Pearson. On June 5, 1946 at St. Charles Borromeo in Peru, she married Victor Jacob Spitznagle, and he preceded her in death on November 20, 2004. Ethel was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Peru as well as the Daughters of Isabella and the Alter and Rosary Society. She was retired from Grissom Air Force Base and had previously worked as an operator for Indiana Bell. She was an avid supporter of animal rights. She is survived by one son, William Spitznagle and wife Nancy, Peru; one daughter, Vicki Little and husband Lew, Peru; seven grandchildren, P.J. Little and wife

Cassie of Seattle, Wash., Zach Little of Seattle, Wash., Luke Little of Peru, Gerri-Ann Braley and her husband Chris, Jaclyn Spitznagle, William (Pete) Spitznagle, and Walter Spitznagle, all of Peru; one great-grandson, Isaac Braley, Peru; one sister-in-law, Margaret (Marge) Harrison, Kokomo; and her beloved dog, Annie. She was preceded in death by one sister, Edith Rachel Winn. Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church with Reverend Father Francis I. Kilcline officiating. She will be laid to rest in St. Charles Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, where a scripture service will follow at 7 p.m. Friends may also call one hour prior to the services on Wednesday at the church.

Cecile E. "Betty" Huffer, 73, of Tipton, Indiana died at 9:55 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at Howard Regional Health Systems in Kokomo. Betty was born April 19, 1935 in Sharpville, Ind., the daughter of Lyle A. and Cecil (Powell) Rubush. On March 2, 1957, she married Woody L. Huffer in Sharpville and he died on Dec. 4, 2001. Betty was a homemaker and was an avid Indiana University basketball fan and a Colts fan and also cherished the time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters - Karen (husband Dale) Fryman of Cynthanna, Ken., Lisa (husband Ron) Webster of Tipton and Shannon (husband Chuck) Richards of Amboy. Two brothers, Jim (wife Helen) Rubush of Forest and Bob (wife Marianna) Rubush of Eaton; four sisters - Dorothea Rollins of Russiaville, Martha (husband Lary) Avery of Kokomo, Mary Meiring of Kokomo and Alice Moon of Kokomo also survive. Four grandchildren, Elizabeth Leeann Fryman, Micah Danielle Fryman, Ryan Mikael (wife Rachael) of Webster and Carlie Elise Richards; two great-grandchildren - Dakota Lee Webster and Savanna Elizabeth Webster, brothers-in-law and sister in law - Gordon (wife Mary Sue) Huffer of Lexington Ken., Harriett Rubush of Kokomo and Dean Moon of Kokomo, all survive. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers - David, Jay and Billy Rubush and four sisters - Audra Moon, Sarah McCormick, Carole Saul and Helen Rubush.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, located at 200 E. Main St in Russiaville. Pastor Paul Sutherland will officiate with burial to follow in Russiaville Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Guardian Angel Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.stoutandson.com.

Tuesday, March 03, 2009

Darrell K. Cunningham, 79, Silver Lake, passed away at 10:24 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. He was born May 30, 1929 in Centralia, Mo. to Roy Lydy and Mildred Cunningham. He married Treva Johnson July 3, 1968, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 16, 1995. Darrell graduated from Clay Township High School and was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He retired from Continental Steel in 1985. He was an outdoorsman who thoroughly enjoyed fishing and hunting. Some of his best days were spent fishing with his neighbor, friend and longtime fishing buddy, Bill Pritchett, Silver Lake. Survivors include a son, Darrell K. James and wife Debi, Silver Lake, a daughter, Darcy McNary and fiance Ben Fredricks, Nyona Lake; step-children, Charlotte Wyatt and husband Ed, Peru, Freida Willis, Peru, John Rogers and wife Beverly, Silver Lake, and Angie Ridenour and husband Steve, Silver Lake; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a daughter, Kelly Smith. A service celebrating the life of Darrell K. Cunningham will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating. Burial will follow in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Wednesday, March 04, 2009

Barbara Jean Curry-Burns, 68 of Kokomo, passed away at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2009 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born on July 20, 1940 in Elizabethtown, Ky. to the late William F. and Blanche F. (Edlin) Curry. Her companion of 15 years, Curtiss M. Marcum, preceded her in death on May 4, 2005. Barb was owner and operator of the FeedMill Café in Waupecong, and Barb's Korner Kitchen in Miami County. She loved bingo and gambling. Barb was a graduate of Kokomo High School. Survivors include her two sons: George Burns Jr. and wife Debra, Tipton, and William Burns,

Kokomo; stepson Mike Marcum and wife Valery of Kokomo; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Phyllis Curry of Kokomo, and Vickie Long and husband Tony of Greentown. She was preceded in death by her parents and her companion.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Eilers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main in Kokomo, with the Reverend David Mygrant and Reverend Mike Rush officiating. Friends may visit with the family 1-3 p.m.

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Thursday at the mortuary. Ellers Mortuary Main St. Chapel assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the Curry family at www.ellersmortuary.com.

Thursday, March 05, 2009

Ethel L. Simcox, 89, Peru, passed away at 10:12 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Sept. 6, 1919 in Karthaus, Pa. to Edward E. and Genevieve (Smith) Hoover. She married Gerald G. Simcox, and he preceded her in death July 25, 2006. Ethel was a homemaker. Survivors include four sons, James Butler and wife Sharon, Cheyenne, Wyo., Blaine Simcox and Gale Simcox, both of Houston, Texas, and Donald Simcox and wife Kim, Peru; three daughters, Carol Teniach, Albany, Ga., Connie Simpson and husband Charlie, Houston, Texas, and Jenny Garcia, Little Rock, Ark.; two sisters, Alice Meiggs, Groveland, Fla., and Ada Page, Karthaus, Pa.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. – also Friday March 6, 2009

Friday, March 06, 2009

Dennis L. Manus, 56, Peru, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born in Peru on January 25, 1953, the son of Arthur and Betty Gable Manus. Denny was a 1972 graduate of Peru High School and was employed by Square D. He enjoyed Notre Dame Football, socializing with his friends after work and was a member of the Peru Moose and Eagles Lodges. Survivors include his daughter Denise Manus of Bunker Hill; a grandson, Brendan Manus; sisters, Bonnie Fox and her husband Jim of Mexico, and Brenda Phillipy of Logansport; and his loving companion, Lynn Draving of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Beverly Zelinsky. A service celebrating the life of Dennis L. Manus will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2:00 p.m. Sunday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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Saturday, March 07, 2009

Rev. Gerald P. Kreh, 81, Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at his residence. He was born Aug. 16, 1927 in Michigan to Ervin and Verda (Krause) Kreh. He married Mildred Morley Sept. 7, 1946, and she survives. Kreh was a retired minister and pastored at the First Missionary Church in Peru from 1956 to 2002. He attended Fort Wayne Bible College and Zion Chapel Church. Survivors besides his wife include four daughters, Linda Leedy and husband Terry, Peru, Marcia Glassburn and husband Allen, Fort Wayne, Debra Seiler and companion Terry Parsons, Peru, and Gloria Chandler and husband Ben, Ponte Vedra, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Alicia Biliouris and husband Matt, Megan Glassburn, Amanda Cornwell and husband Billy, Tara Slagel and husband Sean, Lynette Leedy, Brandon Dillman, Eric Dillman and wife Melissa and Abbe Chandler; eight great-grandchildren, Lucas and Addysen Slagel, Noah and Jace Dillman, Chase and Connor Biliouris, Mary Cornwell and Raleigh Townsend; several nieces and nephews; a sister, Lois Rapson and husband Bob, Tennessee; and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Kreh, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lyle Kreh; and a niece, Sandra Rapson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



Thelma L. Beam, 82 of Peru, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by the family she loved so much. She was born in Miami County on September 27, 1926, the daughter of Elton and Edrie Bohn Otiker. Thelma graduated from Peru High School in 1944. She married Curtis E. Beam in Miami County on March 14, 1948, and he survives. Thelma was a receptionist at the Peru Trust Company until her retirement in 1991. She was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church, Ladies of the Moose, Altrusa, and served as governor for Altrusa, 1986-1990. She had a passion for living, which one couldn't help but notice. She had an infectious love for life, family and friends. Her most treasured role was serving her family as a devoted wife to her husband, and devoted mother to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She touched people's lives with her enthusiasm and generous spirit. Thelma enjoyed cooking for her family. A people person, Thelma enjoyed being with people, playing cards, and traveling. Left behind to celebrate the love and legacy of Thelma's life is her loving husband of more than 60 years, Curt; her son, Richard Beam and wife Debra of Peru; twin daughters, Rita Rayburn and husband Dennis of Peru, and Ruth Frazier and her husband Richard, of Peru; a foster son, David Sims of Peru; her sister, Donna Stone, Peru; her sister-in-law Shirley Otiker and her husband Toni of Houston, Texas. Also surviving are grandchildren Michael Beam and wife Christi, Matthew Beam, Mark Beam and wife Dawn, Lisa Rayburn, Brandy Roesler and husband Steve; great-grandchildren Richard James Beam, Curtis Hunter Beam, Andeline Elizabeth Beam, Noah Austin Beam, Isaac Beam, Taylor Roesler, and Nathan Roesler; step-great-grandchildren Logan Morris and Raven Herman. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Harold Otiker, and a sister, Marilyn Wybrew.

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A service celebrating the life of Thelma L. Beam will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind. Family and friends will gather Sunday, 5-9 p.m., at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the New Life United Methodist Church.

Monday, March 09, 2009



Hazel I. Clingaman, 89, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 4:20 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009 at her grandson's home in Marion surrounded by her family. She was born April 30, 1919 in Havre, Mont. to Jesse and Maude (Johnson) Miller. She was married to Cecil Clingaman from 1945 to 1973, and he preceded her in death in 1996. Hazel was a homemaker and formerly employed at the Senior Center in Peru. She also worked at several Peru factories. Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Everest, Lafayette, Rosalind "Rosie" Herrell, Peru, and Cynthia Beaver and husband Mallory, Peru; 11 grandchildren, David and Debbie Fox, Scott

Everest, Christina Booth, Max Herrell II, Curtis Herrell, Tammy Meadows, James Cattin, Shane Cattin, and Derek and Douglas Beaver; 12 great-grandchildren, Kayla, Jake, Ashley, Shelby, Dillon, Braxton, Dalton, Nicholette, Nathan, Coulton, Jordan and Sierra; and two sisters, Mildred Nicolai, Syracuse, and Marilyn Hodgson, Goshen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her former husband, five brothers, three sisters and a son, Charles Clingaman. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Tom Brown officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family.

Rev. Richard K. Fox Jr., 74, Peru, passed away at 5:10 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009 at his residence. He was born June 25, 1934 in Elwood to Richard K. Fox Sr. and Anna Marie (Kirchenbauer). He married Lillian K. Amstutz June 24, 1973 in Elkhart, and she survives. Fox retired in 2005 after over 40 years as a minister in both The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Methodist Church. His pastorates included Central Christian Church (student assistant), Fairmount Christian Church, Fayette Christian Church (Ohio), Broadway Christian Church, Princeton, Santa Fe United Methodist Church, Emmanuel and Paw Paw United Methodist Churches. He was an interim pastor at LaPorte Christian Church and Hobbs Christian Church. He was a member of the River of Life Christian Church and the Frankton Masonic Lodge. Richard was a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors besides his wife include a brother, Larry Fox and wife Ruth, Frankton; three sisters, Minyoughn Harper, Frankton, Donna Crawford, Muncie, and Helen Hahn and husband Harold, Frankton; 15 nieces and nephews, 23 great-nieces and -nephews and 17 great-great-nieces and -nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the River of Life Christian Church, Logansport, with the Rev. W. Frank Hibbard and Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Elwood. Memorials may be made to the River of Life Christian Church or to the Outdoor Ministries of the Christian Church in Indiana. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.gundrumfuneralhome.com. Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, has been entrusted with funeral arrangements.

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

William Earl Leach, 84, Homosassa, Fla., passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 at Lakeland, Fla. of heart failure. He was born Jan. 15, 1925 in Catula, Tenn. and moved to Homosassa, Fla. from Bunker Hill in 2006. William was a coal miner and pipe fitter for Local Union 440 in Kokomo. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, a member of First Baptist Church, Enon, Ohio, where he was a longtime Sunday School teacher and deacon, a former volunteer fireman and member of the VFW in Enon, Ohio, and a member of the American Legion Post No. 23, Fort Meade, Fla. Survivors include his former wife, Winifred Leach, Fort Meade; two sons, Michael Leach, Kingsport, Tenn., and Tim Leach, Missouri; three daughters, Judith Hutchens, Homosassa, Fla., Deborah Taylor, Bowling Green, Fla., and Tina Leach, Fort Meade, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Eddie Stage, Peru, Kelly Stage, Bunker Hill, Amy Murdock, Jeff Wilson, Marci Burnham, David Leach, Daniel Leach, Mary Shockley and Jessie Nord; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet Wilson. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Hancock Funeral Home, Fort Meade, Fla.

Robert L. Scott, 88, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Huntington. He was born Aug. 19, 1920 in Watauga, Tenn. to Robert and Ruby (Sweety) Scott. He married Blanche Sims Dec. 31, 1947, and she preceded him in death Aug. 28, 2000. Robert retired from Bryan Steam Corp. in Peru. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and loved to go fishing. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Scott, Peru; a son, Bob Scott and wife Caryn, Goshen; a sister, Ann Vencil, Tennessee; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother and a grandchild. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Junior F. Studebaker, 73, Peru, passed away at 3:40 a.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Oct. 1, 1935 in Miami County to Benjamin and Edith M. (Poor) Studebaker. Junior retired from the Miami County

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Highway Department as a grader and truck operator. Survivors include two daughters, Dessa Overly and husband Glen, Peru, and Sherryl Correll and husband Larry, Rochester; two grandchildren, Amy and James Wright; two great-grandchildren, Clohe and Noah Wright; three brothers, John Studebaker, Peru, Jim and Richard Studebaker, both of Indiana; and a sister, Mary Crockett, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Studebaker. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Elder George Lauman officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

John S. Law, 50, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Indiana University Medial Center, Indianapolis. He was born June 10, 1958 in Pittsburgh, Pa. to Warrell and Emily (Taite) Law. John was a retired heavy equipment operator and served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include his parents in Bunker Hill; four daughters, Sherrie Watkins and husband D.J., Maryland, Misty Wilcox and husband Kyle, Mexico, Shawnee Pickerling and husband Justin, Walton, and Josie Law, Raleigh, N.C.; a son, John Law and wife Jessica, Peru; a sister, Tracey Skeen and husband Brian, Peru; and 13 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Warrell Law officiating. – also Friday, March 13, 2009

Jack L. Eckelbarger, 67, Peru, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, due to complications from an auto accident on March 3 in Cass County at Logansport Road and 600 East. He was born Sept. 1, 1941 in Miami County to Clarence R. "Buck" and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Eckelbarger. He lived most of his life in Miami County. Jack was a retired heavy equipment operator. He also was a member of the Eagles, VFW, Elks and Literary Aide lodges. Survivors include four sons, Jack "Jay" Eckelbarger and wife Anne M., Peru, Richard Eckelbarger Spencer and wife Debra, Peru, Grover Eckelbarger, Logansport, and Kris Eckelbarger Sease, Peru; eight grandchildren, Zack, Grover Jr., Trinity, Elijah, Matthew, Jacob, Gavin and Chloe; a very special friend, Christina Ann; five brothers, George Eckelbarger, Joe Eckelbarger, Max Eckelbarger and Jerry Eckelbarger, all of Peru, and David Eckelbarger, Rochester; and two sisters, Shirley Eckart, Peru, and Linda Howanic, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jesse Eckelbarger and infant Steve Eckelbarger. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Warrell Law officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, March 13, 2009

Treva Windbigler, 70, Chase Center, Logansport, passed away at 7:16 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Chase Center, Logansport. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtc.com. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Reginald "Reggie" M. Shaffer, 60, Noblesville, formerly of Akron, passed away at 9:03 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009 at his residence. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, with Father Glenn Kohrman officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron.

Paul McGaughey, 66 of Rochester, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Ill. A celebration of the life of Paul McGaughey will be at noon Sunday, March 15, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th, Rochester, with Pastor Jim Abbot officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made in his name to Camp We Can. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtc.com.

Amber Lee Crook, 26, Peru, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at her residence. She was born May 15, 1982 in Muskogee, Okla. to Randy Kevin Alexander and Tina Marie Crook. Amber graduated from Central High School in Tulsa, Okla. Survivors include her parents in Peru and three brothers, Bryan F. Crook, Peru, Marcus A. Crook, West Jordan, Utah, and Eric J. Crook, Peru. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Noel Keirn, 90, Peru, passed away at 10:57 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born March 28, 1918 in Chili to Edward and Jessie Allen Keirn. He married Helen Richter Jan. 11, 1938, and she survives. Noel was a 1936 graduate of Chili High School. He also was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Peru Maennerchor, the Peru Elk's Lodge and the Peru-Miami Lodge No. 67 F & AM. A man of great integrity, quiet strength and principled values, Noel co-owned and operated the Richter-Keirn Buick Oldsmobile dealership in Peru until his retirement in 1978. Following his retirement from the automobile business, he thoroughly enjoyed playing golf with his friends. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Edward Keirn, Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews, including Jerry Keirn and Kelly Meadows, both of Peru. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Allen Keirn, R. Grant Keirn and Max Keirn; and four sisters, Rosalyn McKnight, Rosemary Hauss, Marguerite Vale and Jean Sullivan. A service celebrating the life of Noel Keirn will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, with Pastor John E. Hess and Pastor Norris Keirn officiating.

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Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., to First Presbyterian Church.

Schuyler Karl Wellsand, 96, Denver, passed away at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at his residence. He was born Aug. 18, 1912 in Porter County to Frederick and Rachael Covert Wellsand. On Sep. 1, 1939 in Valparaiso, he married Orma Lucy Sandberg, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 2000. He retired from the C & O Railroad as a signalman. Survivors include a son, William D. Wellsand wife Peggy, Denver; three daughters, Shirlee A. Murphy and husband Carter, Denver, Violet O. Rody and husband Paul, Denver, and Minnie J. Eckelbarger, Peru; one sister, Lillian Cain, Valparaiso; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren. His wife, five brothers, five sisters and two granddaughters preceded him in death. Funeral services were private. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. His grandson-in-law, Pastor Matt Haynes, officiated. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Denver Baptist Church, 111 N. Yorrick St., Denver, Indiana. Arrangements were handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

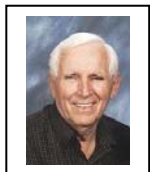
Monday, March 16, 2009

JoEllen Foust, 71, of Peru passed away at 12:32 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born in Peru to Clarence and Amy (Rose) Hiers, both deceased. She married Theodore (Ted) Foust on June 23, 1978 in Peru, and he preceded her in death on June 28, 2008. Survivors include a daughter, Lisa Carson and husband Dan of Peru; sons Robert McCowan and wife Pam, Peru; and Ted Foust and wife Angie of Lafayette. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Brandon, Chelsea, Cody and Dalton; one great-grandchild, Lillian; three step-grandchildren, George, Autumn and Blake; two brothers, Richard Hiers and wife Viola, and Don Hiers and wife Joann, both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers Jim, Bill, and Bobby; and two sisters, Miriam and Betty. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru, Ind.



Kathryn J. Haworth, 52 of Peru, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2009 at her residence. She was born in Peru, Indiana to Charles E. and Helen J. (Watson) Haworth. Kathryn was employed with Stella/Saputo Cheese in Peru for more than 10 years until its closing, and then worked at Delphi for approximately two years. She attended First Assembly of God in Peru. Survivors include her mother, Helen J. Haworth of Kokomo; a daughter, Heather Workman and companion Doug Stamper, Peru; two sons, Charles Howey and Chad Howey, also of Peru. She was also survived by three grandchildren, Jacob Workman, Grayson Stamper, and Derek Howey. A new baby Stamper is expected in August. Also surviving are a brother, Ed Haworth; four sisters, Diana Sweeney, Jane Wilson, Debra Turner and Barbara Sharp, all of Kokomo, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, several aunts and uncles, a brother-in-law, and a niece. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.- also Tuesday March 17, 2009

Tuesday, March 17, 2009



James E. "Jim" Shively, 73, Peru, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Jan. 3, 1936 in Bunker Hill to Raymond and Mildred (Childers) Shively. He married his love of 49 years, Marilyn Betts Shively on June 6, 1959, and she survives. Jim was retired from Continental Steel, Kokomo, in 1984, and most recently City Tire in Peru in 2003. He also worked part-time for Napa Auto Parts in Peru and served as a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne Division in the U.S. Army. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Brian Shively and wife Marilyn, Bunker Hill; a son-in-law, Charles Baldwin, Bunker Hill; grandchildren, Nathan Shively, Bunker Hill, Ian Shively, Bunker Hill, Laura Baldwin, Westfield, Evan Baldwin, Plainfield; a brother, Larry Shively and wife Susie, Bunker Hill; a brother, Bill Shively and wife Jody, North Manchester; and several nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by both parents; a daughter, Kimberly K. "Kim" Baldwin; and two brothers, Richard Shively and Robert Shively. Jim was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He was also known by many in the community. He and his wife Marilyn were always together and loved every moment they could spend together with their family. Jim was an avid golfer. He loved to spend time on the golf course with his wife, family and friends. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in various activities. He was an active member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church for nearly 70 years, where he sang in the choir and served on various committees. A celebration of Jim's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Mark Hill and Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Arrangements are entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to McGrawsville United Methodist Church through the funeral home. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Genice Ann (Galbraith) Finster formerly of Peru, passed away Sunday morning, March 8, 2009, at her home in Fort Stewart. She went to rest peacefully in her sleep after an extended illness. She was the daughter of Clifford "Ike" Galbraith of Peru and the granddaughter of Harley and Evelyn Kinzie of Mexico. All have preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Joseph L. Finster; daughter and son-in-law, Genny and SFC Troy L. Tomlinson; grandson, Troy L. Tomlinson Jr.; granddaughter, Chelsea Leann Tomlinson, all of Fort Stewart; her brother, Mark L. Galbraith; and mother, Delma Scott, of

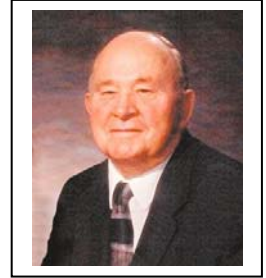
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Greenfield. She truly cared for all she met and loved without reservation. Services will be private. McClain Funeral Home of Denver assisted with local arrangements.

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Saturday, March 21, 2009

Donald Wayne Hauptert, age 79, of rural Urbana, Ind., passed away at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at his home. He was born June 8, 1929 near Urbana in Wabash County, Indiana. Don graduated from Urbana High School in 1947, and married Wanda Alberson in Carrollton, Ky. on May 1, 1949. Mr. Hauptert was a lifelong farmer and worked for several years as a field representative for the Wabash County Farm Bureau. He owned and operated Triple H Trucking, a fertilizer spreading operation, and was a former member of the Wabash County 4-H Fair Board. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Huntington, Ind., in which he held many leadership positions throughout his adult life. He and his wife Wanda served as missionaries in the Singapore Mission in 1985 and 1986. Don was a man that loved life and loved his family - especially his grandchildren who loved him dearly.



Survivors include his wife, Wanda Hauptert of Urbana; three daughters, Linda Knecht and husband Jon of Huntington, Ind., Connie Bowers and husband Gary of Winona Lake, Ind., and Bonnie Swing of Fort Wayne; a son, Noel Hauptert and wife Carol of Wabash; a sister, Lavonne Behrman and husband Paul, Ocala, Fla.; two brothers, Dean Hauptert and wife Lois of Urbana, and Dale Hauptert and wife Elaine of South Whitley, Ind.; 28 grandchildren, and 57 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Doyle Hauptert, and a sister, Bernice Davis.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Huntington (corner of U.S. 24 and S.R. 9) in Huntington, at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 with Pres. Larry D. Shumard officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service, at the church. Preferred memorials are to The Perpetual Education Fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Wabash-Miami Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Donald may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Joan P. Shell, 68, Peru, passed away at 10:04 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at her residence. She was born Dec. 3, 1940 in England to Eric and Ethal (England) Warry. She married Lonnie Shell Dec. 18, 1979, and he survives. Joan retired from Paramount Bar. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Lane Blackwell and wife Karen, Peru, and Dean Blackman and wife Tammy, Iowa; five daughters, Darlene Brown, Texas, Jody Bruster and husband Terry, South Carolina, Edith Russell and husband Tom, Denver, Brenda Shell and friend Brian, Claypool, and Becky Murray and friend Curtis, Kokomo; two brothers, Eric Warry and wife Pat, La Porte, and Reg Warry, England; two sisters, Betty Thomas and Chris Joyce, both of England; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Friends may call from 1 p.m. Sunday until time of services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice, 2985 S. Webster St., Kokomo, IN 46902. – also Thursday, March 26, 2009



Verna G. Cook, 79, Peru, passed away at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at her residence. She was born June 6, 1929 in Stockton, Calif. to Vernon and Flossie (Spencer) Lytle. She married Paul L. Cook Sr., and he preceded her in death July 5, 2003. Verna retired from United Technology and was a homemaker. She was a member of Peru Church of the Brethren. Survivors include three sons, Verne Cook and wife Nancy, Ed Cook and wife Carolyn, and Rick Cook, all of Peru; four daughters, Nora Cook, Peru, Pat Heineman, Florida, Ann Duncan and husband Tim, Peru, and Penny Cook, Peru; a brother, Dewey Lytle, Galesburg, Ill.; a sister, Anna Jones, Peru; 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. – also Monday, March 23, 2009



Carol "Maughmer" Gamble, 75, Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Dec. 6, 1933 in Walton to Francis B. and Mildred I. (Crusan) Maughmer. She married Paul Ward and George Bolner, but they preceded her in death. She married James R. Gamble Feb. 14, 1976, and he preceded her in death June 4, 2003. Carol retired from Chi Am's, North Webster, and was a member of Calvary Union Church, Walton. She was a past member of the VFW Auxiliary in Peru and American Legion Auxiliary in North Webster.

Survivors include three sons, Rodger P. Murray and wife Sherry, Michael L. Murray and wife Luisa, and Robert M. Ward, all of Peru; a step-son, David T. Gamble and wife Patty, Huntington; two step-daughters, Janelle R. Gates and husband Tom, Huntington, and Kimberly A. Bice and husband George, Muncie; two brothers, Robert V. Maughmer and wife Lue, and Ned A. Maughmer and wife Janice, all of Walton; a sister, Nancy J. Hager and husband James, West Palm

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Beach, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; eight grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; 12 step-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; an infant daughter, Rebecca Sue Murray; a brother, Bill D. Maughmer and his wife Maxine.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Mike Stow officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



Edna Alice (Hiner) Thomas, 90, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2009, at her home in Kerrville, Texas enfolded by the arms of God. Her work here on earth completed, she longed to be in the Ivory Palaces our Lord promised in the old hymn. Edna was born on April 26, 1918 in Peru, Indiana and raised here. She attended local schools in Peru. After high school, she took the secretarial course at Indiana Business College in Kokomo, after which she put her excellent secretarial skills to good use as secretary, private secretary, at Hanes Stellite in Kokomo, and Carnation Research Laboratories, in Van Nuys, Calif. She married Gene Thomas on June 24, 1943. She and Gene lived in Kokomo until moving several times with her husband's job with the Carnation Company. Several years into their retirement, the Thomas' built their home in Kerrville, Texas and moved in September of 1988. Edna recalls proudly several events in her life: having the lead in her senior play, "Growing Pains," where she was

called an ingenue in the school paper reviews; being a "Care Bear" at St. Paul's United Methodist Church; happily participating in the Starkey Elementary School mentoring program working with second graders; completing the "Walk to Emmaus (#751)" in August 1999, where Edna was the oldest participant and described her experience as a holy, joyous weekend shared with loving Christian women; a two-time cancer survivor, until cancer invaded her body again; at age 90 in 2008, she took her first ever hot air balloon ride, soaring to over 9,000 feet in Colorado as a surprise birthday gift from her grandson Daniel and his wife, Mary. Edna is survived by daughter, Dawn and loving son-in-law Dennis of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; granddaughter, Melissa and her husband, Rick, of Spokane, Wash.; and grandson, Daniel and his wife, Mary, of Highlands Ranch, Colo. Edna is preceded in death by her husband, Gene; her mother Leona (Duncan) Kurz; Edna will finally meet her father, Robert Lee Hiner, who died when Edna was just a baby and photos of her dad was all she knew...

The family would like to thank Edna's precious church family of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kerrville, Texas and the compassionate care givers of Peterson Hospice in Kerrville. You all were a blessing to Edna and her family in so many ways.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Kerrville, Texas. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville, Texas. An Indiana graveside burial service under the direction of Stout and Son's Funeral Home will be at the New London Friends Cemetery. No public visitation in Indiana is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Edna's name be sent to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 135 Methodist Encampment Road, Kerrville, Texas 78028, and/or Peterson Hospice, 1121 Broadway, Kerrville, Texas 78028. The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville, Texas.

Monday, March 23, 2009

Suzane J. DeFord, 77, Decatur, Mich., passed away at 5:16 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009 at the Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich. She was born Dec. 27, 1931 in Danville, Ill. to L.D. and Mary Ellen Myers DeFord. She was married to Louis L. Richmond for 37 years. Suzane was a member of Church of Christ and a homemaker. She retired from the Cass County Literacy Council in 1993 and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and DAV Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, Louis Lee Richmond and wife Gloria, Spokane, Wash.; two daughters, Fay Ellen Bakke and husband Greg, La Grange, Ga., and Jeanne Lou Luthjohan and husband Michael, Decatur, Mich.; a brother, Larry DeFord, Amboy; a sister, Virginia Myers and husband Irven, Amboy; her companion, Vernon Phillips; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Beverly Hunter, Doris Coursey and Marian Miller; and a brother, Louis DeFord. A service celebrating the life of Suzane DeFord will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating. Burial will follow in Clymer Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. Wednesday until time of service at the funeral home.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

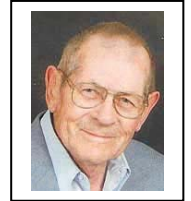
Ralph B. Joseph, 91 of Valparaiso, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. He was born July 17, 1917 in Hendricks County, Indiana to George and Ida (Beaver) Joseph. Mr. Joseph graduated from Central Normal College, and also attended Indiana University graduate school. He married Mary (Dutch) Joseph in 1942, and she preceded him in death on January 21, 2004. Mr. Joseph served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He was associated with the Indiana Bottled Gas Company and Thermogas in Peru, Ind. before joining the Indiana Port Commission in 1966 during the development stage of its public ports systems at Portage, Mount Vernon, and Jeffersonville, Ind. He retired from the Indiana Port Commission as Executive Director in 1983. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church; served on the boards of numerous civic organizations; was a long-time member of the Rotary Club at Portage and Valparaiso; the Elks Club in Peru and Valparaiso; and the Mathesis Club of Valparaiso. Survivors include his sons Greg Joseph, Munster, Ind., and Mike Joseph of Newport News, Va.; daughter, Carol Joseph of New York City; a sister-in-law, Virginia (late Randall) Joseph;

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and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Mabel Joseph, Naomi Joseph, Bernice Joseph, Mary (Daryl) Sanders, and Sally (John) Church; and brothers Marshall Joseph, Randall Joseph and George Joseph. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. CDT Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Valparaiso. Moeller Funeral Home in Valparaiso is entrusted with arrangements.

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

J. Mark Malott, 87, Converse, passed away at 6:03 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born January 27, 1922 in Amboy, Indiana to the late John C. and Susan A. (Lutz) Malott. He graduated from Converse High School. He was married to Essie Feller on February 8, 1942, and she preceded him in death in January 2007. Mr. Malott owned Malott Tractor Service, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the Converse Airport Board, Converse Church of Christ, Senior Saints, and the Samaritan Room. He was a 50-year member of the Converse Masonic Lodge #601, and a 50-year member of the Converse Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as fire chief for several years.



Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Kendall and husband Mike, of Converse; a son, Kenny Malott, Morristown, Tenn.; a sister, Ruth Miller, Leesburg, Ind. Also surviving are four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse, with the Reverend Robert L. Miller officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the church. Memorials may be given to the Converse Volunteer Fire Department. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, were entrusted with arrangements.

Thursday, March 26, 2009



Richard Lee Wilson, 86, of Peru, passed away at 2:20 p.m. on March 23, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. He was born on December 20, 1922 in Amory, Miss., to Rich and Blanche Bailey Wilson. He married Alberta Walton Wilson in 1979 and she survives. Richard was retired from N&W Railroad. He was a member of Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Peru and enjoyed fishing, family gatherings and "punting" over his Bible. Survivors other than his wife include three daughters, Gloria Spearman and husband Billy, Peru, Diane Hatcher and husband Curtis, Kokomo, and Joyce Smiley, Montgomery, Ala.; a son, Charles Jarnigan, Peru; and 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and

numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James T. Wilson; a son, Arthur Jarnigan; and a daughter, Dorothy Sykes. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor William Thorn officiating. Burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is on Saturday from 11 a.m. to time of service. – also Friday, March 27, 2009

Friday, March 27, 2009

Judith K. Loshier, 69, Richvalley, passed away at 12:24 a.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 3, 1940 in Richvalley to Vernon and Velma (Marks) Waymire. She married Richard Loshier Sept. 19, 1959 and he survives. Judith was a homemaker and member of Richvalley United Methodist Church. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Michelle Treckman and husband James, Wabash; two sons, Mark Loshier, Urbana, and Jeff Loshier and wife Elizabeth, Roann; seven grandchildren, Seth, Emily, Brent, Scott, Meagan, Danielle Loshier and Matthew Hicks; three great-grandchildren, Skylar, Dylin and Melanie Loshier; two brothers, Tom Waymire, Eaton, Ohio, and Don Waymire and wife Gerri, Arlington, Va.; and two sisters, Virginia Buuck, Fort Wayne, and Karen Cooper and husband Scott, Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Tony Booker officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from noon until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash County Hospital.

Dorothy Ellen "Kochert" McMinn, 78, of Peru, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at her residence. Dorothy was born in Lafayette on March 7, 1931 to Albert A. and Ruby E. (Hauff) Kochert. On April 26, 1967, she married William L. McMinn Jr. in St. Joseph, Mich. He survives. A 1949 graduate of Wea High School, Dorothy was employed at Alcoa Aluminum in Lafayette from 1950 to 1962. She was formerly employed at Grissom Air Force Base and from 1963 to 1987, she was employed at Delco. In 1987, she took an early retirement and dealt in antiques and crafts. Dorothy was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. Her grandkids were the light of her life.



Survivors besides her husband include a son, Jeffery A. McMinn and his wife Kassia of Perrysburg, Ohio; a daughter, Lori E. Meeks of Peru; six grandchildren, Kayla E. Meeks, Brianna M. Meeks, Elizabeth E. McMinn, Corvin J. McMinn, Noah J. McMinn and Aubree B. McMinn; two brothers, Robert Kochert and his wife Marjorie, and Roger Kochert and his wife Della, all of Lafayette; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main in Peru, with Pastor Stephen Ailes officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to any

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of the following: the American Cancer Society, Main Street United Methodist Church and Riley Hospital for Children. – also
Saturday, March 28, 2009

Melinda Ruth Chagnon, 44, passed away on Saturday morning, March 21, 2009 at Sharp Hospital in Chula Vista, Calif. The cause of her death was determined to be the result of sepsis, a virulent blood disease, and she succumbed in less than 48 hours. She was born at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Miami County, on Jan. 21, 1965 to Ruth Ellen (Yoder) and Fernand Chagnon. Her mother passed away in August of 2008. Her father and sister Michelle survive. Melinda attended Peru High School during the 1982-83 school year while taking care of her grandparents, Truman and Eva Yoder. She returned to California in 1983 and completed high school. She spent several months after graduation in Guadalajara, Mexico to hone her Spanish language skills. She matriculated at San Diego State University for several semesters, concentrating on mathematics. She held several managerial positions prior to forming her own business in Chula Vista in 2001. She married Saul Enrique Contreras in 1993, and he survives. They have one daughter, Angelina Juliette Contreras, 5 years old. A remembrance gathering of her family and many friends was held at Community Mortuary in Chula Vista, Calif. prior to cremation.

Adrian N. Earl, 87, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at North Woods Village, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 28, 1921 in Chicago, Ill. to Adrian and Fern Newton Earl. He married Anne Malvaso Nov. 14, 1953 in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Canastota, N.Y. She preceded him in death Dec. 9, 2008. Adrian graduated from Gillett High School, Gillett, Wis., where he was a star athlete in football, baseball, track and basketball. As part of America's greatest generation, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and spent the next 30 years in the service of his country, retiring as a SMSgt from the U.S. Air Force in 1972. Adrian was a veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Berlin Air Lift and Vietnam. During World War II, he participated in campaigns in Normandy, the Air Offensive of Europe and Air Combat Operations in the Balkans. As an aerial gunner in the U.S. Air Corps, he was shot down over Czechoslovakia in May of 1944, and spent the next year as a POW in Poland until the end of the war in 1945. His military decorations include the American Theater Ribbon, the EAME Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with two Bronze Clusters and the World War II Victory Medal. Following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force in 1972, he embarked on a 15-year career as a civil service employee at Grissom Air Force Base. Adrian was a devoted husband and father who loved to travel. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan, and attended his first game at the age of six. Adrian loved auto racing and was a long-suffering Chicago Cubs fan. Survivors include his daughter, Joanne Worden and husband Mark, Chicago, Ill.; and granddaughters Rebekah Worden and Katherine Worden. He was preceded in death by his wife. Family and friends will gather from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. The Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III will conduct a prayer service at 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Disabled American Veterans.

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Betty M. Faust, 77, Ludlow, Ill., formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2009 at her residence. She was born Feb. 7, 1932 in Peru to Earl and Myrtle (Mogle) Durkes. Betty was a 1950 graduate of Butler High School in Miami County. She was a homemaker and retired from Sam's Club in Peoria, Ill. She also was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Thomasboro, Ill., and former member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. In addition, she was a former member of the Daughters of Isabella, Altar & Rosary Society, the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and worked for the American Red Cross. Survivors include three daughters, Jo Lynn Mull and husband Randy, San Ramon, Calif., Marsha Spear, Ludlow, Ill., and Kathleen Lund and husband William, Jacksonville, Fla.; a son, Jim Faust and wife Barbara, Peru; eight grandchildren, Rainey, Will, Kelly, Kevin, James, Christen, Brian and Jim Jr.; three great-grandchildren, Riley, Caroline and Lucas; and a sister, Marion Lees, Highpoint, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Eva King; and an infant son, James Jr. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Monday, March 30, 2009

Peggy J. Holland, 76, Peru, passed away at 5:35 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at her residence. She was born May 6, 1932 in Peru to Paul and Thelma (Patton) Loe. She married Richard Torrence, and he preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1982. She also married Dan Holland, and he preceded her in death Jan. 31, 2006. Peggy was a 1950 graduate of Peru High School. She was a homemaker and a member of the American Legion, Eagles and Moose auxiliaries. Survivors include two sons, Dwayne Torrence and wife Linda, and Chad Torrence, all of Peru; two granddaughters, Crystal and Amy; four great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Teigan, Rhylan and Shelby; and a sister, Shirley Straka, Greentown. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Lance Torrence; a daughter-in-law, Sue Torrence; and a brother, Paul "Pete" Loe. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor William Babb officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Jerry L. Judy, 68, Peru, passed away Saturday evening, March 28, 2009 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He had been battling cancer since 2006. He was born Jan. 1, 1941 in Wabash County to Raymond and Rowena Robertson Judy. In December 2003, he was married to Kathy French, and she survives. He was a retired roofer, and he enjoyed horseback riding, mushroom hunting and being outdoors. Surviving besides his wife are his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Rev. Ed and Vaudene French, Silver Lake; three daughters, Tracy Cave and husband Larry, Rochester, Katrina Fisher and husband Lance, Logansport, and Melissa Judy, Peru; two stepsons, Brian Judy and wife Ruby, Denver, and Steven Judy and wife Amanda, North Manchester; one stepdaughter, Kelly Sible, Peru; four grandchildren, 11 step grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Phyllis Moore, Peru, Deloras Pugh, Peru, and Janet See and husband Larry, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Judy; one sister, Annie Holland; and one son, Dennis Judy. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in South Pleasant Cemetery, near Silver Lake. Friends are invited to call from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday before the funeral service.



Eugene Doolin, 67, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru. He was born Feb. 17, 1942 in Louisville, Ky. to Rufus and Lorene (Dallas) Doolin. He married Sharon (Chase) Doolin Sept. 2, 1967, and she survives. Eugene served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Continental Steel, Kokomo. He also worked at All Seasons Industries, Peru, attended Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, was a past member of the Bunker Hill Lions Club, was a Colts fan and enjoyed watching his son-in-law with his pulling tractor. In addition, Eugene also loved playing with his dog, Sadie. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Stacey Piekarski and husband Larry, Russiaville; three

brothers, Edward L. Doolin and James R. Doolin, both of Louisville, Ky., and Rufus Doolin Jr., Peru; and a sister, Betty S. Wright, New Albany. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Carl Doolin. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church through the funeral home.

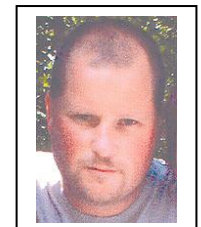
Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Clarabell Lewis, 80, Peru, passed away at 5:01 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2009 at Caring Hands, Peru. She was born March 10, 1929 in Putnam County, Ohio to William and Mary (Spitnale) Wagner. She married James E. Lewis July 5, 1963, and he survives. Clarabell was a homemaker and member of Salem Christian Church. Survivors besides her husband include three sons, Jack Kindlesparker and wife Debbie, Bardstown, Ky., Robert Kindlesparker and wife Sherry, Goldsboro, N.C., and Danny Kindlesparker and wife Barbara, Peru; a daughter, Darlene Shank and husband Bruce, Peru; 15 grandchildren, Jamie Peck, Emery Peck, Clarissa Shank, Jacob Kindlesparker, Kayla Kindlesparker, Tommy Kindlesparker, Katherine Kindlesparker, Zachariah Kindlesparker, Jessica Kindlesparker, Candice Kindlesparker, Joshua Kindlesparker, Nicole Hight, Chris Hight, Jennifer Beck and Chris Beck; a brother, Mark Wagner, Traverse City, Mich.; a sister, Eunice Ross, Fulton; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

John "Tony" Wenger, 38 of Peru, passed away at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru.

He was born August 7, 1970 in Kokomo to Cathy L. (Davis) Cardwell. On August 6, 1999, he married Brandi J. (Kirchgessner) Wenger in Kokomo, and she survives. Tony graduated from Taylor High School in 1988 and attended Vincennes University. He was a job setter at Chrysler Corporation, ITP 1, and had been active in Mona Vie, a home-based business. Tony enjoyed hunting and had a passion for fishing. He was the director of the Peru Bassmasters, and a member of Bassbuster and the Mid-Indiana Anglers. He was also a member of the UAW Local #685. Survivors include his wife and best friend, Brandi Wenger of Peru; daughters Kortney Mumaugh, Danielle Wenger and Lauren Wenger, all at home; mother and stepfather, Dave and Cathy Cardwell of Ocala, Fla.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Sean and Ruthann Kirchgessner of Kokomo; step-brother Mark Cardwell and his wife Jennifer of Peru, and their daughter Megan Perez and husband Tony, of Peru; brother-in-law Kevin Kirchgessner and wife Tamara of Kokomo, and their children Korey and Chelseigh.

A service celebrating Tony's life will be held Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Shirley and Stout Funeral Homes, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Jeff Harlow officiating. Friends are invited to call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to benefit Tony's daughters. Messages of condolence may be made online at www.shirleyandstout.com.



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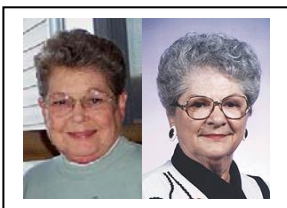
Wednesday, April 01, 2009

Donald S. Ludwig, 62, Greentown, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009 at his residence. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service at 7 p.m. Friday at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. No calling is planned. Love offerings may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Marie J. Hopkins, 76, Wabash, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Aug. 14, 1932 in Peru to Clarence and Helen (Dutton) Fitzgerald. She married Gerald Hopkins in Wabash on April 7, 1951. Marie was a 1950 Peru High School graduate. She worked in the lunch program at Wabash City Schools 20 years. She enjoyed fishing the Great Lakes and was a collector of cookie jars. She is survived by her husband, Gerald Hopkins, Wabash; four children, Michael L. Hopkins and wife Katie, Logansport, George Patrick Hopkins and wife Meg, and Colleen Gibson and husband Scott, all of Wabash, and Kathleen Gaylourd and husband Tim, Peru; two sisters, Katherine Arwood and Gladys Weisenberger, both of Peru; a sister-in-law, Joan Fitzgerald, Logansport; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Fitzgerald. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Friday at 10 a.m., with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. The memorial guest book for Marie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Friday, April 03, 2009

Lesley C. Coppernoll, 74, of Logansport and formerly of Peru, at 9:17 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 with family by her side peacefully went home to be with the Lord and family members who were awaiting her arrival. She was born in Swindon, Wiltshire, England on October 13, 1934 to Victor and Lillian Razey. Lesley married Montgomery Gordon in 1958 while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force. He then brought her home with him to the USA. She then married William Coppernoll Sr. in 1981, and he preceded her in death on January 1, 2006. Lesley had many activities she loved to do in her spare time. She loved to sew, tend her garden, bake beautiful cakes with her daughter, go camping and travel. She retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital in 2004 from the dietary department. She has many family members across the miles, but dear to her heart. She has a brother, Brian Razey; a sister, Penny Jones and husband Tony, and a sister-in-law, Thelma Razey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, all in Swindon, Wiltshire, England. Close to her she has a son, Robert Gordon and wife Brenda, Indianapolis; a daughter, Karen LaTourrette and husband JC of Logansport; a son, James Coppernoll of Muncie; her grandchildren, Terry Thompson and husband Eric of Peru; Jennifer Gordon of Louisiana; Joey LaTourrette and fiance Matt MacDonald of Lebanon; Nikki LaTourrette, Logansport; and Sarah and David Gordon of Indianapolis. She also has many extended family members due to marriage. Lesley also had one best friend for many years, Kay Alwine, of Bunker Hill. Lesley was greeted by her husband, mother, father and a brother, Mick Razey, who have been waiting for her in heaven. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life. She will be deeply missed by her family, 'til we meet again.



Midge Ramsey, 68 of Akron, Indiana passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at her residence. She was born November 3, 1940 in Altha, Florida to Bryan and Olivia (Goody) Jernigan. Midge has lived in Akron most of her life. On February 24, 1958 she married John W. Ramsey Sr. at the Akron Church of God with the Reverend Harold Conrad officiating.

Midge was secretary and co-owner with her husband John of O & R Buildings in Akron, since 1965. She enjoyed taking pictures and was a past member of the Manitou Camera Club. Some of her favorite things were flowers and hummingbirds. She enjoyed crocheting, feeding the birds and genealogy. Survivors include her husband, John W. Ramsey Sr.; a daughter, Deborah Ramsey, Akron, Ind.; three sons, John W. Ramsey Jr. and wife Penny of Akron, Verlin Ramsey Sr. and wife Beverly of Rochester, and Mark Ramsey and wife Nancy of Akron; seven grandchildren, Angela Parson and husband Ryan, Kent Ramsey, Shawna Stutzman and husband Nick, Verlin Ramsey Jr., Daniel Ramsey, Adam Ramsey and Tabatha Ramsey. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren; a brother, Michael Jernigan and wife Cindy of Rochester; and two sisters, Patricia (Morse) Utter of Athens, Ind., and Shirley Allred, Shipshewana, Ind. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Barbara Geller, and two brothers, Robert Jernigan and Joe Jernigan. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St. in Akron, with the Reverend Phillip Pratt officiating. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, April 3, 2009, 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences for the family may be sent to the funeral home through earllovefh@gmail.com.

Helen Green, 75, Peru, passed away at 6:18 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2009 at her residence. She was born Feb. 28, 1934 in Erwin, Tenn. to Walter and Maude Mae Collins Roberts. She married Wilbur Green April 24, 1954, and he preceded her in death Sept. 25, 1996. Helen was a former employee of the Wabash Plain Dealer and W.C. Redmon. She attended First

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Assembly of God Church, was an avid bingo player and thoroughly enjoyed fishing. But most of all she was devoted to her family. Helen was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include her children, Janice Sease and husband Scott, Peru, Billy Green and wife Debbie, Peru, and Greg Green and wife Ketti, Big Lake, Minn.; grandchildren, Jesse Green and wife Jennifer, Clay, Ky., Christina Green and husband Bill, John Green and wife Amanda, Helen Green and husband Willie, and Brandy Biggs, all of Peru, Raeann Green, Brittany Green and Grace Green, all of Big Lake, Minn., Joey Miles, Amanda Green and Billy Green, all of Peru; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Jesse Roberts and wife Clara, Warsaw; sisters, Shirley Rattliff, Telford, Tenn., and Betty Gentry and husband Howard, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Wilbur; a daughter, Cora Green in 2006; and four brothers.

A service celebrating the life of Helen Green will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor Jay Litherland officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

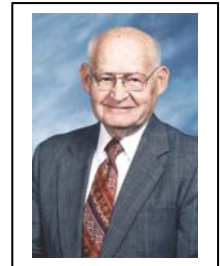
Saturday, April 04, 2009

Arla Rae Roberts, 51, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2009 at her residence. She was born Nov. 12, 1957 in Knox to John and Mary Alice (McFarland) Roberts. Arla graduated in 1976 from San Pierre High School in North Judson. She attended Purdue University, then graduated from Ball State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She worked in the administrative office at the Miami Correctional Facility and was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sisters, Shirley Roberts and husband Keith White, Indian Head Park, Ill., and Bobbi Roberts, Des Plaines, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, at Eagle Creek Church, 280 N. 700 East., Knox, with Pastors Steven Ailes and Ed Hasnerl officiating. Her ashes will be buried in Eagle Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any mental health organization and/or to their local United Methodist Church.

Richard E. Kreutzer, 89, Peru, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 at his residence. He was born Oct. 13, 1919 in Peru to John B. and Elba A. Ord Kreutzer. He married Virginia Wilson Kreutzer June 23, 1944 in a chapel at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. She preceded him in death Dec. 7, 1975. Dick graduated from Peru High School in 1937 and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and American Theatre Service Ribbon. He was a registered watchmaker. His father, John B. Kreutzer, founded the Kreutzer Jewelry & Office Supply in 1912. Dick served as president of the family business, Kreutzer Inc., until it was sold in 1992. He served as a crossing guard for Peru Community Schools from 1994 to 2005. He was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Paul A. Welsh Assembly No. 2146. A member of the Glen Owens American Legion Post 14 for more than 60 years, a charter member of St. Vincent de Paul Society and served as its president for several years. He was past president of the Peru Civic Center Board, past member of the Gateway Board of Directors, and was a member of the undefeated 1936 Peru High School football team. Survivors include four daughters, Karen Wiseman and husband Robert, Mishawaka, Kay Scott and husband Ben, Monticello, Kathy Lewis and husband Dr. Jay, Peru, and Carol Fishback and husband John, Peru; a brother, Robert Kreutzer and wife Kathryn, Peru; a sister-in-law, Donna Kreutzer, Peru; 16 grandchildren, Robert Wiseman and wife Sarah, Erica Cole and husband Doug, Marcus Wiseman and wife Katie, Mary Wiseman, Philip Wiseman, Anne Wiseman, Teresa Whitlock and husband Chris, Benjamin Scott and wife Marlena, George Scott and wife Selena, Matthew Lewis and wife Tracy, Andrew Lewis and wife Carrie, Rachel Richey and husband Andy, Chad Fishback and wife Shelly, Jared Fishback and wife Kelly, Heather Tyson and husband Joe, and Nicholas Fishback and wife Cirsti; and 18 great-grandchildren; He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers, John Kreutzer and Tom Kreutzer; and a great-granddaughter, Virginia Anne Lewis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with a prayer service at 8 p.m. The rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Also Thursday, April 09, 2009

Dorothy Lucille Hartman, 83 of Logansport, Indiana passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at Woodbridge Health Campus. She was born July 10, 1925 in Pulaski County to the late Kenneth and Lottie (Marvin) Clark. On November 14, 1943 she married Earl E. Hartman, and he preceded her in death in 1981. Dorothy was a member of Shiloh United Church of Christ. She was an Avon sales representative for many years. Her hobbies included playing euchre, needlework and traveling. Survivors include a son, Robert Hartman and wife Elaine of Yuma, Ariz.; a daughter, Nancy McMinn and husband Michael of Logansport; two sisters, Thelma Henson and husband Ron of Sebring, Fla., and Aletha Solomon of Avon Park, Fla. She is also survived by six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Gloria Hartman; two sisters and one brother. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the Fisher Funeral Chapel in Logansport, with Pastor Tim McKaig officiating. Internment will be Monday with a private ceremony at Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport. Friends will be received 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial



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contributions may be made to Shiloh United Church of Christ. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance and view her tribute video by visiting www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Monday, April 06, 2009

Karen Lea Gunter passed away at her Rochester residence on April 3, 2009 at the age of 65. Karen had six children and three step-children as well as 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She married Don L. Gunter, who survives and she attended First Baptist Church in Rochester. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 07, 2009

Lucas D. Erlbeck, 59, of Kokomo went to be with his Heavenly Father at 2:56 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Howard Regional Health System. He was born November 17, 1949 in Quantico, Va., to Lucas A. and Betty L. (Jones) Erlbeck. On October 22, 1990 he married Dianne "Deedee" Waymire in Peru, and she survives. Survivors in addition to his wife are his mother, Betty Mygrant and her husband Ron; sisters Beryl Kendall and husband Larry, Bonnie Erlbeck, Trudy Campbell and Rhonda Mygrant. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Due to Lucas's wishes to be cremated, there will be no services. Sunset Memory Garden in Kokomo, has been entrusted with arrangements.

David J. Douglas, 38, Peru, passed away at approximately 6:45 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at his residence. He was born Sept. 25, 1970 in Peru to Robert Krieg and Cynthia (Douglas) Clemmons. He married Michele Lynn Feb. 20, 2009, and she survives. Survivors besides his wife include his father in Bunker Hill; his mother and step-father, John Clemmons, Peru; three step-children, Brittany Keim, Joseph Chasteen and Anthony Chasteen; two brothers, Ronnie Krieg and Chris Krieg, both of Bunker Hill; two sisters, Jessica, Louisiana, and Kim Ross, Bunker Hill; and three step-sisters, Melissa Clemmons and Christina Clemmons, both of Kentucky, and Amy McKinney, Peru. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Ryan Keim officiating. Love offerings may be made to help with burial expenses.

Carol A. Trexler, 53, Peru, passed away at 2:20 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born July 23, 1955 in Miami County to Leon P. and Mary E. (Tucker) Trexler. She had lived here all her life. Carol graduated from Peru High School in 1973 and was manager of East of Chicago Pizza in Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Jodi Pindell and husband Nakhon, Peru; two grandchildren, Tori and Kolton; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a brother, Todd Trexler and wife Rhonda, Peru; and four sisters, Linda Kline and husband Jerry, Sandy Howard, Pam Shrock and husband Larry, and Maribeth Wides, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Kim Trexler and Jim Trexler; and a half brother, Garry Stackhouse. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Walter Lee Burrous, 82, Wabash, passed away at 8:11 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 at the V.A. Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, Los Angeles, Calif. He was born May 26, 1926 in Mexico to Delbert Owen and Grace Mae (Seward) Burrous. He married Carolyn Lucille Siders on Nov. 10, 1972 at Wabash Christian Church, Wabash, and she survives.

Walter was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash. He also was a member of the V.F.W. Post #286, American Legion #15, both of Wabash, the Elks Lodge #2012 in Rochester, and a life member of D.A.V. He was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors besides his wife include seven children, Michael Burrous and wife Kim, Biloxi, Miss., Ronnie Burrous and wife Martha, Erlanger, Ky., Todd Burrous and wife Eileen, New Albany, Dennis Siders and wife Diana, Wabash, Kevin Siders, Marion, Debbie Abtin and husband Kiarash, Simi Valley, Calif., and Scott Siders and wife Tammy, Lagro; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be held at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. Indiana 15, Wabash, on Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the church. Preferred memorial is the World War II Memorial, Washington, D.C. The memorial guest book for Walter may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Karen Lea Gunter, 65, Rochester, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, South Bend. She was born June 13, 1943 in Macy to Sherman and Alice Cover Hively. She married Don L. Gunter Aug. 7, 1998 in Rochester, and he survives. Karen was a homemaker and attended First Baptist Church, Rochester. Survivors besides her husband include her mother in Macy; four daughters, Brenda Ernest and husband Keith, Tina Kline, all of Rochester, Crystal Hively and companion Jessica Lowe, Etna Green, and Angie Johnson and husband Dan, Rochester; two sons, Nick Kline and companion Mindi Williams, Tippecanoe, and Chuck Kline and wife Paula, Fishers; a step-daughter, Davina Enders, Rochester;



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two step-sons, Leroy Enders and wife Lori, Illinois, and Brian Enders and wife Nora, Denver; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Shari Burns and husband Terry, Denver; a half-sister, Marvis Zimmerman and husband John, Akron; a half-brother, Billy Hively and companion Carol Jones, Akron; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Karen was excited and looking forward to the arrival of two additional great-grandchildren due during the summer of 2009. As an animal lover, Karen had many fond memories of her Scottish terrier "Sambo," who preceded her in death, and Hercules the boxer, who survives. She was preceded in death by her father and a toddler sister, Loretta Jean Hively.

A celebration of the life of Karen Gunter will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Danny Honeycutt officiating. Karen will be laid to rest in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with her family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be made to Shop with a Cop for Toys for Tots. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Wednesday, April 08, 2009

Raianna Blessing Krieg Weitzel, 4 days, Peru, passed away at 9:48 a.m. Sunday, April 5, 2009 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born April 1, 2009 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, Indianapolis, to Christopher Krieg and Diane Weitzel. Survivors include her parents, Christopher Krieg, Bunker Hill, and Diane Weitzel, Peru; her grandparents, Robert and Patricia VanMeter, Silver Lake, Larry and Diana Weitzel, Wabash, and Bob and Velba Krieg, Bunker Hill; a brother, Bryar Krieg; and two sisters, Ani Weitzel and Madison Krieg. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Jim Butler officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Lucille I. Ulery, 102, Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care & Rehab. She was born Feb. 1, 1907 in Miami County to Admiral and Dora Mayps West. She married Robert Ulery Nov. 20, 1928, and he preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1991. Lucille graduated from Chili High School in 1925. She worked at Indiana Bell for 35 years, retiring in 1960. Survivors include a sister, Eileen Kistler, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor Steve Bate officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Historical Society. Also

Thursday, April 09, 2009

Jeffrey A. Sampsel, 58, Bunker Hill, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009 at his residence as a result of a fire. He was born Oct. 4, 1950 in Peru to Arthur and June Miller Sampsel. His parents passed away with him in the fire. Jeffrey attended First Assembly of God Church. Survivors include a son, Zachary Sampsel and fiancée Shannon Wickliffe, Ukiah, Calif.; a brother, Jonathan Sampsel and wife Jean, Valparaiso; two nieces, Hilary Bales and husband Brandon, and Erin Burkholder and husband Kyle. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Gideons International or the American Cancer Society.

Arthur V. Sampsel, 85, Bunker Hill, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009 at his residence as a result of a fire. He was born Jan. 4, 1924 in Peru to Arthur and Alice May Rohrer Sampsel. He married June Miller Nov. 12, 1949 at First Baptist Church. His wife and son, Jeffrey A. Sampsel, passed away with him in the fire. Arthur graduated from Clay Township High School in 1941. He was a farmer in Miami County and attended the Sharon Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Jonathan Sampsel and wife Jean, Valparaiso; three grandchildren, Hilary Bales and husband Brandon, Erin Burkholder and husband Kyle, and Zachary Sampsel and fiancée Shannon Wickliffe; and a great-grandchild, Carter Burkholder. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Theresa. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Gideons International or the American Cancer Society.

June Sampsel, 86, Bunker Hill, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009 at her residence as a result of a fire. She was born Dec. 12, 1922 in Denver to Jesse and Mabel Gray Miller. She married Arthur V. Sampsel Nov. 12, 1949 at First Baptist Church. Her husband and son, Jeffrey A. Sampsel, passed away with her in the fire. June graduated from Peru High School in 1941. She was a homemaker and attended Sharon Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Jonathan Sampsel and wife Jean, Valparaiso; three grandchildren, Hilary Bales and husband Brandon, Erin Burkholder and husband Kyle, and Zachary Sampsel and fiancée Shannon Wickliffe; a great-grandchild, Carter Burkholder; and a sister Lois McKee, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Avery Miller; and a sister, Jessie Venice. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Gideons International or the American Cancer Society.

David J. Douglas, 38, Peru, passed away at approximately 6:45 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2009 at his residence. He was born Sept. 25, 1970 in Peru to Robert Krieg and Cynthia (Douglas) Clemmons. He married Michelle Keim on February 20, 2009, and she survives. Survivors besides his wife, Michelle (Keim) Douglas, include his father and stepmother, Robert and Velba Krieg in Bunker Hill; his mother and stepfather, Cynthia and John Clemmons, Peru; three stepchildren, Brittany Keim, Joseph Chasteen and Anthony Chasteen; two brothers, Ronnie Krieg and Chris Krieg, both of Bunker Hill; two sisters, Jessica, Louisiana, and Kim Ross, Bunker Hill; and three stepsisters, Melissa Clemmons and Christina Clemmons, both of Kentucky, and Amy McKinney, Peru. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Ryan Keim officiating. Love offerings may be made to help with burial expenses.

Mary Louise Nelson, 89, of Walton, Indiana passed away at 10:54 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. She was born October 30, 1919 in Burrows, Ind. to James and Helen (Neff) West. On February 23, 1940 she married Ralph A. Nelson in Kokomo. Mrs. Nelson was a homemaker. Mrs. Nelson attended the Upper Deer Creek Church. She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Ralph A. Nelson, Walton; a son, Dean Nelson and wife Joyce of Walton; a daughter, Jean Conner and husband Eldon of Mexico, Ind.; grandchildren Becky Achor Collins and husband Kenny, Logansport, Beth Wise and friend Rick Collins of Galveston, Bev Middlekauff and husband Tim of Peru, and Cassie Smith and husband Terry of Peru. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Leslie Achor, Jessica Achor, Jeremy Wise, Katelyn Wise, Terry Smith, Taylor Smith, Travis Smith, Conner Middlekauff, and Corbin Middlekauff; and a great-great grandchild, Abbi Vandelier. She was preceded in death by a brother, Francis West. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009 at the Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport, with the Reverends John Rhodes and Joe Coffin officiating. Burial will follow at Center E.U.B. Cemetery in Young America, Ind. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Gundrum Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.



Connie M. (Copeland) Simpson, 69, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at her residence. She was born July 30, 1939 in Peru to William J. and Margaret (Rozell) Copeland. Connie graduated from Peru High School in 1957. She worked at her father's business, Copeland's Meat Market, before starting as a receptionist at General Motors at the age of 17, where she worked until her retirement. She was a member of a euchre club for more than 30 years and played cards with a group of girls every month. She enjoyed IU basketball and watching channel 52 Fox and Friends News. She was a member of Abundant Life Church, where she had met a lot of wonderful new friends. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Casbon and husband David; a grandson, Chad Bergin; a granddaughter, Dayna Damewood and husband Chad; and three great-grandchildren, Izabella J. Bergin, Blayke, and Christien. She was preceded in death by her parents and her half-brother, William Copeland II. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, Kokomo, with the Rev. Charles Riley officiating. Burial will be Friday in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a small graveside service at 11 a.m. Visiting hours will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.ellersmortuary.com.

Florence A. Hileman, 89, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:24 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 3, 1919 in Cass County to John Henery and Martha Ann Binney Hoover. On Sept. 9, 1939 she was married to John Alvin Hileman at the home of the late Rev. C. F. Golden near Chili. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1995. She was an active member of Skinner Worship Chapel near Twelve Mile where she taught Sunday School, played the piano, and lead singing during Sunday School and worship services. She enjoyed babysitting for friends and neighbor children and was called Grandma by many. She will be remembered for her apple pies, potato salad and her love of teaching young girls how to make apple pies and noodles. Survivors include two sons, Robert L. Hileman, Indianapolis, and John R. Hileman, Twelve Mile; two grandchildren, John "Rob" Hileman and wife Tammy, Peru, and Drina Beety and husband Mike, Logansport; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Charlotte Ingram Sibley, Logansport; one brother-in-law, Charles D. Young, Indianapolis; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; one granddaughter, Jeanne Hileman; four sisters and three brothers-in-law. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday at Skinner Chapel, 6814 N 1050 East, Denver, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery in Chili. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 West State Road 16, Denver, www.mcclainfh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.



Friday, April 10, 2009

Eva Marie Warner Friend, 89, Peru, and formerly of Macy, passed away at 5 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Blair Ridge, Peru. She was born July 6, 1919 in Miami County to Leores O. and Kate Wilson Warner. On Oct. 16, 1941 she was married to Gerald D. Friend, and he preceded her in death on May 30, 1997. Mrs. Friend was a graduate of Deedsville High School and went on to attend Ball State Teachers College. She later received her bachelor of science degree from IU-Kokomo. She taught elementary

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school at Fulton, Grass Creek, Gilead and North Miami Elementary. She was an active member of the Mexico Baptist Church, the Allen Township Mother's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma teacher's sorority, and the former Macy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed quilting, knitting and genealogy. Survivors include two sons, James L. Friend and wife Judy, Peru, and William C. Friend and wife Ann, Macy; six grandchildren, Samantha Ward, Jennifer Sprague, Chris Herrell, Mandy Galyean, Trisha Spencer and Daniel Friend; nine great-grandchildren, Randy Marcus, Estella and James Ward, Rob and Harry Sprague, William and Sara Herrell, and Jacob Spencer; two sisters, Nada Miller and husband Paul, Jeffersonville, and Rosie Linn, Macy; one brother, Fred Warner and wife Barbara, Peru; and one brother-in-law, Granville Hattery, Fulton. She was preceded in death by her husband; one granddaughter, Leanna Friend; two sisters, Ann Hattery and Elizabeth Young; and two brothers-in-law, Acel Young and Dayne Linn. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mexico Baptist Church, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Mexico Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be directed towards the Mexico Baptist Church or National Parkinson Foundation. Arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road 16, Denver, www.mcclainfh.com or www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

Saturday, April 11, 2009

John David "J.D." Fisher, 49, Logansport, passed away unexpectedly at 8:58 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, Md. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastors Bill Shannon, Doug Mankell and Gregory Elkins officiating. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will be held at 5:45 p.m. followed by a Shrine Processional. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be best made with a memorial contribution to the Fisher Children Education Trust Fund in care of Logansport Savings Bank, 723 E. Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of J.D. and view his video tribute online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Andrew (Andy) J. Glassburn, 83, Bunker Hill, went to be with the Lord at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield, Ky. He was born Dec. 22, 1925 in Miami County to Samuel and Viola (Adkin) Glassburn. He married Catherine (Kate) Jane Betzner Dec. 22, 1945, and she survives. Andy was a lifelong farmer in Clay Township. He retired from Haynes International after 37 years and from Cropmaker after 11 years of service. He was a faithful member of Mount Zion Free Methodist Church, Kokomo. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, JoNell McConnell and husband John, Pelzer, S.C., and Sandra S. Snarr and husband Mike, Mayfield, Ky.; a son, Mitchell A. Glassburn and wife Sherri, Scottsdale, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren, Robin Lax and husband Chris, Evansville, Tammy Smith, Decatur, Bonnie Czoer, Evansville, John W. McConnell, Chicago, Ill., Catherine McConnell, Charlotte, S.C., Holli Christ, Leo, Marta S. Elliot, Hickory, Ky., Sarah Yager, Mayfield, Ky., Stacy Emel, Scottsdale, Ariz., Elizabeth Glassburn, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Samuel Glassburn, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael L. Glassburn; and a grandson, Aaron M. Glassburn. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Zion Free Methodist Church, 13048 S. 400 West, Miami County, Kokomo, with Pastor Russell Veldman officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Zion Free Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Esther I. Richards, 89, Peru, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Aug. 9, 1919 in Miami County to Clarence and Jessie (Benner) Massey. She married Everett Richards Sept. 30, 1940, and he preceded her in death Feb. 21, 1995. Esther was a homemaker and had lived in Miami County all her life. She also was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru. Survivors include two daughters, Vicky Hawley and husband Gary, Peru, and Sherry Meluskey, Lehigh Valley, Pa.; five grandchildren, James Meluskey and wife Denise, Kimberly Baba and husband Jeff, Melissa Booth and husband Gerald, Angela Cook and husband Clinton, and Cale Wahlig and wife Monica; and eight great-grandchildren, Nicole, Bethany, Caroline and Emma Meluskey, Michael Gray, Gracie Mae Cook, and Destiny and Emily Booth. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother; a sister and a son-in-law, Joseph Meluskey. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church.



Betty Maxine McNabney, 75, Wabash, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor North in Wabash. She was born Jan. 20, 1934 in Marion to Paul and Lorenna (Hiatt) Woodward. She married James P. McNabney in Wabash on Jan. 19, 1957, and he survives. Betty worked for Vernon Manor Children's Home until 1980. She was a member of the Wabash Eagles Lodge and a former member of the Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church in Wabash. She loved her grandchildren and her animals. Betty and her family also enjoyed spending time at the lake and fishing. Survivors besides her husband include her son, Paul A. McNabney and wife Nancy, Columbia City; her daughter, Tracy J. Fliteraft and husband Walter, Wabash; seven grandchildren, Jason P. McNabney and wife Betsy, Indianapolis, Rachel M. Zamora and husband Jeff, Houston, Texas, Jeremy J. McNabney, and Brandi J. McCann and husband Kevin, all of Wabash,

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Jessica L. McNabney, North Manchester, Carey A. Sommer and husband Bill, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Aaron M. (Julie Zaker) Flitcraft, Chicago, Ill.; eight great-grandchildren; and two brothers, William Woodward, Palm Springs, Calif., and Joe Woodward and wife Marguerite, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her son, William J. McNabney; her grandson, Robert J. Flitcraft; her brother, Larry Woodward; and her sister, JoAnn Sellers. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Monday, April 13, 2009

Iona Grace Nice, 80, Peru, passed away at 10:58 a.m. Sunday, April 12, 2009, at her residence. Iona was born April 26, 1928 in Walkerton to Arthur and Vesta (Eisenmenger) Slone. She was a homemaker. Surviving her are seven sons, James Nice and wife Gracie, David Nice, Terry Nice, Richard Nice, Larry Nice and wife Toni, Jeff Nice, all of Peru, and Tim Nice and wife Michelle of LaPorte; two daughters Penny Young and husband Alan and Becky Brandt and husband Bobby, all of Knox; two brothers, Delor Wolf of Walkerton, and Bob Slone of New Mexico; two sisters, Louise Krick and Faye Snodgrass, both of Walkerton; 48 grandchildren and 58 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a daughter Linda Keith, a son Tommy Nice and three grandchildren. A private service for the family will be at Mount Hope Chapel at 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009 with the family officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.



Esther Frick, 99, North Manchester, and formerly of Mexico where she lived for ninety-eight years, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester, Indiana. Born May 13, 1909 on her family's farm east of Mexico, she was the daughter of Lewis and Mary Ida Bish Frick. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church at Mexico where she served as a church pianist, Sunday school teacher, and along with her sister and mother served as a communion steward. She retired from G.C. Murphy and Co. in Peru after almost thirty years. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, and needlepoint. Survivors include her sister, Ruth Frick, North Manchester; her nephew, Rev. David Overmyer and wife Karen, North Manchester; two great-nieces, Kristin Harp and husband Adam and their children, Aubrey and Brody, Burket, Indiana; and Kelly Harp and husband Isaac, Peru, Indiana; one great-nephew, Kyle Overmyer, Terre Haute, Indiana; One brother, Lyman B. Frick, preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends are invited to call from 4-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. McClain Funeral Home, 3500 West State Road 16, Denver is handling arrangements. www.mcclainfh.com <http://www.mcclainfh.com>

John David "J.D." Fisher, 49, of Logansport passed away unexpectedly at 7:58 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Md. Born December 3, 1959 in Logansport, he was the son of John Wakeland and Mary Elizabeth (Kesling) Fisher, who survive in Logansport. During his teen years he worked with his dad at the funeral home, and their ambulance service. In 1978, he graduated from Logansport High School. In 1980, he graduated from Vincennes University with an Associates of Science degree in Funeral Service. On June 14, 1981 at the First Methodist Church, he married Dawn Ellyn Sailors, who survives. In 1990 J.D. and Dawn purchased the family business, and four years later broke ground for the new chapel on Chase Road in Logansport. In 2003 he decided to expand in the growing Lafayette area by purchasing the former Landis-Loy Funeral Home, now known as Fisher-Loy Funeral Chapel, operated by his son Jonathan.



In addition to his eldest son, Jonathan David of Lafayette, he was the father of Jacob Nathaniel, Sarah Michaela, and Chase Donald Fisher, all of Logansport. His sister Patricia Fisher, survives in Monticello.

Survivors also include his sister's children, Nicole Haycraft and husband Zack of Chicago; Jarrett Stark and wife Melissa and their daughter Kiera, of Fairfax, Va.; his mother-in-law, Marjorie Sailors of Logansport; his brother-in-law, Duane Sailors and wife Lori, and their children Morgan and Drew of Logansport; several uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, including the staff of the funeral chapel who were not only employees, but like family to him.

J.D. was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he had served as a trustee. He was a Past Master of Tipton Masonic Lodge #33, and Past Master Counselor of the Order of DeMolay. He was a member of the Murat Shrine, Logansport Shrine Club, Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite, Logansport Rotary, Eagles Aerie No. 323, past president of Lions, and also Evening Exchange Club, and past president of the Sangralea Valley Association. Professionally he served as a District Director with the Indiana Funeral Directors Association with its highest award, the Pursuit of Excellence "Golden Eagle."

He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Emerson Fisher in 1988; his father-in-law, Donald Sailors; his maternal grandparents, Fred and Anna Kesling; and his paternal grandparents, Fred and Margaret Fisher.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Fisher Chapel, with the Reverends Bill Shannon, Douglas Mankell and Rick Woodall officiating. Interment, officiated by the Reverend Dr. Gregory Elkins, will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009 in Fisher Funeral Chapel,

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Logansport, where a Masonic Service will be held at 5:45 p.m., followed by a Shrine Processional. In lieu of an outpouring of flowers, expressions of sympathy may best be made with a memorial contribution to the Fisher Children Education Trust Fund in care of Logansport Savings Bank, 723 E. Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of J.D., share memories in his guestbook and view his video tribute, at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Joan Jones, 86 of Bunker Hill, Ind. went home to be with the Lord at sunrise on Easter Sunday morning, April 12, 2009. She was born February 25, 1923 in Miami County, Ind., to Elmer and Sylvia Warfelt. She graduated from Clay Township High School in 1941. On February 21, 1948 she married William Jones and he preceded her in death August 7, 1984. Mrs. Jones was a homemaker, and attended Emmanuel Fellowship Church. She was a member of the Eastern Star of Bunker Hill Chapter #565. Survivors include nieces and nephews: Sue Ann Harper of Greentown, Tom Sheridan of Kokomo, Mike Sheridan of Greentown, Steve Sheridan of Greentown, Danny Sheridan of Kokomo, Joe Glassburn of New Port Richey, Fla., Cindy Troyer of Greer, S.C., and Linda Hall of Bunker Hill. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three sisters Kathryn Glassburn, Alice Sheridan, and Willadene Warfelt. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, Ind. with Tom Troyer officiating. Burial will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be Tuesday after 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009



Thomas J. Korba, 93, Peru, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Thomas was born June 24, 1915 in Joplin, Mo. to Wentzel and Rosemary Mc Nerney Korba. On October 15, 1941, he married Clara "Betty" Grostefon. She preceded him on May 3, 1977. On June 22, 1981, he married Doris Alcorn Christensen and she preceded him April 18, 2006. Thomas was a truck driver for McClain Truck Lines and Chippawal Truck Lines, retiring in 1980. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, a life member of Peru Maennerchor, Moose Lodge and Peru Eagles Lodge. He is survived by two sons, Michael Korba and his wife Marti of Russiaville, and David Korba and his wife Janis of Goodyear, Ariz.; grandchildren Michael A. Korba and his wife Jeana of Peru and Nikki Korba Logsdon and her husband Kerry of Tipton; great-grandchildren Lauren Kennedy Logsdon and Rhegan Nicole Logsdon; step-children Robert Christenson and his wife Debbie of Fortville, Susan Lynch and her husband John of Elkins, Va., John Christenson and his wife Linda of Santa Rose, Calif.; step-grandchildren Lauren and Spencer Christenson of Fortville, Kristi and Kevin Lynch of Elkins, Va., and Jacob Christenson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; step-great-grandchildren Dustin Roulerson and Anthony Roulerson; step-great-great-grandchildren Wade Roulerson and Aryia Roulerson. He was preceded in death by six brothers Joe, Al, John, Frank, Bill and Henry Korba, and one sister, Clara Harris.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Thomas will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2009, at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St. in Peru with the Rev. Father Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru. A prayer service will follow at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church.

Thursday, April 16, 2009



Jack P. McPherson, 62, Peru, passed away at 5:44 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital after 15 years of illness. He was born Dec. 20, 1946 in New Orleans, La. to Mildred (Oubre) McPherson. He married Patricia Appleton in 1976, and she survives. Jack was a U.S. Army veteran in Vietnam. He retired as a truck driver in 1993 and was formerly employed at Richter-Keirn and Paul-Richards auto dealerships in Peru. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Tiffany, New Orleans, La., and Judy Appleton, Peru; two sons, Mike Appleton and wife Paula, Urbana, and Dave Appleton and wife Liz, Macy; four grandchildren, Heather Andrick and husband Mike, LaFontaine, Cindy Sparling and husband Chad, Kokomo, Eva Simpson and husband Tom, LaFontaine, and Brandon Appleton, Fishers; a brother, James McPherson, New Orleans, La.; four great-grandchildren, Cameron, Courtney, Corbyn and Thatcher; and his golden retriever, Starr. He was preceded in death by his mother and a grandson, Christopher. A memorial service will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at 150 W. Warren St., Lot 54. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Jan Lee Arrick, 70, of rural Wabash, Indiana passed away at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital. He was born in Swayzee, Ind. on December 1, 1938 to Carl and Florence (Manning) Arrick. Jan attended Somerset schools 10 1/2 years and graduated from Converse High School in 1956. On August 21, 1959 in Richvalley, he married Linda J. Whitaker, who survives. Jan was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired in 2001 from Container Corporation in Wabash, after 42 years. He was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Hanna Masonic Lodge #61, Eagles Lodge, all of Wabash, and the Lagro American Legion. He enjoyed coaching Babe Ruth baseball, as well as playing and coaching men's

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softball in his earlier years. More recently his hobbies included fishing, hunting, following children's and grandchildren's activities, spending time with family and friends, traveling and spending summers at his lake home. Survivors include his wife Linda J. Arrick of Wabash; his three children, Rita Penn and husband Bruce of Wabash, Chris Arrick and wife Rebecca, and Brett Arrick and wife Mona, all of Jamestown, Indiana; six grandchildren, Jeremy Penn and wife Melissa of Anderson, Matthew Penn of Wabash, Andrew Penn of Fort Wayne, Christopher Arrick, Rachelle Arrick, Alesha Arrick; and one great-grandchild, Noah Christopher Blakely, all of Jamestown. He was preceded in death by one sister, Colleen Braden.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Entombment will follow in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 17, at the funeral home where a Masonic service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. Preferred memorial is Cheer, Inc., 18 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992 The memorial guest book for Jan may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

Betty J. (Laverty) Berndt, 88 of Riverside, California passed away on March 29, 2009. She was born in Peru, Ind. in 1920, to Charles A. and Sarepta V. Laverty. She was a graduate of Peru High School. Betty was a loving mother. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Davis of Riverside, Calif., and Deborah Davis of Peru, Ind. She was preceded in death by three sisters: Lillian Alspaugh, Helen Bowman, and Bernice Mogle. Betty will be deeply missed by friends and family.

Friday, April 17, 2009

Robert E. Templin, 87, Wabash, passed away at 4:10 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 at Wabash Skilled Care Center, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., LaFontaine, with Pastors Dan Lawson and Ted Baton officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with Masonic rites at 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Somerset. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Mr. Kay K. Erickson, 77, Osceola, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Zimmerman-Inman Funeral Home, 1109 Lincolnway West, Osceola, Ind. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery with military honors. Friends may call one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Tiffany Schneider Memorial Fund.

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Roger Levi Hartman, 62, passed away at 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 in Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 27, 1946 to Onis and Alfretta Hartman, and he was raised in Macy. He was married March 4, 1972 to Deborah Ann Loos, and she survives. Roger was a 1965 graduate of North Miami High School and went on to attend Indiana Business College and Indiana University. He had worked at Keorber Jewelry, Koerber and Baber, Ross Jewelry, Phoenix Jewelry, L.S. Ayres and Von Maur. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Nicholas A.L. Hartman and Anthony J.B. Hartman; and one brother, Robert (Bob) O. Hartman.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway, Fort Wayne, with Bill Shewman officiating. A reception celebrating the life of Roger will follow at the Fort Wayne History Center, 302 E Berry St., beginning at 3 p.m. Burial was in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, handled arrangements, www.mcclainfh.com.

Monday, April 20, 2009

Clarence E. McDougle Sr., 81, Mexico, passed away at 9:51 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 6, 1927 in Cass County to Clarence E. and Della (Leavell) McDougle. He married Georgia (Roop) McDougle June 17, 1949, and she survives. Clarence retired from Square D and the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department. He was a lifetime member of the Eagles Lodge 258 and a life member of the Literary Aide Society, both of Peru. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Clarence E. McDougle Jr. and wife Cathy, Peru, and Harold McDougle and wife Berniece, Denver; three daughters, Della Maynard, Mexico, Joyce Cupp and husband John, Morristown, Tenn., and Shelly Hoff and husband Rick, Peru; three sisters, Ellen Johnson, Lowell, Peggy Stinenger, Auburn, and Delores Dennison, Columbia City; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, two brothers, a grandchild and a son, William D. McDougle. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Rev. Dave Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. An Eagles memorial service is planned at 6:30 p.m. today at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Clarence E. McDougle Sr. family through the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Eileen West Kistler, 92, of Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Eileen was born July 21, 1916 in Miami County to Admiral D. and Dora (Mapes) West. On January 7, 1963, she married Warren T.

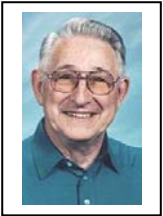
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"Curly" Kistler. He preceded her in death on June 16, 1989. Eileen attended school in Chili and also attended a commercial school for Young Ladies. During the World War II years, she worked in Detroit at a defense plant for the war effort. She also worked as a bookkeeper for Ulery Packard Car Sales in Peru. Her husband, Warren, was a Pearl Harbor survivor on the Naval Ship USS San Francisco. Eileen was an active member of the survivors association and traveled extensively with her husband. She was also an active member of the Peru Garden Club. Survivors include a son, James A. Kistler of Peru; several nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Evelyn Stelts. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Steven D. Kistler; three sisters, Francis Mattingly, Mavis Holland and Lucille Ulery; four brothers, Eugene West, Everette West, Lewis West and Ernest West; a brother-in-law, Max

Kistler; and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Moore and Genevieve Kistler.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, Peru, with Pastor Connie Payne officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home. – also Wednesday, April 22, 2009



Raymond A. Hoagland, Sr., 84, of Peru, Ind. passed away peacefully at his residence early Monday morning, April 20, 2009 with his loving wife of more than 62 years, Mary Ellen, at his side. He was born in Peru, Ind. on December 12, 1924, the son of Rufus M. and Frances Fisher Hoagland. Ray married Mary Ellen Black at St. Charles Catholic Church on February 18, 1947, and she survives. Ray graduated from Peru High School in 1942, and as a member of America's greatest generation, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943. During World War II he was stationed in Brisbane, Australia, and later served aboard the USS Nashville. His military decorations include the WWII Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Following his release from military service, he worked on the C & O Railroad for two years,

and then went to work for Square D Company, where he worked for 41 years, retiring in 1988. He was a lifelong Miami County resident. He and his wife Mary Ellen, lovingly raised 11 children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church where he served for many years as an usher. He was financial secretary for Local 2069 Machinist Aerospace Workers for 33 years; treasurer of Peru Labor Council 15 years, and was a union steward. He was a coordinator and charter member of the National Square D Employees. Ray was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors in addition to his wife Mary Ellen, are sons: Raymond A. Hoagland, Jr. and wife Dawn of Peru, James B. Hoagland and wife Diane of Kokomo; daughters Cynthia Montgomery and husband Frank, Bloomfield, Ind.; Anita Bitner and husband Jeff of Naples, Fla.; Theresa Webb and husband Randy of Galveston; Dorothy Wormuth and husband Russell, Chili; Mary Frances Gros of Marion; Rita Clingaman and her husband Mike, Peru; Cathy Smith and husband Eric, Denver; Patricia Chambers and husband Mark, Peru; brothers, Donald Hoagland and wife Dorothy of Lake Placid, Fla., Bernard Hoagland of Wabash, and Frank Hoagland and his wife Pat of Urbana. He is also survived by 32 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Carol Hoagland, a great-grandson Jack Leedy, Jr., a brother Vincent Hoagland and sisters Florence Mrozowski and Marian Mrozowski. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Raymond A. Hoagland, Sr., will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru, with the Reverend Paul Cochran officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A military graveside service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Helping Hands or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Glen E. "Smokie" Richardson, 82, Powell, Wyoming passed away Friday, March 20, 2009 at Cody General Hospital, Wyoming, of a massive heart attack. He was born in Peru July 22, 1927 to Fred and Zora "Dode" Richardson. At age 16 he boxed in the Golden Glove tournament in Chicago, Ill. At 17 he joined the Marine Corp and served in Japan in World War II. After being discharged, he returned to high school in Peru. For two years, he was all-state in both basketball and football. He married Joan Smith, Peru, and they moved to Cody, Wyo. He was the father of four children. In 1971 he married Lois Bakke, who had four children. Together they raised eight children. Smokie worked in the Wyoming oil fields for 43 years for Marathon Oil Company. He enjoyed fishing, driving stock cars around Wyoming and Billings, and operated a ranch, boarding riding horses and raising hay. He enjoyed coaching little league baseball, taking the state championship in 1963. In 1949 he took the heavyweight boxing title in the Golden Gloves in Cody. His name is on the bowling Hall of Fame on the Super Bowls wall, spending much of his spare time bowling. He went to the senior state championship in 1992, traveling to Corpus Christie, Texas for the bowl off. Meanwhile he coached girls softball and three-on-three basketball, taking the state championship with 10-year-olds. He took his team to the national championship in Boulder, Colo. Survivors besides his wife include three children, Rikki Richardson, Laurie Campbell and husband Don, and Allan Richardson; four stepchildren, Freya Parrett and husband Daryl, Karen Singer, Eric Bakke and wife Pansy, and Kris Suratt; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three sisters, Marjorie Hatten of Kenova, W.Va., Shirley Klepinger of Bunker Hill, and Uva Lesley of Columbia City; and two brothers, Herbert and Jerry of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Kim; and one

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sister, Doris. Funeral services were March 26 at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Larry Vincent officiating. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, the family requests sending donations to the Kidney Association, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Madalin Marie Valle was stillborn on Friday, April 17, 2009 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Survivors include her mother, Holly A. Colbert of Logansport; father, Justin M. Valle of Peru; maternal grandmother Serina Albright and her husband John, Jr. of Logansport; maternal grandfather, William Colbert, Jr. of Kokomo; paternal grandmother, Malinda Valle of Bunker Hill; and paternal grandfather, Charles Taylor of Alabama; maternal great-grandfather, Charles Fields, Kokomo; aunts Terri Colbert of Indianapolis, Delissa Delp of Peru; uncles Wally Taylor of Bunker Hill, Michael Valle of Louisiana, and Devon Nice of Peru; step-aunt Tasha Seward of Logansport; and step-uncle Josh Albright. She was preceded in death by paternal great-grandmother Marjorie Valle, and maternal great-grandmother, Mary Fields. Funeral services for Madalin Marie will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Baby Walk. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.maroccofc.com.

Mary Jean Robinson, 86, Peru, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009 at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 11, 1923 in Peru to Harry E. and Ida C. (Williamson) Robinson. Mary graduated from Peru High School in 1941, and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy WAVES. She retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Co. and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include two nieces, Detrea Robinson Liggett and husband Tom, Fort Wayne, and Teresa Robinson Seikel and husband Joe, Stillwater, Okla.; four nephews, James Robinson and wife Flurry, Fairfield, Calif., George Thompson and wife Polly, Carlisle, Pa., Phillip Thompson and wife Betsy, and Terry Thompson, all of Harrisburg, Pa.; and several great-nieces and -nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Louie, Emmerson and Robert Robinson; and two sisters, Agnes and Betty. A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Metea Cemetery, Metea, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Metea Cemetery, Metea. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial contributions may be made to Metea Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1079, Logansport, IN 46947. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. – Also Thursday, April 23, 2009 and Friday April 24, 2009

Thursday, April 23, 2009

Roger Lee Jones, 61, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:29 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Aug. 18, 1947 in Cass County to the late Thomas “Tim” Leroy and E. Alice Wallace Jones. On Feb. 2, 1969 in Elizabethtown, N.C., he was married to Elaine Ann Baber, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 18, 1996. He was employed at Matthew-Warren in Logansport where he had worked for nearly 40 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Elks and American Legion in Logansport. Survivors include three daughters, Jennifer Lynn Pritt, Greenwood, Tina Marie See and husband Brook, Twelve Mile, and Tammy Lee Jones, Twelve Mile; nine grandchildren, Rachel Nicole Pritt, Nicholas Ryan Pritt, Kelsey Marie Moss, Corey Evan Moss, Timothy Allen Huff, Joe Thomas Cattin, Elaine Kathryn Sue Ann Taylor, Jady A. See and Cassie Jo See; and one brother, Melvin L. Jones, Francesville. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, www.mcclainfh.com. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

Friday, April 24, 2009

Robert W. Edmond, 81, Wetmore, Kan. passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at his residence. He was born February 5, 1927 in Arlington, Va., the son of Arthur W. and Mabel Blanche Stoner Edmond. He moved to Wetmore in 1995 from Peru, Ind., where he had lived for nearly 50 years. Mr. Edmond was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, during World War II, serving aboard the LCI879 in the Asiatic Pacific American Area. He was honorably discharged May 31, 1946. He also worked for 40 years as a tool and die journeyman specialist. He most recently had worked for Square D Electric Company in Peru, Ind., retiring in 1994 after 18 years of service with the company. He married Arlene Stebbings on February 11, 1946 in Elkton, Md., and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Mable Edmond of Wetmore, and Ruth Lundgren of Elkhart; a son, Robert M. Edmond of Kokomo; two sisters, Betty France and Margaret Heart and husband Jack, all of Peru; a brother, William Oliver Edmond of Frederick, Md., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Edmond lay in state at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton, where the family received visitors. Memorial contributions may be made to the National WWII Museum, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to www.mercerfuneralhomes.com. A private family interment of his ashes was held on April 22, 2009 at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Ind. – Also Friday April 24, 2009



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Helen A. Landis, 72, Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born March 14, 1937 in Poltava, Ukraine to Alexander and Dunia Mazarenko. She married Jerry J. Landis May 20, 1962, and he survives. Helen retired from J.C. Penney after 34 years. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, active in several church functions, loved being outdoors and enjoyed camping, fishing and cooking. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Jeffery J. Landis and wife Beth, Peru; two grandchildren, Jacob and Matthew Landis; a brother, Nick Mazarenko, Peru; and a half-brother, Bill Schownir, Huntington. She was preceded in death by her parents and a half-sister, Maria Schownir.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Heat Fund. – Also April 24, 2009

Frederick Senger Ross, 53, Peru, passed away at 10:08 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at his residence.

He was born July 5, 1956 in Peru to Richard P. and Marcia Senger Ross. He married Carla Wecht Oct. 25, 1975, and she survives. Frederick lived in the area all his life. He attended Peru High School, Culver Military Academy and Howe Military Academy. Survivors besides his wife include his father and step-mother, Richard P. and Nancy Ross, Knoxville, Tenn., his mother, Marcia Senger Ross, Peru; two sons, Jeremy Ross, and Fred Ross II and wife Jamie, all of Peru; three grandsons, Neil, Matthew and Alexander Ross; his grandfather, Archie Mogle, Peru; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Richard and Marcella Wecht, Peru; two sisters, Melinda Ross, Peru, and Melissa Smith and husband Greg, Burbank, Calif.; two step-sisters, Allison Stanley, Indianapolis, and Jennifer McCammon and husband Kerry, Sugarland, Texas; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Miami County Historical Society or American Cancer Society. – Also April 24, 2009



Saturday, April 25, 2009

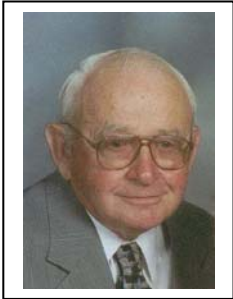
Ralph T. Imel, 90, Peru, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Grace Baptist Church, 432 W. 300 North, Anderson, with Pastor Leigh Crockett officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Hospital, Anderson. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Charlene F. Brown, 87, Peru, passed away at 11:40 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness. She was born May 5, 1921 in Peru to Roy and Clara (Scott) Manus. She married Paul Brown, and then Harold Adams. Both preceded her in death. Charlene was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Peru. Before her retirement in 1987, she worked for several local dry cleaners in Peru. Her favorite job was working as a cashier at Gallahans Truck Stop. She enjoyed meeting people who were traveling through the state and had stopped there to eat. At age 67, she was the youngest member of the Flapperetts, a group of senior ladies who sang and danced to musical tunes of yesteryear. They performed for many clubs and organizations around the state. Survivors include three daughters, Loueda Griffith and husband Richard, Kokomo and Ventura, Calif., Cindy Peconga and husband Mike, Peru, and Kristi Waymire and husband Bill, Kokomo and Port Charlotte, Fla.; a son, Kerry Brown and wife Glenda, Huntington; eight grandchildren, Cathy Parkman and husband Mike, Andrea Maus and husband Mike, Mike Armstrong, Kimbal Marks, Kristopher Marks and wife Rebekah, Kalee Dunkle and husband Aaron, Amanda Brown and Scott Waymire and wife Michelle; eight great-grandchildren, Meredith and Melanie Maus, Jared, Megan and John Morgan Parkman, Kal Marks, Shelby and Abby Waymire. She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

William Henry Hillman Jr., 96, Grand Rapids, Mich., passed away peacefully Wednesday, April 22, 2009 in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was born in South Bend to William Henry Hillman, MD, and Nellie Rose (Winchell). Bill graduated from Indiana University with a law degree. He retired as regional auto claims manager for State Farm Insurance Co. after 30 years of service. He was active with his church and loved to travel, play golf and volunteer. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Alice (Allmann); two children, John Hillman and wife Carolyn, Union City, Mich., and Jane van der Brook and husband John, Olympia, Wash.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marion W. Hillman. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2 Michigan N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by Zaagman Memorial Chapel, 2800 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

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Wanda Fay Haines, 67, Peru, was called to her heavenly home surrounded by her loving family at noon Thursday, April 23, 2009 at her residence. She was born May 5, 1941 in Leslie County, Ky. to Felix and Polly (Pennington) North. She married James Haines Oct. 20, 1978, and he preceded her in death in 1998. Wanda was a homemaker and a very special, devoted loving mother and grandmother. Survivors include a very special companion, Jim Pennington; four daughters, Shannon Scales and husband Andy, Patricia Pennington and companion Jimmy, all of Peru, Vickey Gross and husband John C., Leslie County, Ky., and Paula Futrell and husband Darrell, Peru; four grandchildren, John "Little John" Gross, Wanda Renee Clark, Carmen Woolner and D.J. Futrell; four great-grandchildren, Allyson, Aaliyah, Jaclynns and Morgan; two brothers, James North, Leslie County, Ky., and Dewey North, Melburn, Fla.; nine special friends, Ann and Haley Miller, Manon and Sandra Boggs, Christina and Sierra Carpenter, and Tim, Candy and Kailee Meadows; and two sisters, Jenny Melton, Wooton, Ky., and Ula Gross, Cutshin, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Chaplain Brent Kirby officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Ivan M. Hahn, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2009. He was born on April 2, 1919 in Miami County to Ben F. and Helen Slaughter Hahn. He married his wife of 67 years, Martha Grace Powell, at the Amboy Friends Church on July 20, 1941, and she preceded him in death June 14, 2008. Ivan was a lifelong Miami County farmer, who loved the land and raising beef cattle. He was a wonderful conversationalist who loved to discuss current events, politics and national affairs. He read the Indianapolis Star faithfully every day and was an avid sports enthusiast. Ivan and his wife Martha Grace lovingly raised three children. He was an intelligent man of great faith and integrity, who was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church where he has served as Sunday School Superintendent, was a member of the Board of Trustees and sang in the church choir. He had been active in the Butler Township School Organization, the Converse Lions Club, the Miami County Fair Board and the

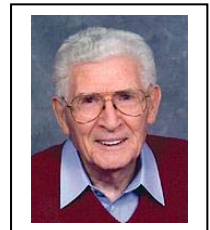
Indiana Farm Bureau. Ivan appreciated the good things of life, such as visits with his children and grandchildren, and relaxing on his porch swing with a good cup of coffee. Surviving are two daughters, Janellyn Borden and husband Glenn, Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Downey and husband J. D., Wabash; a son, James Ivan Hahn, Peru; grandchildren Jeffrey Borden and wife Sara, Philip Borden and wife Catherine, Kyle Downey and wife Holly, Kristina Meyer and husband Jeff, Chad Hahn, Kimberly Hahn, and Clark Downey and wife Erica; and a great-grandson, Jacob Borden.

A service celebrating the life of Ivan M. Hahn will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Reverends Richard Martens and Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather at the Amboy Friends Church from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

Elmer Herman Oaks, Sr., 89 of Russiaville, Ind., passed away at his residence on Thursday, April 23, 2009. Elmer was born on March 26, 1920 in Estill County, Ken., the son of Claudus and Maggie (Caldwell) Oaks. On October 24, 1944, he married Daisy Alene (Pasley), who passed away on August 17, 1969. Elmer grew up in Estill County, Ken., with his mother, Maggie and his brothers. They farmed the land to survive. His first paying job was delivering the US mail via horseback in the hills of Kentucky. Elmer served in World War II as part of Company F 159th Infantry Division. He spent several months in Alaska learning to ski in preparation for the war in Europe and was stationed in Europe for clean-up activities after the cease fire. At one point during the war, he and four of his brothers were all on active duty in WWII. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was honorably discharged on Nov. 9, 1945. During WWII, he was awarded with the EAME Theater Ribbon; a Bronze Star; Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon; and a Victory Medal. Upon return from WWII, he moved with his wife and newborn child to Peru. He built their home in Miami County with the help of his brother James. He worked various jobs throughout Indiana in the oil fields, foundry and with the railroad until he was able to gain seniority with Delco Radio. He retired after 31 years of service at Delco Electronics in 1981. He was an active member of Indian Heights Baptists Church for 25 years and was an Honorary Deacon. He loved the Lord and enjoyed opportunities to witness his belief with others. He served the Lord in many ways through his Church, such as driving the bus; visiting shut-ins and new members; working on the church building during the expansion. He also loved sports at all levels and was a huge supporter of his grandchildren's activities. His grandchildren were the highlight of his life. Elmer was loved dearly by friends and family and though he will be sadly missed, we know he has safely returned home to be with the Lord.

Survivors include four children: Betty Herrell and husband Dennis of Bunker Hill, Vivian Hans and husband David of Fort Wayne, Elmer Oaks, Jr. and wife Charlene of Kokomo and Carol Talbert and husband Jay of Russiaville; 10 grandchildren - Dennis Herrell and wife Miki, Stephanie Gardner and husband Todd, Eric Hans, Anthony Hans, Justin Hans, Nathan Oaks, Theresa Oaks Barker and husband Bennie, Elmer Oaks III and wife Lisa, Jacklyn Talbert and Maggie Talbert; 11 great-grandchildren - Evan Herrell, Avery Herrell, Erin Herrell, Caroline Gardner, Samuel Gardner, Oliver Gardner, Stephan Baker,



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Benjamin Baker, Reagan Baker, Adam Oaks and Elmer Andrew Lee Oaks. Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, wife and seven brothers: Dewey, Carl, Orville, James, Andrew, Vernon and Claudus.

Services for Elmer will be Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Stout and Son Funeral Home, located at 200 E. Main Street in Russiaville. Pastor Mike Sawyer will officiate. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Cass County, next to his wife Daisy. Military rites will be performed by the United States Army and the Kokomo Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Children's Miracle Network. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.stoutandson.com.



Geneva L. Russell of Peru passed way at Chase Center (Logansport) on Saturday, April 25, 2009 after an extended illness. She was 95. She was born Jan. 24, 1914, the daughter of Elick Walker and Sally Ann (Hansard) Walker. On March 4, 1935, she married R.A. "Red" Russell, who preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1997. She was a longtime member of the Butler Happy Homemakers Club. Survivors include granddaughter Alisa Appleton and husband Curtis of Burrows, Ind., granddaughter Debbie Wilson and husband Donnie of Logansport, Ind., granddaughter Sherri Story and husband Donald of Logansport, Ind., and grandson Steven Russell and wife Linda of Rossville, Ind. Also great-grandchildren Kyle, Austin, Zachary, Ashley, Rachel, Phillip, Loren, Holly, Rodney and Andrea and very special friends John and June Troyer survive. She was a very Christian lady and

loved canning, gardening and raising flowers. She loved to write poems and stories and loved to sing. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also the youngest of 13 children. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, R.A. Russell, Jr., also five brothers and seven sisters. Funeral services for Geneva L. Russell will be Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Pastor Charles Azbell will officiate with burial to be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 3-7p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Butler Happy Homemakers Club.

Darlene Phyllis Smith, our beloved mother and friend, has passed and gone to be with her Savior on Friday evening, as the sun set in the west. She was born in Jackson, Minn. on April 2, 1924 to Edwin and Nola Belle DeMars, both deceased. Growing up in the depression, the family lived both in Jackson, Minn. and Meriden, Iowa and with seven siblings, life in poverty was difficult at best; hence she developed the need and will to fight, the smile to love and the faith to believe. After high school and with the war on, she left the security of the family home and went to Wichita, Kan. to work as "Rosie the Riveter" at Boeing, building aircraft for the war effort. She married Eldon H. Voth in 1943, and had a son, Tristan von Voth-Stonger MD. She married again on Sept. 1, 1956 to Leland Rex Stonger, a veteran of World War II, and had three more children, Darinda Denise, Timothy Lee and Anthony Lynn. Her life was filled with raising, teaching and believing in her children, family and living God's salvation. Rex Stonger died July 24, 1986, and she later married Donald Forrest Smith in July 1987. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Olympia, became very active in Stephen's Ministry, Red Hatters and Olympia Quilting Society. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.), Deer Creek Duets Home Ec Club, Loree Brethren Church (previously) and W.M.S., the Gideons and was an EMT. She grew up in hard times, always worked extra jobs, but never lost the strive and will to succeed, love and smile. She is survived by her children: sons Tristan von Voth-Stonger MD, Bunker Hill; Timothy Lee Stonger, Goshen; Anthony Lynn Stonger, Bloomington; and daughter Darinda Denise Dragon, Avon; 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; sisters Floreine Sangwin of Cherokee, Iowa, Audrey Percivel of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and brother Jere DeMars of Los Angeles, Calif. Viewing will be on Monday, May 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, May 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. with funeral services at 11 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. A Memorial has been set up in her honor at 1 South Broadway, Peru, IN 46970 for The Gideons and The Salvation Army. In addition, a memorial service for Darlene will be held at the F.U.M.C. in Olympia at a later date.



William Ronald Aukerman, 93, Amboy, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Jan. 15, 1916 in Amboy across from the Amboy Grain Company to Claude and Mae Jefferis Aukerman. He lived his whole life on the same street with his wife of 73 years. He married Eleanor R. Trook Aukerman July 4, 1936, and she survives. William graduated from Amboy High School and was a member of Amboy Friends Church and Converse Masonic Lodge. He owned and operated Amboy Grain Company, was an avid golfer and won the Golf Championship at Meshingamesia Country Club in Marion in 1977.

Survivors besides his wife in Carmel include three daughters, Karen Zimmerman and husband Don, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rhea Miller, Indianapolis, and Lana Sprague and husband Jonathan, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lois Suma. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania St., Amboy, with the Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made through Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, to the Amboy Friends Church.

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Randy J. Harris, 55, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 2009 at his residence. He was born Aug. 24, 1953 in Lejeune, N.C. to Deve (Ritter) Killian. He married Cindy Kerr March 7, 2003, and she survives. Randy worked at Tyson Foods, Logansport. He liked all sports and enjoyed playing poker, fishing and coaching little league baseball. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Cherokee, Iowa; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald and Coleen Kerr; three sons, Tracy Green, California, Jamie Harris, Sarasota, Fla., and Garrett Harris, at home; a daughter, Ashley Harris, Sarasota, Fla.; two step-sons, Erik Northrop, Charlotte, N.C., and Craig Northrop, San Francisco, Calif.; two brothers, Grant Harris, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Myron Harris, Trenton, Texas; a sister, Regee Harris and friend, Jeff Eischen, Omaha, Neb.; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Private services are planned, with a family burial. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Thursday, April 30, 2009

Laura Mae Chadwell, 46, of Peru passed away at 3:20 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born August 28, 1962 in Kokomo to the late Lester C. Vandergriff and Bessie A. Lewelling. She married James Brian Chadwell in Kokomo on October 14, 1979, and he survives. Laura was a homemaker who loved flowers, reading, emailing and writing letters, and spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband, James Brian Chadwell of Peru; three sons, James Brian Chadwell II of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Christopher Lee Chadwell and wife Jessica of Walton, and Ashley Laban Chadwell of Peru; a sister, Laura Elizabeth Ream and husband Jeremy of Peru; two brothers, Sam Cox and Eddie Ray Vandergriff, both of Kokomo; four sisters, Alice Welcher and husband Bob of Peru, Aileen Huffman and husband Mike of Marion, Peggy Gist and husband Gary of Kokomo, and Shirley Hague and husband Billy of Noblesville. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Austin and Aaron Chadwell, Shade, Jade and Mercedes Chadwell, Brody, Emily and Bode Ream. Also surviving is her mother-in-law, Dorcas Hayes and husband Charles of Kokomo; sister-in-law Peggy Cobb of Kokomo; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Edward Carnell; and her father-in-law, James J. Chadwell. Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster in Kokomo, with the Reverend Lew McKinney officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the mortuary. Online condolences may be sent to the Chadwell family at ellersmortuary.com.



Miriam Louise Gordon, 86 of Rochester, passed away at 2:42 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at Life Care Center in Rochester, Ind. She was born January 18, 1923 in Baroda, Mich. to Ralph Earl and Hildur Halverdina Ogren Cover. She married Ralph E. Gordon on June 28, 1952, in Peru and he preceded her in death on December 6, 1987. Mrs. Gordon was a member of the Macy Christian Church. Survivors include a daughter, Anna Garrison of Peru; a son, John Hoagland and wife Dianne of Twelve Mile; six granddaughters, Kimyl Lynne Raderstorf, Paula Jean Isley, Christine Ann Whitney, Elizabeth Suzanne Jones, Ruth Lee Glesige, and Tonnie Vigar. Also surviving are 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, two sisters, Betty Klampe of Minnesota, and Alice Hively of Rochester. She was preceded in death by one son, Terry Gene Hoagland, one great-grandson, Ian Raderstorf, and three brothers. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2009 at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 West SR 16, Denver with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will follow at Fulton Cemetery. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the funeral home.

Friday, May 01, 2009

Marjorie A. Wolfe, 72 of Nyona Lake (Macy), Ind. passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester. A celebration of the life of Marjorie Wolfe will be Monday, May 3, 2009 at 11 a.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th in Rochester, with the Rev. Jimmy Calhoun officiating. Interment will follow the service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Viewing is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Joe Ray Fulk, 63, Riley, passed away at 9:17 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Union Hospital, Terre Haute. He was born Aug. 13, 1945 in Vigo County to Amos R. and Iva Edna "Granny" Wilson Fulk. On May 3, 1969, he was married to Karen Curtis, and she survives. Joe was a veteran of the United States Army Infantry. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his meritorious military service in Vietnam. He was a proud member of the Riley American Legion, Post # 324 and the VFW, Post #972. Joe retired from the Indianapolis Star and had also worked at the Tribune Star. He was a founding member of the Riley Recreation League. An avid sport fan, Joe was known for his love of the Indiana University Hoosiers Basketball Team, "Go Hoosiers!" Survivors besides his wife include his children, Scott Fulk, Riley, Cliff Fulk and wife Charlotte, Riley, and T.J. Fulk and wife Rachel, Indianapolis; his grandchildren, who were the light of his life, Helen Elizabeth Fulk, Katlyn Eileen Fulk and Ely Clay Fulk; two sisters, Virginia Joan Fulk, Terre Haute, and Edna R. Fulk, Muncie; two sisters-in-law, Sharon Fulk and Georgia Fulk, both of Riley; two brothers-in-law, Hal W. McClain, Denver, and Stuart Curtis and wife Jane, Santa Claus; his mother-in-law, Marcia Curtis, Santa Claus; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ralph L. and William "Bill" A. Fulk; and one sister, Nancy Kay McClain.

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Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Riley Chapel, Mattox-Fox Funeral Home, with Pastor Jeff Lee officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Riley. The family would like to invite friends and family to a reception honoring Joe's life at the Riley American Legion, following the burial. Friends are invited to call from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Riley Recreational League. McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. Indiana 16, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements, www.mcclainfh.com.

Saturday, May 02, 2009

Emil G. Moe Rocheford Jr., 50, Kokomo, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2009 after a long battle with lung cancer at Saint Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born May 20, 1958 in Bremerhaven, Germany to Master Sgt. Emil George Sr. and Karin Werner Rocheford. He married Pamela Renee (Gable) Rocheford Feb. 5, 2000 in Kokomo, and she survives. Emil graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1976. He worked at Waste Management in Kokomo for over 22 years. Then he worked for DMS in Bunker Hill until February of 2009. He also helped coach youth flag football and Rookie League Baseball at Taylor High School. Survivors besides his wife and parents include a son, Keehan Rocheford, Kokomo; two stepsons, Brandon Tooley, Kokomo, and Austin Tooley; a brother, Dennis Rocheford and wife Lisa, New Hampshire; and many great-nieces, -nephews and extended family.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Eilers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Paul Enochs officiating. Cremation will follow. Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday in the mortuary. Memorials may be made to son Keehan Rocheford in care of Solidarity Credit Union in lieu of flowers. Online condolences can be sent to the Rocheford family at www.ellersmortuary.com.



Marjorie A. Wolfe, 72, Nyona Lake, (Macy), passed away at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Marjorie was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 12, 1936, to Earl and Irene Jeasch Wallace. Paramount in Marge's life was her family. She was a great mom, devoted wife and loving grandma. She was willing to go to the ends of the earth to please her family. Mom was known for her "Killer" apple pies, second to none, and was remembered for traveling to Pennsylvania to catch up with Courtney's hunting cronies to learn of the ingredients of a custom pot pie created by the hunters. Embracing Christianity - Marge enjoyed reading her Bible and other books of religious content. As a member of the First Baptist Church she sang in the choir, served as Sunday School teacher and Bible Study teacher. Courtney joined her to lead the Baptist youth in B.Y.F. Marge annually planted a colorful flower garden that enhanced the grounds of her home. Vegetable gardening was also another summer activity that was enjoyed by her family. Relaxing at home she enjoyed the music of the Big Band Era—especially Glen Miller. Challenging word puzzles was a test she welcomed each day. As a poet Marge authored numerous pieces of inspirational poetry on the importance of and simplicity of life. As the matriarch of the family, Marge was always there to nurture as a loving wife, devoted mother, dedicated grandmother to her 20 grandchildren and an adoring great-grandmother for the fourth generation of six. Marjorie is survived by her husband, Courtney; five children, Jim Wolfe and wife Geneva, Medaryville, Pattie Newgent and husband Craig, Fort Wayne, Darlene Harris and husband Richard, Wabash, Becky Mast and husband Jeff, Spicherville, and Janet Border, Wabash; two sisters, Marilyn Cook, Fort Wayne, and Margaret Wallace, Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Earl, Charles and John Wallace.

A celebration of the life of Marjorie Wolfe will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jimmy Calhoun officiating. Interment will follow the service at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Preferred memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Rochester. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Ericka L. Clement, 36, Marion, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born March 29, 1973 in Peru to Richard S. and Laura (Walton) Clement. Ericka graduated from Marion High School in 1991, and Wright Beauty College where she received a degree in cosmetology. She was a member of Grace Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include her longtime companion, Arthur L. Howard Jr., in Marion; parents Richard S. and Laura Clement of Marion; two sons, Qur-an A. and Amir S. Howard; daughter, Oshiana L. Tyson; her grandmother Zeola Meadows, Tupelo, Miss.; three sisters, Dessiray W. Cusic and husband Willard of Houston, Texas, Mia A. Burney of Macy, Crystal R. Clement of Marion; three brothers, Sean Warren of Kokomo, Christopher Warren of Marion, and Mario Clement of Marion; and close friends Lori Pettiford and Tasha Hawkins. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at Grace Missionary Baptist Church, 2409 S. Nebraska in Marion, with the Reverends William Gibson and Kevin White officiating. Burial will follow in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. Tuesday, before the service, at the church. Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion cared for arrangements. Online condolences may be made to caseylloydfuneralhome.com.

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Monday, May 04, 2009

Mary Florence McDaniel, 84, Bunker Hill, joined her beloved husband Buford in the House of the Lord at 12 noon on Friday, May 1, 2009 at Seton Specialty Hospital. Mary was born Oct. 8, 1924 in Hartford, Ky. to Joseph and Myrtle (Hall) Bishop. On May 28, 1946, she married Buford Leon McDaniel, who passed away Sept. 19, 2007. Together they enjoyed 61 years of marriage and raised four wonderful children. Jerry Neil McDaniel and his wife Colleen, Bunker Hill, Brenda K. Carson and her husband Bruce, Peru, Robert Leon McDaniel and his wife Cheryl, Greentown, and Allen Ray McDaniel, Kokomo. Mary was a lifelong housewife who devoted herself to her husband and raising their children. She possessed the unique quality of placing others before herself. She was always concerned about their health and safety even if she was hospitalized and in pain. Mary was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and a member of the Eastern Star. Mary enjoyed traveling with her husband Buford and together they crisscrossed the United States in their motor home. Their adventures took them to all 48 continental states and produced a lifetime of memories and stories. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, Kristi Rabe, Bryan McDaniel, Joe Rosinski, Jesse Carson, Megan Gima, Erin McDaniel, Alicia Maggart, Ashleigh McDaniel, Jody Carson, Michael McDaniel, Austen McDaniel and Arek McDaniel; five great-grandchildren, Savannah McDaniel, Kinsey McDaniel, Derek Rabe, Bailey Carson and Rylee Maggart; and a brother, Ira Meador. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Buford, her son Weldon and two sisters.

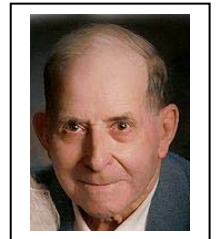


Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Larry Zehring officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may visit the family and celebrate Mary's life from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Ronald D. Dencel, 54, Bunker Hill, passed away Friday, May 1, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Oct. 24, 1954 in Kokomo to Marvin and Margaret (Jackson) Dencel. He married Eva (Hart) Dencel June 9, 1973 in Walton, and she survives. Ron served in the U.S. Army at Fort Knox and the National Guard for 12 years. He retired from Chrysler on Aug. 31, 2007 with 30 years of service. He was a member of U.A.W. #1166. He enjoyed traveling, the ocean, movies and the Indianapolis Colts. He especially enjoyed his two daughters, Deana and Christina, and his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Deana Colter and husband Jay, Peru, and Christina Boothe and husband Seth, Arizona; five grandchildren, Alexia Boothe, Austyn Colter, Hayley Boothe, Taylor Colter and Spenser Boothe; two brothers, Marvin Dencel, Kokomo, and Mark Dencel, Kokomo; two sisters, Elizabeth Jones and husband Steve, Kokomo, and Amanda Edwards and husband Larry, Kokomo; and his beloved dog and companion "Tanner." He was preceded in death by his parents and step father, William Hattabaugh.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with military honors. The Rev. Ted Orem will officiate. Ron's wishes were for cremation. Calling will be from 4 p.m. until service time on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Judes Hospital. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

J. Richard "Dick" Coffing, 86, Roann (Gilead area), passed away at 12:35 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2009 at Timbercrest Retirement Community of North Manchester, where he had been a resident since January of 2009. Dick was born July 11, 1922 in Cass County to J. Russell and Goldie Pearl (Wiles) Coffing. On June 20, 1943 he married Gladys Strong in Peru. She survives at the Timbercrest Retirement Community of North Manchester. Dick was a dairy cattle farmer and had decorative pheasants, swans, chickens and peacocks. A 1941 graduate of Metea High School, he was a veteran of World War II, serving from 1943 to 1946 in the Air Force 96 Bomb Group in England. He was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Roann, a 50-year member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge 523 and had served as Past Master. Survivors include his wife, Gladys Coffing; a daughter, Rita Slater and husband Greg of North Manchester; two sons, James L. Coffing and wife Sharon of Lake Villa, Ill. and Ronald D. Coffing and wife Deb of Monticello; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, five sisters, June Garrow of Mishawaka, Rachael Stewart and her husband Kenneth of Mishawaka, Nina Lynch and her husband Max of Rochester, Betty Lewis and her husband Ed of Twelve Mile and Joan Coffing of Indianapolis; one brother, Dewey Coffing and his wife Virginia of Burnettsville. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald and William Coffing.



Funeral services for Dick Coffing will be at noon Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Andrew Sampson officiating.

Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery in Akron where graveside military rites will be performed by the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1343, both of Rochester. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2009, at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron. A Masonic Service will be performed at 7:45 p.m. Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Roann. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

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Hubert Cull, 62, of Owingsville, Ky., passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2009. He was born April 22, 1946 to the late Raymond and Hazel (McClain) Cull. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Survivors include his special friend, Brenda Johnson; four sons, Michael Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Shawn Johnson and Jesse Johnson all of Owingsville, Ky.; one daughter, Cory Cull of Indiana; a brother, Buford (Belvia) Cull; two sisters, Olive Hostetler of Peru, Ind.; and Brenda Cull of Frenchburg, Ky. No memorial services were held. Richardson Funeral Home in Owingsville assisted the family with arrangements.

Tuesday, May 05, 2009



Mae Belle Venice, 96, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother passed away peacefully at 2:25 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2009 at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Peru, Ind. on August 14, 1912 to William and Alma Joy (Sawyer) Nelson. She married Leonard J. Venice at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru on June 10, 1929, and he preceded her in death on July 25, 1981. Mae Belle had been employed at the Shelburn Grocery of Peru, and worked in the cafeteria at the Peru Junior High School cafeteria for many years. While employed at the cafeteria, she initiated the "hot rolls on Wednesday" program, which still exists today. She was a lifelong Miami County resident, and she and her husband Leonard, lovingly raised seven children. A woman of

great faith, she was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Family was paramount to Mae Belle and she fondly called all her family members her "Jewels." Her extended family included friends of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a wonderful cook, best known for her cinnamon rolls and spaghetti. Survivors include her daughters, Mary Jo Tully and her husband Victor of Peru, Barbara Murphy of Peru, Janet Dixon of Kokomo and Judy Hoepfner of Peru; a son, Robert Venice and his wife Becky of Cottage Grove, Ore.; brothers Herbert Hand and his wife Diana of Peru, and William Hand and wife Phyllis of Peru; and a sister, Marjorie Coppennoll of Peru. Also surviving are 32 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; two sons, Leonard E. Venice and James E. Venice; a brother, Ray Hand Jr.; four sisters, Eileen Boettjer, Bernice Finicle, Peggy Burns, and Jeanine Sharp; two grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Mae Belle Venice will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth Street, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main in Peru, 4-8 p.m. Thursday, during which a prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Wednesday, May 06, 2009



Yvonne L. Ritchie, 62, of Peru passed away Monday, May 4, 2009 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind. with her husband Frank and the rest of her loving family at her bedside. She was born in Stanton, Ky. on August 4, 1946 to Buddy and Nannie Rogers Sparks. On May 5, 1969 in Peru, Ind. she married Francis W. "Frank" Ritchie, and he survives. Yvonne was a former Kuepper Favor employee. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She cherished time spent with her family and enjoyed cooking, and watching cooking shows on television. Yvonne loved the beauty of nature, the color of flowers and the affection of her pup Max. In addition to her husband Frank, she is survived by her children: Robin Meacham of Battle Ground, Ind., Shannon Werner and husband Jeff of Brookston, Ind., Tammy

Brannum and husband Mitchell of Peru, Tonya Young and husband Shawn of Peru, Leslie Wikstrom and husband Carl, Peru, Scott Ritchie of Frankfort, Ind., Thomas Cox of Peru, Steven Cox of Peru, and Brandon Ritchie of Urbana, Ind.; a brother, Woodrow Sparks of Peru; sisters Beulah Williams of Peru, Vivian Townsend of Peru, Inita Clemons and husband Richard of Peru, and Phyllis Scott of Peru. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Clayton Wayne Ritchie; two brothers, Delmar and Donnie Sparks; and two sisters, Ruth Caldwell and Ivory Willis. A service celebrating the life of Yvonne L. Ritchie will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, Ind., with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009 at the funeral home.

Betty M. Case, 60, Peru, passed away at 10:43 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born Oct. 28, 1948 in Altus, Ark. to Harry and Jewel (Bramlett) Wood. She married Dan Case Nov. 13, 1965, and he survives. Betty was a homemaker and a member of the Peru Revival Center (UPC), Peru. Survivors besides her husband include her father in Arkansas; a daughter, Sandy Zak and husband Joe, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Angie Barrows, Peru; four grandchildren, Jake, Whitney, Jordan and Samantha; two brothers and six sisters. She was preceded in death by her mother; one son, Danny Case; two brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Revival Center, Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating. Burial will be in a family cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday the church. Memorials may be made to the Revival Center. Arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. – also Friday May 8, 2009



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Thursday, May 07, 2009

Donna I. Hileman, 74, Decatur, passed away at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at Woodcrest Nursing Center. She had been in failing health for the past four months. A prayer service will be at 10:15 a.m. Monday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service at Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim, with Pastor Daniel Dahling officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Friedheim. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim, Wyneken Lutheran School or Worship for Shut-Ins. The online guest book may be signed at www.zwickjahn.com.

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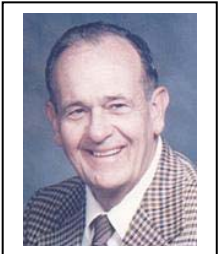
Paul H. Rose, 88, of Peru, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at Caring Hands Health Center. On July 17, 1920, Paul was born to John D. and Laura (Graf) Rose in Miami County. In 1942, he married Anna L. Cox, and she survives. Paul worked as a barber for 23 years and was employed at Chrysler for 17 years before retiring. Survivors besides his wife include daughters Judith A. Stembieda and Debbie L. Hilgart, both of Peru; a granddaughter, Shelly Crabtree and her husband Tracy; a grandson, Tom Stembieda and his wife Jerrice; a nephew, John Rose and his wife Margarette; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son David P. Rose and three brothers, John M. Rose, Eugene K. Rose and Donald Rose. A private family service will be conducted at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. – Also Tuesday May 12, 2009



Paul B. Wease, 86, Rochester, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Paul was born on March 17, 1923 in Orange County to Paul B. and Viola Mae (Thacker) Wease. A Huron High School graduate, Paul served in the United States Army with Battery A 125th AAA BN (mbl). He married Flora Jean Mallow in 1953 and she preceded him in death on January 17, 1972. In 1975, he married Mary Cox and she survives. Paul worked for the Square D Company for 34 before retiring in 1987. He also worked for 15 years for the Mill Creek Golf Course in Rochester. Paul is survived by his wife; one daughter, Marianne Wease of Kokomo; two sons, Robert Wease of Peru and James Wease and his wife Jacque of Hemet, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial will be at Ranken Cemetery in Peru. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Monday, May 11, 2009



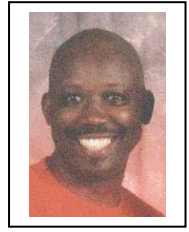
Ellis E. Sullivan, 88, Peru, passed away at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Wabash Skilled Care in Wabash. Ellis was born Feb. 20, 1921 in Miami County to Seward and Iona (Bowyer) Sullivan. On May 4, 1947, he married Wilma "Eileen" Clark, and she survives. A 1940 graduate of Bunker Hill High School, Ellis retired from the C & O Railroad after 38 years of employment. He was a member of the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge and the Oakdale Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Ellis is survived by his wife, Eileen; a daughter, Jane A. Hiller and her husband Nick of Columbia, S.C.; granddaughters Samantha Sullivan of Virginia and Joyce Davidson and her husband Don of Largo, Fla., grandsons Stephen Sullivan and his wife Jennifer of Schereerville, Zachary Hiller and his wife Caytie of Beaufort, S.C., Andrew Hiller of Beaufort, S.C. and Jacob Hiller of

Princeton, N.J.; Great grandson Joseph Hiller. He was preceded in death his parents; three brothers, Earl, Lawrence and Leo Sullivan; two sisters, Helen Clark and infant sister Cleo Sullivan; a son, Max E. Sullivan. Funeral services for Ellis will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakdale Baptist Church.

Kate Cole Buffington, 88, Peru, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2009. She was born in Peru on November 20, 1920 to Jules Omar and Josephine Cole. She married William Henry Buffington (Buff) at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in Washington D.C. on May 16, 1944. Buff preceded her in death on June 24, 1985. She was a lifelong Miami County resident. Kate and Buff lovingly raised 14 children. She was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include her daughters, Kate Cole Buffington-Mitchell (David), Janie Curtis (David), Maureen TenEyck, Bo Thompson (Saul), Erin Boyle, Shawn Mary Jones (Trent), Colleen Buffington; her sons, Bill Buffington, J. O. Buffington (Toni), Mike Buffington (Jaci), Pat Buffington, John Buffington (Beth), Joe Buffington (Jeryl), Peter Buffington (Kim); a sister, Louise Cole Schmidt; 38 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Kate was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Buff; a brother, James Cole; a sister, Mary Jo Brown; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian burial celebrating the life of Kate will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church at noon Monday, May 11, 2009, with Monsignor Robert Sell officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main in Peru, for visitation from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday May 10, 2009, with a prayer service to follow at 5 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to The Adult Down Syndrome Clinic and Bona Vista.

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Mr. Lamar Ware, Jr. was born October 12, 1953 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee to Lamar Ware, Sr. and Bernice (Brown) Ware. He departed this life on May 6, 2009. Lamar was united in holy matrimony on May 22, 1992 to Tanya Ambrose, who survives. He was employed with General Motors in Kokomo, then transferred to Mansfield, Ohio where he retired in 2006 after 34.1 years of service. Lamar attended Zion Chapel Church in Peru. He was a member of UAW Local 549, and a member of Stop Light City Van Club and Naptown Riders Motorcycle Club. Lamar's nicknames were Squirt, Munchgan and Mad Puppy. He had a love for fishing on the bank and from his boat, and had enjoyed going to Dale Hollow for the past 16 years for fishing with Harold, Bob, Dick and Wayne. His favorite saying was, "and you know what?" He leaves to cherish, his mother Bernice Ware of Kokomo, Ind., his wife Tanya Ware of Peru; his daughter Napoya Postell of Ill.; a son, Tristan Ware of Peru; five grandchildren; brother Albert Ware; sisters Linda Ware-Stitts and Gwendolyn Ware-Pierce, all of Kokomo; mother-in-law Willie Dilworth of Peru; four sisters-in-law, Catherine Powe, Evelyn Raysor (Lawrence) of Indianapolis, Carolyn Sanders (Anthony) of Montgomery, Ala., Tammy Wilson (Joel Jr.) of Peru; eight brothers-in-law, Rex Ambrose (Rebecca), Gregory Ambrose (Andrea), John Dilworth (Donna), and Ruben Dilworth of Peru, Bobby Dilworth (Shirley) of Grand Rapids, Mich., Steve Ambrose (Ronda) of Logansport, Tommie Ambrose (Erma) of Memphis, Tenn., and Webster Ambrose, Jr. of Dayton, Ohio. Also surviving are An uncle, Ervin Ware of Kokomo, and an aunt, Eddie Louise Shropshire and husband Charles of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 25 nieces, 21 nephews, 32 great-nieces, 24 great-nephews, one great-great niece, and one great-great nephew; and a longtime friend, Charles Jewell. Preceding him in death are his maternal and paternal grandparents; his father, Lamar Ware, Sr., his father-in-law Webster Lee Ambrose; three nephews Eric Ware, Kenny Ware, and Tylon Dilworth. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway in Peru with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the church, 11 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St., Peru.



Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Elva M. Imel, 84, Peru, passed away at 4:21 a.m. Monday, May 11, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Grace Baptist Church, 432 W. 300 North, Anderson, with Pastor Leigh Crockett officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Thursday until time of service at the church in Anderson. Memorials may be made to Blair Ridge. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Brenda Kay Gollither Brown, 56, Mentone, and formerly of Windfall, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2009 at the home of her son, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 7, 1952 in New Castle to Merrill "Jake" E. and Louise Pierce Gollither. She was an avid NASCAR fan and supporter for car #18, Bobby Labonte. Survivors include two sons, Gregg Flenner and wife Bridgette, Mentone; and Scott Brown and wife Misti, Peru; her mother, Louise Mofield, Peru; four grandchildren, Derek and Samuel Flenner, Mentone, Austin Brown, Kokomo, and Savana Brown, Osceola; four step grandchildren, Shelby, Tyler, Trevor and Izabelle Orpurt, Peru; three brothers, Ed Gollither and wife Beth, Macy, Jim Gollither, and Ronnie Gollither, both of Denver; and three sisters, Kathy Boles, Kokomo, Pam Mygrant and husband Rodney, Peru, and Judy Homme and husband John, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her father; one brother, David L. Gollither; and one brother-in-law, Gary Boles. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bob Jarboe officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.



Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Anna Elizabeth Johns, 85, Peru, passed away at 12:17 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Anna was born October 8, 1923 in Kokomo to Vernon P. and Flossie May (Spencer) Lytle. On July 25, 1947, she married James "Jim" Johns, who preceded her in death. A homemaker, Anna was a faithful Republican. She is survived by a daughter, Glenda M. Brown of Peru; a son, Harold "Larry" Johns and his wife Elaine of New Santa Fe; a brother, Dewey "Bud" Lytle of Galesburg, Ill.; six grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers and five sisters. Funeral services for Anna will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2009, at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at the Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the Alzheimers Association.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Thomas Alan Leffel, 63, Metea, passed away at 5:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at his residence. He was born April 20, 1946 in Raymondville, Texas to William H. and Delores Laycock Leffel. Thomas owned and operated the Fulton Pub for the past 25 years. Survivors include his mother, Delores Hodson and husband Carl, Mexico; two sons, Brent Alan Leffel and wife Cherree, Highland, and Brook Wayne Leffel and wife Donika, Israel; one daughter, Toma Marie Campbell and husband Jim,

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Rochester; grandchildren, Allison Caldwell and Sarah Amich, both of Rochester, Ava and Daniel Leffel, Highland, and Bennett Leffel, Israel; brothers, William "Bill" Leffel and wife Margaret, Peru, David Leffel and wife Virginia, Peru, Steve Leffel and wife Mary, Fort Wayne, and Stanley Leffel and wife Janet, Antioch, Tenn. Friends are invited to call from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Private burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life. The online guestbook may be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.

Mable P. Moore passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2009, after a brief illness. Mable will be remembered for her half century serving the community as a waitress and bartender. She worked at well-known establishments as Kar Hop, Tally Ho, Circle Bar, Bob's Hideaway, Mary Ann's, Paramount Lounge, Shanty Malone's, Quenchers, Jim Dandy and most recently Main Street Laundromat. Whether it was your first legal drink or your last before climbing on the wagon, Mable was a favorite among the patrons. She earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Kokomo, majoring in psychology and counseling. Her favorite hobbies included NASCAR "24," gardening, reading and a long standing love of animals. She is survived by sons, Kevin Moore and his partner Kemper Heuchan, Guy Moore and his wife Linda Brown, and Jack Moore; brother Homer Bates and his wife Judy; her best friend, Debbie Butte and her husband, Mike; and three grandchildren, Zach Moore, Jason Moore and Nathaniel Hook. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Pauline Bates, and brothers Joe Bates and Charles "Houston" Bates. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Jay Hartleroad officiating. Following the service will be a wake at Club 14, open to all who wish to lift a glass and share a story or just be around old friends. Her final resting place will be at the Ever-Rest Memorial Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2009.



Friday, May 15, 2009

Eunice Swinford, 59, Amboy, passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at her residence. Family and friends of Eunice Swinford will gather at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Amboy City Park in Amboy. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Evelyn Copeland, age 85, The Villages, Florida, formerly of Peru, Ind., passed away January 2, 2009. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 at the gravesite in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Memorial services for **John Thomas Hawk, 73**, rural Denver, will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Brian Jay Rouch, 47, Rochester, passed away at 8:14 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2009 at South Bend Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from injuries from a motor vehicle accident. Services for Brian will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Interment will follow the service at the Fulton Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Nora Troyer, 84, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2009 at Century Villa Health Care in Greentown, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 31, 1924 in Miami County to Joseph C. and Sarah Helmuth Bontrager. She married Perry A. Troyer Feb. 20, 1946, and he preceded her in death on March 18, 1999. She and her husband, Perry, lovingly raised three children. A quiet woman of great faith, Nora was a member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Nora enjoyed quilting and cross stitching, tending to her inside house plants and cooking and baking. Her family loved her angel food cakes and coconut cream pies. Survivors include a son, Cecil Troyer and wife Jennifer, Greentown; two daughters, Delores "Dee" Troyer, Kokomo, and Sheila Troyer, Greentown; grandchildren Missy Troyer, Corey Troyer and Christopher Troyer; sisters Amanda Miller and husband Sam, Kokomo, Edna Sutherland, Jackson, Mich., Fannie Brenneman and husband Ray, Bristol, Sylvia Bontrager, Kokomo, and Alma Bontrager, Kokomo; sisters-in-law, Fannie Bontrager and Johann Bontrager, Peru, and Lizzie Bontrager, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister and seven brothers. A service celebrating the life of Nora Troyer will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, with Pastor Randy Detweiler officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.

Monday, May 18, 2009

Ruth Ramona (Bryce) Bollman, 87, Bunker Hill, peacefully passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009. Her loving family was by her side. She was born Jan. 24, 1922 in Sullivan County to Robert and Mary Bryce. On Nov. 21, 1942, she became the bride of Virgil Everett Bollman in Wakarusa. In their 65 years of marriage, they were blessed with five wonderful children, ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Virgil preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 2008. Old-fashioned values, a warm smile, time to listen, plenty to share and always ready with a "hug and a kiss," Ruth was happy to make room for one or two more when it came to Sunday dinner. She was a marvelous cook, enjoyed her flower gardens and

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family get-togethers. Her family came first in her life, and they will treasure her memory forever. Ruth is survived by her son, Duane and wife Julie, their children, Michael D. Bollman, Mandy J. Bowyer, and Tyler L. Bowyer, Bunker Hill; four daughters, Jean Wyant and husband Ralph, their children, Duane Wyant, Brian Wyant and wife Joy, all of Kokomo, Alice McVety and husband John, their children, John Paul McVety, Chicago, and Tim McVety, Kokomo, Mary Gibson and husband Mike, their children, Robert Gibson, Matthew Gibson and wife Kayla, all of Peru. One daughter, Alecia Arnett, preceded her in death. Andrew Arnett, Kokomo, also survives. Six great-grandchildren survive: Ashley Wyant, Nathan Wyant, James Maddox III, Mitchell Maddox, Gennifer Wyant, all of Kokomo, Megan Jarvis and great-great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Jarvis, both of Florida. Her parents, husband, five sisters and two brothers preceded her in death. Friends and family may call from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with services following immediately after visitation. Pastor Annie Glen will officiate. Ruth will be laid to rest next to her loving husband in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.



Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Dorothy Mae Prague, 96, of Peru went home to be with the Lord at 1:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Caring Hands, Peru, Ind. She was born in Chicago, Ill. on June 27, 1912, the daughter of Elizabeth Mae and Arthur Maurice Schmidt. She married Stanley Arthur Prague in Chicago on February 22, 1936, and he preceded her in death. Dorothy had a passion for living, which one could not help but notice. She had an infectious love for life, family and friends. Her most treasured role was serving her family as a devoted wife to her husband, a loyal mother to her daughter, and a faithful grandmother to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She touched people's lives with her enthusiasm and generous spirit. Dorothy enjoyed being with people, playing games, going to the campground and traveling. Left behind to celebrate the love and legacy of Dorothy's life is her loving

daughter, Jacquelynn Mae Cox and her husband, Charles Edward Cox of Peru; five granddaughters, Diana Matlock and husband Kevin, McChord Air Force Base, Wash., Cherie Amparano and husband Walt of Peru, Debbie Dunlap and husband Kenny of Kokomo, Brenda Shafer and husband Russell of Amboy, and Julie Worland and husband Kent of Peru. Dorothy has 11 great-grandchildren: Shane Matlock, Nichole Smith, Brooke Mumaw, Jami Jenkins, Kimberly Dunlap, Tyler and Nick Dunlap, Cory, Cody, and Cole Shafer, and Keaton Worland; and seven great-great grandchildren: Peyton Matlock, Tristyn Armstrong, Colton Alexander, Sydnie and Kamryn Mumaw, Preston and Gabriel Jenkins; a step-great-granddaughter, Julie Amparano, Niles, Mich.; and a step-great-great-grandson, Eric Martinez, Niles, Mich. A service celebrating the life of Dorothy Mae Prague will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes and Pastor Charles Green officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation for family and friends will be 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Minister **Sammie L. Sanders Jr., 73**, Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 8:35 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Jan. 29, 1936 to Sam and Hester (Williams) Sanders in Nettleton, Miss. They along with one brother, two children, three brothers-in-law and four sisters-in-law preceded him in death. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Pearl L. (Allen) Sanders; children Michael Wayne, Harold, Ronnie, Robert, Adam, Joshua, Freddie, Maurice, Tamario, Linda, Karen, Carol, Sandra, Tina, Theresa, Martha, Precious, Tammy, Rhonda, Christa and their respective spouses; sisters Mary Ellen Sanders and Maggie (Agatha); in-laws Jimmie (Henrietta), Shirley (Bobby), Pearl Allen, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He was an active, faithful member and associate minister of the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church, Peru. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church, 451 W. Second St., with the Rev. E.J. Lacy, pastor/teacher, officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. The family requests that donations be made to the Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church Benevolent fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St

Robert G. Taylor, 88, Macy, passed away Monday, May 18, 2009 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Rochester or the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Gary L. Martin, 53, Peru, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Monday, May 18, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Eilers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., with Pastor Harold Williams officiating. Burial will take place in Albright Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time on Thursday at the mortuary. Online condolences may be made to the Martin family at www.eilersmortuary.com.

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Donna Maxine Fisher, 81, Scottsdale, Ariz., passed away Sunday, May 17, 2009 at her home in Scottsdale. She was born Dec. 21, 1927 in Grant County to Harvey and Irena (Cole) Shockey. She married Richard "Dick" Paul Fisher in New Haven on April 16, 1946, when he returned home after serving three years in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He passed away Jan. 26, 1969. Mrs. Fisher and her husband owned and operated a sundry store in Roann until 1954 when they opened a real estate brokerage office in Wabash. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Fisher moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1973, where she sold real estate for three-and-a-half years. In 1976, Mrs. Fisher began working for the Arizona Department of Real Estate as an investigator and later became the assistant director of the subdivision section before retiring in 1994. Mrs. Fisher enjoyed traveling, having traveled extensively throughout the United States and made two trips around the globe. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a former member of the Wabash Country Club. Survivors include four children, Richard P. Fisher Jr. and wife Nancy, Wabash, Michael G. Fisher and wife Amy, Sweetser, Joseph T. Fisher and wife Stephanie, Phoenix, and Mary T. Fisher-Pinson and husband Craig, Scottsdale; a brother, Daniel N. Shockey and wife Dotti, Beaver Dam, Va.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother and five sisters. Funeral services will be held at Church of the Holy Trinity, 34 W. Main St., Peru, on Friday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Father Douglas E. Hungerford officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is Church of the Holy Trinity, Peru. The memorial guest book for Mrs. Fisher may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Peggy Anne Howard Bakehorn, 70, Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born March 9, 1939 in Miami County to Gene and Anne (Leffert) Howard. She married C. Don Bakehorn in November of 1958, and he preceded her in death. Peggy was a homemaker. Survivors include her mother in Peru; two daughters, Debra Gibson and husband Mike, Bunker Hill, and Marianne Hann and husband John, Peru; a son, Clifford Don Bakehorn Jr. and wife Christie, Peru; 11 grandchildren, Stephanie Gibson, Michael Gibson, Heather Parrish, Luke Hann, Gracie Hann, Cliff Bakehorn III, Meghan Bakehorn, Dylan Julian, Cameron Bakehorn, Erika Bakehorn and Jessika Bakehorn; three great-grandchildren, Wilson Parrish, Jackson Parrish and Ava Gibson; and two sisters, Roberta DeHaven, Peru, and Nancy Haywood, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her

father and husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church, Peru, with Pastors George McCarty and Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Friday, May 22, 2009

Maurie E. Jackson, 89, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care. She was born Nov. 25, 1919 in Peru to Fred and Sylvia (Ork) Smythe. She married Robert "Dale" Jackson June 8, 1940, and he preceded her in death May 13, 2007. Maurie retired from J.C. Penney and was a member of First Christian Church and the Phi Delta Kappa wives in Peru. Survivors include three daughters, Bonnie Sims and husband Michael, Peru, Patricia Sarzynski and husband Donald, Macomb, Mich., and Kathleen Lett, Huntingburg; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son-in-law, William Lett; two brothers and a half-brother. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church.- also Saturday May 23, 2009

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Angela Rachelle Hopewell

On Wednesday, May 20, 2009 the Lord took Angela home to be with Him. She was born in Springfield, Ohio but lived almost her entire life in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Angela means "bringing of glad tidings" and for 21 years she brought joy and happiness to many. She was a 2007 graduate of Blackhawk Christian School and had attended Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana, and Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. Growing up she loved being with her cousins, pressing flowers from her summer travels and sharing time with family and friends. Her smiling memory is cherished and loved by those she touched. Survivors include her parents, Thomas M. and Jane B. Hopewell of Winamac, Ind.; brother Matthew Hopewell of Fort Wayne; grandparents, William J. and Ruth M. Hopewell of Albion, Ind.; grandmother, Dorothy Bullock of Peru, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, William P. Bullock of Peru, Indiana. She is truly loved and treasured, and will be greatly missed by her uncles, aunts, and many cousins. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at Woodburn Missionary Church, 5108 Bull Rapids Rd., Woodburn, Ind. with the Reverend Joe DeSelm officiating. Burial will follow at Concordia Cemetery Gardens. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Monday, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations in Angela's memory may be made to the Baptist Children's Home in Valparaiso, or the Fort Wayne Crisis Pregnancy Center. On-line condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.mem.com.

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Richard E. "Dick" Hileman, 77 of Decatur, Indiana passed away at 10:25 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009 at Woodcrest Nursing Center, Decatur. He was born October 16, 1931 in Peru, Indiana to Charles and Leah (Gamble) Hileman. On June 24, 1962 he married Donna Waltz, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hartford City, Indiana. She preceded him in death on May 6, 2009. Survivors include a sister, Esther Rylands and her husband Bill of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Jesse, Harold and James Hileman; and an infant sister. A prayer service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, followed by a 2:30 p.m. funeral service at Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim. Burial will follow at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Friedheim. Visitation will be held 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. For complete obituary information and to sign the online guest book, visit www.zwick.jahn.com.

Ethel F. Morguson, 60, Peru, passed away at 7 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Oct. 23, 1948 in Wabash to Walter and Pearl (Gault) Huffman. She married Sonny Morguson March 26, 1967, and he survives. Ethel was formerly employed at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru and also was a homemaker. She was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church. Survivors besides her husband include three nephews, Kyle Mattausch and wife Nicole, Peru, Cory Mattausch and wife Candice, Luna, Mich., and Jeremy Howard and wife Betsy, Adrian, Mich. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bill Huffman; and a sister, Peggy Studebaker. Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

John H. Schoolman, 100, Leesburg, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Larry Holderbaum officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, with military honors by the American Legion Post 253, North Webster. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorials may be made to the Senior Primelife Enrichment Center of North Webster. To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, visit mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Freddy Wilson Vance Sr., 63, Denver, passed away on Wednesday evening, May 20, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born Sept. 28, 1945 in Chapmanville, W. Va. to Delbert Sr. and Melfa Workman Vance. On July 21, 1967 he was married to Peggy Sue Ferrell, and she survives. He retired after 20 years from the Chessie System Railroad. Other survivors include two sons, Freddy Wilson Vance Jr. and wife Diana, David Allen Vance and wife Elizabeth, a daughter, Rebecca Shawn Ross and husband Thomas Jr., and eight grandchildren, all of Denver. Freddy had seven brothers and ten sisters. There will be no services or visitation. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Donna J. Flores, 77 of Kokomo, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 at Howard Regional Health System surrounded by her family. She was born May 16, 1932 in Bemidji, Minn. to Earl and Irene (Stevens) Schnur. On December 28, 1963 in Marquette, Mich. she married Cruz Flores Jr., and he survives. Donna had worked as a bartender before becoming a nurse's aide at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She enjoyed being a homemaker while raising her five daughters. The family moved to Peru in 1969 after returning from an assignment at Torrejon Air Force Base near Madrid, Spain. They resided at 550 West 10th Street for 20 years, before making their home on Sellers Lake at Warsaw for more than 10 years, where she was a founding member and served as an officer for the homeowners association. She was a talented painter who enjoyed doing various crafts. After her family, her love for her three cats was well known. Surviving in addition to her husband are five daughters, Irene Seguin and husband Michael of Westland, Mich., Jean Flores and children Terry, Joey and Lisa, of Peru, Janet Lewis and friend Barb Cagle, Paris, Tenn., Susan Lees and her companion John Shine of Kokomo, and Patricia Wallace and husband Gary of Rifle, Colo.; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and a brother Richard Peterson and wife Sue of Warsaw. She was preceded in death by her first husband, her parents, and one granddaughter. In keeping with Donna's wishes, she will be cremated and a private family service with interment in Ever-Rest Cemetery, Logansport, at a later date. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left on line at www.shirleyandstout.com as 'mother is completely missed.'



Monday, May 25, 2009

Jane Bowen, 70, of Rochester passed away Thursday, May 21, 2009. Jane was a homemaker and enjoyed crocheting, knitting and making quilts. She is survived by a daughter, Stephanie Hoke (husband, John) of LaPorte and three sons, Daniel Bowen of Rochester, Jeff Bowen (wife, Julia) of Plymouth and Bruce Bowen (wife, Wendy) of Culver as well as 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be May 27, 2009 at Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester.

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Louise Helm of Peru passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was 84. Louise was born in Miami County on July 18, 1924, the daughter of Warren "Raymond" Miller and Gladys Louise (Landrom) Miller. Louise was formerly employed at American Stationery and was also a homemaker. She is survived by a son, Richard "Dick" Helm and his wife Marsha of Peru, a daughter, Sandra Kay as well as a granddaughter, Maryann Rowlett (husband, Doug) of Peru. Four grandsons also survive: Rich Helm of Peru, Rich Hershberger (wife, Teresa) of Peru, Bill Rockey and Jeff Rockey (wife, Janice) of Peru. Two great-grandchildren, Alexis and Braden Rowlett also survive as do two brothers, Warren E. Miller of Amboy and Howard A. Miller (wife, Pat) of Abilene, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Isabelle Larrison. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Pastor Bob Peach will officiate. Burial will be in Sante Fe Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons Bible Program and/or American Cancer Society.

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Marion Ellis Bussard, 82, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born Feb. 2, 1927 in Gilead to John L. and Georgia M. (Kintner) Bussard. He married Ina Joan Foerman in 1949, and she survives. Marion was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was formerly employed at the Peru Foundry and more recently at Elco Industries in Logansport, where he was a foreman. He was a quiet man and loved his family and his home very much. He enjoyed reading and sports, especially football. He was a life member of the VFW Lodge and the American Legion. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Marion Lynn Bussard and wife Stacy, Peru; two grandsons, Marion David Lynn Bussard and Justin Bo Jay Bussard, both of Peru; and three great-grandchildren, Marion David Lynn Bussard II, Brittney E. Bussard and Alix B. Bussard. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Joe Bussard; and two sisters, Joan Hart and Jean Alice Murphy. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Guy Provance officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health & Hospice.

Maurie E. Jackson, 89, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care. She was born Nov. 25, 1919 in Peru to Fred and Sylvia (York) Smythe. She married Robert "Dale" Jackson June 8, 1940, and he preceded her in death May 13, 2007. Maurie retired from J.C. Penney and was a member of First Christian Church and the Phi Delta Kappa wives in Peru. Survivors include three daughters, Bonnie Sims Doran and husband Michael, Peru, Patricia Sarzynski and husband Donald, Macomb, Mich., and Kathleen Lett, Huntingburg; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son-in-law, William Lett; two brothers and a half-brother. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church.

Friday, May 29, 2009

Max Eugene Fisher, 66, rural North Manchester, passed away at 9:53 a.m. Thursday, May 28, 2009 at his home. He was born March 25, 1943 in Peru to Ross and Maxine (Baldwin) Fisher. Max was a 1962 graduate of Wabash High School. He first married Marcia McCain in August 1963, she survives in Akron; he then married Anna Ruth Riddle on July 22, 1983; she passed away July 28, 1986; then he married Rebecca Bowlby on March 21, 1987 in Wabash; she passed away July 25, 2008. Max was a fire fighter for the City of Wabash from 1974 until his retirement in 1994. He was named, "Wabash Fireman of the Year" in 1981. He owned Car Recyclers of North Manchester from 1983 to 2006. He was founder and former owner, along with Bob Evenson, of M&B Body Shop of Wabash. Max was a member of Faith Outreach Center of Rochester since 2004, the church council since 2006, and also served as an usher. He was a member of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International and the Retired Policemen and Firemen's Association. He enjoyed working, mushroom hunting, basketball and his cat, "Squeaky." He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Ross and Velma Fisher, North Manchester; four children, Craig S. Fisher and wife Tammy, Silver Lake, Melissa Scott and husband Donald, Claypool, Gretchen O'Banion and husband Chad, Marion, and Denitza J. Fisher, North Manchester; nine grandchildren, Mallory Hedington, Daryl Wright, Tanner Scott and Kayla Scott, all of Claypool, Tyler Fisher, Bryce Fisher and Treston Fisher, all of Silver Lake, Zachary O'Banion and Matthew O'Banion, both of Marion; a brother, Michael D. Fisher and wife Sharon, Wabash; a sister, Karen Howell and husband Danny, Van Wert, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Sylvia Bowlby, Wabash; and his close friend, Sandy Knauer, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Monday at 2 p.m., with Pastors Andrew Gathany, Dan Mundt and Chris Howell officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Kosciusko County Hospice. The memorial guest book for Max may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Saturday, May 30, 2009

Mary Louise (Lukens) Drudge, 88, Akron, went home to heaven at 1:37 p.m. Friday, May 29, 2009. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Karen Ottjes officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Clark R. Meyer, 47, formerly of Peru, Ind., passed away at 6:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Casey House in Toronto, Canada. He was born August 19, 1961 in Kokomo, Ind. to William and Jane (Campbell) Meyer. He was a graduate of Maconaquah High School, attended Purdue University, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Clark was a computer architect and was employed by SCM Computers of Toronto. Survivors include his wife Sylvia Meyer of Brazil, South America; his parents Bill and Jane Meyer of Peru; children Jeremy L. Meyer of Toronto; Kristina Kunaschk and her husband James, of Louisville, Ky., Mark Meyer and his wife Leslie, also of Louisville, and Danilo Lira of Brazil, South America. Also surviving are granddaughters Madison Meyer and Ava Grace Kunaschk; a sister Kim Speight and her husband John, Peru; a niece, Millie Stanley, and nephew Ryan Speight. A memorial service celebrating the life of Clark R. Meyer, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, Ind., with Pastor Ryan Jorgenson officiating. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Monday, June 01, 2009



Helen L. Black, 89, New Waverly, passed away peacefully at 3:26 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Home Hospital in Lafayette. She was born in Cass County on Jan. 27, 1920 to C.F. and Bessie Logan Cripe. Helen married Kenneth N. Black in Logansport on July 1, 1943, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1998. Helen graduated from New Waverly High School in 1937 and North Manchester College in 1941. She taught school for 39 years and retired as an English teacher at the Peru Junior High School in 1980. She was a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church, the Indiana Retired Teacher's Association and the Cass County Retired Teacher's Association. Survivors include her sisters-in-law, Mary Cripe and Ruby Black, both of New Waverly; a niece, Teresa Sweet and husband Tim, Walton; nephews Todd Cripe and wife Kathy, New Waverly, Steven Black and wife Kathleen, Logansport, and Eric Cripe and wife Peggy, Sandy, Utah; a cousin, Nancy Moss, Galveston; and several great nieces and nephews. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Kenneth, and a brother, Wayne A. Cripe. A service celebrating the life of Helen L. Black will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Alan Downing officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the New Waverly United Methodist Church.

Violet Zehring, 98, Indianapolis, formerly of Bennetts Switch, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2009, just four days shy of her 99th birthday. She was born on June 2, 1910 in Waupecong to Walter and Jane (Warfelt) Shively, both deceased. On Feb. 27, 1929, she was married to Forrest (Frosty) Zehring, who passed away on Nov. 20, 1979. Violet was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and enjoyed crocheting on kitchen towels and giving them to friends and relatives. She also crocheted many afghans for friends and relatives and made beautiful dining room tablecloths. She was a member of Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church and graduated from Clay High School, Miami County, in 1929 and Kokomo Business College. She worked at Robbins Homes in Kokomo and at Woolworth's in Kokomo.



She was a member of Clay High School Bunch, Woolworth Club, Kokomo Mall Walkers, and Pompano Square Mall Walkers in Pompano Beach, Fla. She also assisted her husband on their farms. Surviving is a daughter, Imasue Z. Goebel, Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Jacklyn S. Goebel, Carmel; a niece and several nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Esther Worl, Bunker Hill; two brothers, Everett Shively, Bremen, and Laurel Shively, Kokomo; two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church, with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating assisted by Pastor Bill Siktberg and Mr. Dennis Harts. Burial will follow in the Galveston Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until service time at the church on Tuesday. Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes, Kokomo, is assisting the family with arrangements. The family wishes to thank Carmel St. Vincent Hospital and the St. Vincent Hospice for their special care. If desired, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church, State Road 18, Kokomo, IN 46901, National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Suite B, Centennial, CO 80112 or St. Vincent Hospice c/o St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46260. – also Tuesday June 2, 2009

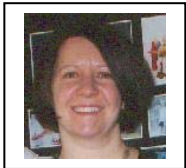
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Elizabeth "Betty" F. Feazel, 88, Marion, passed away at 11:09 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Marion General Hospital. She was born April 7, 1921 in Marion to the late Mert and Lydia (Barnes) Smith. She married Herbert "Mike" Feazel. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 2007. Betty and her husband owned and operated Mike's IGA in Bunker Hill for 16 years and she was also employed at Lutz Interiors in Marion, Delco Remy and Marsh Supermarket. She was a volunteer at Marion General Hospital. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Marion and Bunker Hill Order of Eastern Star. Betty enjoyed painting, sewing, knitting and crocheting. Betty is survived by a daughter, Jean Ann (Terry) Hill, Converse; a son, James (Norma) Feazel, Peru; four grandchildren, Joe, Tom, Sandy and Holly; and six great-grandchildren, Jacob, Chad, Drew, Colin, Grant and Laci. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mert and Lydia Smith. Memorial contributions may be directed to First Christian Church, Marion. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com <<http://www.nswcares.com>> .



Visitation for Betty will be Wednesday, June 3, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. The funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Needham-Storey-Wampner, with Reverend Rodger Moore officiating. Burial will in Grant Memorial Park in Marion.



Audra Dyan Hays, born October 13, 1972 in Anderson, Ind., passed away at 4:35 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. Audra didn't want to be like other people, other people wanted to be like Audra. Not only was she a devoted wife to Dustin Hays, she stood by his side for almost 12 years. She gave Dustin a set of twins, Hunter and Bailey, eight years ago, and to make their union complete, another son, Walker, was born almost five years ago. Audra loved her children as they are blessings from God. She enjoyed everyday experiences with these children, no matter how small or unique.

Her family was her being. She graduated from Anderson Highland High School and then Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a kindergarten accreditation. She worked faithfully for nine years, teaching preschool children with patience and kindness at Promiseland Preschool, under the guidance of one of her closest friends, Rita Franz and colleague Janice Bowman. Audra attended McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Today Audra leaves behind her many friends, whom she loved so dearly. She always seemed to find the time for her friends in any manner which they needed assistance. Audra was the epitome of a caregiver. Everyone Audra met became a part of her life. The numerous friends whose hearts she touched include in part, Tracy Marlow Chapin, best friend since high school; Sharilyn Spohn, best friend since she met Dustin; both sisters, Autumn and Alyssa were her best friends, and of course Vivian Frieje, whom Audra found time during her busy schedule to babysit. With young children in her life her schedule was full of many activities - baseball practice and games with her children, and of course Dustin's baseball games too. She assisted with purchases for the concession stand, nonetheless working it when help was short. There was basketball, swimming, 4-H or whatever else needed to be done; Audra found a way to make it happen. Audra will be deeply missed by her husband Dustin, her children Hunter, Bailey and Walker; by her sister Autumn McCall and husband Bill, and sister Alyssa Frazier; stepbrothers Ryan Gott and wife Michelle, and Bracket Gott; father Jerry Frazier and stepmother Cindy; mother Cathy Graham and stepfather Larry; Loren and Bernadette Hays (in-laws); Lorissa (sister-in-law) and Jeremy Sweet; grandmother Pauline "Mimi" Lloyd; nieces Alexandra McCall, Hally Sweet, Amelia Sweet, nephew Billy McCall, aunt Sharon Rodecap; cousins Sharilyn Spohn and husband Duane, and their children Marissa, Jarred and Garrett Spohn; and cousin Ryan Rodecap. A service celebrating the life of Audra Dyan Hays will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2009 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 South 300 East, Amboy, with Pastor Kenneth Cole officiating. Burial will be held at Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe, Ind. Family and friends will gather Thursday, 2-8 p.m. at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. A trust fund has been established for Audra's children. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Hays Family Fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind.

Nicholas R. Stepler, 27, of Converse, Ind., passed away at 3:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at his residence. He was born in Peru on March 19, 1982, the son of Doug R. and Dana Johnson Stepler. Nicholas married Jamie Sanchez in Peru on September 17, 2004 and she survives. He was employed as a service technician at Mobil 1 in Lafayette, Ind. Surviving in addition to his wife Jamie, are his parents Doug and Dana Stepler of Converse; sons Nicholas Stepler II, twins Nathan and Noah Stepler, Seth Stepler and Landon Stepler; brothers Reece Stepler and Brock Stepler of Converse and a sister Katrina Stepler of Converse. Also, surviving is his paternal grandmother Phyllis Stepler of Amboy; his maternal grandparents Woodrow and Jean Johnson of Kokomo; his in-laws Joan Hunter of Richmond, Ky. and Juan Sanchez of Kewanna, Ind. A sister, Sheena Stepler, and his paternal grandfather, Raymond Stepler, preceded him in death. A service celebrating the life of Nicholas R. Stepler will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2009 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, Ind., with Pastor Rex Dobson officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, Ind. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

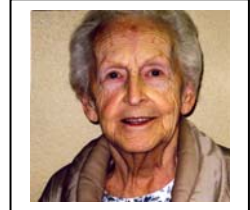
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Brian Kent Eaker, 44 of Denver, Ind. passed away Monday afternoon at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born June 8, 1964 in Kokomo, Indiana to Earnest Gene and Ellen Louise (Payne) Eaker. On May 17, 1997 in Denver, Indiana he was married to his best friend, companion, and love of his life, Dawn Ann Rhine. Brian's family was the most important part of his life. He also enjoyed his dogs, cars, and motorcycles. He was loved and will be sadly missed by his entire family: His wife Dawn of Denver; parents, Earnie and Ellen Eaker of Galveston; two stepchildren, Dustyn Shrock of Kokomo and Daryn Shrock of Mexico; one grandson, Gavyn Fritz of Mexico; his grandmother Dorotha Eaker, Logansport; a sister, Pam Clouthier of Galveston; and two nephews, Josh and Daniel Clouthier. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Ind. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends are invited to call Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Rebecca Sterling, Sycamore Village, 2905 W. Sycamore, Kokomo, IN 46901.



Evelyn Lucille Finster, 90, Forest Grove, Ore., formerly of Peru, passed away peacefully Monday, June 1, 2009 just two weeks after her 90th birthday. She was born May 14, 1919 in Rochester, Fulton County, to Arthur Lloyd and Carrie Olive Davis Wissinger. She was married to Ray Ellis Finster in Loree on Oct. 2, 1940, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1992. Evelyn was a member of the Peru Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and lived all but the last two years of her life in and around Peru. During her lifetime she was a den leader for the Cub Scout program, crocheted unique blankets for newborns, enjoyed sewing, music and reading. She also was known as an excellent housekeeper. As a child she attended Victory Grade School. In her adult life she worked for General Tire and Rubber in Wabash, as a bookkeeper for John Lindsey Construction and as a grocery clerk at Shelburns. Survivors include a son, JD Finster and wife Vicki, Aloha, Ore.; a sister, Katherine Aikman; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Evelyn is preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Ruth Douglas and Roseanne Yoder; a daughter, Patricia Marlene Finster; and a granddaughter, Amy Charlene Finster. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St.



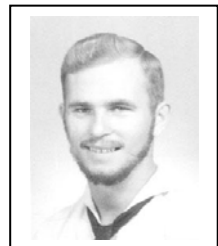
Nell E. Greenberg, 83, Monticello, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Monticello. She resided in the White County area most of her life. She was born Monday, Nov. 2, 1925, in Cass County to Clarence and Edith (Sherman) Dilling. On Oct. 30, 1946 in the Pious Chapel in Idaville, she married Sam Greenberg. He preceded her to heaven Sept. 20, 1995. Nell was a 1943 graduate of Idaville High School, Idaville. She and her late husband, Sam, owned and operated "Sams Kountry Kitchen" in Monticello from 1981 to 1985. After moving to California, she attended College of the Canyons in California, where she earned her bachelor's degree in nursing. Nell enjoyed a very fulfilling nursing career over the next 40 years, which included the privilege of helping deliver over 1,000 babies through her work at Westlake Hospital in California, Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, and White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello. Her true life's passion was to serve and love the Lord her God with a pure heart. Nell was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Lafayette, a former member of the Osborne Neighborhood Church, California. Nell's favorite Bible scriptures were: Psalm 14 3:10 Teach me to do thy Will, for thou are my God. Psalm 40-8 I delight to do thy Will, O my God!



Survivors include two daughters, Davida K. Sullivan, Texas/Mexico, and Jan A. Wrede and husband Bob, Monticello; two sons, Floyd E. Dilling and wife Lucy, North Carolina, and Steve M. Greenberg, Lafayette; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; three sisters, June Haskins, Wisconsin, Donna Belle McCall, Monon, and Helen Anderson and husband Curtis, Lafayette; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband and a brother, Eugene Dilling. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello, with Pastor Doug Gray of the Faith Baptist Church, Lafayette, officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Riverview Cemetery, rural Monticello. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Faith Baptist Church or the Vision of Hope, both in Lafayette. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Friday, June 5, 2009

Raymond L. Glassburn, 75, U.S. Navy (retired), Peru, passed away at 8:01 a.m. Sunday, May 31, 2009 at his residence. He was born June 23, 1933 in Kokomo to Elvin and Velva (Brock) Glassburn. In 1957, he married Myrtleline Napuunoa in Hawaii, and she preceded him in death. Ray retired from a full career in the U.S. Navy in 1972, and had served on board the USS Oriskany, USS Midway and the USS Renshaw. He later worked for Paul Hopkins Construction in Tipton, later moving to Speedwell, Tenn. before coming back to Indiana this past year. Before his illness, he enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing and hunting. He was an avid fan of NASCAR racing and pro wrestling. Survivors include four children, Darwin Glassburn, Kokomo, Raymond Glassburn Jr. and wife Rhona, Richard Glassburn and wife Ruth, and Laura Mahaney and husband John, all of Tipton; his step-mother, Edna Glassburn, Peru; seven sisters, Joan Johnson,



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Patricia Altherr and Terri Hall, all of Peru, Nadine Dunham, Kokomo, Sandra Suttles, Harriman, Tenn., Margie Baker and June Teusch, both of Huntington; four brothers, James Glassburn, Harry McKinley and David Glassburn, all of Tipton, and Bobby McKinley, Blytherville, Ark.; 13 grandchildren, Niki, Michael, Brandon, Jason, Eric, Wesley, Lauren, and Lindsey Glassburn, Amber Hassler, Jacob and Nathan Mahaney, India and Matthew Russ; and four great-grandchildren, Kehara Glassburn, Aidan Christie, Ayralin and Jewlie Russ. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Lucille Floyd; a brother, Charles McKinley; and his step-father, Robert McKinley Sr. A private interment at Marion National Cemetery is planned. Funeral arrangements were handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St.



Mickey Joe Taylor, 56, Denver, passed away at 2:47 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 24, 1952 in Peru to Floyd Marvin and Marilyn Delores Stuber Taylor. Mickey was a member of Mexico Baptist Church. He was a farmer, truck driver and had worked for Moss Fertilizer. Survivors include a son, Benjamin Isaac Taylor and his mother, Patty Anderson, Bunker Hill; two sisters, Lisa A. Hardwick, and Linda Pownall and husband Wayne, all of Peru; one niece, Taylor Hardwick, Peru; two nephews, Kerry Pownall, Wauseon, Ohio, and Ryan Pownall, Russiaville; his special companion, Janie Townsend, Denver; and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery,

Mexico. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mickey Taylor Trust to benefit his son's education. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements. For more information, visit www.mcclainfh.com.

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Saturday June 6, 2009

Krystle Danae Gingerich, 14, Amboy, passed away at 10:50 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009 in Miami County. Krystle was born September 12, 1994 in Howard County to Wesley and Karen Schwartz Gingerich. Surviving are her parents, Wesley and Karen Gingerich; a sister, Kayla JoAnn Gingerich; a brother, Kyle Thomas Gingerich; paternal grandparents, David and Vera Gingerich; maternal grandfather, Harvey Schwartz; maternal uncles and their families, Adam Schwartz and his wife Deb and their children Daphne, Mandi and Angela, Harley Schwartz and his wife Sherri and their children Michael, Amy and Lavon, Phil Schwartz and his wife Rosetta and their children Katrina, Andrea and Jaylen, Perry Schwartz and his wife Katie Ellen and their children, Regina, Ryan, Shelia, Janell and Elizabeth; paternal uncles and their families, Daniel Gingerich and his wife Miriam and their children James, Samuel, John, Isaac and Mark, Galen Gingerich and his wife Beth and their children Darren, Angela, Tyler and Audrey, Leslie Gingerich and his wife Marlene and their children Arianna, Renita Rosie, Sherrie and Rachelle, John Dale Gingerich and his wife Wanda and their children Jolene, Rhonda, Maxine, Jessica and Megan, Fred Gingerich and his wife Lillian and their children John David, Janelle, Marlin, Nelson Joanne, Sharon, Nathan, Shelia and Norman; aunts Ollie Gingerich, Miriam Gingerich, Nina Miller and her husband Vernon, and Susanna Gingerich. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Mary Schwartz. Funeral services will be at the Bontrager's House, 3318 E. Indiana 18, Miami County, at 9:30 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2009 with Ray Hershberger officiating. Burial will be at the Christner Cemetery in Miami County. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Bontrager's House. Arrangements have been entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

Tina Lynn Huntsman, 42, Gilead, passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Cross Road Baptist Church, Gilead, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Tina Lynn Huntsman family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Monday June 8, 2009



Denis M. O'Keeffe of 317 Blair Pike in Peru passed away on Friday, June 5, 2009. He was 103. Denis was born Feb. 17, 1906 in Ballinahula, County Cork, Ireland, the son of Michael and Bridget O'Sullivan O'Keeffe. On Dec. 2, 1933, he married Bridie Linehan in New York. She preceded him in death on June 5, 1995. Denis retired from City of New York Transit Authority where he was a conductor. He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and also had affiliations with Holy Name Society; AFL/CIO Transportation Workers Union Retired Association. Denis is survived by daughters Brenda McGarry and her husband Walter of Albany, N.Y., Joan Finnegan and her husband Jack of Ormand Beach, Fla., and Dr. Rafik and Denise Ulibarri-Farag. Also surviving include grandchildren: John Finnegan, Martin and Eileen Finnegan, Jennifer and Brendan Cunningham, Brian and Heidi McGarry, Kathleen McGarry, Robert Michael Ulibarri and John Coogan. Also surviving include: great-grandchildren Kieran and Maura Finnegan, Emma Finnegan and a brother, Eugene O'Keeffe of Jersey Islands. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, two brothers and a sister. Funeral service for Denis M. O'Keeffe will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at St. Charles Catholic Church, located at 58 W. Fifth. The service will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8

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p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street in Peru, Ind., with Prayer Service following at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Altar and Rosary Society.

Taylor W. "Ed" Wilson, 91, 1725 Colonial Drive, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 11:25 A.M. Friday June 5, 2009 at his residence. He was born on June 20, 1917 in Donnellson, Illinois, the son of Jeremiah T. and Alvera (Dunn) Wilson. Ed lived his early years in Illinois and Indiana graduating from Frankfort High School in 1935. After graduation, he went to work for A & P Grocery Stores and was sent to Rochester as manager of the local store. He then worked for a factory which had a contract with the government to make Army fatigues. On May 31st, 1941 he married Imogene Baber and the two of them just celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. Ed joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, where he spent three years, trained as Bombardier on one of the new B 29, flying 27 missions in the Asian Pacific. During this time his crew was awarded two distinguished flying crosses and three air medals. When the war was over Ed came home to Rochester and his family. He proceeded to take advantage of the GI bill and enrolled in College, completing a degree in business and accounting. His first job was in Akron as office manager at Pike Lumber Company. After ten years Ed decided that he wanted to go into business for himself and opened a clothing store for men and women. He retired after twenty five years.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Connie and husband Evan Kessler of Brownsburg, Indiana and Laurie and husband Jim Venable of LaGrange Kentucky; grandchildren Lisa Katchka (Christian Ostermann) of Washington D.C., Kinsey Katchka of Raleigh, North Carolina, Matt (Shellie) Venable of Joliet, Illinois and Ben Venable of LaGrange, Kentucky; two sisters Aileen Burkman of Janesville, Wisconsin and Ann McGillem of West Lafayette, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gary Joe Wilson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday June 9, 2009 at the Zimmerman Bros. Funeral home in Rochester, Indiana with Pastor Maurice Grindle officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Rochester.



Phyllis Arlene Yentes passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 1:10 p.m. at Lehigh Regional Medical Center in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Phyllis was born on July 11, 1927 in Logansport, the daughter of Buren Angle and Olive (Stone) Angle Watts. Phyllis married Paul R. Yentes in 1945. Phyllis was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru as well as Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Lehigh Acres. Survivors include a son, Jerry (wife, Sharon) of Peru and a daughter, Pam Rugenstein (husband, Paul) of Lehigh Acres and a grandson, Matt Yentes of Charleston, S.C. She was preceded in death by her husband (1999), parents and a sister, Jane Mavricks. Graveside services for Phyllis Arlene Yentes will be Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 11 a.m. in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County, Ind. Pastor Kenneth Greenwald will officiate. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street in Peru.

Tuesday June 9, 2009

Tivola R. Hunter, 89, Mexico, passed away at 2:24 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born June 20, 1919 in Waupecong to Roscoe and Olive Sims Nichols. On April 27, 1940 in Flora, she was married to Dea L. Hunter, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 1973. Tivola was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren and a graduate of Clay Township High School, Miami County. She was a talented artist and had created many oil paintings. During her working career, she was the supervisor of quality control at Cleveland Graphite in Fort Wayne. She later managed Shock Toy Store in Broad Ripple. Survivors include three sisters, Claudette Riley, Amboy, Betty York, Peru, and Joan Case, Nashville, Tenn.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, John Nichols; and a sister, Marjorie Gottschalk. Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mexico Church of the Brethren, with Pastors Don Ritchey and Dave Bebe officiating. Private burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday before the funeral service at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements. For more information, visit www.mcclainfh.com.



Virginia Shrock, 92, Amboy, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully at 1:21 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, with her son John at her bedside. She was born May 5, 1917 in Miami County to Albert and Marion Davis McCafferty. She married Laurel F. Shrock in Miami County on June 12, 1937. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 1989. Virginia was a 1935 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and sang in the Merrie Maide's Trio with Maxine Bevington Bargerhuff and Arlene Bevington Lewis. A devout Christian, Virginia was an active member of the Loree Brethren Church. She valued most her domestic life with her family. She loved the beauty of nature and thoroughly enjoyed time spent caring for her flowers. Virginia was a homemaker and a "farmer's wife." She and her husband, Laurel, actively farmed until 1978 when they entered into semi-retirement. At this point in her life, Virginia became a self-educated artist and thoroughly enjoyed painting. She was an excellent cook, who loved cooking for her family. Survivors include a son, John Shrock and wife Kay, rural Kokomo; three grandsons, Mark Shrock and wife Carrie, Kevin Shrock and Jason Shrock; and a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Shrock. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Laurel; and two sisters, Marguerite Zehring and Catherine McCarty. A service celebrating the life of Virginia Shrock will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Loree Brethren Church, 8483 S. Strawtown Pike, with Pastor Eugene Osborn officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery,

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Howard County. Family and friends will gather at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Loree Brethren Church.

Wednesday June 10, 2009

Margaret O. Bair, 91, Rochester, formerly of Warsaw, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009 at her home, where she had resided for the past two months. She was born in Fort Wayne Aug. 22, 1917 to the late Hugh and Elizabeth Mouser Murphy. She became the wife of James R. Bair June 14, 1941 in Seymour. As an educator, Margaret was keenly interested in children and the process of education. She pursued her teaching degree at Ball State Teacher's College and graduated in 1939. She embarked on her teaching career with Fort Wayne Community Schools, teaching young learners with special needs. Later she accepted an assignment with Warsaw Community Schools that spanned more than two-and-a-half decades. Margaret focused on and enjoyed the aspects of early childhood education, teaching her first grade students for 25 years before retiring. Margaret's memberships included Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Indiana Retired Teacher's Association and the CLIO Literacy Society. To relax she enjoyed reading a good book. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Tom Bair and wife Sue, Rochester, and Steven R. Bair, Cumming, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Chris Bair and fiancée Kerri Skowron, Orlando, Fla., Matt Bair, Rochester, Jill Longfellow and husband Steve, Estero, Fla., and Tessa Bair, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marie Kiess; and a brother, Dr. Kenneth Murphy. A celebration of the life of Margaret Bair will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Junior Bose officiating. Friends may visit with family one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in her name to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Friday June 12, 2009

John E. Myers, 93, Logansport, passed away at 11:16 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at Chase Convalescent Center, Logansport. He was born Sept. 18, 1915 in Cass County to Glen and Hazel (Anderson) Myers. He married Velma M. Howard March 6, 1939 in Logansport, and she survives. John was a retired farmer, farming in Carroll County, and had worked for Martin Seed Company. He was a member of the Walton Masonic Lodge, Delphi I.O.O.F. and Rockfield Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed playing cards with his euchre group and was a former Carroll County 4-H leader. One of the things John was most proud of was the fact that he had been married to his wife for 70 years. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Nancy Nulf, Kokomo, and Diana Hershberger and husband Tony, Logansport; a sister, Jean Ferriera, Portland, Ore.; a half sister, Beverly Carney, Jamestown; two brothers, Richard Myers and wife Martina, and James Myers and wife Lena, all of Logansport; a half brother, Robert Myers and wife Joyce, Fishers; a step brother, Stanley Hampton, Fishers; three grandchildren, John Wynn and Tina Wynn, both of Kokomo, and Kelly Henry and wife Kristi, New Waverly; and five great-grandchildren, Scotty Wynn and Brayden Wynn, both of Kokomo, and Kayleigh, Cassidy and Kyle Henry, all of New Waverly. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ilene Myers; and a half brother, Nicholas Myers. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.gundrumfuneralhome.com.



Saturday June 13, 2009



Robert R. "Bobby" Hite, 67 of Peru, Ind. Passed away at his residence at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2009. He was born September 30, 1941 in Mexico, Ind. To the late Robert R. and Ruth (Wyant) Hite, deceased. On March 23, 1963 he married Katherine "Kitty" Matthews in Florida. Bobby was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and was retired from Chrysler Corporation. He entered the Air Force after high school, in 1959, where he met his wife of 46 years while stationed at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. They returned to Kokomo in 1964, and he became employed with Chrysler that year. He remained with Chrysler for 35 years, retiring in November 1998. They moved to Peru in October, 2008 after selling their home in Kokomo. Survivors include his wife, Katherine "Kitty" Hite of Peru; daughters Teresa Kim Foust of Peru, and Debra R. Bolen of Logansport; his stepmother Jessie Hite, Kokomo; brothers Lawrence Hite and wife Roberta, of Kokomo; Michael K. Hite and wife Sandy, Kokomo; a sister, Jane Fearnow, Kokomo; four grandchildren, Joshua Richards; Jordan and Robert Tyler Klein; and Jasmine Bolen; two great-grandchildren Ashland Cook and Nevaeh Swing; along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Marylu Love. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion Street in Converse, Ind., with the Reverend Matthew Walker and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in the Converse Cemetery, with graveside military honors. Visitation will be Monday, June 15, 2009 from 11 a.m. until time of service, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice, 513 W. Lincoln Rd., Kokomo, IN 46902, or Howard Community Oncology, 3500 S. LaFountain St., Kokomo, IN 46902. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, were entrusted with the arrangements.

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Virgil U. "Butch" Bahney, 70, Akron, passed away at 5:15 a.m. Friday, June 12, 2009 at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 16, 1938 in Akron to Urban S. and Nellie E. Dillsaver. He married Reta Y. Hopkins June 3, 1962 at the Akron Church of God, and she survives at home. Virgil served in the U.S. Marines, was a 1956 graduate of Gilead High School and was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 249, Peru. He retired in 2000 from Square D in Peru, where he worked in the maintenance department. Prior to his employment with Square D and serving in the Marines, he worked as a welder. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Paul Bahney, Rochester; two daughters, Denise Messer and friend, Gene Sloan, Warsaw, and Lisa Bahney and partner Dessen Rink, Goshen; a sister, Bonnie "Collene" Miller, Gilead; two brothers, Marvin Bahney and wife Carol, Akron, and John Bahney and wife Barb, Macy; and five grandchildren, Ashley Bahney, Logan and Jerrica Messer, Dustin and Bailey Rink. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bobbie Bahney, on Nov. 8, 1997. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Stroke Association or to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Brent "Cosmo" Kramer, 49, Rochester, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009. A celebration of life of Mr. Brent Douglas "Cosmo" Kramer will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Brian Sewell officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and an hour prior to services. Preferred memorials may be made to the American Legion Riders, Mooseheart, or the American Diabetes Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

ReJene Howard Tatum, 86, sweetly entered into Eternity at 3:10 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009, in the comfort of her home in Mexico, Indiana. Born on March 28, 1923 in Miami County, she was the daughter of Harry "Dutch" and Martha L. Cover Howard. On June 5, 1953, she married E. Dan Tatum of Pt. Neches, Texas, where they opened, owned, and operated Pt. Neches Pharmacy for 12 years. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Logansport, Indiana. In 1965, Dan, ReJene and their son, Tom, moved to their ranch in the Paris, Texas area where they raised horses and cattle. There, ReJene enjoyed being a housewife, mom, grandmother, and serving in Holy Cross Episcopal Church. After the passing of her husband, on April 1, 1997, ReJene returned to Indiana in May 1999 with her son, Tom, to spend her last years. There she greatly enjoyed being close to her immediate family. Survivors include three sisters, Nell Jane Fouts, Joyce Mounts, and Joellen Sharp, all of Peru; one brother, Jon Howard, Wabash; son Tom Tatum, Mexico; stepdaughter, DeRhon Jordan, Powderly, Texas; step grandchildren, Scott Tatum, South Lake, Texas; Dana Lipensky and Matt Tatum, Houston, Texas; and step great grandchildren, Matthew and Samantha Tatum, and Erin and Emily Lipensky. Preceding ReJene in death are her parents, husband, and stepson, Michael Tatum. On Saturday, May 30, 2009 ReJene called for Tom's Pastor. She earnestly expressed her spiritual uncertainty, saying, "I'm dying, and I don't know how to die. I love God, and I love Jesus, and I don't know how to die." There, she was lead in a very heartfelt prayer, which yielded an obvious eternal peace and security for ReJene. Hallelujah for the Blood of Jesus! Friends and family are invited to gather at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, from 5-7 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2009. A service will begin at 7 p.m. with Pastor Darlton Bontrager of Bethany Fellowship Church officiating. ReJene will be returned to Texas to be laid to rest next to her husband. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope for the Home Ministries, PO Box 975, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457.



Aaron James Wakal, 25, passed away Thursday, June 11, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis after a short-term illness. Born April 3, 1984 in Newport-News, Virginia, he was the son of Benjamin James and Marcia Michelle Wakal. On May 17, 2008 in Miami County, he was married to Coda Marie Fouts, and she survives. Aaron was a caring and devoted husband; he lived life to its fullest, and had a passionate love for computers. He was an amateur radio operator, enjoyed being a weather spotter, and he was hoping to get his pilot's and motorcycle licenses. He also owned and operated The Digital Connection, Peru. Survivors include his father, Benjamin, Peru; mother, Marcia Miller and husband Kevin, Perrysburg; one sister, Michelle Richardson and husband Joshua, Peru; two brothers, Isaiah Landon and Kevin Roscoe Miller, Perrysburg; paternal grandparents, William and Joan Wakal, Knox; his first child to be born January 1, 2010; and his dog Buddie. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox. Friends may call from 4-8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009 at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements. www.mcclainfh.com
In lieu of flowers, love offerings may be made to the family to assist with expenses.

Wednesday June 17, 2009

Star Hester, 61 of Peru, passed away at her residence surrounded by her loving family, at 2:50 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009. She was born April 23, 1948 in Silver Point, Tenn., the daughter of Hooper and



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Winnie (Steele) James. She married Robert Hester in Peru, Ind. On August 31, 1996, and he survives. Star had been employed at Federal Mogul in Logansport. Surviving in addition to her husband Robert, are her children: Tonia Ray and husband Steven of Peru; Richie L. Ashley II and his wife Tracy, Peru; Ryan Hester and wife Cassie of Galveston, Ind.; and Nick Hester, Kokomo. Also surviving are her brothers, Royce James and wife Annabelle of Belle River, Ill.; Freddie James and wife Joyce of Silver Point, Tenn.; Billy James and wife Darlene of Opdyke, Ill.; and Leonard James and wife Linda, Silver Point, Tenn.; sisters Ruby James of Silver Point, Treble Roberts and husband Junior of Silver Point, Mildred James of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ann Overturf of Greencastle, Ind.; brother-in-law Marvin Reed of Mexico, Ind. Star also had grandchildren Sydney Diskey, Kreighton Ray, Casey Ray, Carson Ray and Lathan Hester. Star was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Evalene Reed. A service celebrating the life of Star Hester will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru, with Chaplain Guy Provance and Ed Ensley officiating. Burial will follow at Rankin Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Wabash-Miami Home Hospice.



Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ellen L. Carter, 85, of Miller's Merry Manor in Peru passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. She was born on January 12, 1924 in Veedersburg, Indiana to Lawrence and Gladys M. (Booe) Wilkinson. In 1945 she married Paul E. Carter, Sr., who preceded her in death on December 24, 1974.

Ellen was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was formerly employed at Guthmans Radio/TV and REMC, both in Attica, Ind., also at Alcoa Aluminum in Lafayette, Ind., and Kuepper Favor Company in Peru. Survivors include sons, Paul E. Carter, Jr. and wife Roxanna, Peru; Michael R. Carter, Sr., Peru; daughters Aldyth Biddle and husband Michael, Onward, Ind.; and Arlena K. Carter of Peru; eight grandchildren, Paul B. Carter and wife Carrie of Kokomo, Jason L. Carter and wife Amy of Peru, Brian M.

Carter and wife Jamie of Mexico, Bradley E. Carter of Ohio, Wesley LS Robertson of Peru, Derek B. Robertson of Peru, Michael R. Carter and wife Christina of Peru, and Michelle R. Galbraith and husband Darren of Arkansas; brothers Robert Wilkinson, West Lebanon, Ind., Merlin Wilkinson of Peru, Larry Wilkinson of Richvalley, Ind., Billy Wilkinson of Attica, Ind.; sisters Carolyn Childress of Peru, Margie Crowder of Williamsport, Ind., Loreda Calvert of Attica, Ind. Also surviving are 18 great-grandchildren: Brian, Skylar, Ryan, Jasper, Sadie, Jazmun, Destiny, Dawson, Jonathon and Hannah Carter, Alexie and Brett Galbraith, Katelyn Taylor, Cole Piper, Keegan Stapleton, Kamden Robertson, Kaiden Robertson and Christina Robertson. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Virgil, Loris, Lester and Richard Wilkinson, and a great-grandchild, Jacolyn Carter; and her husband, Paul E. Carter, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at Maus Funeral Home, 704 Council St., Attica, Indiana at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20, 2009, with Pastor Bob Trafford officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Attica. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral home in Peru, Ind. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2009 and also at the Maus Funeral Home in Attica on Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of service.

Friday, June 19, 2009



Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Fauber, 83, of Converse and formerly of Amboy, Indiana passed away peacefully with her family at her side, at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Caring Hands Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Peru. She was born November 10, 1925 in Amboy, Indiana to Rutherford and Flora (Dailey) Brodt. She married Ray A. "Red" Fauber on October 10, 1946, and he preceded her in death on December 6, 1976. Mary had worked in Amboy as a telephone operator, and retired from United Technology in Converse. She loved her family dearly. She was voted "Mother of the Year" in May 2009 by the Frankfort Times newspaper. Mary painted pictures of different landscapes in oils, and she also enjoyed ceramic crafts.

Survivors include her two daughters, Ellen K. Ashcraft and husband Duaine, of VanBuren, Ind., and Pachia A. Redington and husband Alan of Frankfort, Ind.; two sons, Michael R. Fauber and wife Karen of Greentown, and David S. Fauber and wife Georgia of Amboy; two sisters, Eleanor Stewart and husband Gene of Wabash, and Marilyn Sue Watson of Houston, Texas; a brother, Joseph Brodt and wife Ruth of Marion, Ind.; a brother-in-law, Harold Kimmel of Amboy; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews who only knew her as "Aunt Judy." She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters, Jonita Whirl and Nancy Kimmel. A private family funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009, at Hasler and Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main Street, Greentown with Chaplain Brent Kirby officiating. Mary's remains will be interred to rest next to her husband, at Zion Cemetery, in Howard County, Ind. A private committal service is scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mary to Southerncare Hospice, 2985 S. Webster St., Kokomo, IN 46902. Hasler and Stout Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.haslerstout.com.

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Saturday, June 20, 2009

Melissa J. Parrish, 34, Peru, passed away at 6:43 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born May 21, 1975 in Kokomo to Kevin and Susan (Williams) Wines. She married Kirk

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Parrish on June 6, 1998, and he survives. Melissa was a homemaker, a member of First Church of Christ and a Girl Scout Troop leader for #524.

Survivors include her parents in Logansport; a daughter, Alyssa Parrish, at home, four foster children, Alyssa Lucker, Makayla Collins, Aton and Jesse Hill; a grandmother, Gloria Dean, Connersville; a brother, Jason Wines, Logansport; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Winfred Parrish and Rita Parrish, both of North Carolina; a sister-in-law, Beth Ann Parrish, North Carolina; two brothers-in-law, Brent Parrish, Ohio, and Greg Parrish, Kokomo; and several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dick and Norma Williams, Kenny Wines, Chester and Mildred Hayworth; and grandparents-in-law, George and Dorothy Parrish. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Shane Capps officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Arnold Paul Stout, 88, of rural Roann, Indiana died at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw. He was born August 8, 1920 in Miami County, Indiana to Walter E. and Ola Fern (Nead) Stout. He married Hazel June Coblentz on February 25, 1940 in Peru, Indiana; she died August 10, 2005. Arnold was a self-employed truck driver retiring in 1986. Mr. Stout enjoyed mowing his yard, working in his garden, and driving his truck.

He is survived by seven children, Daniel P. Stout of Roann, Caroline Hawk of Denver, Indiana, Donald E. Stout of Wabash, Indiana, David A. Stout of Peru, Duane E. (Karen) Stout and Dennis R. Stout, both of Roann, Douglas J. Stout of Peru; two sisters, Orpha Moyer and Wilma (Richard) Smith, both of Wabash; a brother, Estel (Mary) Stout of Marion, Indiana; nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandsons, Matthew and Jeremy Stout, and four brothers. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Mays Cemetery, Onward, Indiana. Friends may call 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Arnold may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Thursday, July 02, 2009

Funeral services are pending for **David Michael (Dave) Sullivan** of Peru, who passed away at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at his residence. He was 66. Funeral arrangements are pending with Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill.

Sunday, July 12, 2009

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Bert Lane Kanippe, 74, Peru, passed away at 10:44 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 18, 1934 in Bulls Gap, Tenn. to Robert Bannie and Ida (Dean) Kanippe. He married Evelyn Short May 31, 1954, and she survives. Bert retired from GM in Marion in 1992. He also was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Peru. Bert spent the last 55 years loving his best friend and wife, Evelyn. He was also a loving father, grandfather and friend to many n he had never met a stranger. Bert enjoyed working in his workshop and garden and giving those gifts away. He also liked to fish with his buddies Floyd and Milford. One thing we will always remember about Bert is his wonderful sense of humor. He loved making people laugh. His motto: "I can laugh or cry ... I choose to laugh." We are so grateful that five years ago Bert accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and is now making them laugh in heaven!



Survivors besides his wife include a son, Bob Kanippe, Peru; two daughters, Diana Caldwell and husband Chuck, Mexico, and Pam Price and husband Greg, Warsaw; three grandchildren, Abbey Caldwell, Collin Price and Paige Price; a brother, Kyle Kanippe and wife Ann, Greenville, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a brother, William Kanippe. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Church of the Nazarene, 331 W. Sixth St., Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorials may be made to First Church of the Nazarene. <http://www.miamicountylife.com/articles/2009/07/12/records/obituaries/obit04.txt>

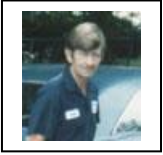
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Wanda E. Duncan, 88, Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital among family and friends. She was born Sept. 15, 1920 in Peru to Edward and Margaret (Sawyer) Wiese. Wanda retired from United Technologies and was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren, the Eagles Auxiliary, Moose Auxiliary and YMCA. Survivors include a son, William E. Duncan Jr. and wife Rita, Marion; and two grandsons, Zachary Duncan, Texas, and Joshua Mills and wife Nicole, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents and a stillborn brother. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Thomas Herschelle Ray, 65, Peru, passed away at 10:52 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2009 at his residence. He was born Jan. 9, 1944 in Blytheville, Ark. to Freddie B. and Eunice I. (Morgan) Ray. He married Joyce N. Sansom, and she survives. Thomas was a truck driver and mechanic. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Peru; four sons, Jessie Hayes and wife Sandra, Louisiana, Thomas "Randy" Ray and wife Dawna, Peru, Donald Ray and wife Christine, Bloomington, and Jason Ray and wife Cindy, Peru; a daughter, Amber Crossland and John Boyer, Peru; three brothers, Fred Ray Jr. and wife Leeta, Peru, Ed Ray and wife Diane, Oklahoma, and Jerry Ray and wife Cathy, Peru; seven sisters, Christine Hayes, Louisiana, Ella Summers, Paducah, Ky., Gracie Kreuger and husband Doug, Iowa, Jenny Howard and husband Jim, Peru, Brenda Reed and husband Phillip, Georgia, Shirley Dick and husband Terry, Peru, and Debbie Houlihan and husband Tom, Peru; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 5, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. A military committal service is planned at the funeral home. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until time of service July 5 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Lymphoma Society or love offering.

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Kenneth R. Holmes, 70, Peru, passed away at 12:22 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2009 at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Chaplain Jeffrey Weir officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flower-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

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Frank L. Morris, 56, Peru, passed away at 7:22 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Oct. 28, 1952 in Fulton County to Frank I. and Marlene Arlene (Dewey) Morris. He married Debbie Doran Morris Oct. 28, 2001, and she survives. Frank graduated from Wabash High School, Wabash, and was the chief operating officer at Global Precision Parts Inc. He also was an avid golfer. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Frank L. Morris Jr. and wife Leslie, Cincinnati, Ohio; a daughter, Alison Mount and husband Tracy, Summit, N.J.; two step sons, Matt Murphy and wife Lisa, and Sean Murphy, all of Peru; a step daughter, Katie Murphy, Peru; a sister, Sheila Hacker and husband James, Andrews; two half brothers, George Keller and Donald Keller; a half sister, Elaine Niccun and husband Richard; and two granddaughters, Isabella Morris and Isabella Murphy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a half brother, Lawrence Keller. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

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Bonnie Jean Cossairt, 54, Camden, formerly of Flora, was called home to be with her heavenly Father at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2009 at her residence after a three-year battle with cancer. She was born Jan. 18, 1955 in Logansport to Jacob Lee and Freda Jean (Lowe) Kingery. She married Terry Cossairt Jan. 19, 1974 in Flora, and he survives. Bonnie graduated from Carroll High School in 1973. She was employed by Carroll Consolidated Schools for many years, most recently as a bus driver. She also worked with Maxine Shanks in her junior primary classroom as a Title I aide. Along with her daily bus route, she drove team buses to her daughter's extracurricular activities while she was at Carroll High School. She was a member of Living Faith Church of the Brethren, Flora, and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She loved going to car shows, cooking, working outside around the house and going to Carroll School sporting events. She loved working with and helping children. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Leann Cossairt, at home, and fiancé Eric Turrill, Delphi; her mother, Jean Kingery, Flora; a brother, Robert Kingery and wife Debbie, Bringhurst; a nephew, Mike Kingery and wife Angie, Flora; and a niece, Malinda Blocher and husband Brad, Bringhurst. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Living Faith Church of the Brethren, 310 N. 250 West, two miles west of Flora, with Pastor Jeff Tomson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Lawn Cemetery. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 1415 Salem St., Lafayette, IN 47904. Baker Funeral Home, Flora, is in charge of arrangements, www.bakerfh.com.

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Martha S. "Marty" Lanning, 79, Peru, passed away Monday afternoon, June 29, 2009 at her residence as a result of an accident. She was born in Muncie on May 7, 1930 to Harry and Emily Carmichael Merz. She married Harrie D. Lanning in Muncie on March 21, 1962, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 2008. Marty graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1948 and was employed as a secretary with the Falstaff Brewing



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Corp. for 15 years. She was well loved by all who knew her. Marty was a happy and upbeat person who found humor in most things. Marty and her husband Harrie moved from Fort Wayne to a farm in Mexico in 1973. A lady of great faith, she was an active member of the First Christian Church where she had served as a deacon. She also had served as a member of the board of directors of the Miami County Easter Seal Society and the Gateway Board of Directors. She is survived by a son, Kenny Lanning, Kokomo; a step-son, Richard Lanning and wife Rose, Peru; seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Merz and wife Betty, Muncie; and two sisters, Peggy Gant, Yellville, Ark., and Nancy Renner and husband Jack, New Castle. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harrie; a sister, Mary Lou Dodd; a step-daughter, Sharyn Lewis; and two step-sons, David Lanning and Greg Lanning. A service celebrating the life of Marty Lanning will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Harrie & Marty Lanning Scholarship Fund at the First Christian Church of Peru.

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Evelyn Mae Rutzen, 88, Peru, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009 in the Johnson City Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Funeral Chapel, 212 N. Main St., Elizabethton, Tenn., with the Rev. Heather Holland officiating. Interment will follow in the Scalf Cemetery, Watauga, Tenn. The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Caroline Bertha Whybrew, 89, Logansport, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2009 at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. She was born Jan. 19, 1920 in Peru to Russell Moon and Mabel Kyle. On Nov. 14, 1981 in Logansport, she married Emerson Eugene Whybrew. He preceded in death April 9, 2008. Caroline was a homemaker and life member of the V.F.W. Post #3790 Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include seven children, David L. See, Denver, Russell W. See and wife Phyllis, Andover, Ill., Roberta J. Smith, Wabash, Ron See and wife Marla, Peru, Jackie S. Fultz, Logansport, William Whybrew and wife Carol, Peru, and Deborah Williams and husband Bob, DeRuyter, N.Y.; a sister, Jean Hahn, Peru; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Butch Sparling officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary services will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association, Leukemia Foundation or American Cancer Society.

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Gloria G. Harman, 82, LaFontaine, formerly of Wabash and Sebring, Fla., passed away at 3:31 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center, LaFontaine. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., LaFontaine, with Pastor David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash County. Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

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Harold Robert McKinley, 78, Logansport, formerly of Peru, passed away at his home at 4:25 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2009 with his loving wife by his side. He was born July 19, 1930 to Harold E. and Blanche R. (Zimmerman) McKinley in Peru. He was married to Norma Jean Austin on March 6, 1951 in Main Street United Methodist Church, and she preceded him in death Aug. 23, 1996. After 12 years of companionship, he wed Shirley Ann Morgan on April 21, 2009 at their home in Logansport. Bob served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1953 in the Korean Conflict. He joined the Peru Fire Department in 1956 and retired in July of 1976. He worked at Eikenberry Enterprises from 1977 to 1995 in the transportation department. In younger years, he was in the first unit of the Civil Air Patrol in Miami County. He loved to fly and donated thousands of hours of manual labor to get the Peru airport up and going as it should be. He was the first customer at the airport and the first student to get his flying license around 1971, trained mainly by Harold Kaiser. He loved scuba diving, roller skating, dancing and traveling. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, the American Legion, Peru, Moose Lodge No. 249, Peru Maennerchor life member, was a Red Cross and first aid instructor and one of the first EMTs in Miami County. Bob was a loving and generous man who made multiple donations to various charities. He established the Norma J. McKinley Memorial Scholarship after her death for all children of active duty Peru firefighters. To date, 16 first-year and 11 second-year scholarships have been awarded. He will be sadly missed by his loving family. He will be remembered for his fantastic sense of humor and his delicious peach cobbler. Survivors besides his wife include their children, Deborah A. Beam and husband Richard, Peru, Patricia Diane Gallegos and husband Gary, Henderson, Nev., step daughters Victoria Reeser and husband Ron, whom Bob always said was the son he never had, and Gay Courtney, all of Logansport; a sister, Elizabeth Ann (Betty) and husband Floyd White Jr., Peru; a brother-



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in-law, Charles Austin, Logansport; a sister-in-law, Linda Jackson, Terre Haute; three grandsons of Peru; three granddaughters of Henderson, Nev.; two step grandsons of Logansport; four step granddaughters of Logansport, Lucerne, Anderson and Panama City Beach, Fla.; four great-grandsons; a great-granddaughter; six step great-granddaughters; four step great-grandsons; numerous nieces and nephews; and his special loving cat, Bow-Wow. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and one step son, Byron Keith Wickersham. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Guardian Angel Hospice for their loving care. Memorial contributions may be made to the hospice or a favorite charity.

Sunday, July 12, 2009

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Betty L. Owens, 76, of Mexico, Indiana, passed away at 2:34 a.m. Saturday, July 4, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Betty was born May 24, 1933 in Miami County to Bert W. and Ina G. (Conner) Postill. On April 14, 1951, she married Donald H. Owens and he preceded her in death on October 15, 2005. She was a 1951 graduate of Mexico High School. Betty was a homemaker and a member of the Mexico Baptist Church and of the Eastern Star. Betty is survived by her children, Nelson (Jeanne) Owens of Mexico, Norman Owens of Peru, Dean (Peggy) Owens of Mexico, Donald (Stephanie) Owens of Mexico, and Nancy (Alan) Gohn of Rochester; grandchildren Kim Bentley, Kris Owens, Carrie Owens, Tiffany Owens, Michelle Gohn, Chelsea Gohn, Wesley Gohn, Jennifer Whitcomb, Sean Duffey and Erin Duffey; great grandchildren Delaney Bentley and Cohen Duffey. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.



Funeral services for Betty will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru with Pastors Bill Steiner and Don Ritchey officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Light Fund.

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Iris O. Stockdale was called to her eternal home on Saturday, July 4, 2009. Iris, who celebrated her 94th birthday last Tuesday, was born in Bruce Lake Station, Indiana, on June 30, 1915, the daughter of William and Albina Bledsoe Hendricks. She married James W. Stockdale on May 30, 1934 and he preceded her in death on November 30, 1991. Iris was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School. She was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren and was employed as a cashier at the Peru Trust Company for many years. Iris is survived by two sons, James A. Stockdale and his wife Linda and Keith Stockdale and his wife Dianne, all of Mexico, Indiana; five grandchildren, James H. Stockdale and his wife Cecile, Kelly Stockdale and his wife Velve, Debbie Alwine and her husband Tim, Missy Guyer and her husband John, and Brian Stockdale and his wife Amy; two step-grandchildren Sherry Gaunt and Jimmy Gaunt; eight great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; many nieces and nephews. Iris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three sisters, Margaret Hendricks, Theresa Babcock and Mildred Brechbiel. A service celebrating the life of Iris O. Stockdale will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru, with Pastor David Beebe officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana. Friends may call at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home one hour before the service on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Women's Fellowship, Mexico Church of the Brethren. The family expresses their deep appreciation to all those who have shared with them in this time of sorrow.

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Delbert Wayne Boyll, 69, Wanatah, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2009 at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, Michigan City. He was born July 7, 1939 in Peru to Charles and Louise (Smith) Boyll. He was the loving husband of Jean Rae (Kietzman) Boyll, married on Feb. 27, 1988. She preceded him in death April 12, 2007. Wayne retired over 20 years ago from Ozinga, where he had worked as a driver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the American Legion Post 21 of Westville. Survivors include two daughters, Kimberly Prudhomme and husband Tom, Virginia, and Kori Sprague and husband Bob, South Haven; three step daughters, Patricia Mull and husband Dan, Lock Port, Ill., Pamela Stasak, Las Vegas, Nev., and Krista Legler and husband Michael, Pekin, Ill.; four grandchildren, Michael Soria and wife Courtney, Philip Soria, Matt Soria and wife Angel, and Arren Donaldson; four step grandchildren, Alexandria, Zackery, Kasi and Christian; two great-grandchildren, Lorentae and Lorenzo; five brothers, Chuck Boyll and wife Bev, Ron Burdene and wife Diane, Leroy Burdene and wife Gigi, Mike Boyll and wife Donna, and Billy Boyll and wife Dana. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wanatah Funeral Chapel, 309 N. Main St., Wanatah, wanatahfuneralchapel.com. Burial will follow at Angelcrest Cemetery, Valparaiso. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Howard W. Stanfield, 88, Peru, passed away at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor. He was born Feb. 17, 1921 in Winamac to Oscar Ray and Ura (Fitz) Stanfield. He married Mary "Peggy" Martin Stanfield June 23, 1943, and she survives. Howard served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired as yard master/train master after 43 years from C & O Railroad. He also was a member of First Christian Church,

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the Moose, Elks, Peru Maennerchor, Peru Masonic Lodge and Murat Shrine Club. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Rob Stanfield and wife Lisa, Peru; two daughters, Jan Smith and husband Bill, Marion, and Rayana Larson and husband Bill, Midland, Texas; and three grandchildren, Larissa and Logan Stanfield, Peru, and Pamela Miller, Midland, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mable and Eleanor. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service conducted by the Miami County Veterans Honor Guard. A bagpiper also will be present. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angels of Kokomo.

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Allen "Dussie" Dingess, 63, Wabash, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at his residence. He was born April 1, 1946 in Duhue, W.Va. to Ray and Cora Lee (Dalton) Dingess. Allen had worked at the former United Technologies in North Manchester for 15 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, telling stories and watching western movies on TV. Survivors besides his 83-year-old mother in North Manchester include his longtime companion of 14 years, Christine Siers, Wabash; two daughters, Sherry Baker and husband Kenneth, Warsaw, and Billie J. Simmons, Peru; five grandchildren, Derek and Allison Baker, Warsaw, Dexter, Landon and Natalie Simmons, Peru; three brothers, Wallace Dingess, Jackie Dingess and Oscar Dingess, all of Serbia; seven sisters, Christean Calloway, North Manchester, Madeline Shanklin, Wabash, Deloris Horne, Kentucky, Virgie Shepherd, Serbia, Carolyn France, Serbia, Mildred Eckman, LaFontaine, and Pamela Craft, Andrews; and his former wife, Mary Ann Dingess, Chili. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Bobbie Dingess. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 4, at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Serbia. Calling was Friday, July 3, at the mortuary. Condolences may be emailed to delaguardtermckee.com.



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A memorial service celebrating the life of **Beth Ann Smith** will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. Steven Ailes, Rev. James Mac Donald and Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Family and friends will gather at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 13. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Beth Smith Memorial Fund.



Ruby C. Mannies, 90, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2009. Mrs. Mannies was born on June 4, 1919 in New Castle to Samuel and Oval (Byers) Guinn. At four years old, she moved to Peru and spent the rest of her life here. On June 12, 1937, she married Luther S. Mannies of Chili in the home of the Rev. C.F. Golden, Denver. Her husband preceded her in death on April 29, 1993. Mrs. Mannies worked at Scott's IGA and Scott's Food Center as a cashier for many years, retiring in 1984. Surviving Mrs. Mannies are her two children, son Morry E. Mannies, Muncie, and daughter Donna Dee Grusenmeyer, Peru; three grandchildren, Jeffery A. Mannies, Cleveland, Julie A. Mannies, Atlanta, and Timothy J. Grusenmeyer and his longtime companion Linda L. Smith, Fort Wayne; and her longtime caregivers, who became her

friends, Adgie Hall, Sharon Wilkison, Jo Hancock, Ellen Sanders and Connie Mongosa.

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Emma M. Pearce, 84, of Peru, Indiana, died at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru at 1:40 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009. Emma was born June 20, 1925 in Logansport to Courtney C. and Marie Patterson Hennesey. On November 16, 1947, she married W. Joseph Pearce, and he survives. Emma was a graduate of Logansport High School and of Indianapolis City Hospital School of Nursing. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and a Master of Nursing from Ball State University. She taught nursing and retired as Professor Emeritus from Indiana University Kokomo School of Nursing. She was a member of Phi Sigma Theta Honorary Society of Nursing, the Converse Eastern Star and American Nurses Association. Emma served four years - 1966 to 1970 - on the Peru School Board. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Sharon M. Shelter and her husband Mike of Edmond, Oklahoma; a grandson Michael Stevens of Everett, Washington; a granddaughter Marie Stevens of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; step-granddaughters Heather Shelter and Jennifer Avellino, both of Everett, Washington; great granddaughter Laryssa; great grandson Mason; a sister, Ella Mae Dorsey of California; several nieces and nephews. Emma was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Mary Stoma and a brother Richard Hennesey. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. Saturday until the time of service at the funeral home.



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Betty Janice Haines passed away at 3:45 a.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009, at Regency Place of South Bend, Indiana. Betty was born November 29, 1925, the oldest child and only daughter of Chester and Myra (Cattin) Shafer. Two brothers, Chester Jr. and Ernest passed away as infants. She was also preceded in death by Herbert and Max Richard.



Surviving are one sibling Roy Dale (Red) Shafer and his wife Mary Lee of Macy; sister-in-law Mary Haines of Wabash; two aunts Audrey Hiers and Betty Cattin, both of Peru. Betty and Clifford Ray Haines were married on September 5, 1943 in Peru. Three children were born of the union, Janice Kay Sebasty of South Bend, Clifford Ray (Yvonne) Haines Jr. of Granger, and Pamela Sue Lawson (companion Jim Baatz) of Tennessee. Betty's grandchildren are Jeff, Eric, Kevin and Paula Sebasty Hall; Lisa Haines Martin; Dawn Haines Lawson; Angie Haines McLeish. Great grandchildren are Wes, Amy and Jacob Sebasty; Chance Martin; Chris, Jessa, Courtney, Cain and Jeni Lawson; Khynin and Raylen McLeish. Betty's one great-great grandchild is Kai Lessary. For many years Betty held ceramic classes in her home. She was an Elvis fan and enjoyed peppy music. She enjoyed cooking and canning garden vegetables. At Halloween, she made innovative costumes for her children and popcorn balls to hand out to the neighborhood tricksters. For many years, she worked for Associates Investment Corporation and for WSBT Radio and TV. Betty enjoyed hosting family parties at the cottage at Nyona Lake.

At Regency, she attended BINGO, church services and sing-a-longs. In spite of dementia, she sang all the old hymns with enthusiasm. She stationed herself in the lobby so that she could people watch. Even in her last days, when asked how she was doing she would say, "Fine. I don't complain." Betty was baptized in Lydick United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lydick United Methodist Church, 26510 Edison Road, South Bend, Indiana 46628 or to a charity of choice. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Saturday until the time of service at the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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Stanley Merton Higgins Jr., 72, Peru, passed away at 12:01 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009 at his residence. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Peru Salvation Army, with Major Tim Wilson officiating. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Betty J. Hoepfner, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born Sept. 19, 1918 in Peru to John J. and Florence (Kyle) Killian. She married Herman Hoepfner in April of 1937, and he preceded her in death. Betty retired from Senger Dry Goods and Eck Adams. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Survivors include two daughters, Sue Lynn LaBare and husband Robert, Marion, and Dian Wagner and husband James, Peru; a son, John D. Hoepfner and wife Charlotte, Peru; 14 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and a sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

(printed 7-15-09)

Floyd P. Wolfe, 81, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru, Indiana. Floyd was born November 3, 1927 in Winchester, Kentucky to Everette and Frankie (Talbert) Wolfe. On May 27, 1949, he married Catherine (Smith) Wolfe and she survives. Floyd served as a U.S. Air Force Policeman with the 1404th Military Police Company and retired from the Dana Corporation. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Literary Aid Society, Moose Lodge and VFW Post. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards at the Smoke House. Survivors include his wife Catherine; son Floyd E. Wolfe of Peru, Indiana; daughters Cherie K. (Mike) Sparks of Peru, Indiana and Tammy Gardner of Indianapolis, Indiana; a nephew Robert Wolfe of Winchester, Kentucky; a sister Dorothy Campbell of Detroit, Michigan; 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild. Funeral services for Floyd will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru, with Pastor Jeff Tinney officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2009.



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Robert C. Chilcutt, 78, Peru, passed away at 5:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born March 21, 1931 in Henry County, Tenn. to Robert C. and Patty G. (Bayne) Chilcutt. He married Deloris Malott on April 28, 1956, and she survives. Robert is a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a farmer for 25 years,

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did custom stone hauling for 25 years and was employed with Bryan Steam for 22 years. He also was an antique car and tractor enthusiast.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Cathy Lewis and husband Jeff, Peru; two sons, Robert J. Chilcutt and wife Lorraine, and Roger D. Chilcutt, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Jessica and Jacob Lewis, Cory, Daniel, Kayla and Devon Chilcutt; a great-grandson, Damean Williams; a brother, Foster Chilcutt and wife Billy, Michigan; a sister, Mary Arwood, Peru; and his sister- and brother-in-law, Max and Sue Hattery, Macy. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Elaine (Chilcutt) Brake and Betty Jean (Chilcutt) Jackson; and five brothers, Mason, Revoe, Hafford, Grady and Bonny Chilcutt, who was killed in Korea in 1951.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

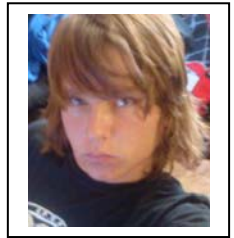


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Sgt. 1st Class Donald Wayne Campbell, 55, of Royal Center, Indiana, passed away at 5 a.m. Friday, July 10, 2009, in Peru. Donald was born March 10, 1954 in Logansport to Richard S. and Meredith (Sherrill) Campbell. On July 3, 1976 he married Lisa (Odom) Campbell at Faith Lutheran Church in rural Logansport. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in September 1978 and was serving a third tour in Iraq when he became ill. Donald was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, VFW Post 1728 at Logansport and American Legion Post 60 at Logansport. He loved fishing, hunting, his cars and most of all his family and grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Lisa; one son Jason Campbell of Peru, Indiana; three daughters Emma Evadue Campbell of Iowa City, Iowa, Sara Elizabeth Campbell of Peru, Indiana and Bree Ann Campbell of Iowa City, Iowa; one sister Barbara Jean (Campbell) Broughton of Burnettsville, Indiana; 18 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Charles Alan Campbell; his grandparents Orville and Evadue Campbell, who participated in raising him. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Cree Funeral Home in Camden, Indiana, with Military Chaplain of the U.S. Army officiating. Interment will be at Hopewell Cemetery in Deer Creek, Indiana with full military honors. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at the funeral home.

(printed 7-13-09)

Trintyn J. Hayes, 16, Peru, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 18, 1992 in Peru to Jason T. Hoff, Peru, and Michelle (Shelly) Hayes, Peru. He was a junior at Peru High School and enjoyed his BMX bicycle, fishing, motor sport racing and was active in Relay for Life. Survivors include his father and step mother, Jason T. and Amy Hoff, Peru; his mother and step father, Michelle (Shelly) Hayes and Terry Halley, Peru; grandparents, Phil and Phyllis Amos and John and Diana Alfrey, all of Peru; grandmother Edna Foust, Peru; grandfather Mike Hayes, South Carolina; great-grandparents Ray and the late Phyllis Patterson, Peru; great-grandfather Carl Lytle, Bunker Hill; an uncle, Johny Alfrey, Peru; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion Chapel, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastors Rod Correll and Lew McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial may be made to your favorite charity.



Stella Louise Root, 67, Logansport, passed away at 1:23 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 in Chase Center, Logansport. Services for Stella Louise Root will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church, with church brethren officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, July 17, 2009 - (printed 7-17-09)

Richard Duane "Dick" Heeter, 83, of North Manchester, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, July 15. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at McKee Mortuary, 1401 St. Rd. 114 West in North Manchester, Indiana. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Servia, Indiana. Friends may call at McKee Mortuary from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, and one half hour prior to services on Saturday, July 18.



Saturday, July 18, 2009 - (printed 7-18-09)

Brenda Sue Fisher, 67, Indianapolis, passed away Monday July 13, 2009, after a long battle with cancer. She was born June 22, 1942 in Paducah, Ky. to James L. and Martha Sue (Stubblefield) Batts. They moved to Bloomington, Ill. when she was a young girl. A 1960 graduate of Bloomington (Illinois) High School, Brenda studied art at Illinois State University at Bloomington. She later became an administrator for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, where she worked for more than 10 years. On July 7, 1978, Brenda married David W. Fisher at First Christian Church at Bloomington, of which she was a lifelong member. They shared 31 happy years together. As the wife of an airman, Brenda worked for the USAF Base Exchange in various capacities, including that of purchasing manager, at both Grand Forks (N.D.) Air Force

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Base and Grissom Air Force Base at Peru. In 1994, they relocated to Ocean Springs, Miss. There, Brenda served as the costume manager for the Beau Rivage Casino at Biloxi. They enjoyed many years living near the beach and made many wonderful friendships. However, in 2001, they moved back to Indiana to be closer to family.

She is survived by her husband, David; a son, Eric McKenzie and wife Amy, McCordsville; a daughter, Brandy Fisher, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Ethan McKenzie and Jake McKenzie, McCordsville, and Dakota Sue Fisher, Indianapolis; and cousins, Glenn Stubblefield, LeRoy, Ill., and Ann Walker and husband Larry, Colorado Springs, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved grandmother, Jewell Stubblefield. Brenda was happiest when she could cook a large meal for her extended family and the many friends she made throughout her life. She was an avid gardener and a very talented artist. Many of her pieces of work adorn the homes of family and friends. She had a keen sense of humor and an infectious laugh.

A memorial will be held July 20 at the Harry W. Moore Family Mortuary in Indianapolis. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society. Indiana Funeral Care, Harry Moore Mortuary, Indianapolis, handled arrangements.

Saturday, July 18, 2009 - (printed 7-18-09)

Bonnie J. Tabler-Wideman, 62, Logansport, passed away at 12:50 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2009 at her residence. She was born Nov. 8, 1946 in Logansport to Robert Harold and Jean Alice (Shaver) Timberman. She married Dennis L. Wideman March 17, 2001 in Indianapolis, and he survives. Bonnie was formerly the desk manager for the Logansport Holiday Inn. She enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking and vacationing in Florida. Survivors besides her husband include a son, William J. Tabler and fiancée Rene Robbins, Twelve Mile; a step son, Brandon Wideman, Peru; a step daughter, Brooke Guyer and husband Greg, Peru; three sisters, Linda Arion and husband Jack, Checotah, Okla., Karen Sue Grigsby and husband Bill Jr., Logansport, and Diana Lyn Vigus and husband Ed, Russiaville; 10 grandchildren, Billy Joe Tabler, Dalton Tabler, Dakota Tabler, Dillion Tabler, Aaron Kemper, Abby Kemper, Peyton Wideman, Ethan Wideman, Addison Guyer and Delaney Guyer; and two great-grandchildren, Kilynn and Brayden. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Melissa J. Tabler; and a brother, Robert William Timberman. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Jerry Moore officiating. Burial will be in Shideler Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice Inc., 513 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN 46902.



Saturday, July 18, 2009 - (printed 7-18-09)



Mary Helen Elizabeth Coleman, 97, Kennewick, Wash., passed away Saturday, July 11, 2009. She was born May 24, 1912 in Miami County to Walter and Elizabeth Radel Engel. She married Charles Halstead Coleman June 20, 1936, and they had one child, Susan Frances. Mary Helen and Charles celebrated 50 years together before he died Sept. 28, 1986. Mary Helen, AKA "Sissy," completed the 10th grade at 16, then started work in a furniture factory. She really loved dancing and playing lots of card and other games. She was always anxious for spring to come so she could go barefoot, listen to the meadow larks sing, pick wild flowers, and hunt for mushrooms in the woods. Her favorite singer was Patsy Cline ("Walkin' After

Midnight"); listened to Red Foley's radio program (before TV) and Guy Lombardo's big band music. Her desire was to be a housewife and mother - and she was the best! She loved Hershey chocolate bars, popcorn and apples. Mary Helen and Charles lived in Indianapolis before moving to Lebanon, where they stayed until Charles retired in 1964; moved to their place on Lake Freeman in Monticello for several years until they bought a place in Apollo Beach, Fla. After Charles died, she and her sister Rosalyn lived there together 12 years and had many fun times before she came to Kennewick to live with Susan and Roland in 2002. Survivors include daughter Susan Ward; son-in-law Roland Ward; granddaughter Robin Smith and husband Michael; grandson Tim Berry and wife Bonnee; great-grandchildren Brittney, Erika, Robbie, Lacey (Tyler) and Steven; four great-great-grandchildren and seven nephews. She was preceded in death by husband Charles (11/29/08-9/28/86); brother Raymond (3/30/16-8/5/91); sister Rosalyn (10/10/24-11/9/04). Mary Helen shared her radiant smile and brilliant blue eyes with everyone she knew. She was a very happy, kind, and loving woman. Many thanks to the "here on earth angels" that took excellent care of her the past 18 months; English Rose Manor owners, Alma and Neil Richwine; caregivers Sandy Studd, Debbie Thomas, Dora Staples and Crystal Martin, as well as hospice caregivers, Amy, Heather and Chris. She will be truly missed. Her celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Cathedral of Joy, 1153 W. Gage Blvd., Richland, Wash. Please sign the online guestbook at www.HillcrestMemorialCenter.com. Hillcrest Memorial Center, Kennewick, Wash., is entrusted with arrangements.

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Monday, July 20, 2009 - (printed 7-20-09)

John R. Nero, 50, of Washburn, Tenn., passed away on July 18, 2009 at his home. He graduated from Peru High School in Peru, Ind., and also attended Building Trades Technical School. After graduation, he worked on the Oil Riggs in Rangely, Colo. He also worked for 25 years in the manufactured housing industry and loved his Labrador Retrievers and enjoyed fishing and watching college football, especially the Tennessee Volunteers. He was preceded in death by his mother June and sister Laura and grandparents, Walt and Emma Cotner and lab,



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Buck. He is survived by his wife Eileen Ensign Nero of Washburn, Tenn., and children Tonia Byrd of Nashville, Jason and Autumn Nero of Quincy, Mich., Amanda Gee of Bronson, Mich., and Angelina Nero of Washburn, Tenn. John is survived by seven grandchildren, Tyler, Alicyn, Kayden, Landen, Bella, Madicyn and Rainacyn and his father, Anthony Nero of Peru. Two brothers, Mike Nero of Bunker Hill and Tony Nero, Jr., of Warsaw also survive as does a sister, Jane and H.R. Ansari of Peru as well as several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Monday, July 20, 2009 from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday, July 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the Coffey Funeral Home Chapel in New Tazewell, Tenn. Funeral service will be Tuesday, July 21st at 3 p.m. in the Coffey Funeral Home Chapel in New Tazewell. Online condolences may be given at www.coffeyfh.com.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 - (printed 7-21-09)

Truman "Froggy" Ogden, 39, of Peru, passed away at 2:59 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital. Funeral services for Truman will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St. in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call Wednesday, July 22, 2009, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Truman "Froggy" Ogden Family through the Allen Funeral Home.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009 - (printed 7-21-09)



Rosella E. Stewart, 92, a recent resident of Century Villa Nursing Home in Greentown, passed away at 6:38 p.m. Thursday, July 16, 2009. She was born Jan. 20, 1917 in Pipe Creek Township, Miami County, to Roscoe L. and Frances I. (Wolf) Zerbe. Her first marriage was to Ronald W. Stewart, July 13, 1943 in Toronto, Ohio. He preceded her in death June 25, 1963. On Sept. 14, 1974 she married Thurman Marshall at the Loree Brethren Church. He preceded her in death Oct. 10, 2002. Rosella was a member of the Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church. After her first marriage she lived in Toronto, Ohio, then moved to Indiana in 1955. From childhood she lived in Miami County and was one of the first members of the 4-H clubs formed in the county. She attended both Bunker Hill and Clay High Schools from which she graduated in 1936. After high school she received a beauty license from Huffer Beauty Academy in Frankfort and was a beautician in Peru and Logansport. In the Maconaquah School Corporation, she was a teacher's aide in the Migrant School Program at Nead School. Preceding her in death were her parents; first and second husbands; and three brothers, Dr. Lowell Zerbe, Kenneth Zerbe and Warren Zerbe. Surviving are three step children, Morris Lee Marshall and wife Carol, Phoenix, Ariz., Joanna Dubbs and husband Bruce, Universal City, Texas, and Raymond Thompson and wife Carolyn, Falls, Mont.; six step grandchildren; seven step great grandchildren; one sister, Joan Bargerhuff and husband Zerbe, Kokomo; a brother Ernest Zerbe and wife Dolly, North Manchester; a niece Robin Bowman and husband Dave, Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Audrey McElheny, New Waverly, and Betty Marshall, Florida; and many nieces and nephews that loved their Aunt Rosie. Through the years with her passion for quilting, she had made 15 quilts for these beloved ones. Funeral services will be held at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Thursday, with Pastor Norman Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Rankin Cemetery, Washington Township, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial gifts can be made to Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 - (printed 7-22-09)

Delia E. "Dee" Kraus, 72 of Ingalls, Indiana, passed away at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville, Ind., on July 20, 2009. She was born March 1, 1937 in Bunker Hill to J.W. Darrald and Roberta (Holcomb) Steffey. Dee is survived by husband Leonard J. Kraus, whom she married Oct. 19, 1957 in Peru; children: Laura (Steve) Ransdell of Greenwood; Loretta (Don) Plew of Fairland; Leonard J. (Joy) Kraus II of Huntington, W.Va., Philip (Anne) Krause of Pensacola, Fla., eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Sisters Rosie (Dennie) Schofield of Puer, Relna (Ed) Kaiser of Peru; Rita Tanner of Wichita Falls, Texas and brother Darrald (Reggie) Steffey of Bunker Hill all survive, as well. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Dorothy Green and Dolly Spangler. Friends may call on Thursday, July 23, 2009 from 2-7:30 p.m. at Seals Funeral Home and Cremation Services, located at 122 W. Staat Street in Fortville. Funeral services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made at sealsfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 - (printed 7-22-09)

Mildred B. Gasaway, 103, Flora, passed away at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009 at St. Anthony Healthcare Center in Lafayette. She was born July 11, 1906 in Miami County to Elza and Hope Fox Landis. She was a 1924 graduate of Peru High School. On July 7, 1924 she married Theodore R. Gasaway in St. Joseph, Mich., and he preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 1970. Mildred was a member of the Flora Presbyterian Church and was retired from Stephan's IGA in Flora. Surviving are three grandchildren, Trent Stephan and wife Stephanie, Cindy Walton and husband Dr. Guy, and Angela Connor and husband Rod; three great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, one daughter, four brothers and one grandchild. Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Flora

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Presbyterian Church, with two hours of calling prior to the service. Graveside services will follow at Falls Cemetery in Wabash at 2:30 p.m., with Pastor Charles Compton officiating. Arrangements are by Reinke Funeral Home, Flora.

Wednesday, July 22, 2009 - (printed 7-22-09)

Virginia R. Reisner, 93, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Monday, July 20, 2009 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. She was born in Amboy Sept. 7, 1915 to Fred and Dessa Ballard Larrison. Virginia married Fred L. Reisner on May 19, 1942, and he preceded in death on Oct. 25, 1994. Virginia graduated from Amboy High School and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. She did private duty nursing for many years, and became the first school nurse for the Oak Hill Consolidated Schools in 1959. She held the position of school nurse until her retirement in 1974. She attended Amboy Friends Church and Howard Miami Mennonite Church. Virginia was a member of the Jackson Homemaker Extension Club and the Pleasant Township Farm Club. She was a former 4-H leader, Bible school teacher and Sunday school teacher. She and her husband Fred wintered in Braden Castle Park in Bradenton, Fla. for many years. Survivors include her daughters, Susan Dahlkamp and husband John, Crown Point, and Mary Faye Birkey and husband Dale, Bunker Hill; grandchildren, Jeff Reisner and wife Jill, Jodie Bock and husband Larry, Brad Reisner and wife Kris, Jen Reisner, Ed Dahlkamp, Alex Dahlkamp, Tammy Brantley, Steven Birkey and wife Beth, Phillip Birkey and Jonathon Birkey; eight great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law Pat Coy and husband Bob, Salem, Ohio, and Betty Reisner, Lake City, Mich.; and a sister-in-law, Roberta Larrison, Paoli. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Thomas and John Reisner; brothers Donald Larrison and wife Isabel, and Glen Larrison; and sisters Pauline Childers and husband Ralph, and Faye Rennaker and husband Roy. A service celebrating the life of Virginia Reisner will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Kokomo, with Pastor Randy Detweiler officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Quaker Haven Camp or Whites Institute.

Thursday, July 23, 2009 - (printed 7-23-09)

Danny K. Stepler, 63, Amboy, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Peru on Oct. 4, 1945 to Ozro and Lois Sutton Stepler. He married Wanda Monts at the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, Marion, on June 12, 1971, and she survives. Danny graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1964 and was a U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Seventh Fleet Unit Commendation. He was employed with the United Parcel Service until his retirement in 1995. Danny and his wife Wanda lovingly raised two children. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. Surviving in addition to his wife, Wanda, are his children: Samuel Stepler and wife Kristi, Kokomo, and Danyel Miller and husband Larry, Amboy; grandchildren Parker Warren, Trenton Moore, McKenna Stepler, Destiny Jefferson, Ashley Jefferson and Mikayla Roller; sisters Patty Tolbert and husband Paul, Jalapa, and Audra Simpson, Amboy; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Donald, Weldon and Raymond Stepler; and sisters Betty Simpson and Phyllis Snodgrass. A service celebrating the life of Danny K. Stepler will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with military honors provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday. In lieu of flowers, love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home to assist with final expenses.

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Friday, July 24, 2009

Elizabeth Preiser, 91, Logansport, passed away at 4:22 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 in Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born Aug. 8, 1917 in Cass County, she was the daughter of George and Nora (Bowlan) Raikes. On March 6, 1938, in Walton, she married Paul Preiser. He preceded her in death on Aug. 6, 1961. A 1935 graduate of Walton High School, Elizabeth worked with her husband on the family farm for over 23 years. She was a homemaker who enjoyed her flowers, bird watching and making quilts for her grandchildren. She enjoyed all sorts of crafts and had made several clowns for friends and relatives. She was an avid sports fan especially when it came to the Chicago Cubs. Elizabeth was a long-time, faithful member of the Otterbein EUB/UM Church near Galveston. In recent years, when health permitted, she attended Webb Chapel United Methodist Church near Logansport. She is survived by her children: Dennis (Sharon) Preiser of Kokomo, Janis (Maurice) Frantz of Logansport and Mark (Andrea) Preiser of Santa Barbara, Calif.; one brother, Merlyn Raikes of Walton, 10 grandchildren, Rod (Rita) Frantz of Bunker Hill, Sandi Preiser of Los Angeles, Paul (Melissa) Preiser of Godley, Texas, Tim Preiser of Irving, Texas, Susie Preiser of San Diego, Calif., Mary Beth (Brent) Vredingburgh of Granger, Ind., Mary (Justin) Potts of Portland, Ore., Cori Montgomery of Santa Barbara, Calif., Ryan (Camilla) Langlo of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Dan Preiser of Burbank, Calif. Fourteen great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Paul, Harold, Maurice and Dwight Raikes, three sisters, Marie Raikes, Elsie Bowyer and Ina Clements. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 27, 2009 in Fisher Funeral Chapel, 1801 Chase Road in Logansport with Pastor Bill Bergstrom officiating. Burial will be in Walton I.O.O.F Cemetery. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 26 at Fisher Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel. Candles of hope in remembrance of Elizabeth and a video tribute may be seen at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

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Mary Lou James joined the Lord Monday, July 20, 2009, at her home in Ocala, Florida. She was born in Peru, Indiana on September 17, 1932. She briefly lived in Indianapolis before moving to Miami, Florida. There she met her future husband, William. They were married in 1955 in Miami, Florida. Mary Lou raised her four children in a loving environment in Miami, Florida. She is survived by her children, Michael James of West Palm Beach, Florida, Valerie Whitt of Ocala, Florida and William James of Ticonderoga, New York; two grandchildren Michael Lueras-James and Billy James. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, William; her son Scott; and her granddaughter Shannon. She will join her husband at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, on Friday, July 24, 2009. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Marion County, 3231 SW 34th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34474 or call (866) 503-8882.

Friday, July 24, 2009

Nancy Deisch Bailey left us Sunday morning, July 19, 2009. She is survived by husband, Donald Jay, children Donald Jay II (JJ), Dany Jo Bailey-Olsson (KeeKee) and DeeAnn J Bailey-Ristine, and grandchildren Lt. (USAF) Stephen Jay Bailey and Angela Dolores Bailey. Nancy was born in Peru, Indiana October 18, 1934. She was extremely active in Peru High School. She was Secretary of her class and was elected Rodeo Queen in her senior year. In college at Indiana State University she was President of her Chi Omega sorority chapter and was the University Homecoming Queen in 1956, the year she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. She and Don were married March 30, 1958. They both performed as flyers on the flying trapeze for the Peru Amateur Circus sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Peru had been the Winter home of several major circuses through 1937 and the Chamber revived the tradition by starting the amateur circus in 1959. Don and Nancy built the flying trapeze by rigging with 2 friends and performed on it for 2 years. Both were also active in Little Theatre. Nancy was President of the local chapter of the Indiana sorority Tri Kappa. Upon moving to Lincoln, Illinois in 1966 she was preoccupied with raising three young children but still found time to act in Little Theatre and sing in the Presbyterian Church choir. In 1969 the family moved to Pennsylvania. Nancy taught Art in Phoenixville and was a substitute teacher for several years. Her artistic forte was making silver jewelry, in addition to oil painting. She loved to fly and got her Private Pilot license in 1975. She also loved to travel and got to go to Egypt because that was a pre-marriage campaign promise from Don. They also got to many other countries world-wide. They had a time-share in Bahamas and spent many weeks there over the years. In 1997 they built a hanger home in the Spruce Creek Fly-In Community, just South of Daytona Beach, Florida and wintered there from November through April. Nancy was dubbed "Saint Nancy" (for tolerating her husband Don) and was loved by all, far and wide. She will be cremated. The family will welcome friends to visit them and honor her memory at the Flyer's Roost on Pottstown-Limerick Airport grounds at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2009, with a rain date of Sunday, July 26, 2009.

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Monday, July 27, 2009 - (printed 7-27-09)

Thomas L. Harris, 75, Fulton, passed away at 7 a.m. Saturday July 25, 2009 at the Life Care Center in Rochester. He was born on Oct. 11, 1933 in Roann to Russell and Elizabeth (Faviote) Harris. On July 17, 1956 in Akron, he married Joan Gearhart and she survives. Thomas was a U.S. Army veteran and had retired as a meat cutter from Wilt's and Lynn's grocery stores in Rochester. He had served as a volunteer fireman for the Fulton-Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department for over 37 years. He enjoyed attending athletic events and was an avid euchre player. Survivors include his wife, Joan Harris, Fulton; a son, David Harris, Macy; a daughter, Tammy Olinger and husband Mike, Fulton; grandchildren, Dave Harris, Monticello, Josh Olinger, Logansport, Britney Middleton and husband Kyle, Fulton, Joel Harris, Mexico, and John Harris, Mexico; great-grandchildren, Makena Middleton, Fulton, Khloe Harris, Monticello; brothers, Robert Harris and wife Ruth, North Manchester, and Ronald Harris and wife Avis, Roann; sisters, Patsy Sucher, Roann, and Darlene and husband Keith Ballee, Denver; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, James Harris and Larry Harris. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Revs. Steve Fleck, Bruce Russell and George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton-Liberty Township Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

Monday, July 27, 2009 - (printed 7-27-09)

Gertrud Mofield, 81, Peru, passed away at 8:25 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital. She was born Feb. 5, 1928 in Germany. She retired from Village Pantry. Survivors include five sons, Roscoe Mofield and wife Connie, Harold Mofield, Bill Mofield Jr. and wife Lori, Charlie Mofield and wife Glenda and Ron Mofield, all of Peru; a daughter, Lorretta Westfall and husband Roger, Peru; several brothers and sisters; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. Private graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

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Monday, July 27, 2009 - (printed 7-25-09)

Donald R. "Bob" Huffman, 69, Huntington, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital. He was born on Feb. 14, 1940 in Wabash County to Cecil R. and Orma G. (Keim) Huffman. He was united in marriage to Sharon K. Myers on Sept. 18, 1976 in Huntington. She preceded him in death on April 28, 2002. He was a 1958 graduate of Roann High School, 1962 graduate of Manchester College where he also received his Masters degree and MBA degree. He attended the Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday school and was a deacon. He started as a chemist with Huntington Laboratories and became director of research in the chemicals division and eventually became vice president of sales. He received the Jack Haney Award and was the director of CSMA and was the recipient of their Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a board member of the Chamber of Commerce, was on the board of directors for Pathfinder Services, past president of the Huntington Jaycees and was a Boy Scout Cub Master. He worked at Huntington Laboratories for over 40 years and "after retirement" he became a consultant for many corporations. Survivors include his children, Teresa Lynn Huffman, San Francisco, Calif., Mark Eric Huffman, South Bend, Dawn Michelle Huffman, Peru, John B. "Pete" Davis, Huntington, Michael Todd and wife Danielle Davis, Provo, Utah; three grandchildren, Kasandra Davis, Jared Davis and Zane Davis; two brothers, Jim Huffman and wife Connie, Roann, and Chuck Huffman and wife Vera, Florida; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife. Services will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m., with one hour of visitation prior to the service at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, with Kim Huffman officiating. Interment will be at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Huntington County. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the Epilepsy Foundation in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Mr. Huffman's online guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

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Wednesday, July 29, 2009 - (printed 7-29-09)

John McElheny, 81, of New Waverly, Indiana, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru. John was born in Peru on June 20, 1928 and raised by Ocal and Robert McElheny. On July 23, 1950, he married Audrey Marshall, and she survives. He graduated from Peru High School, Wabash College and received his Masters Degree from Ball State University. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. After farming for a couple of years following his graduation from college, John went into education at Bunker Hill High School where he taught Spanish, Senior English and served as golf coach and football coach. In 1961, he was awarded a fellowship for graduate study in the General Electric summer session at Louisville, Ky. While at Bunker Hill, he directed the first Pow Wow in 1964. He later joined the staff of the Peru Community School System, where he retired as Director of Guidance. Upon his retirement from Peru Community School System, he joined the staff at the Wabash Valley Bank and Trust Co. where he served as a Financial Service Representative. John was a 50-year member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Peru Maennerchor. John and his wife Audrey lovingly raised two daughters. He was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He was respected for his frankness and all who knew him enjoyed his sense of humor and keen wit.

Surviving with his wife of more than 59 years, Audrey, are his daughters Debbie Huber and her husband Jay of Peru and Dianne Mantock and her husband Gregg of Fishers; his grandchildren John Elliott Mantock, Robert Allen Mantock and Kelly Kinser and her husband Brian. Also surviving is his dog Colby. A service celebrating the life of John McElheny will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru, with Pastor Larry Moslener officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church or Wabash College.

Floyd Gilbert Powell of Converse passed away on Friday, July 24, 2009. He was 94 years old. A fourth generation farmer in Howard and Grant counties, Floyd was born September 21, 1914 to Joseph A. Powell and Maude (Larrison) Powell in Jackson Township in Howard County. Upon the death of his mother when he was an infant, he was cared for by his Aunt Jenny (Larrison) Powell and later raised by Mom Florence (Yoars) Powell. He grew up on his family farm and farming was his principal occupation his entire life. He attended Jackson Elementary School, graduated from Jackson High School in 1933, and was a member of the 1932 Sectional Champion basketball team. He married Audrey R. Baker on February 2, 1936. He was a 50+ year member of the Masonic Blue Lodge 637 in Swayzee, Scottish Rite 32nd degree, Ft. Wayne, Mizpah Shrine, Ft. Wayne, and 64-year member of Indiana Farm Bureau. Floyd's polite and unassuming character belayed his tremendous love and appreciation for his family. He lovingly told stories of his brothers and sisters in their youth and relished any opportunity to discuss the many activities of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His congenial disposition was exemplified by his generosity of spirit. His kindness and fairness made him a favored counsel for advice, direction and forgiveness. A reserved man of faith, he calmly refrained from judgment of others and spoke often of the need to accept all and love one another in accordance with God's plan. Rarely boastful, his main source of pride was his love of family and his appreciation for children and grandchildren of diverse talents and personalities. He spoke frequently of the enjoyment that he received from following their various pursuits, travels and opportunities through individual conversation and correspondence. He also made very clear his appreciation for a family that possessed a diversity of thought and experiences.

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Quite certainly, his main source of inspiration on earth came from Audrey, his wife of 73 years. Their dedication and affection towards one another was inspirational and constantly served to remind friends and family of the love and happiness that they shared. He greatly enjoyed traveling by motor coach and on cruise ships as he and Audrey visited all 50 U.S. States, Canada and Mexico. They maintained lake houses on Tippecanoe for many years accommodating family and guests throughout summers and on holidays. An avid fisherman, he spent many vacations to Minnesota and Canada and was especially fond of teaching and sharing his hobby with family. He also greatly favored the many families that helped him farm and considered them part of his extended family in friendship. He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald Powell (Billie) of Peru, Lee Powell (Bobbie) of Fort Wayne, Dale Powell of Converse and his son Joe G. Powell of Marion. He is survived by his wife Audrey (Baker) Powell; daughter and caregiver Sandra Marcele Gilbert Powell of Converse; son Thomas Ray Powell of San Antonio; daughter-in-law Karen Tade Powell of Marion; sisters Eloise (Powell) Newhouse of Converse and Deloris (Powell) Renbarger of Converse; sister-in-law Bernice (Wimmer) Powell of Converse; grandchildren Dr. Malea Powell (Michael Wojcik) of Madison, Mich., Tameir R. Jones (Marshall Jones) of Foley, Ala., Bart Gilbert (Sherry) of Westfield, Wendee Marcele Gilbert of Indianapolis, Erik Gilbert (Christina) of Plymouth, Mark Floyd Gilbert of Las Vegas, Nev. and Tade Joseph Powell (Robyn) of Marion. Survivors also include great-grandchildren Audrey Ellen Schwartz of Bowling Green, Ohio, Ellen R. Jones of Foley, Ala., Joseph Tade Powell of Marion, Alexander Christian Powell of Marion, Theresea Barrett, Michael Barrett and Christopher Isom. Additional family close to Floyd are Elg Gilbert, Terry Gilbert (Sheila), Chris Tharaldson (Dan), Mick Gilbert (Tabitha), Jan O'Connell (Sean) Adam, Kristin, Devon and Lindsey Gilbert; Nathan, Brennen and Emily Tharaldson; Ashley and Brandon Gilbert; Megan, Connor, Mackenzie and Ian O'Connell.

Special appreciation is extended to family friends that were instrumental to his care: Sarah Bush, Jennifer Dailey of Guardian Angel Hospice and caregivers Melanie Beachy, Jennifer Martin, Pat Stanley, Angie Boone, Barb Lakes, Jennifer Taylor, Stephanie and Phil Stuller, Josh and Becca Bowlin. Memorials may be made to Amboy Friends Church of Converse, Swayzee Christian Church, Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church of Marion or Guardian Angel Hospice of Howard County. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, at the Rybolt Chapel of Needham Storey & Wampner Funeral Home in Swayzee. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the funeral home. A Masonic Service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

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Wednesday, July 29, 2009 - (printed 7-29-09)

Orville J. "Jr." Smith, 79, of Akron, Indiana, passed away at 11:37 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at his residence. A memorial service for Orville will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St. in Akron, with Rev. Phil Pratt and Rev. Walter Kronberg officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to earllovefh@gmail.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Earl-Love Funeral Home in Akron.

Mrs. **Ruth Ann Deaton, 71**, of Macy, passed away at 10:38 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. A celebration of the life of Ruth Deaton will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. in Rochester, Indiana, with Rev. Skip Shambarger officiating. Interment will be in the Plainview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2009, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Friday, July 31, 2009 - (printed 7-31-09)

Maurice M. "Morrie" Dye, 96, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at Caring Hands Health & Rehab, Peru. He was born in Quincy, Ill. June 20, 1913 to Clarence and Catherine Turner Dye. Morrie married Roberta Buffington in Peru on July 3, 1936, and she preceded him in death on June 15, 2004. Morrie served on the Peru Fire Department, owned and operated the Miami Grill and was an active automobile dealer for 30 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Peru Elks Lodge, the Peru Moose Lodge, the Peru Eagles Lodge and the Peru Maennerchor. He is survived by a daughter; Carol Sue Wahlig and husband David, Peru; a son, Jay A. "Sam" Dye and wife Agnes, Cordele, Ga.; grandchildren, Jay Michael Wahlig and wife Gemma, Arlington, Tenn., and Jon Wahlig, Peru; and great-grandchildren, Rachel Wahlig, Rhey Wahlig and Renee Wahlig. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Roberta; and a sister Rosanna Giver. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, to Miami County Helping Hands.

Saturday, August 01, 2009 - (printed 8-1-09)

Ila Jane Hostetler, 82, Kokomo, passed away at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009 at her home. She was born June 22, 1927 in Peru to Gilbert and Josephine (Claude) Ramsey. On Jan. 12, 1947 in Russiaville, she married Earl Hostetler, who preceded her in death on April 29, 2004. Ila was a 1945 graduate of Clay Township High School in Miami County. Later, Ila went on to work for the Cabot Corporation where she worked for 30 years. She then retired in 1980. Mrs. Hostetler was an active member of Beamer United Methodist Church for 46 years. After the church was closed, she became a member of St. Luke's United



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Methodist Church. At St. Luke's, Ila was a member of the Builder's Sunday school class. Also, she was a member of the Stellite Quarter Century Club and the First Advantage Travel Club. Ila loved to sew, travel, read and work in her yard. Most of all, Ila loved her family dearly. Her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews were considered as children to Mr. and Mrs. Hostetler. Survivors include her brother, Curtis Ramsey and wife Mary Marie, Bunker Hill; three sisters-in-law, Pauline Hostetler, Kokomo, Irene Hostetler and Dortha Miller, both of Peru; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 700 E. Southway Blvd., with Pastor John Walls and Pastor Harold Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens. Friends may call at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, and one hour prior to services at the church Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, with envelopes available. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Monday, August 03, 2009

Gerald H. Hagen, 83, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, August 2, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru.

Monday, August 03, 2009

Stella "Sue" Hight Lafferty of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 7:12 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2009, at her residence following an extended illness. She was disabled, but previously employed in the laundry department at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home for 10 years. She was born April 7, 1944 to Richard J. and Grace E. "Hight" See. She married John B. Lafferty Jr. on July 12, 1969. She is survived by one son, Charles Lafferty (Companion Kathy) of Peru; two daughters, Rebecca Hollon (Husband Henry) of Kiln, Mississippi and Tamara Habegger (Husband Brice) of Peru; seven grandchildren, Anthony Hollon of Picayune, Mississippi, Joshua Hollon of Kiln, Mississippi, Adam Hollon (Wife Melody) of Kiln, Mississippi, Elizabeth Habegger, Victoria Habegger, Jakob Habegger and Heather Brassfield, all of Peru; six great grandchildren Jasmine, Matthew, Josh Jr., Nevaeh and Atleigh, all of Mississippi, and Kolbie of Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, sister, two brothers and one great granddaughter. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or the Kidney Foundation through the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Monday, August 03, 2009

Alyce A. (Shriver) Drake, 65, Peru, passed away Friday, July 31, 2009, at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born April 6, 1944 to James L. and Wilma (Gooch) Meacham. Alyce worked at St. Joseph Hospital and had been a nurse for 20 years before retiring. She loved sewing and cherished her family and her dogs. She is survived by one son, Thomas J. Shriver, II and his wife Kelly; five daughters, Kathleen Robin Kirby, Dawn R. Brooks, Kelly O. Shriver, Rebecca A. Wilson and her husband Tim, and Tracey D. Percy and her husband William; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Porter and her husband Jim; and one sister-in-law, Alicia Meacham. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home in Kokomo with Pastor Pat Bousum officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2009, at the funeral home. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com.

Tuesday, August 04, 2009

Jessie D. Laypoole, 70, Converse, passed away at 1:48 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 at Hickory Creek, Peru. She was born Sept. 14, 1938 in Cookeville, Tenn. to Ed and Vida (Clemnos) Gamble. She married Larry Laypoole in 1993, and he survives. Jessie retired from Thomson RCA. She also was a member of Sunny Crest Baptist Church, Marion. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Nancy Pond, Amboy; a grandson, Jerrin Pond, Amboy; and a brother, Bob Gamble and wife Ruby, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angels.

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Tuesday, August 04, 2009

Gerald H. Hagen, 83, Peru, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 13, 1925 to Hugo and Loide Luebke Hagen. Gerald married Patricia L. Whipple at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru on Feb. 19, 1950, and she survives. Gerald graduated from Peru High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. His military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was employed as a machinist at Delco Electronics until his retirement in 1980. Gerald belonged to the St. John's Lutheran Church and the Peru Maennerchor. Surviving along with his wife Pat, is a daughter, Lindsay Sattler and husband James, Aurora, Colo.; a

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granddaughter, Erin Exner, Hudson, Colo.; and great-grandsons Keith Michael Exner and Austin Lee Exner. A service celebrating the life of Gerald H. Hagen will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, with military rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, August 05, 2009

Brian C. Jobe, 28, Peru, passed away at 7:48 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 in Carroll County. He was born Feb. 1, 1981 in Richmond to David Jobe and Rebecca (Riggs) Selkirk. He married Jessica Marie (Townsend) Jobe Aug. 24, 2002, and she survives. Brian was a conductor with the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Brian was the best husband, father, son and son-in-law anyone could ask for. He was devoted to his family. He loved the outdoors. He loved to take the family out on their boat. Brian was always there when you needed him, always willing to help out where he could. Brian never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed. Survivors besides his wife include his father in Connersville; his mother in Cambridge City; two sons, Alexander H. Jobe, 5, and Jamasen D. Jobe, 3, both of Peru; a sister, Jama Jobe McCartney and husband Cory, Atlanta, Ga.; two nephews, Jack and Cooper, who is on the way; paternal grandparents, Bill and Ann Jobe, Milton; maternal grandparents, Firman Riggs, Cambridge City, and B.L. Riggs, Cambridge City; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marcus and Jamie Townsend; a niece, Ella Townsend; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Patricia and John Mersch; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jim and Angie Townsend. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jeff Tinney officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Alexander and Jamasen Trust Fund through the funeral home.

Wednesday, August 05, 2009

Stella "Sue" Hight Lafferty, 65, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 7:12 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2009, at her residence following an extended illness. She was disabled, but previously employed in the laundry department at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home for 10 years. She was born April 7, 1944 to Richard J. and Grace E. (Hight) See. She married John B. Lafferty Jr. on July 12, 1969. She is survived by one son, Charles Lafferty (Companion Kathy) of Peru; two daughters, Rebecca Hollon (Husband Henry) of Kiln, Mississippi and Tamara Habegger (Husband Brice) of Peru; seven grandchildren, Anthony Hollon of Picayune, Mississippi, Joshua Hollon of Kiln, Mississippi, Adam Hollon (Wife Melody) of Kiln, Mississippi, Elizabeth Habegger, Victoria Habegger, Jakob Habegger and Heather Brassfield, all of Peru; six great grandchildren Jasmine, Matthew, Josh Jr., Nevaeh and Atleigh, all of Mississippi, and Kolbie of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, sister, two brothers, one great granddaughter and a niece. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Burial will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Calling was held Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or the Kidney Foundation through the funeral home.

Wednesday, August 05, 2009

Gary E. Ingall, 56, Peru, passed away at 2:40 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 at his residence. He was born in Wabash on Dec. 1, 1952 to Murray and Lillie Denney. Gary graduated from Choctaw High School in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran, and a car salesman by profession. Survivors include his parents in Marianna, Fla.; his companion, Teri Rabe, Peru; children, Heather, Zach and Travis; and eight siblings, Mike, Tom, Kristi, Jeff, Mark, Debbie, Robert and Keith. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.



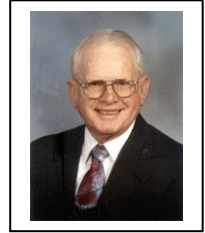
Thursday, August 06, 2009

Della M. Shrock, 74, Peru, passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 at her residence following a long-term illness. She was born May 3, 1935 to Fred and Gladys (Wampler) McPhearson. She married Daniel J. Shrock March 24, 1951, and he preceded her in death in October of 1981. She enjoyed fishing, doing crafts, bird watching and playing on her computer. She is loved and missed by seven children, Danny Shrock and wife Velvet, Marcia Williams and husband Martin, Vickie Clemons, Matt Shrock and wife Becky, David Shrock and companion Lynn, Bertha Wright and husband Ron, and Ed Shrock and wife Marti; two sisters, Jessie McPhearson and Joyce Morris; 23 grandchildren and multiple great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Tom; two daughters, Dolly and Mary; four brothers; and two grandchildren, Helen Shrock and Josh Baker. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Bryan Maggart officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, Elwood. Friends may call from noon until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Francis Eugene Cole, 79, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 after a courageous 21-month battle with cancer. He was born on June 5, 1930 to George Alex and Sylvia Viola Gruwell Cole in Logansport. On Aug. 17, 1950 he married Evelyn Maxine Elliott, the mother of his children, who preceded him in death. On March 5, 2005, he married Jeannette Maus from Denver, who survives. Francis was known for being the nicest man, the best neighbor, the one to count on in many circumstances. He showed kindness to everyone, always displayed a strong work ethic, possessed a great sense of humor and always greeted others with a welcoming smile. He was active in his church and loved to sing in the choir. He enjoyed travelling, walking, spending time with family, playing cards and basketball. He was a member of the United States Air Force prior to working as a civil service technician for the Indiana National Guard in Peru, Delphi and Logansport. In 1974, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and transferred to Stout Field in Indianapolis as a personnel officer. He retired as full colonel in 1985 and became a farmer in 1988 raising cattle, growing a vegetable garden and making hay for his neighbors. Francis was a lifetime member of the 38th Division Association of the Indiana National Guard and a retired life member of the National Guard Association of the United States. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash certificate by Governor Robert Orr.



Survivors include his wife, Jeannette Maus; his four children, Linda Sue Cole Dietz (Mike), Indianapolis, Kenneth Eugene Cole (Donna), Peru, Jay Francis Cole (Dana), Alexandria, and Suellen Cole Jordan (Rob), Zionsville; his ten grandchildren, Ben (Rachel), Jonathan (Jenny), Jaclyn Barnett (Matt), Emily (Andrew), Aaron, Patrick, Erica, Samuel, Matthew and Joshua Jordan; his one great-grandchild, Isaac; three sisters, Mary Long, Rochester, Rosanna Ross (Bill), Oakland City, and Sinda Easterday, Princeton; one brother, Jerry Cole (Sigrid), Marion; three step children, Phil Maus (Kay), Camden, S.C., Sue Smith (Bill), Logansport, and Linda Galloway (Terry), Camden, S.C.; and four step grandchildren, Sommer Craig (Rick), Westfield, Damon Smith (Kristin), Noblesville, and Kristy and Alissa Galloway, Camden, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be on Monday at 11 a.m. at the New Waverly United Methodist Church, New Waverly, with Pastor Glenn Knepp will officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, with a military service at the cemetery conducted by the Miami County Military Rights Team. Pastor Glenn Knepp will officiate. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, on Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. His family would like to thank the members of the Guardian Angel Hospice team and Servants Heart for making his last days at home as comfortable as possible. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Waverly United Methodist Church, New Waverly.

Friday, August 07, 2009

Elbert D. "Wimp" Hippensteel, 85, Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born Aug. 13, 1923 in Wabash to Ernest and Jeanette Forbes Hippensteel. He married Deloris Kester Hippensteel Oct. 11, 1942 in North Manchester, and she preceded him in death April 15, 2003. Elbert was production manager of the Peru Tribune from 1967 until his retirement in 1985. Prior to that he was a printer at the Wabash Plain Dealer for 23 years. He graduated from Central High School, North Manchester, in 1941, and was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, James L. Hippensteel and fiancée Penny Lai, Peru; a daughter, Diane Kerr and husband Larry, Katy, Texas; eight grandchildren, Scott Kerr, Shanna Gutierrez, James L. Hippensteel Jr., Dawn Gagliardo, Victoria Singelton, Heather Palicki, Kevin Lai and Suzie Lai; and eight great-grandchildren, Tristan Hippensteel, Dyland Hippensteel, Jessica Hippensteel, Tanner Gagliardo, Ethan Gagliardo, Matthew Gagliardo, Lauren Singelton and Devin Singelton. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and a brother. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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Ray A. Payne, 75, Peru, passed away at 3:26 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born March 14, 1934 in Miami County to Joseph H. and Helen F. (Brewer) Payne. He married Lorna LeMaster June 5, 1955, and she survives. Ray retired from Square D Company, where he was employed from 1965 to 1983. He served in the National Guard and was a member of Erie United Methodist Church. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Randy Payne and wife Marcia, Gary Payne and wife Sherry, and Gene Payne and wife Diana, all of Peru; nine grandchildren, Jeremie Payne, Peru, Mara Swift and husband Kevin, Peru, Ryan Wagoner, Kokomo, Eric Wagoner and wife Natalie, Fort Wayne, Ericka Gross, Peru, Stephanie Marsh and husband Patrick, Fort Carson, Wyo., John Lorenz and wife Lykia, Crestview, Fla., Alicia Kubly and husband Justin, Louisville, Ky., and Kayla Payne, Peru; 10 great-grandchildren, Laylah, Wyatt, Hadley, Cooper, Danielle, Olivia, Hayley, Taylor, Jazmin and Conner; and two brothers, Marvin Payne and wife Naomi, Hampton, Va., and Jerry Payne and wife Connie, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lawrence Payne; and an infant grandson. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be in Clymers Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Mary Veronica Rex, 94, of Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, August 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru. She was born in Tilton, Illinois on January 3, 1915 the daughter of Leverett and Mary Carmen Thancy Rex. The Rex family moved to Peru in 1920 and Mary attended the Peru School System and graduated from Peru High School in 1932. She was a supervisor for SS Kresge for 38 years, retiring in 1978. She traveled extensively throughout the Midwest opening new stores. Mary was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she has served as an Elder and Deacon. She was a member of the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, working as a Pink Lady and in the Gift Shop. She had also been

a member of the Miami County Historical Society and the Altrusa Club. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Willa Jean Arnholt and a cousin Eunice Allmann. A service celebrating the life of Mary Veronica Rex will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel in Peru with Pastor Larry Moslener officiating. Friends will gather from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru. Memorial contributions may be through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, August 13, 2009

John Michael Cassel, 66, Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 at his residence. He was born July 24, 1943 in Peru to John Charles and Helen (Dotterer) Cassel. John was a disabled veteran. He graduated from Peru High School and attended Lincoln Tech in Chicago. He was studying and working in the field of tool & die until he was called to serve in the Vietnam Conflict. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the Marion National VA Hospital and really enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters. Survivors include a son, Christopher Allen Cassel and wife Miranda, Peru; two daughters, Jessica Elizabeth Ansari and husband Bobby, and Frances Louise Cassel, all of Peru; seven granddaughters, Kaitlynn, Julia, Kelsee, Addison, Graycee, Kloe and Evie; a brother, Steve Cassel, Peru; and a sister, Judy Michalek, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Rev. Father Douglas E. Hungerford officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.



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Saturday, August 15, 2009



Thomas J. "Bear" Brennan II, 55, Peru, passed away at 2:13 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Nov. 2, 1953 in Ayer, Mass. to Thomas J. and Mary (Rushing) Brennan. He married Lauretta (Bobak) Brennan Dec. 22, 1978, and she survives. Thomas retired from the U.S. Air Force and was a member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Bear enjoyed his church family and spending time with his family. His favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11.

Survivors besides his wife include his father in Tempe, Ariz.; three children, Matt Brennan and wife Heather, Peru, Katie Kemper and husband Brian, Muncie, and Michael Brennan, Peru; two granddaughters, Mayah Brennan and Madison Brennan, both of Peru; four brothers, Bob Brennan, Mark Brennan and Matt Brennan, all of Maryland, and Tony Brennan, Arizona; and three sisters, Jeannene Brennan, California, Cecile Brennan, Virginia, and Angie Brennan, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his mother. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. A military funeral will be conducted by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base officials. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Love offerings may be made to the Bear Brennan Family through Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Caryl J. Waid Watkinson, 51, Peru, passed away at 11:18 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born March 28, 1958 in Buffalo, N.Y. to Bill and Helen (Kokborg) Waid. She married Wes Watkinson July 7, 2007, and he survives. Caryl was a homemaker and member of First Assembly of God. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Alecia Derion and Hydi Derion, both of Peru; a granddaughter, Alexandria Manchester, Peru; a brother, Eddie McKee, New York; and a sister, Karen Anderson, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at First Assembly of God, 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, with Pastor John O. Thomas officiating. Friends may call from noon until time of service Tuesday at the church. Love offerings may be made to the Caryl Waid Watkinson Family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Barbara A. Jackson Eltzroth, 81, Marion, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 7:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2009 at Sterling House of Marion, Marion. She was born Feb. 23, 1928 in Peru to George and Catherine (Eisenbrenner) Lentz. She married Eldon Jackson in 1949, and he preceded her in death in 1963. She then married John Eltzroth in 1977, and he preceded her in death in 2007. Barbara retired as a clerk/typist in civil service at Grissom Air Force Base. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and participated in adult projects at the Miami County 4-H Fair and Indiana State Fair. Survivors include a

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son, Sammy Joe Jackson and wife Rebecca, Amboy; a daughter, Pamela Hunt and husband Russell, Sweetser; three grandchildren, David Jackson, Amboy, Todd Jackson and wife Abby, Amboy, and Adam Wallace and wife Katie, Indianapolis; a great-grandson, Hunter Jackson; a sister, Leona Harris, Indianapolis; and a sister-in-law, Helen Shultz, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; an infant son, George Eldon Jackson; and two sisters, Florence Witt and Margaret McLaughlin. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Converse Library and/or Visual Impaired at Marion. – also on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 -

Frances D. Raver, 74, Montpelier, passed away at 11:02 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at her residence. Funeral services were Thursday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, with the Rev. David W. Chinn and Jeff Raver officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Memorial Park, Montpelier. Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.



Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Rhea M. Bowman, also known by her Indian name KIL-SOOK, 88, Peru, passed away at 12:09 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009 at Marion General Hospital, Marion. She was born Oct. 26, 1920 in Miami County to Cecil and Ruby (Witt) Saltz. She married Lee Mosher, and they divorced but he preceded her in death in 1985. She then married Bill Bowman in the early 1940s, and he preceded her in death in 1995. Rhea retired as a proofreader from American Stationery in Peru. She was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Susan Bowman, Marion; two sons, Bill Bowman and wife Mary, Mexico, and Larry Mosher and wife Pat, Peru; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; a sister, Olga;

and a grandchild. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Bob Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends called Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Humane Society.



Thursday, August 20, 2009

Wilmeth Jo Ann Newlin, 66, Lapeer, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at Lapeer Regional Hospital, Lapeer, Mich.

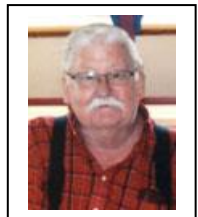
She was born Tuesday, July 27, 1943 in Kokomo to the late Lawrence and Wilmeth (Cox) Eads. Jo Ann graduated from Kokomo High School in 1961. She was a member of the Family Worship Center and taught Preschool Sunday School for over 40 years. Survivors include two sons, Joe Newlin and wife Tammy, Silver Lake, and Mark Newlin and wife Christi, Peru; a daughter, Michelle Chizmadia, Lapeer, Mich.; a sister, Gayle Sales and husband Kenneth, Kokomo; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren;

one nephew and one niece. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alan Myers. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Family Worship Center, 1149 E. Center Road, Kokomo, with Pastor James R. Bradley officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Leiters Ford Cemetery. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, and one hour prior to service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Worship Center.

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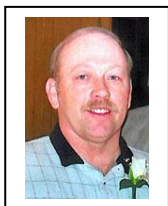
Richard V. Owen, 64, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born Feb. 21, 1945 in Winamac, the son of Verlin O. and MaryGeorge (Barley) Owen. He married Ann Marie (Levy) Owen on Oct. 19, 1974, at Moffett Naval Air Station, Calif. He graduated from Medaryville High School in 1963. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1964 to 1976. After leaving active duty, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and served from 1977 to 1994. He also held a civil service position from 1985 at Grissom Air Reserve Base until retiring in April 2006. Some of Richard's hobbies included model railroading, Civil War enthusiast, counted cross-stitch and camping.

He resided in Peru for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie Owen; one daughter and son-in-law, Vanessa M. and Ryan Kendall, Kokomo; one grandson, Connor Kendall; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nola and Pete Perkins, Indianapolis, Lorna and Timothy Searby, Lincoln, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Susan Owen; and one niece, Lorie Davasher. Viewing will be from 9 to 11 a.m., with services from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with the Rev. David Duke officiating. Burial will take place at Independence Cemetery, with military honor guard directly following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.



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Monday, August 24, 2009



Michael Charles Cole, 61, rural Wabash, passed away at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 at his home. He was born April 4, 1948 in Peru to Charles Cole and Olive (Culp Cole) Snyder. He married Jane Wilson in Richvalley on Feb. 18, 1967, and she survives. Mike graduated from Northfield High School in 1966. He worked at Ford Meter Box in Wabash for 40 years, and was currently the customer service manager. Mike was a member of the Richvalley United Methodist Church and the Richvalley Lions Club. He enjoyed his family, golfing, fishing and all sports.

Survivors besides his wife include his mother, Olive Snyder and husband Charles, a son, Troy Cole and wife Gina, all of Wabash; a daughter, Michelle Brickley and husband Alex, Hilliard, Ohio; five grandsons, Trae Cole, Wabash, Stephen Brickley, Hilliard, Kameron Cole, Wabash, Justin Brickley and Ryan Brickley, both of Hilliard; three brothers, Roger Cole and wife Lydia, Munster, Keith Cole and wife Connie, North Manchester, Chris Cole and wife Karen, Roann; a sister, Debbie Day and husband Steve, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and a step brother, Chuck Cole, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Cole, who died in 1998; his sister, Paula Brocious, who died in 2007; and his father.

Funeral services will be held at Richvalley United Methodist Church, Richvalley, on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Paul Burris and Pastor Forrest Bowers officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Preferred memorials are to Richvalley United Methodist Church or Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Michael may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Delphine M. Brown, 76, Peru, passed away at 11:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Oct. 7, 1932 in Miami County to Harry D. and Bessie M. (Pyle) Edson. Delphine retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo, where she worked in production. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include five nephews, Bill Edson, Naperville, Ill., Steve Edson, Martinsville, Mike Edson, Indianapolis, Eric Edson, Lexington, Ky., and David Edson, Rome, Ga.; two nieces, Janice Miller, Clearwater, Fla., and Ann Heck, Elkhart; and a sister-in-law, Phyllis Edson, Rome, Ga. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Robert L., Charles William and her twin brother, Dale E. Edson; and a nephew, Sam Edson. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jim MacDonald officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

C. Anne Swihart, 73, Macy, passed away unexpectedly at 2:32 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 in the Woodlawn Hospital emergency room, Rochester. She was born Jan. 1, 1936 in Tippecanoe to Claude Rhodes and Mildred Lowrey. She married Jack E. Swihart Dec. 3, 1955 in Athens, and he survives. Anne worked as a nurse's aid and as a factory worker at Wen Products in Akron and Dekko in Claypool. She attended Tippecanoe High School, was an avid animal lover and was very fond of hummingbirds. She also enjoyed being friends with the Amish. Survivors besides her husband in Gilead include a daughter, Kim Yoder and husband Dave, Mexico; three sons, Stuart Swihart and wife Cindy, Goshen, Ricci Swihart and wife Patti, Gilead, and Brett Swihart and wife Julie, Bourbon; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Judy Cormican, Tippecanoe, and Janet Loomis and husband Chuck, Russell, Kan.; and two brothers, Tom Rhodes and wife Merilee, Pueblo, Colo., and Larry Rhodes, Parker, Kan. She was preceded in death by a son, Kelby Swihart, in 1997, and a sister, Linda "Susie" Rhodes. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Olive Branch Church of God or to Rosie's Retreat and Rescue Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be left at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



Juanita I. Black, 91, Peru, passed away at 11:51 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Dec. 28, 1917 in Peru to James Mooney and Rose (Boyd) Mooney Latta. Juanita retired from Hank's/Thrifty Mart, Peru. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, was a member/past matron of the Eastern Star Chapter 120, White Shrine of Jerusalem in Logansport, and received the Grand Cross of Colors. In addition, she was a member of the International Order of Rainbow Girls of Indiana. Survivors include two daughters, Judy (Hopper) Plotner and husband Mick, Amboy, and Rebecca Boettjer and husband John, Roanoke, Va.; nine grandchildren, Jon David Plotner and wife Charlene, Crown Point, Amanda Exmeyer and husband Jeff, Peru, Lynette Stringer, Denver, Colo., Jackie Wilmouth, South Dakota, Brian Boettjer, John Boettjer, Tammy Boettjer, Debbie Boettjer and Matthew Boettjer, all of Roanoke, Va.; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Rose Ann Greer; two brothers, George Mooney and Robert Latta; and four sisters, Edna Zink, Eleanora Landis, Betty Eberle and an infant sister. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jon Plotner officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Bryan R. Kerrigan, 46, Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2009 at his residence. He was born Jan. 16, 1963 in Muncie to Richard and Shirley (Sharlofgky) Kerrigan. He married Diana (Hughes) Kerrigan Dec. 15, 2000, and she survives. Bryan was a parole officer for the Indiana Department of Correction. He also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and enjoyed Colts and Notre Dame football. Survivors besides his mother in Muncie and his wife include two sons, Joshua Kerrigan, Fort Wayne, and Johnathon Butner, Peru; two brothers, Shawn Kerrigan and Brendon Kerrigan, both of Muncie; and a sister, Beth Cummings, St. Louis, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Love offerings may be made to the Bryan Kerrigan family through the funeral home.



Thursday, August 27, 2009

Mary E. Walker, 97, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 at her residence. She was born Sept. 25, 1911 in Wabash County to Walter E. and Pearl Figert. She married Wayne F. Walker Sept. 21, 1930, and he preceded her in death in 1975. Mary was a homemaker and a member of Chili Baptist Church, Richland Township Home Makers Club and Chili Missionary Society. She loved baking wedding/birthday cakes, enjoyed hanging wallpaper and loved her grandchildren. Survivors include three sons, Bob L. Walker and wife Sandra, Peru, Richard "Dick" Walker, Stuart, Fla., and William "Bill" Walker and wife Janet, Muncie; two daughters, Patricia "Pat" Richardson and husband Eldon, and Marilyn Miller, all of Peru; three brothers, Malcolm Figert, Princeton, Ky., Earl Figert, Lakeland, Fla., and Lamoine Figert, Wabash; two sisters, Ruby Kirby, Fort Wayne, and ReBerta Baumbauer, Wabash; 19 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chili Baptist Church, with Pastor Julie Walker officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Mary Anna Bowerman, 88, Silver Lake, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Burial will be in Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery, Silver Lake. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Monday, August 31, 2009



William Harrison Armstrong, 86, Peru, passed away Thursday, August 27, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Born August 5, 1923, in Bunker Hill, he was the son of William Jackson and Zella McGowen Armstrong. In July 1946, he married Jessie Leona Alderfer. She preceded him in death on May 14, 1996. He was a member of the Mexico Baptist Church, the American Legion in Peru and VFW Post 2067. He was retired from Markhon in Wabash. Survivors include one daughter, Ann Clark, Peru; one son, Eugene Armstrong, Denver; seven grandchildren, Bill Wilken, Leslie Havens, Angie Armstrong, Joe Hudson, Joseph Armstrong, Billy "Bear" Armstrong, and Theresa Phillips; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Armstrong, Florida, and Frank Armstrong, Kokomo; a sister, Mary Ann Smith, Tipton. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kimberly Kay Armstrong; one brother, Joseph Armstrong; four sisters Norma Richter, Louise Cherry, Betty Bullock, and Sue Walker. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Mexico Baptist Church with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 31, 2009, at the church, located at Second and Carroll streets in Mexico. McClain Funeral Home of Denver is handling arrangements. – also on Tuesday, September 01, 2009

Tuesday, September 01, 2009 - (printed 8-31-09)

Kenneth "Joe" Windsor, 78, formerly of Peru, passed away at North Woods Village in Kokomo, Ind., on August 29, 2009 at 3:20 p.m. Mr. Windsor was born in Flora, Ind., on July 27, 1931, the son of Lloyd and Lela (Ridenour) Windsor, both of whom preceded him in death. On October 21, 1956 he married Jean Ann Russell, who survives. Joe retired as a material handler from Delco after 31 ½ years and also was a former member of Odd Fellows Lodge at Deedsville. He also was a member of Pioneer Power Tractor Club and was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 292. Mr. Windsor served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include two sons, Jack E. Windsor (wife, Juli) of Peru and Mark A. Windsor (wife, Amy) of Noblesville, Ind., and two daughters, Leanne Brindle (husband, Brian) of Peru and Teresa Windsor of LaFontaine, Ind. Seven grandchildren also survive: Wayne, Jeremy and Brandon Brindle, Jalyn and Jaryn Windsor and Luke and Tatiana Windsor. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers. Funeral services for Kenneth "Joe" Windsor will be Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Pastor J. Robert Clark and Pastor Tim Powers will officiate. Burial will follow in New Hope Cemetery, 400 S. 400 E., in Peru. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. The Miami County Military Rites Unit will also provide a Military Committal Service at the cemetery.

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Tuesday, September 01, 2009

Dean Eberle, 80, of Washington Ave. in Peru, passed away at his residence on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at 12:30 a.m. Dean was born March 27, 1929 in Peru, Ind., the son of John J. and Esther Myrtle Hursh Eberle. On March 16, 1955, he married Joan Eltzroth at St. Charles Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on Oct. 2, 2005. Dean served on the Peru Fire Department from 1954 until retiring as Fire Chief in 1976 and he was also a pipefitter for C&O railroad from 1977 until 1983. Dean also was employed as a pipefitter for Chrysler Corp from 1983 until his retirement in 1996. Dean was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. He was also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Eagles Lodge, Moose, Peru Maennerchor, American Legion and the VFW. Dean was a 1947 graduate of Peru High School and attended Tri State College and received an Associate's Degree from Ivy Tech in 1974. Dean and Joan owned and operated Eberle Amusement, Inc., from 1963-1996 and Dean also served on the Peru City Council from 1984-1987. He is survived by a daughter, Linda Gracia and her husband Edward of Indianapolis and a son, Gary Eberle of Peru. Grandchildren Dean Edward Gracia and Vickie Leath Eberle also survive as does a sister, Suzanne Shafer of Denver, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Joan and two brothers, Eugene and Robert Eberle. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth Street in Peru. Reverend Father Francis I. Kilcline III will officiate and burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Prayer Service will be at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

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Debra K. Johnson, 53, of Peru, passed away at 4:16 p.m. Thursday, August 27, 2009, at Caring Hands Health Care and Rehab in Peru. Debra was born August 13, 1956 in Peru to Eugene and Dolly (Wikle) Wolf. She was a Peru High School graduate. She is survived by one daughter, Brandi Sharp and her husband Chris of Peru; a granddaughter, Emma Sharp of Peru; two sisters, Rita Dewitt and her husband Gus of Nyona Lake and Linda Foster of Anderson; two brothers, Bob Wolf and his wife Jane of Montana and Terry Wolf and his wife Autumn of Peru. Following Debra's wishes, there will be no public services. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Debra Johnson. Online condolences may be sent to www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. in Akron, is handling the arrangements.



Tuesday, September 01, 2009

Michael Harold Hileman, 67, rural North Manchester, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at Wabash Skilled Care Center. He was born Dec. 2, 1941 in Wabash County to Arden and Hilda (Bowman) Hileman. He graduated from Laketon High School in 1959 and married Georgianna Gaerte in Wabash County on June 14, 1959. Mike owned and operated Gaunt & Son Asphalt in Wabash since 1981. He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church of North Manchester, a former board member of the Wabash Country Club and a former member of the Laketon Lions Club. Mike enjoyed gardening, farming, raising beef cattle, and collecting salt and pepper shakers. He also spent many hours overseeing the restoration of his round barn. Mike and his wife spent several winters in Venice, Fla. He loved his children, grandchildren and his wife of 50 years. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Lorie Sorg and husband Mark, North Manchester, and Kristy Cantrell and husband Don, Wabash; four grandchildren, Michael Sorg and wife Jayme, Fort Myers, Fla., Anthony Sorg and wife Kelli, Wabash, Derrek (Meg Brock) Sorg, and Scarlett Melton, North Manchester; a great-granddaughter, Addison Sorg, Wabash; and three sisters, Linda Miller and husband Frank, Roann, Becky Holbrook and husband Ernie, and Lisa Sledge, all of Wabash. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Friday at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Wabash County Cancer Society or the Congregational Christian Church of North Manchester. The memorial guest book for Michael may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Tuesday, September 08, 2009

James "Mick" Plotner, 64, Amboy, passed away at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Nov. 26, 1944 in Peru to George M. and Helen Nestleroad Plotner. He married Judy Hopper at Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru on Feb. 27, 1966, and she survives. Mick graduated from Peru High School in 1963 and was a Miami County farmer. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the Marion First Church of God, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jon David Plotner and wife Charlene, Crown Point; a daughter, Amanda Exmeyer and husband Jeff, Peru; four granddaughters, Selah Plotner, Samara Plotner, Allyson Exmeyer and Mackinsey Exmeyer; and two brothers, George A. Plotner and wife Vickie, Dayton, Ohio, and Harry Plotner and wife Suzy, Amboy. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant twin brothers. A service celebrating the life of Mick Plotner will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastors Jon

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Plotner, Denver Burns and Tom South officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International.

Tuesday, September 08, 2009- (printed 9-3-09)

Jimmy F. Beiter, 48, South Bend, passed away at 12:20 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 in Memorial Hospital. He was born on April 14, 1961 in Glasgow, Mont., to the late Jimmy H. Beiter and Hazel "Arlene" DeLeary who have preceded him in death. Jimmy attended Westside Church of Christ, South Bend, and worked at Steel Warehouse, South Bend. He enjoyed bowling, playing softball, hunting and fishing, and golfing with his children. Jimmy was a proud member of the NRA and Bowlers Country Club. Jimmy is survived by his children, Tana Beiter, South Bend, Carrie Sivits, Peru, Elizabeth Beiter, South Bend, Rayna Beiter, South Bend, and Billy Sivits, Peru; six grandchildren; sisters, Julie Menefee and husband Keith, Ossian, Bonnie Siebenaller and husband Dan, Billings, Mont., and Barbara Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; brothers, Tomm Beaudry and wife Beth, Columbia, Tenn., and Steve Beiter and wife Jenny, Fortson, Ga.; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his extended family the Smiths' and the Cochrans', whom he loved like family. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Road, South Bend, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Rayna or to the American Cancer Society. For those who are unable to attend the funeral service, condolences for the family may be made at www.sjfh.net.

Tuesday, September 08, 2009 - (printed 9-7-09)

Ernest Gene "Wimpy" Betzner, 87, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 24, 1922 in Bunker Hill to Bethel and Edith (Kurtz) Betzner. He lived all his life in Bunker Hill and the Bunker Hill area. Ernest married June "Katie" Garber June 30, 1950, and she preceded him in death Aug. 19, 1995. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1940 and served as a B24 flight engineer during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He retired in 1984 from Cabot Corp., Kokomo. Ernest was a lifetime member of the VFW, a member of the Bunker Hill Fish & Game Club and he's been a member of the Bunker Hill Fire Department for 49 years. Weather permitting, he will be taken to the cemetery on top of the Bunker Hill fire truck. He also was an avid Cubs and IU fan, and enjoyed gardening. Survivors include a son, Jon Betzner and wife Amanda, Bunker Hill; a daughter-in-law, Sherry Betzner, Bunker Hill; two grandchildren, Sarah and Nicholas Betzner; and a sister, Katherine Glassburn, Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Judge David G. Betzner; a brother, Don Betzner; and a sister, Marian Shinn. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, 135 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastors Bill Sheets and Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. A military committal service at the cemetery will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill Fire Department.

Thursday, September 10, 2009 - (printed 9-10-09)

Emil Andrew Wolf, 89, Venice, Fla., went home to his Lord on Monday, Sept. 7, 2009. He was born Feb. 15, 1920 to Elmer and Edith Wolf, Peru. He graduated from Purdue University with his Master of Science degree in agriculture and was honored with professor emeritus from the University of Florida. After graduation from Purdue, he served his country in World War II in the Medical Administration Corps, and was discharged as a first lieutenant. He spent 42 years in research as a horticulturist at the Everglades Research and Education Center in Belle Glade, Fla., retiring in 1990. He is best known for developing the gene for Florida Staysweet corn, which excelled in the sweet corn industry worldwide, and he received many accolades and awards for his achievements. He was very active in the Lions Club, Christ United Methodist Church, the Venice Democratic Club and the Lifestyle Gym. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Eleanor; a son, Glenn; an infant son; a brother, Kelton Wolf; and a sister, Lois Love. Survivors include his daughters, Barbara Port and husband Jon, Janet Hoffman and husband Tim, Nancy Wolf, and Jean Jankowski and husband Jerome; a sister, Norma Alspaugh and husband Don; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at Christ United Methodist Church, Venice, Fla. Memorial donations may be made to the EREC Emeritus Foundation (mailed to: Everglades REC, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, ATTN: Sandy Hall; the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (www.fumch.org), the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org), or Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care (www.tidewell.org). To send condolences, visit www.farleyfuneralhome.com.



Thursday, September 10, 2009 - (printed 9-9-09)

Jerry L. Aikman, 70, Peru, passed away at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Oct. 25, 1938 in Peru to Lamoine and Delphene Murphy Aikman. Jerry graduated from Peru High School in 1956 and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a brakeman for the Norfolk & Southern Railroad for more than 30 years. Survivors include two sisters, Judy Smiley and husband Garry, Peru, and Barbara Sue Warner, Peru; a brother, Mike Aikman, Kokomo; nieces and nephews, Lisa Smiley, Lora Smiley, Steve Smiley, Tracy Binnion, Michelle Warner, Angie Atkinson, Linson Aikman, Carrie Aikman, Stephanie Aikman, Tiffany Aikman, Tisha Aikman, David Warner Jr. and Mike Warner; and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jay Aikman; and a brother-in-law, David Warner. Family and friends will gather for a memorial service celebrating the life of Jerry L. Aikman at 5 p.m. Thursday at Faith

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Community Church, 1480 Thunderbolt Drive, Grissom Aeroplex, with the Rev. Raleigh Adams officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Thursday, September 10, 2009 - (printed 9-9-09)

Flossie B. Lance, 102, formerly of the Wabash and Roann areas, passed away at 5:40 a.m. Monday, Sept. 7, 2009 11 days sort of her 103rd birthday, at her residence in Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. She was born Sept. 18, 1906 in Miami County to Truman Hartzler and Stella Shoemaker. She married Arvol Lance June 30, 1930, and he preceded her in death Aug. 24, 1942. Flossie retired from General Tire in Wabash in 1971, where she had worked for over 20 years as well as many other jobs to support her family due to losing her husband early in life. She graduated from Gilead High School. Flossie also was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God for many years and she attended the Wabash First Church of God. She was involved in the Women's Missionary Society of the Wabash First Church of God. Flossie was a wonderful seamstress, a great cook and loved to travel with her family after retirement. She was a very family-oriented person and cared deeply about other people. Flossie tried hard to keep her family together. Flossie was the oldest living resident of Peabody Retirement Community. Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Cook, Indianapolis, and Beverly Coplen and husband Dale, Akron; three sons, Don Lance and wife Sue, Warsaw, Jack Lance and wife Nancy, North Manchester, and Ivan Lance and wife Della, North Manchester; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; five step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; six sisters, Clara Hartzler, Nettie Miller, Nellie Manor, Mabelle Ramsey, Mary Polk and Mildred Thompson; and five brothers, Floyd Hartzler, Orville "Pete" Hartzler, Russell "Bob" Hartzler, Lester "Joe" Hartzler and Forrest "Bud" Hartzler. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be in Enterprise Cemetery, Roann. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to services Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Peabody Retirement Community Caring Circle. Online condolences may be made to www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



Thursday, September 10, 2009 - (printed 9-9-09)

Kathryn "Kathy" (Kessey) Benton, 38, Austin, Texas, passed away Aug. 17, 2009 at home surrounded by family, friends and dogs. Kathy was born Sept. 23, 1970 in Bethesda, Md. to Ed and Sue (Stranahan) Kessey. Kathy and her husband, Jerome Benton, moved to Austin, Texas five years ago. Kathy will be remembered by her sense of humor, her charm, and tenacity for life. An accomplished software engineer, Kathy always impressed colleagues with her depth of knowledge, innovation, and ability to get straight to the root cause of any problem. Survivors include Kathy's husband, Jerome, Austin, Texas; sister Karen Ball and husband Steve, Greenwich, Ct.; sister Kristen Wray and husband Danny, Grand Isle, La.; mother Sue Kessey and father Ed, Tulsa, Okla.; nieces Sadie Ball and Janet Martin; and nephew Jake Ball. Kathy's family wishes to thank Hospice Austin, Seaton Medical, and Texas Oncology for their friendship, patience and professionalism. A celebration of Kathy's life was held Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Austin-Peel & Son funeral home, 607 E. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX, 78752. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Springdale Cemetery. Interment will be in Bunker Hill, with her beloved maternal grandparents. Local funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.



Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - (Printed 09-16-09)

Gerry Lessel Dock, 71, of rural Wabash, Ind., died at 6:37am Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Wabash County Hospital. He was born September 9, 1938 in Peru, Ind. to Lessel and Bessie (Whitney) Dock. Gerry married Susie Haffner in Michigan on February 2, 1961. He was a Peru High School graduate and retired from GenCorp in Wabash after 29 years. He was a member of the Wabash Fraternal Order of the Eagles and was a US Army veteran. Gerry enjoyed his dogs, cats, and playing golf. He is survived by his wife, Susie Dock of Wabash; four children, Gerry L. Dock, Jr. of Texas, Kathy (Joe) Schaefer of Biscoe, Arkansas, Jackie (Dick) Hawkins of Wabash, Ind. and Michael (Melissa) Dock of Rensselaer, Ind.; Brother, J.P. (Sally) Dock of Florida; 2 Sisters, Marcia Stahle of California, and Peggy (Russell) Wicker of Converse, Ind. Graveside services and burial will be held at Memorial Lawns Cemetery on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rick Tolley officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8pm Friday, September 18, 2009, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. The memorial guest book for Gerry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - (Printed 09-15-09)

Katherine Sue "Kathy" Ehresman, 57, of Cherokee, Iowa, and formerly of Wabash, Ind., died at 9:07 p.m. Sunday, September 6, 2009, at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. She was born October 1, 1951 in Crawfordsville, Ind. to Kenneth and Betty Jean (Palmer) Welsh. She was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Ronald W. Ehresman on December 18, 1992 in Logansport, Ind. Kathy was a homemaker and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, cooking, and baking. She also enjoyed her dogs. She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Ehresman of Cherokee, Iowa; her father, Kenneth Welsh of Peru, Ind.; two sons, Daniel Maloy of Cherokee, Iowa and Joel Maloy of Logansport, Ind.; her brother, Edward (Deloris) Welsh of Ross, Ohio; and her sister, Rebecca "Becky" Welsh of Wabash, Ind. A memorial service will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, on Thursday, September 17,

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2009, at 7 p.m. with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2009. Preferred memorial is the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E 86th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240-1848. The memorial guest book for Kathy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

(printed 9-23-09)

Rev. Walter W. Kronberg, 81 years, eight months and two days, Rochester, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 in Suceava, Romania while ministering for the Lord.

A celebration of the life of Rev. Walter W. Kronberg will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God Church, Sweetgum Road at West 18th Street, Rochester, with the Rev. Donald Gifford officiating.

Rev. Kronberg's family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Preferred memorials may be made to Faith for Today, Inc.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

The Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



(printed 9-21-09)

Ellen M. Grant Frantz, 90 of Logansport, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 in Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born May 18, 1919 in Cass County to Asa E. and Bessie M. Thomas Grant. On Dec. 31, 1939, she was married in Logansport to Ronald Eddison Frantz. He preceded her in death Dec. 27, 2001.

Ellen was a very supportive farm wife and had also worked as a school cook at Tipton Township for many years. She and Ronald spent over 20 winters at Avon Park, Fla.

A lifelong member of the Anoka United Methodist Church, Ellen played the organ and was also active in the women's quilting group. She enjoyed playing cards with family and friends.

Ellen was a loving wife to Ronald for 62 years and a generous mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Because she lived in Cass County her entire life, she knew almost everyone in the county and their relatives.

Surviving are three children, R. Maurice Frantz and wife Janis, Logansport, Bonnie K. Jones, wife of the late Joe Jones, Kokomo, and Stan J. Frantz and wife Linda, Casa Grande, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Rod Frantz and wife Rita, Bunker Hill, Mary Beth Vredingburgh and husband Brent, Granger, Chris Jones and wife Vicki, Columbia City, Davey Jones and wife Shirley, Hebron, Ky., Holly Cromwell and husband Keith, St. Augustine, Fla., Brad Frantz and wife Cynthia, Valdosta, Ga., Brian Frantz and wife Lauren, Plymouth, and Todd Frantz, Casa Grande, Ariz.; 18 great-grandchildren, Megan and Ryan Frantz, Spencer and Annalyse Vredingburgh, Brandon, Ali, Cal, Kati, Tea, and Delaney Jones, Keelie, Peyton and Zeke Cromwell, Amanda Frantz, Rob Schell, and Jacob, Emma and Shaun Frantz; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert and Edgar Grant; and one sister, Emma.

Services will be held at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Wednesday at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Jim Abbott officiating.

Interment will follow in the Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward.

Friends will be received from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

Contributions may be made to the Anoka United Methodist Church.

You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Ellen and view her video tribute at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

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(printed 9-21-09)

Raymond R. Yates, 72, Peru, passed away at 4:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Dec. 5, 1936 in Jonesboro, Ill. to Russell and Mable (Smith) Yates. He married Joyce Moorhouse June 30, 1957, and she survives.

Raymond retired from U.S. Air Force after 20 years. He was a member of the American Legion and VFW Lodge.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Ronald Yates, and Kenneth Yates and wife Donna, all of Peru; two daughters, Trina Yates and special friend Gene Richard, California, and Genevieve Yates and special friend Bernard Null, Peru; a sister, Lois Jones, Kentucky; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ever-Rest Chapel, Cass County, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with a military committal service.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

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(printed 9-21-09)

Jerry J. Hults, 75, Carmel, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 25, 1933 in Logansport to Floyd R. Hults and Pearl Marie Wilson Hults. He married Shirley R. Champ July 13, 1958 in Fletchers Lake, and she survives. Jerry retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad as a

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conductor for 35 years. He also served as a general chairman of the United Transportation Union. He was a member of the Royal Center Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Democratic Club of Hamilton County and St. Marks United Methodist Church of Carmel. Jerry was a Korean War veteran of the United States Army and a 1953 graduate of Logansport High School.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Beth A. Hults, St. Louis, Mo.; a son, Michael J. Hults and wife Carolyn A., Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Edsel W. Hults and wife Dorothy, Logansport, and Wayne P. Hults, Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters, Hazel Zimmerman and husband Martin, and Linda Schlick, all of Logansport; two grandchildren, Connor Hults and Tyler Hults, both of Chicago, Ill.; a brother-in-law, Gary Champ and wife Jane, Fletchers Lake; a sister-in-law, Carol Haimbaugh and husband Mack, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Burial will be in Bethlehem United Methodist Cemetery, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with Masonic services at 7:45 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the Indianapolis Salvation Army at P.O. Box 984, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

(printed 9-19-09)



Bernice B. Bebout, 86, North Vernon, passed away at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009 at Jennings Healthcare, North Vernon. She was born July 9, 1923 in Peru to Andrew and Goldie (Mughmaw) Binker. Bernice served in the U.S. Navy, and retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, working as a dietician and in the laundry department. Survivors include a son, Jerry Bebout and wife Opal, North Vernon; a daughter, Judy Stewart and husband Les, Colorado; a brother, Edward Binker, Peru; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Terry Bebout; a brother, Andy Binker; and a sister, Lois Binker. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Rev. Bob Clark officiating. Burial will be in

Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Military rites will be performed by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

(printed 9-19-09)

Naomi Ruth Livingston, 69, Rochester, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester. She was born on July 24, 1940 in Peru to the late Lawrence and Icea T. Ahnert. She lived most of her life in the Rochester community. On Dec. 2, 1966, she married her lifetime friend, William Murray Livingston Jr., in Akron. Each spring Naomi enjoyed planting a vegetable garden and flowers that enhanced the beauty of her home. At harvest time she could be found in the kitchen canning and freezing the bountiful crop. She is remembered for the fudge and candies she made at the holidays.

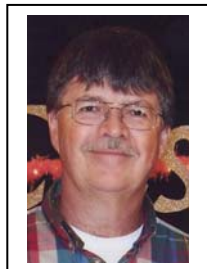
Cooking and baking for family was her forte. Naomi enjoyed sewing and quilting, creating custom gifts for special friends and family. Reading all kinds of literature was a joy and source of relaxation. She also enjoyed listening to music and dancing. With her outgoing personality -- she made many friends throughout life's journey, never meeting a stranger. As the matriarch of the family bringing Naomi her greatest joy was her family. Nothing delighted her more than being in the company of her children, grandchildren and the great-grandchildren.

Survivors include six daughters, Constance Marie Bunn, Sharpsville, Delores "Dee Dee" Chilcutt and husband Randall, Peru, Brenda Lee Stevens and husband Phillip, Rochester, Trina Lynnette Livingston Rumsey and husband Jeremy D., Chili, Naomi Elizabeth Allen and husband John, Wilmette, Ill., and Janeen E. Clark and husband Anthony, Rochester; a son, William M. Livingston III and wife Stacy L., Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Christopher Michael Bunn Sr., Joshua Richard Bunn, Gabriella Marie Bunn, Billie Jo Chilcutt, Randall Chilcutt Jr., Charles Andrew Chilcutt, James Ryan Chilcutt, Michael D. Figlio, John W. Figlio, Philip W. Stevens, Carlotta Stevens, Stefani Lynnette Livingston Judy, Hannah Elizabeth Rumsey, Noah Timothy Rumsey, Sophia Elizabeth Allen, Stella Naomi Allen, Lilia Mary Allen, Donny Clark, Jada M. Livingston, William M. Livingston IV; great-grandchildren, Christopher Michael Bunn Jr., Austin Tyler Bunn, Jakob Roberts, Devon Roberts, Samuel Chilcutt, and Brendan W. Figlio; a sister, Shirley Heckathorn and husband Phil, Macy; a brother, George Morris, Rochester; canine companion, Baby, a Chihuahua and fox terrier mix; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Leah Anna Chilcutt; and a sister Carol Morris.

A celebration of the life of Naomi Ruth Livingston will be at 6 p.m. on Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.



(printed 9-17-09)



Dana Ray Zartman, 52, Rochester, passed away at 4:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at his residence. He was born Jan. 27, 1957 in Rochester to Forest "Bud" and Harriet R. Hoehne Zartman. On Nov. 14, 1981 at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, he was married to Jill K. Scott. He was a member of the Fulton Baptist Temple and AWANA Game Leader. He was a 1975 graduate of Caston High School, where he played basketball and held the shot put and discus school records for several years. He was a self-employed carpenter. Dana was known as a wonderful husband, dad, brother, and friend. He

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leaves behind his wife, Jill; mother, Harriet; a son, Silas B. Zartman, Rochester; a daughter, Erica L. Zartman, Rochester; one sister, Jo Willis, Macy; one brother, Randy Zartman; a mother-in-law, Bea Scott, Logansport; two sisters-in-law, Cyrena (Ray) Staller, Logansport; and Julie (Dave) Fred, Kewanee; two brothers-in-law, Kevin (Cindy) Scott and Dana (Kelly) Scott, Logansport; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Forest "Bud" Zartman; his father-in-law, Carl J. Scott; and a brother-in-law, Benny J. Willis. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fulton Baptist Temple, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Fulton Cemetery.

Friends are invited to call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice or Fulton Baptist Temple. Condolences may be left online at www.mcclainfh.com.

(printed 17-09)

Clotilda R. Eder, 62, Peru, passed away at 12:27 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born in Peru on Dec. 12, 1946 to Dr. Keith and Cecilia Daub Giver. Clo married Stephen Eder in Hawaii in 1968, and he survives.

Clo graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and was also a graduate of the Fort Wayne Beauty College. She owned and operated her own beauty shop for many years.

Surviving in addition to her husband Steve, are sons Jeffery Eder and wife Johanna, Chicago, Ill., and Kevin Eder and wife Stacy, Bloomington; a daughter, Annette Haney and husband Thomas, Columbus, Ohio; siblings Monty Giver and wife Joyce, Fort Wayne, Loretta Reece and husband Kent, Oxford, Miss., Bernadette Hays and husband Loren, Santa Fe, Bernard Giver and wife Debi, Peru, Steve Giver and wife Luanne, Bend, Ore., Julie Ashland and husband Joseph, Avon, Margie Flowers and husband Greg, League City, Texas, and David Giver and wife Shirley, Vancouver, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Sandra Williams, Cicero; and grandchildren, Alana, Grant, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Christopher, Alex and Logan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank Giver.

A service celebrating the life of Clo Eder will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor David Ross officiating.

Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands.

(printed 9-12-09)

Atha Gross Eddings, 87, was called home by our Heavenly Father at 10:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 at Canterbury Nursing Home, Fort Wayne. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed every occasion spent with them. The second of seven children, Atha was born on June 9, 1922 in Irving, Ky. to the late Clarence Douglas Gross and Nancy Ruth Samples. She married the late Harold E. Eddings on April 28, 1947. Survivors include three daughters, Sonya Ingalls and husband Jim, Columbia City, Elissa Denham and husband Jim, Mexico, and Judy Maus and husband David, Harlan; five grandchildren, Robyn Ingalls, Hickory, N.C., Mandy Cattin, Lafayette, Jason Maus and fiancée Andria Weiss, Harlan, Matt Ingalls and wife Abbey, Anderson, and Ryan Maus, Chicago, Ill.; a great-granddaughter, Breanna Cattin, Lafayette; and a brother, Frank Gross, College Corner, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and siblings Thelma Masters, Geneva Landis, Evelyn Itin, Sonja Johanknecht and Doug Gross. A celebration of Atha's life will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, with Matt Eddings officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. Sunday until time of service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice through the funeral home.

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(Printed 9-28-2009)

David L. Bartel, 67, of Marion, passed away at 2:12 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009, at home, surrounded by his loving family. David was born on April 9, 1942 in South Bend, the son of the late Richard and Lillian (Piper) Bartel. He married Beverly Curtis in August 1999, and she survives. He was a 45-year member of the Plumbers & Steamfitters Union Local 166, working primarily with Liniger, Inc. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Germany from 1959 to 1964. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10, where he was on the Board of Directors. He was also a member of Amvets Post 5, where he served as Trustee and in Color Guard and 40 & 8 (past Chef de Gar).

Survivors include: wife, Beverly Bartel of Marion; sons, David L. Bartel of Chandler, Ariz. and Rick A. Bartel (Tara) of Peru; step-son, David W. Jernigan (LaRinda) of Phoenix, Ariz.; daughters, April Vermilya (Donnie Williams) of Marion, Kellee New (Kevin) of Ft. Worth, Texas and Jami Bartel (Joe McClung) of Marion; a brother, Richard Bartel (Karen) of Marion; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Bartel, and a nephew, Richard Glen Bartel. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion, with Rev. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, September 28, 2009. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Ave., Tower Suites, Marion, Ind. 46952 or New Hope Hospice, 1800 N. Wabash Ave., Marion, Ind., 46952. Online condolences may be made at www.ravenchoate.com.

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Devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Barbara Ann Moore Powell, 82**, of Converse, passed away at 7:50 p.m., Friday, September 25, 2009, in her home surrounded by members of her loving family. Barbara was born on January 16, 1927 on a farm in Richland Township, Grant County, Ind., the daughter of Floyd and Ina (Kendall) Moore. She grew up attending the Richland Chapel Church. Barbara graduated from Sweetser High School in 1945 where she played drums in the band. On January 12, 1947, she married Ronald Lewis Powell at the Amboy Friends Church and he survives. The couple was married over 62 years where they shared one of the most loving and devoted Christian walks in life together. Barbara and Ronald lovingly raised four children, one son and three daughters, and are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Barbara was a member of the Amboy Friends Church where she faithfully served on many committees including chairman of ministry and membership, teacher for Sunday school, past Bible School Director, Primary and Junior Department Superintendent and teacher. She also served as Adult Sunday School Class President and teacher. Additionally, she helped with the After School Program and several youth projects.

Being a member of the United Society of Friends Women, Barbara served as past President and participated in many projects in Home and Foreign Missions including sewing projects. She donated many hours to finish the Church Family Life Center and helped with Upward Basketball Youth Program. She was a past member of the Jackson Homemakers and as an accomplished seamstress, won grand champion at the dress review at the State Fair. Barbara was also a member of Tri Arts, and a devoted loving helpmate to her husband in the seed business. She loved to entertain, have parties, and write many poems. She enjoyed raising beautiful flowers in a perennial flower garden, which was an inspiration to all.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Floyd and Ina (Kendall) Moore, a brother, Morris "Bud" Moore who died in World War II, a sister, Wilma (Ancil) Tomlinson and a son, Rex Powell who was killed in a farm accident on September 6, 2001.

She is survived by husband, Ronald; daughters Susan (Mike) Murray of Amboy, Mariann (Kevin) McClamroch of Muncie, Lesa (Victor) Hostetler of Converse; grandchildren include Roger Powell of Converse, Leslie (Chris) Jackson of Converse, Katy (Nathan) Lawson of Lafayette, Karl Murray of Amboy, Anna (David) Fitzgerald of Florida, Ginna (Maurice) Gatlin of Kokomo, Kellie Hostetler of Converse and Craig Hostetler of Converse. Great-grandchildren include Daniel Jackson, Andrew Jackson, Ryan Lawson, Noelle Fitzgerald, Leah Fitzgerald, Alyssa Gatlin, and Mallorie Gatlin.

A service celebrating the life of Barbara Ann Moore Powell will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania in Amboy with Pastors Richard Martens and Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Amboy Friends Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street in Amboy.

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Gerry Lessel Dock, 71, of rural Wabash, Ind., died at 6:37am Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at Wabash County Hospital. He was born September 9, 1938 in Peru, Ind. to Lessel and Bessie (Whitney) Dock. Gerry married Susie Haffner in Michigan on February 2, 1961. He was a Peru High School graduate and retired from GenCorp in Wabash after 29 years. He was a member of the Wabash Fraternal Order of the Eagles and was a US Army veteran. Gerry enjoyed his dogs, cats, and playing golf. He is survived by his wife, Susie Dock of Wabash; four children, Gerry L. Dock, Jr. of Texas, Kathy (Joe) Schaefer of Biscoe, Arkansas, Jackie (Dick) Hawkins of Wabash, Ind. and Michael (Melissa) Dock of Rensselaer, Ind.; Brother, J.P. (Sally) Dock of Florida; 2 Sisters, Marcia Stahle of California, and Peggy (Russell) Wicker of Converse, Ind. Graveside services and burial will be held at Memorial Lawns Cemetery on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rick Tolley officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8pm Friday, September 18, 2009, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. The memorial guest book for Gerry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Katherine Sue "Kathy" Ehresman, 57, of Cherokee, Iowa, and formerly of Wabash, Ind., died at 9:07 p.m. Sunday, September 6, 2009, at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Ft. Dodge, Iowa. She was born October 1, 1951 in Crawfordsville, Ind. to Kenneth and Betty Jean (Palmer) Welsh. She was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Ronald W. Ehresman on December 18, 1992 in Logansport, Ind. Kathy was a homemaker and enjoyed knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, cooking, and baking. She also enjoyed her dogs. She is survived by her husband, Ronald W. Ehresman of Cherokee, Iowa; her father, Kenneth Welsh of Peru, Ind.; two sons, Daniel Maloy of Cherokee, Iowa and Joel Maloy of Logansport, Ind.; her brother, Edward (Deloris) Welsh of Ross, Ohio; and her sister, Rebecca "Becky" Welsh of Wabash, Ind.

A memorial service will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 7 p.m. with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. Family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2009. Preferred memorial is the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 E 86th Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240-1848. The memorial guest book for Kathy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Rev. **Norris Lloyd King** of Greencastle, a former resident of Denver, Ind., passed away Sunday, September 13, 2009, at the Mill Pond Health Campus. Born September 11, 1920 in Blairsville, Ga., he was the son of William L. & Myrtle (Mauney)

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King. He married Ruth Esther (Hill) King on August 19, 1944 and she survives. Rev. King was a graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, KY. & Emory University of Theology, Atlanta, Ga. Rev. King was a United Methodist Minister, having served from 1944 to 1983 in several churches including Monterey; Macy; Leiters Ford; Coatesville; Brick Chapel; and Bainbridge United Methodist Church. After retiring he served as a supply minister for 13 years at Deedsville Methodist Church. He was a member of the North Indiana Methodist Conference and attended Greencastle Christian Church; member of the Order of Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge, Macy, Ind. He had also served as a board member with the United Methodist Church Federal Credit Union. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sara A. Cox & husband, Danny of Fillmore, Ind.; a son, Rev. Dr. Leonard L. King & wife, Marjorie A. of Fort Wayne, Ind.; five grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Forest (twin brother), Ralph, and Luther King. Funeral services will be at 1 pm Saturday, September 19, 2009, at the Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home, 602 East Washington St. in Greencastle, Ind. with the Revs. Steve Blaydes and Mark Miller officiating. Burial will follow at the Stilesville Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 pm Friday at the funeral home, with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Putnam County Humane Society. Condolences may be shared with the family c/o bittlesandhurtfuneralhome.com

Monday, October 05, 2009 - (printed 17-09)

Clotilda R. Eder, 62, Peru, passed away at 12:27 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born in Peru on Dec. 12, 1946 to Dr. Keith and Cecilia Daub Giver. Clo married Stephen Eder in Hawaii in 1968, and he survives. Clo graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and was also a graduate of the Fort Wayne Beauty College. She owned and operated her own beauty shop for many years. Surviving in addition to her husband Steve, are sons Jeffery Eder and wife Johanna, Chicago, Ill., and Kevin Eder and wife Stacy, Bloomington; a daughter, Annette Haney and husband Thomas, Columbus, Ohio; siblings Monty Giver and wife Joyce, Fort Wayne, Loretta Reece and husband Kent, Oxford, Miss., Bernadette Hays and husband Loren, Santa Fe, Bernard Giver and wife Debi, Peru, Steve Giver and wife Luanne, Bend, Ore., Julie Ashland and husband Joseph, Avon, Margie Flowers and husband Greg, League City, Texas, and David Giver and wife Shirley, Vancouver, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Sandra Williams, Cicero; and grandchildren, Alana, Grant, Nathaniel, Benjamin, Christopher, Alex and Logan. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank Giver. A service celebrating the life of Clo Eder will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands.

Friday, October 09, 2009 - (printed 9-25-09)

Gary Franklin Perkins, 63, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at his residence. He was born May 27, 1946 in Taylorsville, Ky., Spencer County, to Tommy and Hazel (Spurr) Perkins. Gary was a carpenter. He loved bluegrass music, playing his banjo and harmonica, and watching "The Price is Right." Gary will be sadly missed by all! Survivors include a sister, Judy Fenwick, Louisville, Ky.; an aunt, Joyce Ellis, Peru; an uncle, Jesse Spurr, Peru; and several nieces and nephews, Daniel Fenwick and wife Noreen, Kentucky, Bob Ellis, Brenda and Dave Hartleroad, and Wanda Ellis. He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents, Omer Spurr and Stadie Shields, and Gladys and Virginia Perkins; and an uncle, Benjamin Spurr. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. <http://www.miamicountylife.com/articles/2009/10/09/records/obituaries/obit99.txt>

Ruby Fry Basham Henry, 88, Logansport, passed away at 11:32 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 in Woodbridge Health Campus. She was born Sept. 12, 1921 in Cass County to Joseph and Maye Cree Fry. On June 15, 1941, in Cass County, she married Clarence "Cy" Basham, who preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1972. On May 19, 1973, in Cass County, she married Mahlon Henry. He preceded her in death Oct. 19, 2007.

A 1939 graduate of New Waverly High School, Ruby had lived in Cass and Miami counties her entire life. She and her husband, Cy, lived in Lucerne over 20 years. After her marriage to Mahlon, she moved to Peru. For over 20 years, she and Mahlon wintered in Mission, Texas.

Ruby was retired from R.B.M. She was a member of the Walton Christian Church. Ruby enjoyed reading, quilting and other crafts. She also enjoyed traveling, having visited all 50 states and all the provinces of Canada.

Surviving are her children, Patricia Carter, Greenfield, Charles Basham and wife Michaleen, Chardon, Ohio, Richard Basham and wife Benita, Culver, and Nancy Curry and husband Larry, Logansport; two step-children, Phillip Henry and wife Lana, Galveston, and Linda Houser and husband Doug, Merkel, Texas; nine grandchildren, Gregory Carter, Michael Carter and fiancée Korinne Christian, Catherine Colgan and husband Steven, Rebecca Basham and husband Peter Barlow, Matthew Basham and fiancée Shannon, Dawn Basham, Mark Basham, Alan Curry, and Amanda Garrett and husband Adam; step-grandchildren, William Curry and wife Karla, Tricia Henry, Brian Henry and wife Lynn, Jeff McConn and wife Jennifer, Stephanie Pratt and husband Jaime, Shawn Johnson and wife Paige, Kara Hambrick and husband Larry, and Amber McConn; one brother, Homer Fry and wife Rosetta, North Manchester; a brother-in-law, Donal Doty and wife Loretta, Monticello;

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sisters-in-law, Margaret Fry, Florida, and Janet Fry, Peru; several great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews as well as longtime friends Raymond and Violet Kaufman.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Roy, Arthur, Carl, Raymond, Harold and Floyd Fry; sisters, Ruth Henry and Edith Doty; a son-in-law, Thomas Carter; and great-grandsons, Alex and Travis Colgan.

Services will be held at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, with Pastor Bob Cree officiating.

Interment will follow in the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and the American Heart Association.

You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Ruby and view her video tribute at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Glen A. Lockwood, 85, Macy, passed away at 12:59 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He was born March 28, 1924 in Valley Falls, Kan. to Dennis Delbert and Grace Forbes Lockwood. He married Opal Irene Lewis Halterman Nov. 6, 1951 in Cheyenne, Wyo., and she preceded him in death in 1992.

Glen was a heavy equipment operator for NIPSCO, retiring in 1983 following 30 years of dedicated service. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps until it was dissolved in 1942. As a patriot, our country beckoned him for service. He joined the U.S. Army on Jan. 8, 1943. His tour of duty included the Rhineland Battle and Campaign in France; at this time he was awarded a Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal. His other decorations included the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, one Overseas Bar, the Victory Ribbon and an Army of Occupation of Germany Ribbon. On Feb. 5, 1946, he was honorably discharged.

Over the years Glen enjoyed travels from coast to coast, seeing sights across America. One of his favorite destinations was his visits to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where his family lived. Glen had a passion for cars. He loved struttin' his stuff by cruising, always in a late model car!

Gramps is remembered for his distinct and twinkling "Pea-green eyes!" The grandkids will always remember Gramps Glen proclaiming, "I'm Underdog, and I came to save the day!" When learning to drive there was no better teacher than Gramps! To relax Glen loved the racing scene -- whether it was NASCAR or Indy Car he was glued to the TV. Watching the old westerns was also a delight. Cheering for the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday afternoon was his idea of a perfect Sunday afternoon. Glen's favorite hangouts were the Evergreen Cafe and the Paradise Truck Stop Restaurant. It was a daily ritual that he would meet his coffee buddies and hang out. While drinking the brew, they would solve the world's problems. It was these locales where friendships evolved into friends for life. The guys would affirm that Glen was second to none in the storytelling department. He was the inventor of convincing tall tales. Glen will be missed by his loving family, his loyal pals at the coffee table and the many friends he made along life's journey to cherish his memory.

Survivors include three sons, Willis D. Halterman and wife Clymenia, Rochester, Lewis Halterman and wife Shirley, Peru, and Lessel "Les" L. Halterman and wife Donna, Macy; eight grandchildren, Brenda Holmes and husband Rodney, Rochester, Angela Condon and husband Shawn, Rochester, Bob Halterman and wife Sherry, Macy, Susie Griffith, Disco, Gary Halterman and wife Loretta, Chili, Crystal Noakes and husband Tim, Logansport, Steve Halterman, Marion, and David Halterman and wife Lisa, Macy; two sisters, Maxine Fogle and Alene Clevenger, both of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and a brother, Jewell Dean Ware and wife Carol, Warsaw, Mo. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a grandson, two granddaughters and one daughter-in-law.

Graveside services celebrating the life of Mr. Glen A. Lockwood will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rochester's IOOF Cemetery, with Pastor Jason See officiating. Preferred memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at goodfamily@rtcol.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home.



Joanne E. Beauchamp, 59, Peru, passed away Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at 1:56 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born April 29, 1950 in Boston, Mass. to Frederick and Laura Horton DeLong. Joanne was a devoted mother and grandmother. Family and friends were a priority to her and her children and her grandchildren were her pride and joy. As a parent she spent countless hours attending the activities of her children and grandchildren. Surviving are six children, Jody Beauchamp and wife Robin, Peru, Chris Beauchamp and wife Tricia, Wabash, James Beauchamp, Peru, Jennifer Rogers and husband Bill, Peru, Jason Beauchamp, Peru, and Cory Beauchamp and wife Leslie, Avon; sisters, Barbara LaDue and husband Arthur, Chickopee, Mass., Alice Pollock and husband John, Quincy, Mass., and Martha Carroll, Quincy, Mass.; brothers, Frederick DeLong, Dorchester, Mass., and William DeLong and wife Susan, Quincy, Mass.; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Doris Mai.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Joanne Beauchamp will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Family and friends will gather at the First Baptist Church from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the Joanne E. Beauchamp Memorial Trust Fund or at any branch of the First Merchants Bank in Peru and Wabash.

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Clell Russell Matthews, 83, of Oswego, Indiana, passed away Saturday, October 3, 2009, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Russell was born on November 18, 1925 in Addison, Kentucky, the son of Zetta Sarver Matthews and Clell Matthews. Russell is survived by his wife of 62 years, Charlotte Matthews. A Veteran of World War II, Russell served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force. Russell attended Purdue University.

In 1967 Russell joined Big Boy Products in Warsaw and retired as President of the company. Russell worked for Lions Club International and served as District Governor and Council Chairman. Russell was also a member of the Elks #802 in Warsaw.

In addition to his wife Charlotte, Russell is survived by his children Maurita Matthews Dettmer (Dennis) of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, David Clell Matthews (Ellen Morley) of Indianapolis, and Diane Matthews Warford (Bob) of Stilwell, Kansas; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Reba Reed and Anna Schulz, brothers Edgar Matthews and James Matthews. Russell was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Joseph Matthews and Leonard Matthews.

A Memorial Service celebrating the Life of Clell Russell Matthews will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, at the Oswego Community Center, 3065 East Rader Road, Oswego Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Lions Eye & Tissue Transplant Bank or Kosciusko County Home Health Care & Hospice Center through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru IN 46970.

Mary Frances Hoagland Gros, 52, Marion, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Peru on Dec. 28, 1956 to Raymond A. and Mary Ellen Black Hoagland, Sr. Mary Frances graduated from Peru High School in 1975. While in high school, she was active in the Peru Amateur Circus, where she participated in the "Fire Eating Act" for several years. She was employed at the Peru Ben Franklin Store and American Stationery after graduation from high school. On May 17, 1985, Mary Frances was critically injured when she was struck by a car while riding her bicycle near her home in Ocean Springs, Miss. She was in a coma for seven months following the accident and never completely recovered from those injuries. For 12 years, she was a resident of Winning Wheels in Prophetstown, Ill., a facility for patients suffering trauma and wheelchair bound. Mary Frances believed in helping others and participated in a charitable organization called Locks of Love.



Surviving is her son, Leonard Gros, Ocean Springs, Miss.; her mother, Mary Ellen Hoagland, Peru; brothers, Raymond A. Hoagland Jr. and wife Dawn, Peru, James B. Hoagland and wife Diane, Kokomo; sisters, Cynthia Montgomery and husband Frank, Bloomfield, Anita Bitner and husband Jeff, Naples, Fla., Theresa Webb and husband Randy, Galveston, Dorothy Wormuth and husband Russell, Chili, Rita Clingaman and husband Mike, Peru, Cathy Smith and husband Eric, Denver, and Patricia Chambers and husband Mark, Peru. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond A. Hoagland Sr.; and a sister, Carol Hoagland. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating the life of Mary Frances Gros, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Helping Hands or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

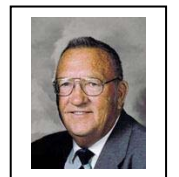
Orville F. Blackman, 95, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 10:50 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Orville was born in White County on August 28, 1914, the son of Albert H. and Cota I. (McCloud) Blackman. On July 18, 1941, he married Mary Heineman, and she survives. Orville was a U.S. Army World War II Veteran, having served in the South Pacific from 1941 to 1946. He was a retired postal carrier and a member of the First Christian Church. Orville was an avid wood worker and a Chicago Cubs and Indianapolis Colts fan.

Surviving with his wife Mary are three children, Jim (Cathy) Blackman of Zionsville, Judy Mills of Peru, and Jan (John) Hartman of Spring Hill, Tennessee; grandchildren Jeff and Julie Blackman, Christopher Mills, Patricia Brown, Matt Schneider and Jill Flowers; great-grandchildren Joey Mills, Jacob and Dylan Flowers and Sam and Katelyn Schneider; and a brother Burl (Norma) Blackman of Peru. Orville was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Homer, Kenny and Francis Blackman; and two sisters, Mildred Warner and twin sister Ora Dillman.

Funeral services for Orville will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2009, at the funeral home. A military committal service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Rites Unit.

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Robert E. Butcher, 81, rural Roann, passed away at 7:06 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born Oct. 1, 1928 in Kokomo to John C. and Leora J. (Worden) Butcher. Robert married Thelma Strong in Twelve Mile on May 28, 1950, and she survives. Robert was a 1947 Chili High School graduate. He was a self-employed concrete contractor from 1962 to 1990 and attended Olive Branch Church of God in Roann. Robert made caramel corn and worked many area festivals. He also loved to mow grass. Survivors besides his wife include four children, Mary Ann Cox, Orange Park, Fla., Ray Butcher and wife Sharon, Peru, Peggy Myers and husband Randy, Roann, and Donna Klok and husband Alan, Peru; two brothers, Ronnie Butcher and wife Lynda, Roann, and David Butcher and wife Debbie, Peru; one sister, Charlotte Hoff and husband Ron,



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Conrath, Wis.; eight grandchildren, James Cox, Orange Park, Fla., Shawn Flora and husband Chad, Laotto, Michael Ferguson and wife Nichole, Westfield, Carmen Laudenschlager and husband Dan, Fishers, Adam Myers and wife Ronda, Marion, Wendy Gipson and husband Jon, Macy, Robert Cox and wife Laura, Orange Park, Fla., and Angela Butcher, Peru; and 20 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Fred Butcher; and two sisters, Martha Crull and Genevie Schroll. Funeral services will be held at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Preferred memorial is to Olive Branch Church of God. The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. Arrangements were handled by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

Terry Wayne Wiles, 53, Plymouth, passed away at 1:58 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 19, 1956 in Logansport to Charles Ervin Wiles and Alafare Lucille (Ramsey) Wiles Owens. He married Linda Stout May 18, 1985, and she survives. Terry was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked at PJ Marketing in South Bend. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Linn, Mo.; a son, Todd Kenneth Wiles and fiancée Erica Helms, Wheatfield; a daughter, Jessica Lynn Wiles and fiancé Craig Hartley, Cross Plains; two grandchildren, Chazz Hartley and Braxton Hartley, Cross Plains; and three brothers, Charles Edward Wiles, Lawton, Okla., his twin, Gerry Wiles and wife Kim, Peru, and Bruce Wiles and wife Lisa, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father and step father, Herbert Owens. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with a military committal service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

*Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Love offerings may be made to the family.

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Eugene Nathaniel Hungerford, 84, Warsaw, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at 3:37 p.m. at his residence. He was born on Nov. 28, 1924 in Oxon Hill, Md. to the late Pearl Virginia (Utterback) and Nathaniel Eugene Hungerford. On Aug. 24, 1946 Eugene was married in Washington, D.C. to Sophie Marie Bien, who survives. Mr. Hungerford was a 1942 high school graduate from Oxon Hill, Md. He then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a radio operator in the Pacific Theatre. Eugene worked for several years for AT & T as a communication technician, retiring in 1984. He has been a resident of Kosciusko County for the past seven years and a member of ARRL Ham Radio Operators. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 63 years, Sophie Hungerford, Warsaw; two daughters, Virginia Witzky and husband Terry, Warsaw, and Hope Grant, Wheaton, Ill.; one son, Father Douglas E. Hungerford, Peru; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m., an hour prior to the service at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. His funeral service will follow at 11 a.m., officiated by his son, Father Douglas E. Hungerford. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery of Warsaw. Memorial donations in Eugene's memory can be made to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.

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



Ruth Frick, 95, North Manchester, peacefully departed into eternity at 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 6, 2009 at home with her family. She was a former Mexico resident, where she made her home for over 92 years. On Sept. 25, 1914, Ruth was born at the family farm near Mexico; she was the youngest child of the late Lewis and Mary Ida Bish Frick. She joined at home her beloved brother and sister, Lyman and Esther. As a child, Ruth was lovingly cared for by her sister, Esther. Many years later, Ruth would return that same care as she tended to Esther's needs. The two sisters were together for more than 90 years, sharing their home until 2007 when their health began to fail. They moved to North Manchester to be cared for by their family. Ruth's "best brother ever" passed away in 1988 and Esther in April of this year. Ruth was a devout Christian and lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Mexico. She was active in the church serving as a Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent for many years. Along with her sister and mother, the three women served as communion stewards for the church. Ruth's faith was strong and she shared her faith with others as often as possible. She ministered to all she met, even her doctors and maintenance men that came to the house. Ruth's devotion to Christ was evident in her hope for salvation for all and in her constant prayers for others. Ruth had worked for several years at the Mexico Post Office and eventually retired from The Peru Trust Company as a bank teller and mortgage processor and bookkeeper. Ruth shared with many her story of the bank robbery at Mexico. While the memory was painful for her to share, she expressed how her faith in Christ and her prayers that day kept her safe from harm and allowed her to forgive the act of greed she had witnessed. Ruth was a talented craftsman, creating treasures that many will remember for years to come. She was often found in her home with a crochet needle, patiently creating a new masterpiece of unique intricacy and fine quality. Ruth and Esther shared their love for friends and family with their many handmade gifts, even creating large projects together, such as lace tablecloths and bedspreads. Their love for gift giving was evident in the care and precision they took individually wrapping and decorating each package often with a hand crocheted bow. Ruth was a caring woman who expressed her love and thankfulness for others through her extensive card ministry and letter writing. She felt it was important to acknowledge every act of kindness and each celebration in other's lives.

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In her last days, she recalled dates from memory and made sure that birthday cards that she had already finished were mailed. Ruth's love for words echoed not only in her writing but her passion in reading books of history, devotion, and most importantly the book of her faith, the Bible. Ruth leaves behind her loving son and family, Rev. David Frick-Overmyer and wife Karen, North Manchester; grandchildren, Kristin Harp and husband Adam, Burket; and their children Aubrey and Brody, Kyle Overmyer, North Manchester, and Kelly Harp and husband Isaac, Peru. Ruth's life of Christian service will be remembered at 3 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2009 at the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico. Host pastor, Rev. Sam Polito, along with guest pastors, Rev Larry Ray and Rev. Carl Sweet, will share in memories and scripture. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends are invited to gather one hour prior to the service in the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements. www.mcclainfh.com.

Margaret L. Shanabarger, 90, Peru, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Feb. 19, 1919 in Peru to Elmer F. and Martha (Beeson) Hiers. She married Joseph Shanabarger in 1938, and he preceded her in death. Margaret retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital in the dietary department. She was a member of Peru Church of the Brethren. Survivors include three sons, Richard Shanabarger and wife Mary, Peru, Joe Shanabarger, Louisville, Ky., and Gerald "Gary" Shanabarger, Peru; a daughter, Martha Carter and husband Ray, Logansport; several nieces and nephews; two brothers, Richard Hiers, Akron, and Donald Hiers, Pierceton; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and twin brothers, Fred and Elmer Hiers. Funeral services were Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends called Tuesday at the funeral home.



Brody Steven Boggs, infant, Kokomo, passed away two days after his birth at 12:13 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 29, 2009 in Indianapolis to Andrew and Emili (Douglas) Boggs, Kokomo. Survivors besides his parents include his grandparents, Glendi Douglas, Macy, and Mark and Peggy Boggs, Toledo, Ohio; and a sister, Rilei Boggs, at home. Funeral services for Brody will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at Peoria United Methodist Church, 5575 E. 325 South, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be at Peoria Cemetery in Peoria. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Mary M. Ridenour, 56, Logansport, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born Dec. 18, 1952 in Phoenix, Ariz. to George Edward and Marie (Navarod) Hill. She married Michael Ridenour Jan. 20, 1979, and he survives. Mary retired from Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo. Survivors besides her husband include a step son, Michael Ridenour Jr., North Manchester; several nieces and nephews; six brothers, Mike Hill and wife Pam, Show Low, Ariz., Isaac Hill and wife Fran, Anchorage, Alaska, Theodore Hill and his wife, Denver, Colo., Bob Hill, Seattle, Wash., Patrick King, Mesa, Ariz., and Marty Singletary, Phoenix, Ariz.; and two sisters, Bonnie Cano, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Patty Morales, Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Lawn Mortuary, Phoenix, Ariz. Burial will be in Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix, Ariz. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., and from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary, Phoenix, Ariz.



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Pamela J. Oswald-Wendt, 53, Lakeville, passed away at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at University of Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, Ill. Pam was born on May 14, 1956 in Belle, W.Va. to Jerry and Wanda (Pernell) Adkins. On May 14, 2008 in South Bend, she married Jere A. Wendt, who survives. Pam was office manager of Wendt, LLP in Mishawaka for many years. Along with her husband, Jere, Pam is survived by six daughters, Regina Zimmerman, South Bend, Jennifer Oswald, Mishawaka, Julie Thompson, Niles, Amy Andrews and husband Michael, Lakeville, Tosha Oswald, Lakeville, and Wendy Wendt, Winter Park, Fla.; one son, Clark Wendt, Wabash; 12 grandchildren, Jesse, Max, Mariah, Mechela Desiree, Taylee, Allison, Jayden, Breyanna, Austin, Liberty, Owen and Kaytlyn; her mother, Wanda Adkins, Belle, W.Va.; one brother, Jerry Adkins Jr. and wife Kay, Dunlap; and her loving dog, CieCie. Her father, Jerry Adkins Sr., preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, with the Rev. Kenneth Mendenhall officiating. Entombment will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka. Friends may visit with the family from noon until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home. Contributions in memory of Pam Oswald-Wendt may be made to South Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank, 530 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

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Paul William "Bill" Tucker, 73, Macy, passed away at 12:28 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. He had been in failing health for one year. A celebration of the life of Paul William "Bill" Tucker will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Father Bert Woolson and the Rev. William Krisher officiating. Interment will follow the service at Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery, Macy. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to the service. Memorials may be made in his name to Fulton County Cancer Association or Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

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Jean Kepner, 81, West Lafayette, passed away at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 at Cumberland Pointe Health Campus in West Lafayette. She was born Aug. 5, 1928 in Crown Point to Chester and Thelma (Rouch) Sausaman. Jean married William C. Kepner on Oct. 16, 1949 in Denver. He preceded her in death Jan. 24, 2007. Jean was a 1946 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church and the Mount Zion United Methodist Women in West Lafayette, and the Wabash Extension Homemakers Club. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Taking care of and being with her family was her greatest joy in life. Jean enjoyed working in her flower garden, home decorating, reading and eating out with her husband, Bill, and friends. She loved traveling with her husband in their travel trailer throughout the United States. She was a volunteer for the March of Dimes, collecting money in her neighborhood. Survivors include three children, Michael Kepner and wife Dianna, Crawfordsville, Scott Kepner and wife Terri, and Julie A. Kepner, all of West Lafayette; and two grandchildren, Rachel Kepner, Terre Haute, and James Kepner, West Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill; son Jimmy Kepner, who passed away in 1959; and two brothers Joe and Richard Sausaman. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Saturday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Tim Burchill officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 4703 N. 50 W., West Lafayette, IN 47906, March of Dimes or the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Breast Cancer. The memorial guest book for Jean may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Makena Kay Whybrew-Weisenberger, nine days old, Macy, passed away at 8:42 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Burial and graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Memorial contributions may be made to the Makena Whybrew Weisenberger Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com. Arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

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Kenneth D. Edwards, 91, of Groveland, Florida, passed away Sunday, October 11, 2009. Kenneth was born October 5, 1918 in Kosciusko County, Indiana. He moved to Florida in 1991. He was of the Methodist faith and was a member of the Masonic Lodge Lincoln 523 in Macy and of the Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club. Kenneth owned Kenny's Hardware in Macy for 30 years, before moving to Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife, Miriam. He is survived by his daughter, Kay (Kurt) Graef of Indianapolis; his sons Richard (Linda) Edwards of Groveland, Florida, Ted (Markie) Edwards of Rochester, and Larry (Candi) Edwards of Gaylord, Michigan; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to Brewer & Sons Funeral Home/Groveland Chapel, 132 E. Magnolia St. in Groveland, Florida.

(printed 10-17-09)

Eleanor R. Aukerman, 90, Amboy, passed away at 5:47 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospital, Carmel. She was born in Grant County on Nov. 10, 1918 to Charles C. and Bessie L. Snyder Trook. Eleanor graduated from Swayzee High School, where her father was the principal and teacher. Her father also served as superintendent of the Amboy schools. She married William R. Aukerman on July 4, 1936, and he preceded her in death on April 26, 2009. They resided in Amboy where they raised their family and owned and operated the Amboy Grain Elevator. Eleanor was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church, serving on many committees throughout her lifetime. She had been residing in Carmel since the spring of 2008 with her grandson. Eleanor is survived by three daughters, Karen Zimmerman and husband Don, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rhea Miller, Indianapolis, and Lana Sprague and husband Jonathon, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 73 years, Ronald; a sister, Helen Hiatt; and a brother, Mark Trook. A service celebrating the life of Eleanor R. Aukerman will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania, Amboy, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

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Raymond F. Hoover, 53, Peru, passed away at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Peru on June 21, 1956 to Donald L. and Whilemina Miller Hoover. He married Kimberla Eckelbarger in Peru on June 13, 2003, and she survives. Raymond was a member of the Peoria Church and was procurement supervisor for Tyson Foods in Logansport. Ray enjoyed an active life with a love of the outdoors and activities like riding his marlin blue Harley (which he painted himself), four-wheeling, cutting firewood and working on all things mechanical. He liked having family and friends over for bonfires and cookouts. His gift was for making people happy wherever he was.

Especially proud to be a grandpa, he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Ray was truly a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. Having bravely fought a 19-month battle with mesothelioma (asbestos) cancer, he leaves a legacy of courage and strength. An inspiration to all who knew him, we will remember Ray for his magnetic personality, his sly sense of humor and the smile that rarely left his face. Surviving in addition to his wife Kim is his son, Matthew Hoover and wife Kym, Peru; a daughter, Niki Hendershott and husband Brad, Bunker Hill; stepchildren, Melynda Minns and Amber Childers, both of Peru; a grandson, Brady Hines; step-grandchildren, Pharyn, Nicholas and Samuel Childers, Zakary Steele, Tristen and Isabelle Minns, Braeden and Hannah Hendershott and Taylor Johnson; brothers, John Hoover and wife Patricia, Kendallville, Donald Hoover and wife Colette, Kokomo, William Hoover and wife Billie, Peru, and Michael Hoover and wife Vickie, New London, Ohio; sisters, Shirley Petermeier and husband Raymond, Galveston, Ellen Geise and husband John, Syracuse, and Jerolyn Cash, Chesnee, S.C.; the mother of his children, Barbara Confer Hoover, Mexico; and his in-laws, Robert and Kay Eckelbarger, Peru. A service celebrating the life of Raymond F. Hoover will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be at the Peoria Cemetery, Miami County. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peoria Church or Mesothelioma Applied Research Fund.

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Monday, November 9, 2009

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Harold G. Pugh, 81, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at his residence. Mr. Pugh was born on April 9, 1928 in LaPorte to Paul Roscoe and Lucille Clara (Deeds) Pugh. He was a member of the Macy Masonic Lodge, the Rochester Order of the Eastern Star and the Odd Fellows Lodge at Deedsville. Survivors include two brothers, Jackson Pugh and wife Vivian, Peru, and Dale Pugh and wife Jan, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Pauline Martin. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. For more information, visit www.mcclainfuneralhome.com

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Sarah Nicole Ercole, 27, Bloomington, passed away Friday morning, Oct.30, 2009 at her residence in Bloomington. There will be a memorial service held at the Vineyard Community Church in Bloomington on Wednesday at 1 p.m., with Rev. Dave Schunk officiating. There will no visitation prior to the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Ercole Children s Educational Trust Fund, c/o Brian and Kelly Rapp, 75 W. Third St., Peru, IN 46970. Day Funeral Home in Bloomington is in charge of arrangements.

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Ruby Helen Townsend, 74, Cookeville, Tenn., passed away Saturday night, Nov. 7, 2009 at the home of her son in Gainesboro, Tenn. She was born Feb. 12, 1935 in Baxter, Tenn. to Arvel Virgil and Fannie Samantha Whitehead Herron. She married Hobert Church and then Robert "Bob" Townsend, both of whom preceded her in death. Ruby was a homemaker and member of the Lighthouse Church in Rickman, Tenn. Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Dunn and husband Harold, Baxter, Tenn., and Sheila Burns and husband Mike, Peru; three sons, Danny Church and wife Ashley, Peru, Darrell Church and wife Charlene, Gainesboro, and Scott Church and wife Nicole, Baxter, Tenn.; a sister, Shirley Hall, Cookeville, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four sisters, Ida Mae Daggett, Betty Jean Herron, Doris Elane Herron and Dorthy Nell Herron; and six brothers, Loyd, Lynell, Donnie, Doyle, Butch and Howard Herron. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Baxter Chapel of Hooper Huddleston Horner Funeral Home, Baxter, Tenn., with Pastor Mark Honeycutt officiating. Burial will be in Crest Lawn Cemetery, with friends and family serving as pall bearers. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and after 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. People may share their thoughts and memories at www.hhhfunerals.com

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Arthur Lee Lavoncher, 88, Timbercrest Retirement Community in North Manchester, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center. He was born Jan. 3, 1921 in Peru to Everett Sr. and Ruth Elizabeth (Gustin) Lavoncher. He married Neva Ione Grismore on Nov. 24, 1937 in Peru, and she preceded him in death July 15, 2002. Arthur

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was a member of North Manchester United Methodist Church and the Hanna Masonic Lodge of Wabash. He had worked at Ford Meter Box and General Tire, but was most known as a barber at the OK Barber Shop, which he co-owned and operated with Bud Arvin. He was a hard worker and dedicated father and husband. He freely volunteered his time throughout his life. He enjoyed family, friends, mushroom hunting, fishing and playing cards. He had lived in Florida 19 years, until he returned to Timbercrest in North Manchester in March of 2002. He is survived by his son, Wayne Lee Lavoncher and wife Janet, Georgetown, Texas; his daughter, Rita Murphy and husband John "Chad," Denver; three grandchildren, Wendy Lavoncher, The Woodlands, Texas, Scott Murphy and wife Angie, Denver, and Jeff Lavoncher, Oconomowoc, Wis.; five great-grandchildren, Mason, Ava, and Kendall Ione Lavoncher, all of Oconomowoc, and Jacob and Gracie Murphy, both of Denver; and his special friend, Cathy Wade, North Manchester. Art was preceded in death by his wife; four brothers, Robert, Everett Jr., William and Carl Lavoncher; and two sisters, Georgie Gaunt and Gayle Easterday. Funeral services will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., Wabash, on Saturday at 11 a.m., with Pastor Phil Lake officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Preferred memorial is to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Arthur may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

(printed 9-30-09)

Betty L. Lavoncher , 74, passed away Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at American Village in Indianapolis. She was born July 27, 1935 in Peru to Dale and Morjorie (Brown) Thompson. She married Carl T. Lavoncher, and he preceded her in death. Betty retired as an accountant with O'Rourke, Andrews and Maroney Insurance Company. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. She is survived by her son, Carl Lavoncher and wife Cindy, Indianapolis; daughters, Carlyn Galluci, Fort Wayne, and Tina Meszaros and husband Greg, Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Maria, Dante, Tommy, Catie, and Matthew; a brother, Dale Thompson and wife Sandy, Maryland; and sisters, Devona Eltzroth, Texas, Judith Correll and husband Phil, Florida, Roberta Lee and husband Don, and Debra Minco and husband Len, all of Texas. Betty was preceded in death by her husband in 1996. A Mass of Christian Burial is 11 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 10400 Aboite Center Road, Fort Wayne, with Fr. Andrew Curry officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Calling is one hour prior to the service at the church Friday, and from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to National Alzheimer's Association. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Omie Hendrix, 81, Peru, passed away at 12:16 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital. She was born June 28, 1928 in Hyden, Ky. to Charli and Lizzie (Bledsole) Day. Omie was retired from Woodcrest in Peru. Survivors include two sons, Hayes Douglas "Doug" Hendrix and wife Louise, and Harold Fredrick "Fred" Hendrix and wife Bonnie, all of Peru; four grandchildren, Mark Hendrix, Doug Hendrix, Beth Hendrix and Maria Oaks; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Lizzy Day, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and a daughter-in-law. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Willie Hendrix officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

(printed 10-28-09)

Willard Deane Ramsey, 79, Federal Heights, Colo., passed away Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009 at Lutheran Exempla Hospice Center, Wheat Ridge, Colo. He was born in Peru on Nov. 13, 1929 to Paul W. and Bernice Jenkins Ramsey. He married LaVerna M. Brunmeier on July 8, 1951, and she survives. Willard graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1947. He retired from the U.S. Air Force (as a staff sergeant) and U.S. Postal Service after serving each for 20 years. Survivors besides his wife include three brothers, Don Ramsey, Lebanon, and Dale Ramsey, Peru, and Delton Ramsey, Vinton, Va.; and a sister, Bonniebelle Horner, Converse. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. today, Oct. 28, at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colo., with full military rites. Interment will be in Staging Area A. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vaburialbenefits.com. All Veterans Funeral & Cremation, Wheat Ridge, Colo., handled arrangements.

(printed 10-20-09)

Marjorie Marilyn Kime, 88, Twelve Mile, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 at St. Vincent Hospice Center, Indianapolis. Born July 14, 1916 on the Kime family farm east of Twelve Mile, she was the daughter of Claude B. and Hazel Miriam Darnell Kime. She was the fifth generation to live on the farm. She joined Skinner Christian Church on March 11, 1934 at the age of 13. Deacon Carl Johnston baptized her into the church on Aug. 30, 1942 in the Twelve Mile Creek south of the church, due to the absence of a pastor. Her family had been faithful members of the Skinner Church for four generations. Marjorie served as a newspaper reporter for five local newspapers. She volunteered for many years with the 4-H clubs near Twelve Mile. She was a nurse s aide at Memorial Hospital, Logansport and several other hospitals. After the death of her father, Marjorie took charge of the family business, Kime s Nursery, raising strawberries, selling plants, and eight acres of blueberries. She enjoyed flowers, gardening and reading. Survivors include her cousins, John E. Kime and family, Wabash; Virginia Mikesell and family, Indianapolis; and Gordon Mikesell, Stevensville, Mich.; and many friends. Funeral services will

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be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Skinner Worship Chapel, near Twelve Mile, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services on Thursday. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

(printed 10-22-09)

Esther C. McAvoy, 76, of Peru, passed away at 12:53 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Esther was born November 25, 1932 in Crawfordsville to Guy and Charlotte (Burkett) Storms. On October 21, 1951, she married Berton McAvoy, who preceded her in death on August 30, 1994. Esther was a retired homemaker and a member of the Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church, the VFW Auxiliary and Moose Auxiliary. An avid euchre player, Esther loved animals and going to the movies. She also loved and enjoyed her family very much. Esther is survived by a daughter, Debra Edgerley and her husband Allen of Peru; a son, Michael McAvoy of Bunker Hill; and a brother, Kaylor Storms of Bullhead City, Ariz. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, October 23, 2009, at Harshbarger Cemetery in Ladoga, Ind. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rosie s Rescue & Retreat through the funeral home.

(printed 11-6-09)

Irene "Katherine" Arwood, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, November 5, at Miller s Merry Manor in Peru. Katherine was born November 13, 1923 in Peru to Clarence and Helen (Dutton) Fitzgerald. On September 6, 1941, she married Louis H. Arwood. He preceded her in death on May 14, 2005. A retired homemaker, Katherine was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church in Peru. She is survived by sons William Arwood and his wife Carolyn of Kirtland, Ohio, Lee Arwood and his wife Beth of Wabash, and Mark Arwood and his wife Jan of Hilliard, Ohio; a daughter, Dianna Wilson and her husband Sam of Peru; 10 grandchildren, Anthony, Matthew, Katrina, Maghan, Trevor, Kevin, Brian, Abbey, Ryan and Taylor; nine great-grandchildren, Chas, Brooklyn, Addaley, Emma, Hanna, Sam, Cossette, Elliott and Grant; and a sister, Gladys Weisenberger of Peru. Katherine was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, John Fitzgerald, and a sister, Marie Hopkins. Funeral services for Katherine Arwood will be at 10 a.m. Monday, November 9, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru, with Pastor J. Robert Clark and Pastor Tim Powers officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 8, 2009.

(printed 11-4-09)

Roberta (Bert) Stewart, 72, Dana, went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, Nov. 2, 2009. She was born Oct. 16, 1937 to James Hardman and Ethel Wallace Hardman Klusner. Bert was a retired nurse from Vermillion Convalescent Center in Clinton. After retiring, she owned and operated "Granny s" inside Billie Creek Village in Rockville. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed reading her Bible, crafts and her family. Most of all, she enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren who fondly called her "granny." She was a member of Victory Baptist Church in Clinton. Survivors include three daughters, Kathy and Randy Petrin, Dana, Karen and Larry Jenkins, Rosedale, Kim and Kevin Ross, Rockville; two sons, Thad Dale and Laura Stewart, Rochester, and Tom and Tari Stewart, Dana; sisters, Beverly Falls, Mecca, Ethel Canaday, Wisconsin, and Wanda Pointer, Wisconsin; 12 grandchildren, Dawn Petrin Miller, Amanda Petrin Shell, Larry and Shane Jenkins and Shelly Rector, Kevin Sara and Kelsie Ross, Thad Dale and Charlie Stewart, Carrie Bergman and Katie Stewart, Billy and Lindsey; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her step father, Joe Klusner; two brothers, Richard and Robert Hardman; one sister, Barbara Livingston; and one granddaughter, Robyn Gail Petrin Blair, 24, who passed away unexpectedly in her sleep just hours prior to her granny s passing. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Frist Funeral Home, 458 Blackman St., Clinton, with the Rev. Larry Snyder officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

(printed 10-23-09)

James R. Howard, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:08 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. He was born in Winchester, Ky. on June 20, 1924 to Sterling and Myrtle Johnson Howard. He married Jane Goshern on Nov. 17, 1946, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1990. James retired from Dana Corporation of Marion after 30 years, where he was a machine operator. He also, owned and operated Howard's Hauling Service in Miami County. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, who served in campaigns in the Western Pacific. His military decorations include the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, the Miami County VFW Post #2067 and Literary Aid Society. Surviving are his sons, James Howard and wife Jenny, Peru, Joseph "Ron" Howard and wife Pam, New Orleans, La., Jeff Howard and wife Carolyn, Delta Junction, Alaska, Jerry Howard, Beverly Hills, Calif.; daughters Janet Quinn and husband Terry, Peru, Janice Depoy, Taylorsville, N.C., JoAnn Haxtun, Peru, and Jane Lilley and husband Bob, Peru; brothers Omer Howard, Warsaw, William "Slim" Howard, Gas City, Sterling "Tracy" Howard, Roann, Vernon Howard and wife Mary, Fort Wayne, Arthur Howard, Gas City, and Richard Howard and wife Kathy, Gas City; sisters Agnes Griggs, La Fontaine, Gene Brown, Peru, and Shirley Melton, Marion; 15 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. A service celebrating the life of James R. Howard will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at the Bond Cemetery,

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Miami County, with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association.

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(printed 10-24-09)

Sharon Lee Laumeyer, 66, Tyler, Texas, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. She was born May 17, 1943 in Gary to Mr. and Mrs. George Vajdich. Mrs. Laumeyer was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. She loved working in her flower garden, baking, cooking, crafts and painting. Sharon loved the fall season of the year. She loved spending time with her sister-in-law "Georgie" and bringing the grandchildren to "nana and papa s" house in the summer. She was active in her community, scouting and tutoring children with special needs. Sharon is survived by her loving family, including her husband of 49 years, Tommie Laumeyer, Tyler, Texas; a son, David Lee Laumeyer and wife Dawn, Fishers; two daughters, Teresa Ann Bostick and husband Dennis, Colfax, La., and Susan Kay Deslattes and husband Randy, Pineville, La.; and six grandchildren, Nichole Ashlee, Joshua Lee, Jacqueline Patricia, Abigale Grace, Emalee Claire and Elizabeth Caroline. She is preceded in death by her father in 1962. A memorial service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas, with the Rev. Lonnie Weidner officiating. Memorials in honor of Sharon Laumeyer may be made to the Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701 or Tyler Cancer Center, 910 E. Houston, Tyler, Texas 75702. For more information or to leave condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com

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Emily E. Daugherty, 87, Uniondale, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at her residence in Uniondale. She was born on Thursday, May 4, 1922, in Converse to late Leslie Andrews and the late Ida (Masters) Andrews. She married Thomas Daugherty on Sept. 4, 1943 in Marion, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Daugherty was a former resident of Penn Township in Jay County for many years before moving to Uniondale. She was a former member of the Blackford Methodist Church, a member of the Jolly Workers, Indiana Extension Homemakers Association of Blackford County for 50 years, the Pennville American Legion Auxiliary and had formerly worked at Ledbetter Meats - Carlos Williams Grocery in Montpelier. She was a graduate of the Van Buren High School. Survivors include two daughters, Sheryl Kneuss, Uniondale, and Sandra Pruis, Brandon, Fla., two sons, Thomas Barry Daugherty and wife Jennifer, Amboy, and Chris Daugherty and wife Janet, West Lafayette; a sister, Thelma Miller, Warren; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers; four sisters and one great-granddaughter. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, where the family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. Funeral service will be at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Wednesday, with the Rev. Joe Haney officiating. Interment will be at Twin Hill, I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville. Memorials may be made to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana, 265 W. Water St., Berne, IN 46711. Online condolences may be sent to www.glancyfuneralhomes.com

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Scott Jason Shafer, 38, Kokomo, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009 at his residence. Funeral services will be private. No calling is planned. Memorial donations may be made through the American Diabetic Foundation toll free at 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383) or www.diabetes.org/support-the-cause/make-a-donation.jsp. By mail, donations may be sent

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to the American Diabetes Association, 7362 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.delughtermckee.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester.

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Penny Pearson, 46, Peru, passed away at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2009, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Penny was born April 15, 1963 in Chicago, Illinois, to Robert J. and June Ertler Mels. On October 26, 1986, she married Ricky E. Pearson in Chicago. He preceded her in death on August 10, 1999. She graduated from Resurrection High School, Chicago, in 1981. Penny was employed in the Civil Affairs Office at Grissom Air Reserve Base and was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose and Ladies Bowling League and was active in Ole Olson Memorial Theatre. Penny is survived by a son, Daniel Pearson of Peru; a daughter, Dana Pearson of Peru; a brother, Robert Mels Jr. and his wife Marianne of Bartlett, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services for Penny Pearson will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main in Peru, with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Memorial donations for Penny's children, Daniel and Dana, may be made through the funeral home.

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Robert L. "Bob" Marquis, 92, of Peru, passed away at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Bob was born May 5, 1917 in Bunker Hill to Roy L. and Ada (Bowser) Marquis. On April 5, 1940, he married Vivian (Graft) Marquis and she survives. Bob was a retired milk hauler and owner of the Graft-Marquis Insurance Agency. He was a member of the Independent Christian Fellowship Church of Peru. Surviving with his wife, Vivian, are his daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Garner of Peru, and Ronna Lita "Bonnie" Boone and her husband Jim of Bunker Hill; a son, Charles R. Marquis and his wife Jane of Bunker Hill; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, November 6, 2009, at Metzger Cemetery in Miami County with Pastor Butch Sparling officiating. Burial will follow at the cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Independent Christian Fellowship Church, 120 W. 10th St. in Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St. in Bunker Hill.

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Dorothy H. Custer, 92, Marion, passed away at 1 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, Marion, surrounded by her family. She was born on Jan. 17, 1917 in Marion to the late William and Cora (Thomas) Boyer. She married Herbert Custer Aug. 25, 1934, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1990. Dorothy was a homemaker and a member of First Christian Church. Her family was her life. The last two years, her family extended to include the staff and residents of Miller's Merry Manor. Survivors include three daughters, Sue Claxton and husband John, Peru, Judy Drook, Marion, and Connie Eads and husband Robert, Marion; four grandchildren, Brad Drook, Debbie Allen and husband Jeff, Kim Anderson and husband Greg, and Kelly Anderson and husband J.P.; and five great-grandchildren, Jami, Austin, Alex and Cortney Anderson and Nathan Drook. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Jeff Stephenson; and a son-in-law, Norman Drook. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until services Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Activity Department at Miller's Merry Manor, 505 N. Bradner Avenue, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at www.ravenchoate.com

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Jeffery "Jeff" Sheets, 49, Peru, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at his residence. He was born Nov. 9, 1959 in Anderson to Clifford I. and Mary L. (Cooper) Sheets. He married Debbie (Schiessle) Sheets Nov. 11, 1978, and she survives. Jeff was a loving husband and father that will be missed by all who knew him. He worked at Vulcan Materials Company in Lafayette. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Melissa Sheets and Michelle Strick and husband Tad, all of Crown Point; a son, Kyle Sheets, Peru; two grandchildren, Alex Longoria and Rhyan Strick; four brothers, Danny Sheets, Anderson, Rick Sheets, Cliff Sheets and Ralph Sheets, all of Peru; and four sisters, Dianna Sheets, Peru, Melissa Sheets, Ohio, Mary Woods, Georgia, and Betty Williams, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, David Sheets. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

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Gail C. Darling, 89, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 at his residence. He was born Nov. 12, 1919 in Putnam County, Ohio to Hugh and Gertrude (Hess) Darling. He married Mildred Freeman Dec. 15, 1945 in Toledo, Ohio, and she survives. Gail was a 1937 graduate of Continental High School in Ohio. He attended Wittenburg University and Toledo University in Ohio. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942, and was a B-24 pilot during World War II. He retired from Chrysler Corporation die casting plant in Kokomo, where he was a production engineering manager when he retired. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 65 years, the Society of Die Cast Engineering and an Atlanta Braves fan. He attended First

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Presbyterian Church. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Melanie Darling, Peru, and Kathy McCarty and husband Scott, Connersville; four grandchildren, Bradley and Arianna, Laura Butt and husband Josh, and Amy Canchola and husband Gil; two great-grandchildren, Ava and Madeline; nine nieces and nephews; and a sister, Stella Sybert, Weston, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gorman Darling. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Guy Provance officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military committal service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. Wednesday until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice and/or Miami County Community Foundation, Rosie s Rescue Retreat Inc.

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Porter B. Swafford, 88, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at his residence. He was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Rice, Texas to Scott F. and Adelyn (Hayes) Swafford. He married Wilfriede, and she survives. Porter graduated from Rice High School in Texas and attended Junior College in Dallas, Texas. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1942 and retired from the military in February 1968, after which he worked on Grissom Air Force Base for the next 14 years. He was a life member of the Tangier Shriners, Omaha, Neb., the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Fort Wayne, and of the Grand Lodge of Lake Charles, La. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Gail Freeman and husband Lynn, Leroy, N.Y., and Patricia McCormick and husband Joe, Peru; three grandchildren, Justin Stewart, Brunswick, Ga., Nicholas Stewart, Brunswick, Ga., and Marisa Stewart, Peru; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Stewart, Brunswick, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Scottie Morris, all of Texas. A private family memorial service will be held Saturday afternoon. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Swafford residence. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

(printed 10-23-09)

Eva Ruth Preston, 92, Logansport, formerly of Monticello and Alexandria, passed away at 6:22 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport, with her son-in-law, Pastor Robert Read, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. The memorial guest book may be signed and condolences sent at www.gundrumfuneralhome.com

(printed 11-4-09)

Robyn Gail Petrin Blair, 24, Terre Haute, went to with her Lord and Savior Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 in Terre Haute. She was born Oct. 10, 1985 to Randy and Kathy Petrin. In 2005, she married her high school sweetheart, Michael Blair, who survives. Robyn was a 2004 graduate of South Vermillion High School, where she was active in the band, 4-H and other activities. She packed a lot of life into her 24 years. She had a smile and a laugh a mile wide and a heart of gold. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Grant Allen and Randall Paul Blair; two sisters, Dawn Anne and Dave Miller, Amanda and Eric Shell; grandparents, Roberta Stewart and Thad and Julia Stewart; her mother and father-in-law, Melinda and Mike Blair; a sister-in-law, Penny Debrowski; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jim and Loretta Blackburn. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Frist Funeral Home, 458 Blackman St., Clinton, with the Rev. Larry Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Norman J. Vinson, 55, Pennville, passed away Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries from a motorcycle accident in Peru. He was born Aug. 7, 1954 in Peru to Joseph H. and Beulah (Reed) Vinson. He married Toni Ross April 25, 1980, and she survives. Norman was an area manager for Wampum Hardware. He was president of the Portland Lions Club, E.D.I.T. Committee, a board member of the Jay County Chamber and 1972 graduate of North Miami High School. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Joseph Vinson, Pennville, and Jeff Vinson, Twelve Mile; two daughters, Tara Drumm, Bryant, and Cheryl Vinson, Kokomo; two brothers, Wallace Townsend, Twelve Mile, and Conrad Townsend, Rochester; and three grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, Portland, with Pastor Jonathan Fightmaster presiding. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Pennville. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Norm Vinson Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be made at www.bairdfreeman.com

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George Patrick "Pat" Trook, 92, Peru, passed away at 6:50 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009 at Miller s Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born in Converse on St. Patrick s Day (March 17), 1917 to Harry and Carrie (Poulson) Trook. He graduated from Peru High School in 1934, where he was a cheerleader -- "booma lacka booma lacka." As a teenager, he sang in the Peru Methodist Church choir. Drafted in the Army in 1942, he was a sergeant and fought with the First Armored Division through the North African and Italian Campaigns of World War II. After the war, he was a member of the Cecil

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Crystal Trio, performing in Fort Myers, Fla., where he met his wife to be, Mary Walker, who survives. They were married on Aug. 20, 1946. Later in 1946, he was employed as a brakeman on the C&O Railroad and retired as a conductor in 1977. He was a member of the American Legion, United Transportation Union, Izaak Walton League and American Federation of Musicians. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Linda Taylor and husband Phil, Peru, Patty Bigler, Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kim Trook, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Ted Danielsen and wife Irene, Bloomington, Carrie Loftus and husband Earl, Robbie Selleck and husband Jason, and Kari Lovellette, all of Peru; and eight great-grandchildren. He was very loyal to his brothers. Carleton Trook (Rosalyn), who preceded him in death, bought him a "suit of clothes" to wear on his graduation to whom he was always grateful, and Robert "Bobby" Trook (Margie), Bradenton, Fla., shared his love of music and many, many laughs. He also was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a graveside service for the family at Converse Cemetery at 11 a.m. Saturday, with Michael Cox officiating. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. No visitation is planned. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

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William Lee "Bill" Edgerley Sr., 60, Lawrenceburg, Ky., passed away Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 at the V.A. Medical Center in Louisville, Ky. He was born June 1, 1949 in Peru to Lester and Martha Clemons Edgerley. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked at the Akron Foundry and Heraeus Electro-Nite Company in Peru before moving to Lawrenceburg. Survivors include two sons, William and Daniel Edgerley, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; two daughters, Catrina Abell and husband Cyle, Lawrenceburg, Ky., and Sabrina Wright, Shelbyville, Ky.; four grandchildren, Brittany Abell, Cyle Abell II, Phillip Mertz and Stephanie Mertz; a brother, Bob Jones and wife Kay, Peru; three sisters, Erma Becraft and husband Ed, Peru, Ruby Gibson and Arwood, Peru, and Anna Helton and husband Emery, New Waverly; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clarence Edgerley. Graveside services were Nov. 6 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, Ky., with military honors. Visitation was Nov. 6 at Ritchie & Peach Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, Ky.

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Patricia C. Conlon, 56, Peru passed away at 5:17 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 at her residence. She was born Dec. 28, 1952 in Boston, Mass. to the late Robert J. and Mary A. Murphy Burns. On April 7, 1979 in Linwood, Mass. she was married to Michael P. Conlon, who survives. Survivors besides her husband include three children, Christine E. Brewer and husband Anthony, Peru, Dawn M. Richard and husband Kyle, Peru, and Matthew J. Conlon, Peru; five grandchildren, Quinn Richard, Emma and Braylee Warnock, and Mallory and Mackenzi Brewer, all of Peru; two sisters, Mary Fisher and husband Daniel, Peru, and Diane Dalesio, Milford, Mass.; two brothers, David Burns, Woonsocket, R.I.; and John Burns, Medway, Mass. One brother, Robert Burns, preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Friends are invited to call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, Patricia requested that those who desire make memorial contributions. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Condolences may be left online at www.mcclainfh.com

Thursday, November 12, 2009

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June Irene Kingery, 79, Wabash, passed away at 4:44 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Sept. 19, 1930 in Peru to Francis Daine and Kathryn (Draving) Eckels. She married William D. Kingery in Peru on Feb. 12, 1950, and he survives. June was a graduate of Peru High School. She and her husband came to Wabash in 1956. She retired from Wabash City Schools, where she worked in the cafeteria many years. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash. She enjoyed golfing, sewing, knitting, cookie baking and working out at Springside Life Center. Most of all, she loved her family. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Susan Baker and husband Jon, and Pam Dyer and husband Joe, all of Wabash; seven grandchildren, Chad Baker and husband Taylor, Mercer Island, Wash., Stephanie Braun and husband Kurt, and Matthew Baker and wife Jessica, all of Wabash, Lindsay Hurey and husband Derek, Chicago, Ill., Alison Dyer, Indianapolis, Sarah Miller and husband John, Westfield, and Erika Dyer, Lafayette; her sister, Hazel Powell and husband Jim, Venice, Fla.; a brother, Charles Daine, Peru; and three great-grandchildren, Olivia Braun, Wabash, MaiLy Baker, Mercer Island, and Dominic Baker, Wabash. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Memorial services will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., Wabash, on Friday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Phil Lake officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is to Christ United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for June may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

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Robert S. Robinson, Sr., 95, Peru, passed away at home, with his family around him, on Monday, November 9, 2009. He was born November 22, 1913, in Anaheim, California, to Dolman and Nellie (Sewell) Robinson. On March 21, 1935, he married Clara B. Kaylor, and she preceded him in death. Robert worked as a millwright for Chrysler for 20 years before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Masons for 66 years and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was also a member of UAW Local 685, the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Ohio, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, and the Murat Shiners of

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Indianapolis. He is survived by his son, Robert S. Robinson, Jr. and his wife Linda, Mexico, Indiana; grandson, David Robinson and his wife Tracy and their children, Emily, Elise, and Ethan, Grundy Center, Iowa; granddaughter, Amber Robinson and her son, Justin Zook, Kokomo. The family would like to thank Howard Regional Home Care and Hospice Services for their great care and compassion. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, November 13, at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 West Alto Road in Kokomo. Burial will be in Swamp College Cemetery in Celina, Ohio. Visiting hours will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, at the funeral home with a Masonic service to be held at 7:30 p.m. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com

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Carol R. Conrad, 61, Twelve Mile, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at her residence. She was born April 22, 1948 in Logansport to William R. Adams and Helen L. Springer. She married L.D. Conrad on Dec. 13, 1968 in Rochester, and he survives. Carol retired from the Department of Child Welfare as a case manager in Miami County. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Jason Conrad, and Jon Conrad and wife Tara, all of Twelve Mile; a daughter, Jennifer Conrad, Twelve Mile; three granddaughters, Amber Huddleston, Logansport, and Baranda and Carah Huddleston, Twelve Mile; three grandsons, Isaiah, Zachorie and Kaleb Conrad, Twelve Mile; a great-grandson, Grant Yadon, Logansport; a great-granddaughter, Shaylei Yadon, Logansport; her father-in-law, Weldon "Pete" Conrad, Logansport; a sister, Jennie Martin, Galveston; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Adams; and her mother-in-law, Betty Pearl Conrad. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the local Miami County C.A.S.A. chapter, 25 Court St., Peru, IN 46970. Online condolences may be sent to the family and the guest book signed at www.gundrumfuneralhome.com

Saturday, November 14, 2009

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Opal E. Laughman, 95, Rochester, formerly of Warsaw, passed away at 9:08 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at Life Care Center, Rochester. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Church of God and the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be sent to www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

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Virginia "Blanche" Blackburn, 79, Miami County, rural Kokomo, entered the gates of Heaven and into the arms of our Savior on Thursday Nov. 12, 2009 at 11:40 a.m. in St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born Feb. 12, 1930 in Rector, Ark. to Roy and Gladys (Easton) Cagle. On Aug. 26, 1948, she married Everett L. Blackburn, who passed away April 6, 2001. Blanche graduated from Clay Township High School (Miami County) in 1948. She was an active member of Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church, where she so enjoyed the fellowship of her church family and very special friends. She was a devoted and loving wife, mom, grandma, and great-grandma who treasured her family and wonderful times spent together. Christmas was one of her most precious times, as she surrounded family with touches of her talents and memorable traditions. Throughout her lifetime, Blanche enjoyed hobbies that included sewing, quilting, crocheting and baking. She also spent endless hours in her beautiful flower beds and canning vegetables from her garden. Vacations with family were exceptional times together. She especially cherished the leisurely hours walking the beaches of Florida shelling with husband Everett. Surviving are her three sons, Mike Blackburn and wife Brenda, Noblesville, Roger Blackburn and wife Rhonda, Peru, and Rich Blackburn and wife Theresa, Kokomo; three grandsons, Ryan Blackburn and wife Amy, Grandville, Mich., Scott Blackburn and wife Katie, Maderia, Ohio, and Chris Blackburn and wife Charity, Noblesville; two granddaughters, Amy Flesher and husband Nick, Jenison, Mich., and Melissa Simpson and husband Matt, Zionsville; four great-grandchildren, RJ, Cora, Griffin and Cooper Blackburn; one brother, Doyle Cagle and wife Nancy, Kokomo; three sisters, Wilma Manning, Denver, Jenny Miller, Denver, and Pat McCarty and husband Charlie, Bunker Hill; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Everett. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with her pastor, Norm Snyder, officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston.

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Franklin Roosevelt Harshman, 76, Peru, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 2009, at his residence. Franklin was born August 1, 1933 in Miami County to Shirley and Clara (Hudson) Harshman. On June 7, 1953, he married Shirley Ann (Sische) Harshman and she survives. A United States Army veteran, Franklin had retired from Chrysler Corporation. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and The Moose Degree Team. Surviving with his wife, Shirley, are his daughter, Cindy White of Peru; sons Robin Dale Harshman and Richard Allen Harshman, both of Portage; three brothers, Richard Harshman of Kokomo, Robert Harshman of Peru and Wilson Harshman of Peru; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steven Harshman; three brothers; and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru, with Pastor

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Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2009, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Monday, November 16, 2009

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Eileen M. Siblisk, 84, of Peru, passed away at 6:25 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at Miller s Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru. She was born in Peru on Jan. 30, 1925, the daughter of John and Marie Bird Bessignano. Eileen married Martin J. Siblisk at St. Charles Catholic Church, in Peru, on Feb. 23, 1946. He preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1979. Eileen graduated from Peru High School in 1943 and was a Peru Tribune employee for more than 20 years. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar and Rosary Society, the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Moose Auxiliary. She is survived by her children; Sally Piper of Kokomo, Beth Ann Yoder of Topeka, Ind., Steven Siblisk of Peru, John Siblisk of Westfield, Ind., and Michael Siblisk and his wife Lisa of Peru; grandchildren Christine Loftus, Macey Rice, Jeff Yoder, Jason Yoder, Jared Yoder, Brande Brehmer, Zak Siblisk, Johnna Welch, Randee Siblisk-Sanderson, Cody Siblisk, Kari Siblisk, Bryan Siblisk and Mark Siblisk; great-grandchildren Nicholas Braden, Olivia Yoder, Caroline Yoder, Dillon Yoder, Carson Yoder, Emily Yoder, Erica Yoder, Megan Brehmer, Lane Brehmer, Zoe Welch, Samuel Welch, Hadassah Welch, Maverick Nelson, Maranda Sanderson, Malachi Sanderson, Carter Siblisk and Cama Siblisk. A Mass of Christaian Burial celebrating the life of Eileen M. Siblisk will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at St. Charles Catholic Church, located at 58 West Fifth Street in Peru with Rev. Paul Cochran and Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Family and friend will gather at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street in Peru from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation.

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David F. Hoover, 68, of Peru, went to be with the Lord at his residence on Nov. 14, 2009 at 2:41 p.m. David was a retired conductor and engineer from the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, serving them for 33. He was born on July 27, 1941 in Wabash, Ind., the son of Mark and Virginia (Worthen) Hoover, both of whom preceded him in death. On Oct. 20, 1973, David married Lona J. Bitterling, and she survives. David was a member of Zion Chapel Church and served in the United States Marine Corp. Also surviving include seven children, April, Aaron, Autumn, Adam, Crystal, Randy and Lori, his mother-in-law Helen Bitterling and an aunt, Francis, as well as several nieces and nephews. A sister, Brenda, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Rod Correll, Pastor George Dinkel and Pastor Lew McKinney will all officiate. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at Zion Chapel Church with burial at Bruce Lake Cemetery in Bruce Lake, Ind., following the funeral. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Gideon s and/or Zion Chapel Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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Thelma M. Metzger, 83, Peru, passed away at 7:51 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Jan. 3, 1926 in Indianapolis to Wilbur and Mary Belle (Roberson) Warren. She married Alvin Metzger in 1964, and he preceded her in death March 23, 1999. Thelma was the drainage board secretary at the Miami County Courthouse. She was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren, Miami County Ladies Republican Party and Order of the Amaranth. She graduated from Decatur Central High School in West Newton and Indiana Business College in Indianapolis. Survivors include a son, Gerald Lane and wife Elaine, Las Vegas, Nev.; two daughters, Marilyn Albright and husband Mark, Greencastle, and Carolyn Flick, Greenwood; four sisters, Francis Cooper and husband Chester, Mooresville, Carolyn Huber and husband Kent, Brownsburg, Judy Galyan and husband Jim, West Liberty, Ky., and Brenda Stafford and husband Larry, Pittsboro; a sister-in-law, Lorraine Warren, Indianapolis; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Robert Warren. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. An Amaranth Service will be held at 7 p.m.

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Josephine A. (Morris) Ergo, 89, Peru, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at her home. She was born Dec. 7, 1919, in Wellsville, N.Y., the daughter of Arthur and Josephine Hendershot Morris. In July, 1946, she married John J. Ergo, who preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1978. Josephine was a retired payroll clerk from the Peru Foundry. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. Surviving are one son, Michael and wife Phyllis, San Jose, Calif.; two grandsons, Beringer, California, and Jared and wife Rachel, Texas; a niece, Sue Plothow and husband Jerry, Peru; a nephew, Terry Hudson and wife Bonnie, Colorado; two great-nephews, Chad Plothow, Florida, and Brett Hudson, Colorado; two great-nieces, Teressa Hudson and Vanessa Campbell, both of Colorado; and several great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a sister, Dorothy Hudson. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral

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Home, 105 W. Third St., with Deacon Truman Stevens officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

(printed 11-18-09)

John F. McKee, 88, Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on Oct. 7, 1921 on the family farm in Bunker Hill to Robert B. and Mary M. (Fouts) McKee. On May 2, 1943, he and the former Margaret Schafer were married at Kokomo Zion Evangelical Church, and she survives. John was a member of the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. He farmed the family farm in Bunker Hill, was an advisory board member of Pipe Creek, a charter member of the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and a Bunker Hill High School graduate. Survivors besides his wife of 60 years include three sons, John R. McKee, Bunker Hill, and special friend, Ramona Kendall, Jim R. McKee and wife Cindy, LeRoy, Ill., and Joe E. McKee and wife Betty, Peru; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Marjorie Zerbe and Georgianna Nonnenmann; and a daughter-in-law, Della McKee. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Rick Baber and Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church through the funeral home. And a special thanks to Jim Myer who was a special friend.

Thursday, November 19, 2009

(printed 11-19-09)

Lou Ella Magee, 65, Logansport, passed away at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at her residence. She was born Aug. 13, 1944 in Carthage to Maine and Flora (Howard) Magee. Lou was a 1962 graduate of Carthage High School. She received a bachelor s degree from Ball State University in 1966, and a master s degree from Indiana University. She taught at Arlington High School in Rush County for three years. For 37 years, she taught English and social studies at Maconaquah Middle School, retiring in 2006. She had been president for many years of the Maconaquah Education Association, was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and served on the Missions and Evangelization Committee at the church. Lou always enjoyed the company of her family and friends. She leaves behind a strong circle of friends who became as an extended family to her and to each other. Survivors include her partner and best friend, Sue Layman, Logansport; a special nephew, who was more like a son, Eric Magee and wife Melissa, Peru; a brother, Richard Magee and wife Marcia, Spiceland; two sisters, Geraldine Strong, New Castle, and Gloria Plank and husband Lyle, Greenfield; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Farris Magee, Fred Magee and Ronald Magee; and two sisters, Darlene Muir and Virginia Norfleet. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. James Lutheran Church, with Pastors K.C. Dehning and Marvin Hinkle officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. There will be a gathering of family and friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the lower-level parish hall at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. James Lutheran Church Missions & Evangelization Committee. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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Anthony "Tony" Lee Kraning, 46, Peru, passed away at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 at his residence. He was born March 25, 1963 in Wabash County to Gary James and Sandra Catherine Sager Kraning. He was a 1982 North Miami High School graduate. He had worked at Special Processing in Rochester for several years and also Scott s Heating and Cooling. Survivors include his parents in Peru; a brother, Kenneth Kraning, Peru; a nephew, Jordon Kraning, Peru; an aunt, Linda Maze, Peru; and many cousins. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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Friday, November 20, 2009

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Allen C. Shook, 85, Eastonollee, Ga., formerly of Laketon, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009. Funeral services are at noon Saturday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Burial will be at Sharpee Cemetery, Peru. Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Sunday, November 22, 2009

(printed 11-23-09)

Gregory A. "Greg" Lytle Jr., 51, Peru, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at his residence. He was born Nov. 12, 1958 in Logansport to Carl Lytle Sr. and Christine (Burress) Lytle. Greg was a former employee of Trelleborg. He graduated from Maconaquah High School and enjoyed playing golf and watching NASCAR with his friends. Survivors besides his father in Bunker Hill include special nieces and nephews, Amy and Jason Hoff, Nicole and Andy Hilbon, Justin and Kris Hiers, Danny and Deb Lance, Brad Lance and special friend Corrine, and Melody Lytle; several great-nieces and -nephews; a brother, Carl "Bo" Lytle Jr. and wife Sally, Peru; and three sisters, Edna "Eddie" Foust, Peru, Joan Allen and husband David, Kokomo, and Louella "Lou" Hiers and husband Oley, Denver. He was preceded in death by his mother and a great-nephew, Trintyn J. Hayes. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Bryce B. Elkins III, 32, of Columbia City, passed away at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2009, at Parkview Main in Fort Wayne. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2009, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main Street in Columbia City with Pastor Jack Hieaholzer officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, November 22, 2009, at the funeral home and 1 hour prior to the funeral. Preferred memorials are to Laine and Brycer c/o Amanda Elkins. Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

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Tracy M. Hall, 39, of Tampa, Florida, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2009, at The Villages, Florida. She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Tracy is survived by her daughter, Courtney N. Hall; father, John Hall; mother, Martha Hall; and sister, Amy Hall North. Memorial donations may be made to the Courtney N. Hall Educational Fund at any Bank of America throughout the United States. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, Florida.

There were no records online of the PDT for the month of December 2009.