

## Peru Daily Tribune 2006 Obituaries

### **George E. Harman, 83**

Sunday, January 01, 2006

George E. Harman, 83, formerly of Roann, passed away at 4:15 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Health Care, La Fontaine.

He was born on August 30, 1922 in Miami County to George Harman Sr. and Bessie (Flora) Harman, and married Esther L. Robison on July 12, 1942 in Akron, who preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 1959.

Harman had worked at General Tire in Wabash for 50 years, as well as farmed.

He is survived by daughter, Joyce Stephen and husband Mike, Akron; son, Roger D. Harman and wife Donna, Wabash; three grandchildren, Kristine Schwenger and husband Andy, Akron, Bryan Stephen and wife Michelle, Akron, and Dedra Stockberger and husband Jason, Kokomo; two sisters, Wilma Yocum and Althea Mae Leyba, both of South Bend; brother, Estel Harman and wife Gloria, Florida; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Bruce Hostetler officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.<sup>5</sup>

### **Raymond Tresler, 79**

Sunday, January 01, 2006

Raymond Tresler, 79, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2005 at his residence in Warsaw.

He was born on June 6, 1926 in Martinsville to Carey H. and Emma Zella (Cox) Tresler, and married Ruth Leedy on June 11, 1950, who survives.

Tresler was retired from Square D Company, Peru, following 37 years of employment.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles Lodge of Peru, Peru Maennerchor, Warsaw VFW, and American Legion.

Tresler served in the United States Army Infantry and Coast Artillery at the Battle of the Bulge and in Central Europe during World War II.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Karen Witt and husband Kenneth, Orange Park, Fla., and Beth Hill and husband Harold, Warsaw; sister, Ruth Richardson, Peru; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Tresler was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Marshall Tresler and Albert Tresler; and two sisters, Frances Bell and Mary Gross.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor James Lund officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

There will be a Military Committal service at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or American Heart Association.

### **Mary E. Kellie House Brittain, 89**

Sunday, January 01, 2006

Mary E. Kellie House Brittain, 89, North Manchester, passed away at 10:05 a.m., Monday, December 26, 2005, at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

She was born May 10, 1916, in Peru, to Lewis E. Roberts and Esther C. Nell, both deceased. Mary married Russell G. Flory on November 2, 1939, was divorced in 1965, and he passed away in 1969. On May 3, 1968, she married Truman R. Kellie, and he passed away on June 13, 1980. On October 8, 1981 she married Walter R. House, and he passed away on July 16, 1994. On March 15, 2000 she married Donald D. Brittain, and he passed away on May 10, 2002.

Mary was a 1933 graduate of Peru High School, going on to earn her bachelor of arts degree from Indiana Central College in 1937, and her master's degree from Indiana University in 1963. She was an elementary school teacher in Kokomo for nine years, Warsaw for four years, and Logansport seven years. She was a member of North Manchester United Methodist Church; Indiana Retired Teachers Association; North Manchester Shepherds Center; AARP; and Alpha Delta Kappa.

Survivors include step-sons Truman R. Kellie, Lakeland, Minn., and Clark Kellie, Sandborn; daughter Ruth Swanson and husband David, Huntington; a brother, Lewis H. Roberts and wife Nina, Akron, Ohio; three grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, with Pastor Fred Bishop and Chaplain Joan Deeter officiating.

Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Timbercrest Chapel. Arrangements are by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel.

Condolences may be emailed to [delughtertermckee.com](mailto:delughtertermckee.com).

**Glenn D. Bunnell, 82**

Sunday, January 01, 2006

Glenn D. Bunnell, 82, Boynton Beach, Florida passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

He was born on July 29, 1923 in Peru to Violet Hartleroad Bunnell. He married Dorothea L. McFarren on June 18, 1949.

Glenn was a graduate of Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, and attended Indiana University and Butler University.

During his career as a salesman, he sold storm windows and doors, pharmaceuticals, and hospital equipment. He always had a passion for the latest technology. He loved wind surfing, and wind surfed well into his 70s.

Memorial services will be conducted on Sunday, January 8, 2006, at Religious Science - Fort Lauderdale, 1550 NE 26th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, Inc., 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407, Attention: Community Development.

**Robert "Bob" Hosek, 83**

Monday, January 02, 2006

Robert "Bob" Hosek

Robert "Bob" Hosek, 83, passed away December 29, 2005. He was born December 13, 1922 in Laredo, Texas, and adopted by James R. and Maria Hosek as an infant.

After a local hop with a barnstormer at the age of 8, flying became his interest and passion. Working at the local aerodrome he learned enough to solo at the age of 16.

Like so many of his generation, Bob walked away from South Texas as a high school senior, into World War II on December 8, 1941, and never looked back. After training in the U.S. Army Air Corps he served in the European Theatre as a heavy-bomber pilot. After WWII, he continued with the U.S. Air Force for another 20 years, retiring in 1964, at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He flew biplanes in his youth and became among the first to fly jets in the service of his country. He became an operations officer and rose to regional commander in NORAD in the northern-plains states. He was the recipient of the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Air Commendation Medal.

In Miami Beach, while on R&R from WWII duty, he met and wooed his soul mate, Althea Lehnen. They married on December 28, 1945, and their union produced three unique sons: Michael K.; Bryan K.; and Eric K. The love of mother and father was completed with the adoption of Janie in 1968.

While a military career meant frequent relocation, Bob and Thea always ensured that each new air base house became a family home, and stray dogs were welcome. The family enjoyed many outdoor adventures together wherever they were stationed.

After a successful military career, Bob joined the Square D Company and retired again after 21 years as a production control manager in the Peru plant. Bob and Thea's last relocation was to Bloomington in 1991. Their summer home was Montana, and their winter home remained the beaches of Florida.

Survived by his lifelong companion of 60 years and one day; the four children and seven grandchildren, the "Colonel" was another quiet, but proud member of the "greatest generation." This man was not afraid of anything, including death. He knew the value of hard work and a dollar. He was good with a shotgun, and always a friend to animals. While he might have been tough to love, his love was never questioned.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Bloomington.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church.

Church and Community Funeral Services is handling arrangements.

**Eva G. King, 71**

Monday, January 02, 2006

Eva G. King, 71, Amboy, passed away at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2005, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on July 24, 1934 in Miami County to Earl and Myrtle Mogle Durkes. She married William E. King on May 11, 1952, and he survives.

King attended Amboy United Methodist Church. She was a 1952 graduate of Butler Township High School and a past member of the Amboy Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors other than her husband include a daughter, Christine Griggs and husband Don, Mt. Summit; three sons, Alan King, Peru, William K. King, Amboy, and John King, Amboy; six grandchildren, Heather, Michelle, Samantha, Michael, Sara and Norie Ann; two great-grandchildren, Lauren and Leah; and two sisters, Marion Lees and husband Bob, High Point, N.C., and Betty Faust, Ludlow, Ill.

Services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Jim McDowell officiating. Friends may call from noon to time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Justin L. Hiatt, 27**

Monday, January 02, 2006

Justin L. Hiatt, 27, Terre Haute, died at 4:41 p.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2005, at the scene of an automobile accident in Parke County.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1978 in Dearborn, Mich., the son of Greg and Carol Howard Hiatt.

Justin graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1997, where he enjoyed running and wrestling. Following graduation from high school he worked as a security guard in the Detroit, Mich., area for several years before securing a job as a fireman at Hulman Field Air Base, Terre Haute. Justin was a member of the 122nd Fighter Wing at Ft. Wayne and was in the process of preparing for deployment to Iraq. He was the loving father of two beautiful daughters.

Survivors include his parents, Pastor Greg Hiatt and his wife Carol of McGrawsville; daughters Anna and Andrea Hiatt and their mother Angela Shank of Lincoln Park, Mich.; brothers Jamie Hiatt of Indianapolis, and Brian Hiatt and Daniel Hiatt both of McGrawsville; maternal grandmother, Betty Howard of Fairmount; and paternal grandmother, Aralee Hiatt of Fairmount.

A service celebrating the life of Justin L. Hiatt will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 E., Amboy, with Pastor Kenneth Cole and Pastor Ian Nacy officiating.

Burial will follow in Park Cemetery, Fairmount, with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the 122nd Fighter Wing.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Envelopes will be available at the church for memorial donations to the Anna and Andrea Hiatt Education Fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **William Leroy Coppernoll, Sr., 73**

Wednesday, January 04, 2006

William Leroy Coppernoll, Sr., 73, Logansport (formerly of Peru) passed away at 3 a.m., Sunday, January 1, 2006, at his residence.

He was born on March 15, 1932 in Monroe, Mich., to Wesley and Ruth (Sorter) Coppernoll. Wesley Coppernoll survives and resides in Logansport.

On November 15, 1980, he married Lesley Razey in Peru, and she survives.

Coppernoll was a retired auto mechanic, having been employed for many years in Peru. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served aboard the USS Columbus. He was a member of the USS Columbus Association, and was also a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and bowling.

Survivors include sons, William Coppernoll Jr. and wife Venus, Indianapolis, Richard Coppernoll and wife Lisa, Florida, Jerry Coppernoll and wife Teresa, Logansport, and James Coppernoll, Muncie; daughter, Juanita Coppernoll, Illinois; step-son, Robert Gordon and wife Brenda, Indianapolis; step-daughter, Karen LaTourrette and husband J.C., Logansport; brothers, Richard Coppernoll and Dale Coppernoll, both of Logansport; sister, Frances Holle, Logansport; a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Belle, and step-mother, Vera Coppernoll.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, with the Reverend Kevin Drane of Clymers United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, with full military honors.

Calling is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, IN 46947.

### **Linda L. Bunnell, 58**

Wednesday, January 04, 2006

Linda L. Bunnell, 58, Lafayette, passed away at 12:27 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2006 at Lafayette Home Hospital.

She was born to Robert E. and Mary Haskell on June 12, 1947 in Michigan City and had resided in Lafayette since 1976, relocating from Binghamton, N.Y., and married Charles A. 'Chuck' Bunnell on August 30, 1969 in Peru, and he survives.

The Ben Davis High School graduate received a bachelor of science in secondary education from Indiana University.

She was a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church and involved in a number of ministries there. She also enjoyed travelling, collecting and reading.

Aside from her husband, Bunnell is survived by her mother, Mary Haskell, Indianapolis; two daughters, Tanya Ramey and husband Steven, Dayton, Ind., and Susanne Spence and husband Erik, Madison, Wisc.; two sisters, Sandra Smith and husband Danny, Plainfield, and Barbara Sears and husband Tom, Lebanon; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Boniface Catholic Church with Father William Vath officiating.

A Rosary Service will be conducted on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Soller-Baker Funeral Home, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Boniface Cemetery, Lafayette.

### **Nancy Catherine Allen, 89**

Wednesday, January 04, 2006

Nancy Catherine Allen, 89, Kokomo, passed away at 7:49 p.m., Thursday, December 29, 2005, at Sycamore Village Health Care in Kokomo.

She was born in Wawpecong on January 6, 1916, to Charles and Myrtle (Burton) Sims. She attended Clay Township Schools in Miami County. On May 17, 1936, she married G. Max Allen, and he preceded her in death on March 19, 2002.

Nancy had been employed with Reliance Clothing Store, Kokomo; Kresge in downtown Kokomo; J.C. Penney's Department Store; later at Delco Electronics, and she enjoyed selling Avon. She was an active member of Upper Deer Creek Church, where she always made apple dumplings for the church dinners. She enjoyed being active in the Amity Sunday School classes Upper Deer Creek Church. Her hobbies were raising African Violets, strawberries, and Charolais cattle. She also loved collecting Hummel figures, glassware, and antiques.

Survivors include sons James R. Allen and wife Carol, Kokomo; John C. Allen and wife Suzanne, Kokomo; Robert H. Allen and wife Margaret, Kokomo; grandchildren, Luann Fain and husband Rodger; Jamelle Allen and Jonna Snow, all of Kokomo; Gary Allen and wife Karrie, Loveland, Colo.; Jaci Novak and husband Jeff, Haymarket, Va.; Melissa Ricasa, Riverside, Calif.; and Troy Allen, Riverside, Calif.; 12 great-grandchildren: Jerred Fain, Abigail Fain, Keanna Snow, Jackson Allen, McKenna Allen, John Novak, Ian Novak, Katya Novak, Elena Novak, Miles Ricasa, Boston Allen, Savannah Allen; brother-in-law, Wayne Allen, Kokomo; and sister-in-law, Betty Sims, Kokomo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, G. Max Allen; one grandson, Anthony Robert Allen; three brothers: Frank Sims, Sidney Sims, and Everette Sims; three sisters, June Schroeder, Marie Faust, and Martha Sims.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m., on Tuesday at Upper Deer Creek, 5019 East CR 1400 South, Galveston, with Pastors Joe Coffin and John Rhodes.

Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Upper Deer Creek Church, with envelopes available at the church. Stout and Son Funeral Home at Russiaville, is in charge of arrangements.

### **Grover "Mac" McNeely, Jr., 83**

Friday, January 06, 2006

Grover "Mac" McNeely, Jr., 83, Peru, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

He was born on June 26, 1922 in Indianapolis, the son of Grover A. McNeely, Sr. and Cora (Buck) McNeely. He married Madelyn "Jean" Burgard on April 13, 1946 and she survives.

Grover was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and served with the tank destroyer battalion in Hodges' First Army. He was held as a prisoner of war for four months at the Prisoner of War Stalag Camp 11-B after being captured in Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge on Dec. 17, 1944. For serving his country, the decorated veteran earned many military ribbons including the Purple Heart, the World War II Victory Medal with bronze stars which he received for honorable service while a Prisoner of War, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon, the World War II ribbon, the National Defense Ribbon and others.

Survivors other than his wife include his daughters, Jo McNeely, Peru, Judith Buzard, Mesa, Ariz., and Karen Specht, Winter Haven, Fla.; grandchildren Lori, Mindy, Tracey, TyAnn, Jeff, Robert and Tiffany; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, Jordan.

McNeely was preceded in death both both parents, a brother, three sisters and a grandchild, Thad.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Tony Winters and Pastor Ron Shaner officiating.

Before burial there will be a military committal service at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to First Church of the Nazarene.

### **Janet C. Berguson, 83**

Friday, January 06, 2006

Janet C. Berguson, 83, Huntington, passed away on December 27, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Huntington, with her daughter Jane at her bedside after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in Minneapolis, Minn., and a former resident of Southern California, she resided in Roseville for 14 years and the Heritage of Huntington since Sept. 25, 2003.

Berguson graduated from Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis in 1937, and attended the University of Minnesota. She was well loved and will be missed by many.

Survivors include daughters Jane Douglas Cook and husband Michael E. Cook of Peru; Laurie Crawford Runyan and husband James Jr. of New York City; and Beth Warner Ferrari and husband Philip of Dayton, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Warner Berguson, who passed away on April 12, 2002. They were married for 54 years. There are no formal services planned for Berguson at this time. The family wishes to express their thanks to the staff of the Special Care Unit at the Heritage of Huntington.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 6324 Constitution Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Paul K. Shultz, 81**

Friday, January 06, 2006

Paul K. Shultz, 81, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1924 in Adams County, Ohio to Luther and Annie Piatt Shultz. He married Sylvia Barrett Shultz in 1971 and she survives.

Shultz was a member of the Church of Christ and was retired from the C and O Railroad.

Survivors other than his wife include several cousins, two half-brothers, Marion and Milton Shultz, both of Peru; a step-brother, Leroy Burns, Florida; two half-sisters, Joyce Midcalfe and Sue Case, both of Peru; and three step-sisters, Sara Bentley, Bonnie Burns and Mary Stone, all of Florida.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Howard Whittlesey officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Church of Christ, Peru.

**Ethel M. Kabat, 89**

Friday, January 06, 2006

Ethel M. Kabat, 89, Rochester, formerly of Macy, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2006.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester chapel. Visitation is Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. in DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester.

Condolences may be emailed to the Kabat family at [delaugtermckee.com](mailto:delaugtermckee.com).

**Margaret P. Giles, 93**

Saturday, January 07, 2006

Margaret P. Giles, 93, Peru, passed away at 1:47 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born in Mount Independence, Pa., on Sept. 11, 1912 to C.B. and Lottie Yauger Wilson. She married William Giles on Aug. 21, 1958 and he preceded her in death.

Giles was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Christopher and companion Hattie Tyson, Peru; a grandson, Ronald Connors and wife Judy, Peru; a granddaughter, Robin Kindig, Kokomo; and a great-granddaughter, Caitlin Kindig, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, three brothers, two sisters, and one daughter, Beverly Connors.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to time of service at the chapel.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Verl D. Sandifur, 94**

Saturday, January 07, 2006

Verl D. Sandifur, 94, Bunker Hill, passed away at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

He was born in Miami County to Noah A. and Carrie O. (Duckwall) Sandifur on March 12, 1911.

Sandifur graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1929. He retired from Wabash Valley Bank in Peru on March 31, 1976, after 27 years of service. After his retirement from the bank he worked for Mike's IGA in Bunker Hill, and also worked 19 years for Leon Allen at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. He also helped farm most of his adult active life.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bunker Hill, where he played the church piano for many years; a past master and member of the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge F&AM #683; a member of the Walton Order of the Eastern Star #184, the Peru York Rite Bodies, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and Order of Amaranth Lodge Logansport Court #4.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Earl Sandifur; one sister and brother-in-law, Edna and John Davisson; one niece, Anna Marie Kent; and one nephew, John Davisson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Charles Layne officiating.

Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. Calling is one hour before the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation.

Stout & Son Funeral Home in Russiaville is in charge of arrangements.

**Ruby L. Croft, 96**

Monday, January 09, 2006

Ruby L. Croft, 96, Crawfordsville, passed away at 10 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2005 at Williamsburg Nursing Home, Crawfordsville.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Shoemaker Funeral Home, Waynetown, with Mr. Barry Barkley officiating. Burial was at Rosehill Cemetery in Hillsboro.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Shoemaker Funeral Home.

**Sarah Elizabeth Brown, 100**

Monday, January 09, 2006

Sarah Elizabeth Brown, 100, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 4:55 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2006 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown.

She was born on April 30, 1905 to Eugene and Luella (Friend) Mills, and married Carter Miller Brown on June 20, 1931. He preceded her in death on January 8, 2003.

The 1925 graduate of Deedsville High School attended nurses training school, and was the retired owner and operator of a Greyhound Bus station and music store in California.

She was a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church.

Brown is survived by two nieces, Arlene Balsbaugh, Greentown, and Jeanette Hunter, Peru; nephew, Leroy Mills Jr., Macy; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and one sister.

In accordance with her wishes, she will be cremated and there is no public visitation or funeral services.

Arrangements were handled by Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

**Jackie L. Worden, 70**

Monday, January 09, 2006

Jackie L. Worden, 70, Peru, passed away at 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on December 12, 1935 in Kokomo to Clarence and Margaret (Jones) Worden, and married Irene Burns on July 1, 1960, and she survives.

Worden was a retired Civil Service Mechanic from Grissom Air Force Base, and served in the United States Army in Desert Storm in Iraq.

He was a member of the VFW Lodge, American Legion and Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge, and enjoyed reading Westerns, camping and spending time with his grandchildren.

Aside from his wife, Worden is survived by two sons, Rick Worden and wife Betsy, Walton, and Kenneth Worden and wife Jody, Macy; one daughter, Teresa Lawson, Kokomo; three brothers, Bob Worden and wife Thelma, Denver, Carl Worden and George Worden, both of Peru; sister, Jenny Lewis and husband Alden, Peru; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bill Worden and Jim Worden; sister, Mary Wingard, and infant sister, Betty Worden.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Gene Personett officiating.

Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. There will be a military committal service at the cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Harold E. Fletcher, 86**

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Harold E. Fletcher, 86, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006, at Northwood Village Health Care Center, Kokomo.

He was born Jan. 6, 1920 in Forest to Thomas Dayton and Iva Baker Fletcher. He married Ruth E. Chism on May 4, 1946 in Peru, and she passed away on July 26, 1996.

Fletcher was a businessman and owned Fletcher Grocery, Victory Dinner and Kosan Lunch restaurants, Ruth's Follies Resort on Lake Shaffer and the East End Laundromat.

He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1939 and served in the United States Army during World War II. He was held as a Prisoner of War in Germany and received two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and many Service Ribbons. He was also an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Indiana Pacers, Indiana University basketball and football and the St. Louis Cardinals on television.

Survivors include two step-daughters, Mona Harrison and husband Tom, Kokomo, and Becky Bitner, Kokomo; four step-grandchildren, Matt Harrison and wife Patti, Kokomo, Guy Harrison and wife Nancy of Ft. Myers, Fla., Doug Bitner and wife Jancie, Kokomo, and Crystal Dyar, Kokomo; seven great-grandchildren, Amie McFadden, Jason McFadden, Zachary Harrison, Alec Harrison, Nicole Harrison, Morgan Dyar and Katie Klein; one brother, Tom Doyal and wife Ruth Fletcher, Lagro, Fla.; three sisters, Norma Jean Mann and husband Delbert, Kokomo, Edna Canard and husband Luther, Kokomo, and Arlene McNally, Henderson, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street, Kokomo.

Burial will be at Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

**Jean Frieden, 85**

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

Jean Frieden, 85, North Manchester, passed away at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2006, at Hubbard Hill Estates, Elkhart. She was born in Miami County on Nov. 5, 1920 to William and Elsie (Rentzel) Smith, both deceased. On August 31, 1940 she married Paul A. Bishop, and he died in February of 1944 while serving in the Philippines during World War II. She then married Lawrence "Pete" Frieden on November 27, 1959, and he preceded her in death on August 3, 1996. Jean was office manager at Wabash Metal Products, Wabash.

Survivors include her daughter, Paula Jean (Bishop), Union, Mich.; grandchildren Lissa Hilton and husband Scott, Hamilton, Mich.; Garry Wertenberger and wife Pam, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; Amy Hampton and husband Andrew, Allen, Texas; and Andrew Wertenberger, Longmont, Colo. She is also survived by great-grandchildren Tristan, Kayla and Kellen Hilton, Hamilton, Mich.; Lucas and Lindsey Wertenberger, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; brothers Roy Smith, Gilead, and Earl Smith, Macy; and two sisters, Naomi Cossairt, Peru, and Joann Denney, Converse.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; three brothers; and six sisters.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, with Pastor David Hickman officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Servia.

Visitation is today from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army, 3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208-4718.

Condolences may be emailed to [www.delaughtermckee.com](http://www.delaughtermckee.com).

### **Milford W. "Shive" Shively, 75**

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

Milford W. "Shive" Shively, 75, formerly of Miami County, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2006, at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was born May 18, 1930, in McGrawsville to Oscar "Mose" and Vera (Worl) Shively.

He was a member of the Ajo Federated Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge, an Ajo Rotarian, a former board member of the Ajo-Lukeville Health District, and an Ajo community pharmacist.

Survivors include his wife, Gail; two sons, Ron Shively and wife Pam, and Richard Shively and wife Cindy; and six grandchildren, Aaron, Meghan, Brittney, Zachary, Joshua, and Brandon.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Valley of the Sun Mortuary, 10940 E. Chandler Heights Road, Chandler, Ariz.

### **Richard C. "Dick" Working, 74**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Richard C. "Dick" Working, 74, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on April 2, 1931 in Peru to Ora and Nina Kercher Working. He married Linda S. Babbs on Oct. 8, 1983, and she survives.

Working worked as a auto salesman for 30 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, the Moose Lodge, was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and was an avid sports lover, especially golf and bowling.

Survivors include a daughter, Terry McCoy and husband Stan, Peru; three sons, Curtis Working and wife Diana, Peru, Gary Working and wife Veronia, Peru, and Randy Working and companion Bridget Stenger, Indianapolis; two step-daughters, Deanna Dunlap and husband Ryan, Galena, Ohio, and Alesha Hults and husband Chris, Peru; a brother, Gerald Working, Port Ritchey, Fla.; a sister, Geneva Zinn, Wabash; grandchildren Angie, Cory, Amber, Christi-Anne, Jonathan, Christopher, Cayne, Collyn, Zackary, Ally, Quincey and Aubrey; and two great-grandchildren, Dawson and Nolan.

Services will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Richard Wiles officiating. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

### **Lois "Joleen" Christensen, 75**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Lois "Joleen" Christensen, 75, a life-long resident of Peru, died at 5:25 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at her daughter's residence in Westfield, surrounded by the people she spent her life loving and caring for, her children.

She was born on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 1930 in Peru to David and Abigail Ebert Jackley.

She was retired from Farm Credit Services; was a life member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, and a member of the Carriage Club and the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include three sons, Chris Christensen and wife Janet, Nyona Lake, Carl Christensen and wife Paula, Peru, and Curt Christensen and wife Tracy, La Fontaine; a daughter, Teri Merritt and husband Dave, Westfield; six grandchildren, Christy Ann McGuire and husband Chris, Caitlin and Andrew Petry, David and Carly Christensen, and Kelly Click Childers; and three great-grandchildren, Trey Christensen and Masyn and Avery McGuire.

Joleen was an only child. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Jason Christensen.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. James Hardin officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Charles "Eldon" Shrock, 87**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Charles "Eldon" Shrock, 87, Bunker Hill, passed away as 3:45 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo.

He was born May 29, 1987 in Miami County to John C. and Merele Grau Shrock. He married Betty Jo Abresch Shrock on May 31, 1947, and she survives.

Shrock was a member of the Miami United Methodist Church. He was retired from General Motors and also a retired farmer. He was a Ham radio operator for W90KU, and flew airplanes for 30 years.

Survivors other than his wife include a son, Ken Shrock and wife Rhonda, Bunker Hill, and a sister, Marjorie Naphew, Plevna.

He was preceded in death by both parents and a daughter, Sandra Cronk.

Services will be held Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Garfield Judkins officiating. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery, Howard County.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Wilma K. Babb, 91**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Wilma K. Babb, 91, McMinnville, Ore., formerly of Peru, passed away at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at Life Care Center, McMinnville, Ore.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Helen R. Heymig, 85**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Helen R. Heymig, 85, passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Bernadette Jensen, Walkerton. She is survived by eight children, including Helene Banina, Peru.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rannell's Funeral Home in Koontz Lake. A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. in Holy Cross Church, Hamlet, celebrated by her son, Father Frank Lenz.

**Lois F. Coffman, 90**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Lois F. Coffman, 90, Kokomo, went to be with our heavenly Father at 5:53 a.m. Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at Saint Joseph Hospital and Health Care Center, Kokomo.

She was born on March 24, 1915 in Peru to Louis and Florence (Williams) Marburger. She married Eugene D. Coffman on December 25, 1940 in her parents home in Peru, and he preceded her in death on March 16, 1989 in Marion.

Coffman had worked at the Farmer's State Bank in Converse, Kmart in Kokomo and retired as assistant manager from G.C. Murphy's Department Store in the Kokomo Mall. She attended elementary school in Peru and Logansport and graduated in 1933 from Converse High School. She was a member of First Christian Church of Kokomo. Lois enjoyed spending good times with her family and friends, traveling and mushroom hunting. She will be sadly missed by her adoring family and her cat, Millie.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Florence and Dennis Pogue, Kokomo; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Betty Coffman, Louisville, Ky.; grandchildren Karyl Pogue, Kokomo, Brian Pogue, Frankfort and Brent Pogue and wife Kristy, Frankfort. She is also survived by Staff Sergeant Patrick Coffman (currently in Iraq) and wife Jill of Cranberry Twp., Pa., Christopher Coffman and wife Holly of Huntersville, N.C., Kevin Coffman and wife Kristen of Odenville, Ala.; eight great-grandchildren: Justin Pentland, Nichole McGrew, Savannah Coffman, Cassidy Coffman, Melissa Pogue, Ty Pogue, Tyler Coffman and Colton Pogue; her identical twin sister Eunice Carey, Marion; sister and brother-in-law Mary and Max Mitchell of Flora; and several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Ruth Lee of Converse and Olive Lee of South Bend; and brother Harold Marburger of Indianapolis.

Services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary Webster St. Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Rev. Ken Byland officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the chapel. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

**Wilma M. Richey, 89**

Friday, January 13, 2006

Wilma M. (Eber) Richey, 89, West Lafayette, passed away at 6:25 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at Home Hospital, Lafayette. She was born on September 25, 1916 in Macy to Lewis Franklin and Emma Flora Baldwin Eber. On June 4, 1940, she married Dale B. Richey in Peru, and he preceded her in death on November 6, 1970. She had resided in Tippecanoe County since 1950. Wilma graduated from Peru High School and attended business school for a year. She worked as a secretary in the



Purdue University Football Department for 21 years, retiring in 1982. After retiring she continued to work in the Purdue Athletic offices on a part-time basis.

She was a member of the Elston Presbyterian Church and the Mariners Club at the church, where she also played the organ for many years. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Hope Chapter #5; EMERA Club; ABWA; and she was also a supporter of the Purdue Music Organization. She enjoyed knitting.

Survivors include three sons: Retired Colonel Wayne L. Richey and wife Marcia J., Wichita Falls, Texas; Thomas D. Richey and wife Susan M., Kokomo; and Roger A. Richey and wife Janie M., Alpharetta, Ga.; seven grandchildren and spouses: Michael J. and Ginger Richey, Arlington, Texas; Melissa and Ed Wagner, Arlington, Va.; David and Destry Richey, Sturgis, Mich.; Hillarie and Matt Elkin, Kokomo; Stephanie and Thatcher Young, Marietta, Ga.; Monica J. Morris, Wichita Falls, Texas; and Douglas I. Richey, Tampa, Fla.; ten great-grandchildren: Stiner, Josiah and Noah Richey, Sturgis, Mich.; Logan and Miles Richey, Arlington, Texas; Emma and Amy Wagner, Arlington, Va.; and Liesl, Nathaneal and Isaac Elkin, Kokomo; and three step great-grandchildren; Whitney, Jacob and Kylie Elkin, Noblesville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Evelyn Klein, Ruth Brown and Helen VanOsdale; and a brother, Robert Eber.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel with Rev. Catherine Moran officiating. Burial will follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens.

Calling is 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, with an OES service at 7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Elston Presbyterian Church, American Cancer Society, or the Alzheimer's Association.

### **Norma J. Ulery, 76**

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Norma J. Ulery, 76, Peru, passed away at 10:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on April 25, 1929 in Logansport to Frank and Myrtle Miller, and married John C. Ulery, who preceded her in death on December 12, 1995. She was a homemaker.

Ulery is survived by a son, Jimmie Joe Ulery and wife Janet, Wabash; two daughters, Joyce Ann Bryant, Peru, and Diana Caldwell and husband Jim, Kokomo; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Minister William Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Matthew Ellis Musselman, 21**

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Matthew Ellis Musselman, 21, Denver, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on February 10, 1984 in Logansport to George Ellis and Barbara Ann (Bontrager) Musselman.

Matt graduated from North Miami High School in 2003, and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his parents, George and Barbara Musselman, Denver; one brother, Jake Musselman, Kokomo; his grandparents, Anne Musselman, Denver and William and Miriam Bontrager, Kokomo; and several aunts; uncles; and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Gaylord E. Musselman, in 2000.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Funeral services and burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church.

### **C. Lemonie Kercher, 95**

Monday, January 16, 2006

C. Lemonie Kercher, 95, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 22, 1910 in Miami County to Charles H. and Minnie (Harman) Kercher, and resided in Gilead for 91 years. Kercher married Hazel B. King on August 24, 1940 in Warsaw, and she preceded him in death on January 3, 2000.

Kercher was retired from farming, as well as had performed electrical work. He attended the Akron Church of God, and had recently been nominated as a king candidate in Miller's Merry Manor Sweetheart Contest.

He is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Myers and husband Max, Akron, and Sandra Miller and husband Mike, Peru; son, Richard Kercher and wife Brenda, Roann; seven grandchildren, Bryon Myers and wife Stephanie, Blake Myers and wife April, Brett Myers and wife Lori, Tonya Kercher, J.R. Kercher, Heather Simpson and husband Lee, and Hayley Donaldson and husband Kameron; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Aside from his wife, Kercher was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Marie Kercher, Opal Hill, and Marjorie Magleic; and brother, Ralph Kercher.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastors George Dinkel, Steve Fleck and Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Church of God.

**Clara L. Blackmon, 85**

Monday, January 16, 2006

Clara L. Blackmon, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Blanche L. (Weishaar) Blaising, 86**

Monday, January 16, 2006

Blanche L. (Weishaar) Blaising, 86, formerly Miami County, passed away at 8 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Christian Care Retirement Community, Bluffton.

She was born on May 12, 1919 in Miami County to Frank and Alice (Davis) Weishaar, and married C. Richard Blaising on May 17, 1940 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on November 9, 1989.

Blaising worked as a homemaker and was a member of St. John of the Baptist Catholic Church in Fort Wayne for 55 years. She resided in Fort Wayne prior to her moving to Bluffton in 2000.

She is survived by son, Thomas R. Blaising and wife Janice, Kalamazoo, Michigan; two daughters, Mary Beth Conville, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Sue Dian and husband Don, Bluffton; two sisters, Jane Kindig, Deedsville, and Jean Harvey and husband John, Chili; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Blaising was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Charles Weishaar.

Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bluffton, with Father Dale Bauman officiating.

Burial will be at Paw Paw Cemetery, Miami County.

Visitation will be today from 4 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington Street, Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to the Wells County Alzheimer's Support Group.

**Vicki L. Levensky, 41**

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Vicki L. Levensky, 41, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2006 at Marion General Hospital.

She was born on September 11, 1964 in Peru to Danny and Waneta (Bowland) Levensky.

The 1983 Oak Hill High School graduate was the program director at the Marion YMCA until 1993, and attended IUPUI on a full athletic scholarship in softball. She graduated in 1988 with a degree in physical education and was inducted into the IUPUI Athletic Hall of Fame for her softball accomplishments.

Levensky played on several co-ed softball teams around the state and was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her parents, who reside in Amboy; two grandmothers, Virginia Patton, Amboy, and Martha Slagle, Amboy; two brothers, James Levensky and wife Sheri, Amboy, and Larry Levensky, Rushville; and nephews, Christopher Levensky and Andrew Levensky, both of Rushville.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating.

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Clara L. Blackmon, 85**

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Clara L. Blackmon, 85, Peru, passed away 15 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at her residence.

She was born in Huntingburg on February 2, 1920, to Bernie H. and Ophie (Beadles) Jeffries, both deceased. On February 18, 1955, she married Lee W. Blackmon, and he preceded her in death on December 31, 1994.

Clara was a homemaker, an avid reader, and Euchre player. She was a member of the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries, and enjoyed spending time with her children, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

Survivors include a daughter, Judie Crist and husband Bill, Savanna, Ill.; a son, Ronald Youngblood and wife Glenna, Peru; five grandkids, Julie Ann, Yvonne, Michael, Jane and Aaron; and a brother, Vernon Jeffries and wife Toni, Chillicothe, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, a son, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at Mt. Hope Chapel, with Pastor George McCarty officiating.

Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call at Mt. Hope Chapel on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church's Fire House renovation project.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**C. Lemoine Kercher, 95**

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

C. Lemoine Kercher, 95, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 22, 1910 in Miami County to Charles H. and Minnie (Harman) Kercher, and resided near Gilead for 91 years. Kercher married Hazel B. King on August 24, 1940 in Warsaw, and she preceded him in death on January 3, 2000.

Kercher was retired from farming, as well as had performed electrical work. He attended the Akron Church of God, and had recently been nominated as a king candidate in Miller's Merry Manor Sweetheart Contest.

He is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Kay Myers and husband Max, Akron, and Sandra Miller and husband Mike, Peru; son, Richard Kercher and wife Brenda, Roann; seven grandchildren, Bryon Myers and wife Stephanie, Blake Myers and wife April, Brett Myers and wife Lori, Tonya Kercher, J.R. Kercher, Heather Simpson and husband Lee, and Hayley Donaldson and husband Kameron; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Aside from his wife, Kercher was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Marie Kercher, Opal Hill, and Marjorie Magleic; and brother, Ralph Kercher.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastors George Dinkel, Steve Fleck and Terry Canfield officiating.

Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Church of God.

**Carson Burt, 76**

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Carson Burt, 76, Peru, passed away at 8:04 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 12, 1929 in Fulton, Mississippi to Willie Bob and Daisy (Jones) Burt, and married Mary A. Birks on July 26, 1950, and she survives.

Burt was a retired maintenance worker for the Peru Water Department, and was a member of the Wayman A.M.E. Church in Peru. The veteran of the United States Army enjoyed drag racing and working on cars.

Aside from his wife, Burt is survived by four sons, Ed Burt and wife Candace, Michael Burt and wife Kathy, Willie Burt and wife Kathy, all of Peru, and Carson Burt Jr., Logansport; three daughters, Mary Burt and Betty Sleeper, both of Peru, and Bobbie Burt, Indianapolis; two brothers, Ezria 'Babe' Burt, Toledo, and Ben Burt, Tupelo, Mississippi; four sisters, Flora Rogers, Peru, Jimmie Green, Kansas City, Kansas, Jonnie Dentman, St. Louis, and Emma Perry, Carson City, California; nine grandchildren, Kayla Briscoe, Adam Perkins, China Burt, Jamal Burt, Anthony Ulmer, Kubie Ulmer, Jaleesa Sleeper, Brian Wiles, and Jairus Burt; and three great-grandchildren, Tyrieq Perkins, Cameron Wiles, and Emily Briscoe.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Maurice Reed officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

There will be a Military Committal Service at the cemetery.

**Nora Brown, 82**

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Nora Brown, 82, Peru, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Funeral services are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Phillip Steven Studebaker, 45**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Phillip Steven Studebaker, 45, Winona Lake, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1960 in Peru to Paul Studebaker and Patricia A. Miller.

He had worked at Othy, Warsaw, for 19 years and at Stephen's Service Station, Akron, for nine years.

He was an avid Nascar fan and an avid Harley Davidson motorcycle rider. He was a 1979 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School.

Survivors include two sons, Jason and Jordan Studebaker, Claypool; his mother, Patricia Studebaker, Akron; his fiance, Kathy Sullivan, Pierceton; three brothers, Paul Studebaker and wife Linda, Akron, Don Studebaker and wife Lori, Warsaw, and Ron Studebaker and wife Lisa, Akron; his step-mother, Elizabeth Studebaker, Kokomo; step-sisters Donna, Vicki, Sondra and Cindy; four nieces, one nephew and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Studebaker, who died on May 14, 2002.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Rob Seewald officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jason and Jordan Studebaker Educational Trust Fund.

**Maxine Joyce (Willis) Worley, 63**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Maxine Joyce (Willis) Worley, 63, of Brooksville, Fla., died Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, at her residence.

She was born in Peru to the late Elsworth and Mable Willis. She had worked at Hernando Egg, Condensor Products, Brooksville Nursing Manor and Casual Furniture, all of Brooksville, Fla. She was a Christian by faith.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Worley; a son, Joshua; a daughter, Charlene Peterson and husband Chuck, Brooksville, Fla.; three sisters and one brother, Lula Mae Johnston, Warsaw; Nancy Herdman, Kokomo; Betty Willis and Cud Willis, Peru; and three grandchildren, Joyce, Lisa and Rachel Peterson, Brooksville, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Fontilla.

Arrangements were by Brewer and Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Services of Brooksville, Fla.

**James Robert Cain, 80**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

James Robert Cain, 80, Denver, passed away at 9:37 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

He was born August 17, 1925 in Butler Township to Otto R. and Vivian Millican Cain. On June 30, 1950 he was married to Jessie Louise Brown at the home of the late Rev. Jackson in Peru.

He was a member of Olive Branch Church of God and a graduate of New Waverly High School. He retired from Square D Company, Peru, and had farmed for many years. His hobbies included reading, gardening, and spending as much time as possible with his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1946, he was discharged from the U.S. Navy after two years of service as a radio/radar operator during WWII.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Robert M. Cain, Denver; a daughter, Patricia L. Bates and her husband Jeff, Muncie; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Cain and Vivian Sharp, Peru; and Patty Smith, Denver; one sister-in-law, Wilma Cain, Sweetser; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Rev. Lawrence See officiating.

Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery, Chili.

Friends may call from 3 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami-Wabash Home Hospice.

**Ross H. Lorenz, 88**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Ross H. Lorenz, 88, Amboy, passed away at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2006 at his residence.

Arrangements at pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**John Robert Burns, 66**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

John Robert Burns, 66, Tallahassee, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006 of natural causes.

He was born in Peru and moved to Florida in 1978.

He was a member of the Lake Talquin Baptist Church. He will be remembered as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Burns; a daughter, Lisa Cleaves and husband Brett; three sons, William Burns and wife Alice; John Burns, Jr. and wife Patty; and Corey Burns and wife Carol; ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and four brothers. Services were held Wednesday at Culley's Meadowood Funeral Home, Tallahassee.

**Carson Burt, 76**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Carson Burt, 76, Peru, passed away at 8:04 p.m. on Monday, January 16, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 12, 1929 in Fulton, Mississippi to Willie Bob and Daisy (Jones) Burt, and married Mary A. Birks on July 26, 1950, and she survives.

Burt was a retired maintenance worker for the Peru Water Department, and was a member of the Wayman A.M.E. Church in Peru. The veteran of the United States Army enjoyed drag racing and working on cars.

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Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Maurice Reed officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. There will be a Military Committal Service at the cemetery.

**Nora Brown, 82**

Thursday, January 19, 2006

Nora Brown, 82, Lewisburg, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1923 in Breathitt County, Ky., to Albert and Sally Herald Hall. She married Raymond Brown in 1942 and he preceded her in death in 2001.

Brown was retired from Olin Corp., known as Orion Safety Products near Mexico. She enjoyed working puzzles and spending time with her grandkids.

Survivors include a son, Charles R. Brown and wife Vernita, Lewisburg; a grandson, Bradley R. Brown, Logansport; a granddaughter, Kelly Lynn Stephenson and husband, Chuck, Logansport; a step-grandson, Dillon Birt and wife Becky, Brown County; great-grandchildren Shae, Tara, Eric, Bo, Blake, Zack and T.J.; and a great-great-granddaughter, Jayla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Art Maloney officiating.

Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Phillip Steven Studebaker, 45**

Friday, January 20, 2006

Phillip Steven Studebaker, 45, Winona Lake, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1960 in Peru to Paul Studebaker and Patricia A. Miller.

He had worked at Othy, Warsaw, for 19 years and at Stephen's Service Station, Akron, for nine years.

He was an avid Nascar fan and an avid Harley Davidson motorcycle rider. He was a 1979 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School.

Survivors include two sons, Jason and Jordan Studebaker, Claypool; his mother, Patricia Studebaker, Akron; his fiance, Kathy Sullivan, Pierceton; three brothers, Paul Studebaker and wife Linda, Akron, Don Studebaker and wife Lori, Warsaw, and Ron Studebaker and wife Lisa, Akron; his step-mother, Elizabeth Studebaker, Kokomo; step-sisters Donna, Vicki, Sondra and Cindy; four nieces, one nephew and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Studebaker, who died on May 14, 2002.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Rob Seewald officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Jason and Jordan Studebaker Educational Trust Fund.

**Ross Harold Lorenz, 88**

Friday, January 20, 2006

Ross Harold Lorenz, 88, Amboy, passed away at 3 p.m., Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family and care givers.

He was born January 1, 1918 in Liberty Township of Howard County, the son of Jacob and Edith Deardorff Lorenz. He married Edna Reed on December 24, 1940 in Bennetts Switch, and she survives.

Ross attended school in Greentown. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of the Loree Brethren Church, and thoroughly enjoyed attending services at the church. He was a dedicated farmer and raised cattle for more than 25 years. He always enjoyed taking care of livestock.

Ross and his wife Edna lovingly raised three children and had spent the last 21 years wintering in Bradenton, Fla., where they had made many new friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Edna; two sons, Dale R. Lorenz and his wife Barbara, Kokomo, and David R. Lorenz and his wife Cindy, Peru; a son-in-law, Earhardt Ballschmidt and his wife Ann, Amboy; six grandchildren, Brian Kent Ballschmidt and his wife Barbara; Anthony Lorenz and his wife Shawna; Adam Lorenz and his wife Lejona; Alex Lorenz; Richard Lorenz and his wife Beth; Michelle Hite and her husband Mitch; eight great-grandchildren, Brianna Ballschmidt, Brandon Ballschmidt, Britney Lorenz, Jordan Lorenz, Kaitlyn Hite, Laine Hite, Madelynn Lorenz and Isaac Lorenz; a great-great granddaughter, Zolie Elizabeth Lorenz; three step-grandchildren, Jacob Wilkinson, Sara Wilkinson and Lauren Wilkinson; a sister, Dorothy Lorenz of Greentown; two brothers, Kenneth Lorenz and his wife Verda, Greentown, and Carl Lorenz and his wife Dorothy, Greentown; and an aunt, Evelyn Lantz of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by a dear daughter, Joyce Elaine Ballschmidt on September 1, 1989; five brothers, Earl, Ralph, Ernest, Paul and Donald Lorenz, and a sister, Esther Bird.

A service celebrating the life of Ross H. Lorenz will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2006, at the Laird Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, with the Reverend Richard Martens officiating.

Burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association, or the Loree Brethren Church.

**Suzanne Z. Matthis, 53**

Monday, January 23, 2006

Suzanne Z. Matthis, 53, Mexico, passed away at 7:24 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on January 5, 1953 in Oklahoma City to Julian and Odessa (Lahoma) Zumwalt. She married John E. Matthis on September 4, 1993 in Lorton, Virginia, and he survives.

The University of Central Oklahoma graduate was the executive director of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. Matthis worked for the National Park and Recreation Association in the Washington, D.C. area for more than 25 years prior to moving to Miami County in 2002. She was active on many environmental issues.

Aside from her husband, who resides in Mexico; she is survived by her father, who resides in Moore, Oklahoma; brother, Randy Zumwalt, Austin, Texas; sister, Terry Kramer and husband Sid, Edmond, Oklahoma; and although Suzanne and her husband never had any children, she is survived by a whole host of family and friends who loved her very much.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Elizabeth Swindler, 49**

Monday, January 23, 2006

Elizabeth Swindler, 49, Peru, passed away at 9:47 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Luella S. Gottschalk, 79**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Luella S. Gottschalk, 79, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2006 in Greencastle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Smith and Sons, Miller Chapel, South Whitley.

Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

**Elizabeth 'Liz' Marie Swindler, 49**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Elizabeth 'Liz' Marie Swindler, 49, Peru, passed away at 9:47 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on May 24, 1956 in Peru to Jordan Eikenberry and Harriett (Graham) Swindler.

The 1974 graduate of North Miami High School and 1979 graduate of Butler University was a member of the Salem Christian Church, and worked as a pharmacist at Walgreen Drug Stores in Wabash and Peru.

She is survived by her mother; two nieces, including Emily Morawski; two brothers, Bill Swindler, Cumberland, and Fred Swindler, Bellevue, Washington. Swindler was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Minister William Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Ella J. England, 89**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Ella J. England, 89, resident of Caring Hands, went to be with God at 2:20 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on December 27, 1916 in Blue River, Kentucky, to Morgan and Agnes (Hamilton) Allen. She married Grover M. England on August 11, 1935, and he preceded her in death on December 22, 1987.

England was a member of the Christian Pilgrim Church, and worked as a homemaker, as well as at the Roxy Theatre, Miami Drive-In, Sengers, AGP, Elks, Miller's Merry Manor, and Eck Adams.

She loved people and made many friends. England loved her family and they loved her very much. She loved John Wayne movies and watching the Reverend Ernest Angley, whose ministries she donated to for many years.

England was survived by five daughters, Patricia England, Elizabeth England, and Siannis Prater and husband Burl, each of Peru, Joyce 'Marcie' Ousley, Mansfield, Ohio, and Aggie Jane Miller and husband Reed, Dacula, Georgia; son, Grover W. England and wife Leester, Akron; sister-in-law, Della Whitney, South Whitley; 22 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cynthia; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Christian Pilgrim Church, 512 E. Monroe Ave., with Pastor Paul Lane and Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

We wish everyone to remember her with love and joy. She has gone to be with the 'Father of all of us.'

**Suzanne Z. Mathis, 53**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Suzanne Z. Mathis, 53, Mexico, passed away at 7:24 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on January 5, 1953 in Oklahoma City to Julian and Odessa (Lahoma) Zumwalt. She married John E. Mathis on September 4, 1993 in Lorton, Virginia, and he survives.

The University of Central Oklahoma graduate was the executive director of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association. Mathis worked for the National Park and Recreation Association in the Washington, D.C. area for more than 25 years prior to moving to Miami County in 2002. She was active on many environmental issues.

Aside from her husband, who resides in Mexico, she is survived by her father, who resides in Moore, Oklahoma; brother, Randy Zumwalt, Austin, Texas; sister, Terry Kramer and husband Sid, Edmond, Oklahoma; and although Suzanne and her husband never had any children, she is survived by a whole host of family and friends who loved her very much.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Indiana Park and Recreation Association.

**Kayden Lee Lorenz, infant**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Kayden Lee Lorenz passed away at 3:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born at 2:45 p.m. on January 22, 2006 to Randy and Patricia Childers Lorenz.

Survivors other than her parents include her sisters, Elise McKinley, Kelci McKinley and Audrey Lorenz, Amboy; her maternal grandparents, Ronald and Shirley Childers, Bunker Hill; her paternal grandparents, Carl and Dorothy Lorenz, Greentown; her paternal great-grandmother, Vera Armstrong, Lyons, Ohio; aunts and uncles Debbie and Bill Barnett, Miami, Teresa and Rich Grove, Indianapolis, Dr. Lloyd and Carol Lorenz, Peru, Dr. Doyle and Jane Lorenz, Peru, Mary Jo and Devin Carpenter, Amboy, Mark and Sharla Lorenz, Peru, and Kevin and Cara Lorenz, Kokomo.

Graveside services will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, with Pastor Ryan Jorgenson officiating. Burial will follow. Arrangements are by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Jennifer Lynn "Jenny" Arwood, 54**

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Jennifer Lynn "Jenny" Arwood, 54, Peru, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2006 at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Merle L. Rouch, 70**

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Merle L. Rouch, 70, Rochester, passed away at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport. He was born on January 26, 1935 in Liberty Township, Fulton County, to Charles A. and Ruth (Gregory) Rouch. He married Nada D. Fry on April 1, 1956, and she survives.

Rouch had worked for Pepsi-Cola, as well as a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of the Fulton Wesleyan Church and enjoyed woodworking and fishing.

Aside from his wife, who resides in Rochester, Rouch is survived by two daughters, Rachel Hohenstein and husband Ray, Thomasville, Georgia, and Ramona Houy and husband Ross, Royal Center; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul Rouch and wife Christina, Bunker Hill, and Dwight Stout and wife Deloris, Bunker Hill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Reverend Richard Dean officiating.

Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery, northwest of Fulton.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton Wesleyan Church and/or to Gideon's Bible.

**Jennifer 'Jenny' Lynn Arwood, 54**

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Jennifer 'Jenny' Lynn Arwood, 54, Peru, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2006 at her residence.

The homemaker was born on August 28, 1951 in Peru to William E. Sharp and Mary Jane (Schini) Sharp. She married Dave Arwood on June 13, 1969 and he survives. Arwood was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru.

Aside from her husband, she is survived by her mother, who resides in Peru; close family member Heather Kalb and family, Missouri; nephew, Justin Pennington; two nieces, Brittany Sharp and Anna Sharp, each of Peru; brother, Tom Sharp and wife Tonya, Peru; and sister, Jane Sharp, Peru. She was preceded in death by her father; and brother, Gary Sharp.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastors Kenneth Greenwald and Robert Koch officiating. Burial will be at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Roof Fund.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lt. Col. Thomas W. Gysin, U.S. Army retired**

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Lt. Col. Thomas W. Gysin, U.S. Army (retired), native of Peru, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2006 in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Gysin's 34-year career in the Army included service in World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Conflict. He was an active member of Regency Cove, including being a member of their Golf Association, and was also a member of the B.P.O.E. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ruth.

Survivors include a son, William Gysin; daughter, Janice Burcroff; daughter Judith Meade and husband Merton; five grandchildren, David Gysin and wife Emily; Tracey and Shannon Burcroff; Marcy Kaiser; Kelly York and husband Scott; and a great-grandson, Joseph York. He will be missed greatly by family and friends alike.

Memorial services will be held at the Regency Cove Friendship Hall in Tampa at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2006.

Donations may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are by the Garden of Memories Funeral Home, 4207 E. Lake Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610.

**Kayden Lee Lorenz, infant**

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Kayden Lee Lorenz passed away at 3:50 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born at 2:45 p.m. on January 22, 2006 to Randy and Patricia Childers Lorenz.

Survivors other than his parents include his sisters, Elise McKinley, Kelci McKinley and Audrey Lorenz, Amboy; his maternal grandparents, Ronald and Shirley Childers, Bunker Hill; his paternal grandparents, Carl and Dorothy Lorenz, Greentown; his paternal great-grandmother, Vera Armstrong, Lyons, Ohio; aunts and uncles Debbie and Bill Barnett, Miami, Teresa and Rich Grove, Indianapolis, Dr. Lloyd and Carol Lorenz, Peru, Dr. Doyle and Jane Lorenz, Peru, Mary Jo and Devin Carpenter, Amboy, Mark and Sharla Lorenz, Peru, and Kevin and Cara Lorenz, Kokomo.

Graveside services will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, with Pastor Ryan Jorgenson officiating.

Burial will follow. Arrangements are by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Carol Elizabeth Black, 87**

Friday, January 27, 2006

Carol Elizabeth Black, 87, Frankfort, passed away at 8:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at Wesley Manor Retirement Community. She was born on March 24, 1918 in Fulton County to Ross Earl and Carrie Elizabeth Friend Baldwin. She married Paul Black on April 13, 1939, and he survives.

Black was a beautician for 35 years. She lived in Sweetser for 42 years before moving to Frankfort. She was a member of the Sweetser United Methodist Church, where she was a junior church leader for 16 years, taught junior high girls Sunday school for 21 years, and was chairman of the library and church history committees. She was a Tri-Hi-Y of the YMCA counselor for five years, was a resident volunteer of the Wesley Manor Ceramic Shop, treasurer of the self-supporting Ceramic Fund, and was a member of the Fulton County Historical Society.

She graduated from Fulton County High School in 1937 and attended the State Beauty College from 1950 to 1951.

Survivors include her husband; a son, David L. Black, Orange, Calif.; two sisters, Catherine Beattie, Rochester, and Marilyn Blacketer, Sky Valley, Calif.; one brother, H. Wayne Baldwin, Rochester; three grandchildren, Sherrie L. Black, Pagosa Springs, Colo., Mark Ryan Black, II, Orange, Calif., and David L. Black, Jr., Laguna Niguel, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren, Courtney and Brendan Black.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lt. Cpl. Mark Ryan Black, who was in the U.S. Marine Corps and killed in the Vietnam War on August 14, 1967; and one brother, Ronald J. Baldwin.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Amanda Reid Memorial Chapel, Wesley Manor, Frankfort, with Chaplain Sheldon Grame, Pastor Richard Kistler and Rev. Mick Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion, at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Genda Funeral Home and one hour prior to service at Wesley Manor. Memorial contributions can be made to the Sweetser United Methodist Church Trustees, Wesley Manor's Chapel Needs or charity of choice. Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort, is in charge of the arrangements.

**J. Richard McMahon, 65**

Friday, January 27, 2006

J. Richard McMahon, 65, Peru, passed away at 6:55 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1940 in Overton, Texas to the late Jay and Grace Parks McMahon. He married Mary Sue Collett on Aug. 11, 1967, and she survives. McMahon was an active member of the Church of Christ at Grissom, where he served as trustee and recording treasurer. He received his bachelor's degrees from Central Christian College in Moberly, Mo., and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., and his master's degree in physical science from Emporia State University in Emporia, Kan. His career was in the pyrotechnic field and he retired in 2003 from Orion Safety Products where he was manager of research and development. Survivors other than his wife include his son, Paul D. McMahon, St. Louis, Mo.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Brother George Faull officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be to Pioneer Bible Translators for Gregory and Rony Ohrenberg.



**Margaret Geneva Fouts, 91**

Friday, January 27, 2006

Margaret Geneva Fouts, 91, Peru, formerly of Deedsville and Mexico, passed away at 11:46 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1914 in Miami County to David and Myrtle Snyder Long. On July 1, 1935 in Rushville she married Herbert E. Fouts, and he preceded her in death on February 25, 1984.

She was a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church where she played the organ and piano for many years. For several years she served as assistant postmaster at the Deedsville Post Office. As a homemaker, she enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with her family.

Survivors include three sons, David Fouts, Deedsville; Dale Fouts, Peru; and Duane Fouts, Naples, Fla.; nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny Lee Fouts, on Aug. 4, 1957; four sisters, Sylvia, Florence and Goldie Long, and Carrie Cripe; one brother, Arthur Long; a grandson, Jerry Fouts; and a granddaughter, Linda Morecraft.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Stone officiating.

Burial will follow at Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Lyman E. Eckerley, 89**

Friday, January 27, 2006

Lyman E. Eckerley, 89, Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 14, 1917 in Miami County to Ralph and Ida Balsbaugh Eckerley. He married Roberta Gipson on June 23, 1942, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 1993. He had lived in Miami County all his life.

Eckerley retired from the Northern Indiana Supply Company in 1978. He was a member of the First Christian Church. In the 1950s and 1960s he owned and operated Eckerley's Pure Oil in Peru, and then Eckerley's Marathon on East Main Street. He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran and served in Belgium, France and Germany. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting and traveling. Survivors include a son, Dennis Eckerley, Peru; a sister, Vernice Lewis and husband Lawrence, Wabash; and 17 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a brother, Herbert Eckerley; and a sister, Naomi Rogers.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to either the First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society.

**Stephen J. Haines, 42**

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Stephen J. Haines, 42, Washington, Pennsylvania, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2006 in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, following a lengthy illness. He was born on July 2, 1963 in Columbus, Ohio to John E. and Florence A. (Hancock) Haines. Haines married Mary Ann Kervin on June 25, 1944, and she survives.

Haines was a graduate of Springfield High School in Bergholz, Ohio, the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and Penn Commercial, where he majored in computer maintenance. He was employed in the information technology department of Matthews International. He was a member of the Central Assembly of God Church, Houston, Pennsylvania, where he sang in the choir, was a former Sunday School teacher, and was a former member of the barbershop quartet 'Customed Touch' of Monroeville. Haines was a member of the Republican National Committee. Aside from his wife, Haines is survived by his parents; sister, Charity A. Haines, Peru; nephew, Adam Wiszezor; three nieces, Brittany Wiszezor, Davonna Dempster and Kelly Blich. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Central Assembly of God Church, with Pastors Stephen Getchell and John Haines officiating. Interment will follow in Independence Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., as well as 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday at the Piatt and Barnhill Funeral Home, Washington.

Memorials may be made to the Central Assembly of God Church Building Fund, 145 McGovern Rd., Houston, PA 15342.

**Mary Jo Long, 91**

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Mary Jo Long, 91, White Hall, Ill., passed away early Monday, Jan. 23, 2006 at the White Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, White Hall, Ill. She was born Sept. 3, 1914 in Peru to Roscoe W. and Lucy Fasnacht Moon. She married John Donald Long Oct. 18, 1947 in Plymouth, and he preceded her in death Jan. 10, 1974. Long attended St. Charles Catholic Academy, Peru, and was a member of Delta Theta Tau Society. She served several years with the White Hall Hospital Auxiliary, White Hall, Ill. She also was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall, Ill., enjoyed playing bridge and belonged to several bridge clubs in White Hall. Survivors include a niece, Laura Key, Denton, Texas; four nephews, Brian Moon, Denton, Texas, Steven and David Walery, both of Salem, Ore., and George Moon, Columbus. She was preceded in death by a son, John Edward Long; three brothers, Richard W. Moon, Robert J. Moon and Edward R. Moon; and a sister, Betty Lou Walery.

The funeral Mass was held Wednesday at All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall, Ill. Burial was Thursday in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Suggested memorials are to All Saints Catholic Church, White Hall, Ill. Condolences may be left for the family online at [www.airsmen-hires.com](http://www.airsmen-hires.com). Airsman-Hires Funeral Home, White Hall, Ill., handled arrangements.

**Ethel J. Slater, 75**

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Ethel J. Slater, 75, Springfield, Illinois, formerly of Wabash, passed away on January 26, 2006.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 11 a.m., at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Condolences may be emailed to the Slater family at [delaughtermckee.com](mailto:delaughtermckee.com).

**Arthur Ousley, 83**

Monday, January 30, 2006

Arthur Ousley, 83, Peru, passed away at 1:31 a.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on November 15, 1922 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Ben and Betty (Shepherd) Ousley, and married Mary E. Stapleton Colegrove on February 5, 1954, and she survives.

Ousley was retired from Kmart, where he worked in the gardening department, and formerly owned and operated Ousley's Greenhouse. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Larry Ousley, Michigan, and Benny Ousley, Arizona; two daughters, Linda Doud, New Mexico, and Barbara Bertram and husband Tom, Indianapolis; two step-children, Geraldine Glover and husband Lee, Wabash, and Gary Colegrove and wife Juanita, Peru; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ousley was preceded in death by his parents; son, George; 11 brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Leonard Browning officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Charles 'Chuck' E. Tanner, 70**

Monday, January 30, 2006

Charles 'Chuck' E. Tanner, 70, Wichita Falls, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 in Wichita Falls.

He was retired from the United States Air Force.

Funeral services with military honors will be conducted today at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Hampton Vaughan Crestview Funeral Home. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home.

**Andrea J. Bostic, 35**

Monday, January 30, 2006

Andrea J. Bostic, 35, Peru, passed away at 1:42 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at the scene of an automobile accident on U.S. Highway 60, a half mile north of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Allen Lester Jr., 28**

Monday, January 30, 2006

Allen Lester Jr., 28, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2006 as a result of an automobile accident just north of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert H. Young, 84**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Robert H. Young, 84, Peru, passed away to be with God after an extended illness on Sunday, January 29, 2006 at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on May 26, 1921 in Roanoke to Roy and Blanche Fordyce Young. He married Rosalie "Sally" Lehman on June 28, 1958, and she survives. He attended and graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1939. Bob served with the United States Marine Corps from December, 1939 to June, 1948.

Young enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on October 25, 1939 at Chicago and began his service at the Marine Boot Training Camp in San Diego, Calif., where he also attended Sea School.

On December 30, 1939 he was assigned to the Marine Detachment on the USS Pennsylvania. The USS Pennsylvania was one of the first ships to open fire on Japanese aircraft at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, where Young operated a five-inch gun. With E Company, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines in 1943, he saw action in Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville in the British Solomon Islands and at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands where he received a Purple Heart for being wounded in the line of duty. His honorable discharge from the USMC came on June 28, 1948 at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

While a young marine stationed in California he was invited to be the guest of Cary Grant at a local nightclub for dinner and a show. A grateful nation awarded him the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal. He talked to John Malone's social studies classes at Peru schools from 2000 to 2004 about his experiences at Pearl Harbor and in the Pacific Theatre, and enjoyed doing it very much.

A beautician by trade, he also set up booths at flea markets, cried auctions, and was a driver for several local car lots. An avid lover of the outdoors, he liked to go camping, fishing, and hunting for morel mushrooms. He enjoyed baseball, basketball,

bowling and football. He was a big fan of the Indianapolis Pacers and Colts, and was a long-time fan of the Chicago White Sox. Surviving are his spouse, Sally; daughters Robin Young, Peru, and Dorinda Marks and her husband Jim, Lumber Ridge, N.C.; brother Dennis Young and his wife Sharon, Plymouth; grandson Dustin Marks, Peru; granddaughters Janessa Marks, Lumber Ridge, N.C., and Allyssa Young, Peru; along with many nieces and nephews.

His parents, two sisters and a brother have preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating.

Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Nelda "Marie" Bolin, 73**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Nelda "Marie" Bolin, 73, Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. on Monday, January 30, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on April 24, 1932, in Smithville, Tenn. to Thomas and Pearl Ann Roberts Mayberry. She married Thomas Maggart in 1947 and Martin Bolin in 1970, who are both deceased.

Bolin was a homemaker. For many years she baked the cinnamon biscuits at Hardee's. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and playing Bingo. Survivors include four daughters, Carolyn Alexander, Peru, Pam Taylor and husband Ernie, Peru, Christine Wheeler, Peru, and Lynn Lockhart and husband Steve, Peru; seven sons, Larry Maggart and wife Donna, Amboy, David Maggart and wife Sherry, New Mexico, Gary Maggart and wife Judy, Peru, James Maggart and wife Teresa, Peru, Tim Maggart and wife Sue, Peru, Jeff Maggart and wife Karen, Silver Lake, and Steve Maggart and wife Cindy, Wabash; one sister, Modie Edmonds, California; and 24 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three special friends at Miller's Merry Manor, known as the three musketeers - Ree Powloski, Virginia Mooney and Junior Studebaker; and a special friend and caregiver, Tammy Browning.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, four sisters and three brothers.

Services will be held Wednesday at noon at First Assembly of God, Peru, with Bryan Maggart and Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Allen B. Luster Jr., 28**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Allen B. Luster Jr., 28, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2006 just north of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 60. He was born on July 10, 1977 in Houston to Allen B. Luster Sr. and Brenda (Mosher) Luster, Peru. He married Crystal Childers on September 4, 2004 and she survives. Luster was a manager at the McDonalds in Peru, and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by his parents; daughter, Caidance Luster, Peru; a son, Caleb, who is expected to be born in May 2006; grandparents, Les and Ann Robison, Larry and Pat Mosher, William Luster Sr., and Anna Mae McKinney; several aunts and uncles. Luster was preceded in death by a great-aunt, Shirley Thurston; and great-uncle, Gracie Thurston.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Revival Center U.P.C. Church, Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating. Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Andrea J. Bostic, 35**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Andrea J. Bostic, 35, Peru, passed away at 1:42 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident near Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She was born on Nov. 5, 1970 in Rochester to Roger Leroy and Patsy Laferny Ray.

Bostic was a cashier at LoBill Foods, Peru, and was an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police in collecting funds for scholarships. Survivors include her daughter, Kayla Bostic, Peru; her mother, Patsy Holmes, Kokomo; her step-father, James Scott Holmes, Miami, Fla.; her maternal grandmother, Anna Laferny, Kokomo; her brothers, Jeff Ray and wife Judy, Cleveland, Ohio, Kevin Ray and wife Tara, Peru, and Anthony Ray and wife Patricia, Scotland, United Kingdom; and her fiance, Richard L. Studebaker, Peru. She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Bishop Mary Everding officiating.

Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

### **Todd Ashley Butler, 50**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Todd Ashley Butler, 50, formerly of Iowa City, Iowa, died Saturday, January 28, 2006 at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines following a lengthy illness. Todd was born September 6, 1955 in Akron, Ohio, the son of Arthur and Vivian Smith McNeil. He graduated from Peru, High School in 1973. Todd served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Concordia College in 1988. On August 23, 1980 he married Rebecca Lee Hogan in Iowa City.

Todd had worked at KCCI Channel 8 in Des Moines and was proud of the fact that he had his FCC first class radio and telephone license. Todd was a member of the Des Moines Model Railroad Club and the A.R.R.L. HAMM Radio Club, where his call sign was N0NCL. He was an avid Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns fan.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Butler, Des Moines; two sisters, Heidi Bednarski and husband Chris, and Sue Correll, both of Peru; two brothers, Roger McNeil of Des Plaines, Ill. and David McNeil of Abilene, Texas; his mother-in-law, Donna Hogan of Iowa City; sisters-in-law, Darolyn Wall of Chandler, Ariz., Teri Kelchen of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Debra Schatzle of Walker, Iowa; brothers-in-law, Jerald Hogan of Cedar Rapids, Mike Hogan of Norwalk, Iowa, Derreck Hogan of Overland Park, Kan.; and his cats Belle, Beau and Jasmine. Todd was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services to celebrate Todd's life will be held Tuesday at 1p.m. at Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will be held at Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Assn.

### **Francis Perry Drechsler, 78**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Francis P. Drechsler, 78, known to many of his friends as "Francie," passed away at Toledo Hospital on Saturday, January 28, 2006, after a brief illness.

He was born on July 26, 1927, in Alburg, Vt. His father, Francis A. Drechsler, was a YMCA secretary who was posted there at the time. Subsequent assignments took the family to Wyoming, California and Pennsylvania before settling in Peru, where Francie spent his boyhood and young adult years.

Drechsler was the manager of the Peru High School football and basketball teams; was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru; a member of the William B. McClintic Chapter of the Order of DeMola; and was known for being very sociable. He attended Franklin College and Indiana University. He maintained interest in Boy Scouts of America, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

In 1966 Francis moved to Toledo to live with his parents, who had been transferred there in 1956. He worked at the Railroad YMCA and then took a position as social caseworker at Lucas County Job and Family Services Agency, where he served for 25 years. He was an excellent swimmer and studied boating and navigation at Toledo Power Squadron. He was usher, trustee and deacon at Second Baptist Church, as well as a member of the Adriel Fellowship. When that congregation merged in 1966 with Riverside Baptist Church and Trinity Baptist Church, Maumee, to form Cass Road Baptist Church, he became a charter member of the new congregation.

Francis was preceded by his parents, Francis A. and Alice P. Drechsler, and his brother William Glenn Drechsler. He is survived by his sister, Winifred Drechsler Dodge and husband, the Reverend Paul S. Dodge, Machiasport, Maine; a special caring friend, Mrs. Patricia Lieberman; and several nieces and nephews who are widely scattered in the U.S.A. and overseas.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Eggleston Meinert Coy Road Chapel, 440 South Coy Road, Oregon, Ohio, with the Reverend Howard Thompson, pastor of the Cass Road Baptist Church of Maumee, officiating.

Visitation is 1 p.m. to time of service at the chapel.

Interment will be on Friday at 1 p.m. in the family plot at the East Wilbraham Cemetery, Wilbraham, Mass.

### **Daniel Holland, 82**

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Daniel Holland, 82, Peru, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Robert H. Young, 84**

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Robert H. Young, 84, Peru, passed away to be with God after an extended illness on Sunday, January 29, 2006 at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on May 26, 1921 in Roanoke to Roy and Blanche Fordyce Young. He married Rosalie "Sally" Lehman on July 26, 1958, and she survives. He attended and graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1939. Bob served with the United States Marine Corps from December, 1939 to June, 1948.

Young enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on October 25, 1939 at Chicago and began his service at the Marine Boot Training Camp in San Diego, Calif., where he also attended Sea School.

On December 30, 1939 he was assigned to the Marine Detachment on the USS Pennsylvania. The USS Pennsylvania was one of the first ships to open fire on Japanese aircraft at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, where Young operated a five-inch gun. With E Company, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines in 1943, he saw action in Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville in the British Solomon Islands and at Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands where he received a Purple Heart for being wounded in the line of duty. His honorable discharge from the USMC came on June 28, 1948 at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

While a young marine stationed in California he was invited to be the guest of Cary Grant at a local nightclub for dinner and a show. A grateful nation awarded him the Purple Heart, the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Medal. He talked to John Malone's social studies classes at Peru schools from 2000 to 2004 about his experiences at Pearl Harbor and in the Pacific Theatre, and enjoyed doing it very much.

A beautician by trade, he also set up booths at flea markets, cried auctions, and was a driver for several local car lots. An avid lover of the outdoors, he liked to go camping, fishing, and hunting for morel mushrooms. He enjoyed baseball, basketball, bowling and football. He was a big fan of the Indianapolis Pacers and Colts, and was a long-time fan of the Chicago White Sox.

Surviving are his spouse, Sally; daughters Robin Young, Peru, and Dorinda Marks and her husband Jim, Lumber Ridge, N.C.; brother Dennis Young and his wife Sharon, Plymouth; grandson Dustin Marks, Peru; granddaughters Janessa Marks, Lumber Ridge, N.C., and Allyssa Young, Peru; along with many nieces and nephews.

His parents, two sisters and a brother have preceded him in death.

Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating.

Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Kathryn L. "Katy" Gaerte, 79**

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Kathryn L. "Katy" Gaerte, 79, Macy, passed away at her residence at 11:07 a.m., Monday, January 30, 2006, after a 12-year battle with cancer. She was born on May 9, 1926 in Wabash County to Edwin Gillespie and Berniece Kiefaber. On March 28, 1948 in Wabash, she married John E. Gaerte, and he survives.

Katy attended Lincolnville Grade School and graduated from Wabash High School in 1944. She was runner-up in the 1943 Glad Queen contest. She had lived in the Gilead and Akron area for 56 years and was a member of the following organizations: Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority; Summit Club, Perry Do Rites Club, Wabash Presbyterian Church and then the Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church in North Manchester.

Survivors include her husband, John E. Gaerte, Macy; one daughter, Marcia Cole and husband John, Troy, Mich.; one son, John Mark Gaerte and wife Merry, Macy; four grandchildren, including LeAnn Scacco and husband Gary, Rolling Meadows, Ill.; Mark Gaerte and wife Nikole, Defiance, Ohio; Jenna Cole, U.S. Army at Fort Lewis, Wash.; and John W. Cole, Troy, Mich.; one great-granddaughter, Piper Kathryn Gaerte; one sister, Helen Draper and husband Don, Logansport; and one brother, John A. Gillespie and wife Fran, Wabash.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Deaconess Sabine Thomas officiating.

Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Visitation is 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, or Miami-Wabash County HHC/Hospice.

### **Carol Ann Stalberger Bartlett, 75**

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Carol Ann Stalberger Bartlett, 75, 180 Alwine Court, Hiawatha, Iowa, passed away at her home on Monday, January 30, 2006 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was born in St. Cloud, Minn., to Dr. Michael and Catherine Sivinski. She graduated from Cathedral High School and Minnesota State University-St. Cloud, with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She began her kindergarten/pre-school teaching career in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and later in Peru, followed by Montessori and Grant Schools in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Carol retired in 1995 after 18 years of service in her second career, as Director of Volunteer Services at Mercy Medical Center. During this time she was active in many state, local, and national organizations - especially Iowa Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, and National Management Association, Professional Women's Network, and R.S.V.P. Board.

Iowa Governor Branstad selected her to receive the first State Director of Volunteers Award for "Exemplary Leadership in Volunteerism" in 1990. She was also chosen for the annual YMCA "Tribute to Women of Achievement" award, as well as being selected for the charter class of "Leadership for Five Seasons." She served until her retirement as a "Red Coat Ambassador" with the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce. She was an active member of the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions Club, a Mercy Volunteer, a lifetime member of the Mercy Auxiliary, and Reach to Recovery Volunteer of the American Cancer Society. She has been involved in many volunteer activities at All Saints Church, having been elected to terms on the parish council, the Board of Education, the Women's Guild, St. Therese Circle, and Eucharistic Minister.

Carol loved life, people, her children, traveling with Bob, family gatherings, humor, entertaining, cooking, reading, corresponding, homemaking, concerts, theater, gardening, birding, nature, and "seizing the moments."

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Michael Sivinski, of Dallas, Texas; and her former husband, Kenneth Stalberger. Surviving to honor her memory are her husband, Charles "Bob" Bartlett; seven daughters and their husbands, Sheri and Don Lowry, Johnstown, Pa.; Shelley and Nick DeNicholas, Simi Valley, Calif.; Suzanne and Paul Bright, Cedar Rapids; Stephanie Brigger, Dallas, Texas; Sonya and Larry Arthington, Phoenix, Ariz.; Sheila and Craig Stephan, Cedar Rapids; and Shannon Langenberg and her fiancé, Jon Pape, Maquoketa, Iowa; ten grandchildren, Scott, Brooke and Eric Lowry; Hayley and John Bright; Ken Brigger; David, Cameron and Robbie Stephan; and Jacob Langenberg; her step-sons and their wives and children, Chuck and Roberta Bartlett and Kelly Bartlett; Chad and Sarah Bartlett, Rod and Shannon Bartlett; Miranda and Paul Niemi; and great-granddaughter Abby; and Alicia and Tony Clark; two brothers and three sisters, Bob and Marie Sivinski; Donna Schulze; Jim and Betty Sivinski; Kaye and Burdette Haldorson; Diane and Bill Lahr; and a sister-in-law, Anne Sivinski, plus 27 nieces and nephews. The family would like to give a special thank you for the loving care provided to Carol by Mercy Medical Center and Hospice of Mercy.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at All Saints Catholic Church, Cedar Rapids, with the Reverend David O'Connor officiating. Entombment will follow at Chapel of Memories Mausoleum in Cedar Memorial Park Cemetery.

A vigil service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Cedar Memorial Funeral Home, where friends may call 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and after 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Contributions in her name may be made to Mercy Medical Center Foundation or Hospice of Mercy, All Saints Church Foundation, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Please leave a message, tribute or memory for the family on our online guest book at [www.cedarmemorial.com](http://www.cedarmemorial.com).

**Allen B. Luster Jr., 28**

Wednesday, February 01, 2006

Allen B. Luster Jr., 28, Peru, passed away at 1:38 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2006 just north of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, as a result of an automobile accident on U.S. 60.

He was born on July 10, 1977 in Houston to Allen B. Luster Sr. and Brenda (Mosher) Luster, Peru. He married Crystal Childers on September 4, 2004 and she survives.

Luster was a manager at the McDonalds in Peru, and enjoyed spending time with his family.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by his parents; daughter, Caidance Luster, Peru; a son, Caleb, who is expected to be born in May 2006; grandparents, Les and Ann Robison, Larry and Pat Mosher, William Luster Sr., and Anna Mae McKinney; several aunts and uncles.

Luster was preceded in death by a great-uncle, Shirley Thurston; and great-aunt, Gracie Thurston.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Revival Center U.P.C. Church, Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating.

Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Daniel E. "Dan" Holland, 82**

Thursday, February 02, 2006

Daniel E. "Dan" Holland, 82, Peru, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1923 in Peru to Earl and Martha (Donat) Holland. He married Peggy Loe Holland on Nov. 20, 1988, and she survives. Holland was the owner of Club 14. He is a member of the Peru Maennerchor, American Legion, Peru Eagles, Literary Aid Society and the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include a son, Tim Holland, Peru; two step-sons, Chad Torrence, Peru, and Dwayne Torrence, Peru; two sisters, Martha Opple and Adeline Clark, Peru; seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, a son, Daniel Holland, Jr.; and his first wife, Zelma Ann Holland. Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Alice Marie Smitley, 85**

Thursday, February 02, 2006

Alice Marie Smitley, 85, Kewanna, passed on to her eternal rest at 2:11 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2006 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, or one hour prior to service.

Memorials can be made to Gideons International or the Wings of the Morning Flight Ministry.

**Sally L. Sherrick, 64**

Friday, February 03, 2006

Sally L. Sherrick, 64, LaPorte, passed away at 3:05 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at her residence, after a seven-month illness. She was born in Michigan City on December 7, 1941, to Gene and Anne (Leffert) Howard. On January 16, 1960, in LaPorte she married Carl "Dave" Sherrick, and he survives. Sherrick retired from food service at LaPorte Community Schools. Survivors include her husband, Carl "Dave" Sherrick, LaPorte; two daughters, Laura Reed, LaPorte, and Kelly Cummins and husband John, LaPorte; two grandsons, Justin Cummins and wife Debbie, North Liberty, and Sean Cummins, LaPorte; her mother, Anne Howard, Peru; sisters Roberta Dehaven and husband Bill, Peru, Peggy Bakehorn, Peru, and Nancy Haygood, Tupelo, Miss.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gene Howard, and a son-in-law, Mark Reed.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Essling Funeral Home, 1117 Indiana Ave., LaPorte, with the Reverend Carl Galloway officiating. Burial will follow in Pine Lake Cemetery. Viewing is Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to V.N.A. Hospice, 901 S. Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360, or to Nephrology Inc., 2910 Monroe Street, LaPorte, IN 46350.

**Rachel Webb, 80**

Sunday, February 05, 2006

Rachel Webb, 80, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Clarice A. Wisenburger, 92**

Monday, February 06, 2006

Clarice A. Wisenburger, 92, Peru, passed away at 7:25 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness. The homemaker was born on October 11, 1913 in Miami County to John and Mary (Coonce) Wisenburger. She is survived by some cousins, and was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**K. Jane Rentschler, 85**

Monday, February 06, 2006

K. Jane Rentschler, 85, Twelve Mile, passed away at 12:01 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006 at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at the Fulton United Methodist Church, with the Reverends George Hapner and Dave Marty officiating.

Visitation will be today from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the church. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies Aid of Fulton United Methodist Church.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton.

**Rachel Webb, 80**

Monday, February 06, 2006

Rachel Webb, 80, Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend E.J. Lacy officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Lillian S. Westley, 78**

Wednesday, February 08, 2006

Lillian S. Westley, 78, Peru, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Ocie D. Merrill, 80**

Thursday, February 09, 2006

Ocie D. Merrill, 80, Peru, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the V.A. Medical Center, Marion.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1925 in Middletown, Ohio, to Sam and George Ann Spencer Merrill. He married Mary "Thelma" McQuinn on May 17, 1946 and she survives. Merrill grew up in Clay City, Ky., and attended school there.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on June 17, 1942, and served on the U.S.S. Greene. He was discharge from the U.S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., on July 7, 1944. Merrill was a devoted Christian and a faithful member of the Christian Pilgrim Church, Peru. He was also a life member of the D.A.V. Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Verline Rittenberry, Logansport, and Brenda Merrill, West Lafayette; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Paul Lane officiating.

Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, where a military service will be held.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Joan L. Ankney, 79**

Thursday, February 09, 2006

Joan L. Ankney, 79, Peru, passed away at 9:23 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Lillian S. Westley, 78**

Thursday, February 09, 2006

Lillian S. Westley, 78, a resident at Caring Hands HCC, passed away at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

Burial will be at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, Willow Springs, Ill. There will be no funeral service or visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 8660 Guion Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Allie Jo Frye, two months**

Friday, February 10, 2006

Allie Jo Frye, two months, Twelve Mile, passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was one of the Frye triplets born in Indianapolis on December 5, 2005 to Dennis and Nonie (Brown) Frye,

Twelve Mile. Frye is survived by her parents; three sisters, Caleigh Brianne and Britny Nicole Frye, both of Twelve Mile, and Cateline Leigh, who is still in the hospital; grandparents John and Connie Brown and Betty Frye; and great-grandparents, Gene Brown, Eva Terry, and Billie Gibbs.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Larry 'Buck' Frye, and on Thursday morning, Allie was raised into eternal life to join her sister Bailey Gene Frye, who passed away on December 15, 2005.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery, Logansport.

In lieu of flowers, envelopes will be available for memorial contributions at the church or by contacting the funeral home. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

### **Joan Leonita Irene Cable Ankney, 79**

Friday, February 10, 2006

Joan Leonita Irene Cable Ankney, 79, passed away at 9:23 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born on Dec. 2, 1926 in Memphis to Harvey B. and Anastasia (Trierschield) Conover. She married Thomas R. Cable Sr. in 1941 and Edger E. Ankney in 1979, both of whom preceded her in death.

Ankney was a retired supervisor of the Army/Air Force Exchange Service. She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ladies VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include three daughters, Kathryn Dziekan, Tommie Jean Lopez and husband Phillip, Kokomo, and Betty Jo Bluse and husband Stephen, Miami; two sons, Harvey Cable and wife Karen, Walton, and Thomas R. Cable, Jr. and wife Janice, Nyona Lake; brother Harvey B. Conover, Jr., Memphis; three sisters, Elizabeth Ann Stamps, Memphis, Clara Brown, Atlanta, and Norma Mari Cloyes, Little Rock; 18 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

Aside than her husbands, Joan was preceded in death by her parents; a grandchild, Cory Cable; and a son-in-law, Frank Dziekan.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Stephen Bluse officiating. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or a favorite charity.

### **Raymond L. "Ray" Allman, 90**

Friday, February 10, 2006

Raymond L. "Ray" Allman, 90, Fowler, passed away at 4:45 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on June 20, 1915 in Miami County, to Clarence and Myrtle Mae (Robinson) Allman. On October 12, 1935, he married Evelyn "Eileen" Haines in Sheldon, Ill., and she survives.

Allman had lived in Fowler for the past three years, moving there from Monticello. He had worked at the Monticello District of Northern Indiana Public Service Company for over 25 years, and was the district sales manager when he retired in 1980. He was a member of the Mexico (Ind.) Masonic Lodge #347 for more than 50 years, and was also a member of the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne. Ray had been attending the Fowler Baptist Church since living there, and prior to moving to Fowler, he attended the Lockport Church in Lockport. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and the great outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn "Eileen" Allman; two sons, Robert L. Allman and wife Sharon, Summerfield, Fla.; Dennis D. Allman and wife Linda, Avon Park, Fla.; daughters Pamela Rae Havely and husband Thomas, Belleview, Fla.; and Alice "Ann" Hardebeck and husband Michael L.; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, two brothers and one grandson.

Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, 6368 E. US 24, Monticello, with Reverends Nord Zootman and Tony King officiating.

Burial will follow in the Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m., at the cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to time of service, with a Masonic Service at 11:30 a.m., at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made according to wishes of the donor.

### **Ruby C. Lay, 72**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Ruby C. Lay, 72, Peru, passed away at 4:07 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Annseton Hospital Central Indiana, Carmel. She was born in Campbell County, Tenn. on Aug. 5, 1933 to Albert Hicks and Ethel (Martin) Hicks. She married Floyd G. Lay in 1965, who preceded her in death in 1981. Ruby was a member of Christian Pilgrim Church, Peru.

She is survived by three daughters, Linda Long, Greenwood, S.C., Anita Lay, Peru, and Teresa Grady, Peru; four brothers, Landin Hicks, Peru, Benois G. Hicks, Mexico, Adred G. Hicks, Peru, and Melvin Hicks, Logansport; a sister, Azaleen Baker, Peru; four grandchildren, Victoria Grady, Christopher Grady, Jason Long and Jeremy Long; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding Ruby in death were her husband; both parents; two brothers, Dulen and Bunis Hicks; and a sister, Ellamae.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Paul Lane officiating.

Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials can be made to a favorite charity.



**Verlon Caldwell, Sr., 76**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Verlon Caldwell, Sr., 76, Peru, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2006, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Margaret Mildred Boyer, 90**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Margaret Mildred Boyer, 90, formerly of Perrysburg, passed away at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at her residence in Syracuse. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be at Ulery Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Verlon Charles Caldwell, Sr., 76**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Verlon Charles Caldwell, Sr., 76, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on March 17, 1929, in Middletown, Ohio to McKinley and Elizabeth (Sparks) Caldwell. He married Gerlene Hatton on December 16, 1955 and she survives. Caldwell was retired from the Peru Foundry, and was the maintenance supervisor at Hickory Creek, Rochester. He was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955, during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include a son, Verlon Charles Caldwell Jr. and wife Diana, Peru; a granddaughter, Abbey Caldwell; a brother, Edward Caldwell, Peru; and two sisters, Julia Weinke and Maxine Morguson, both of Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Lorie Keck officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, where a military committal service will be held.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Rev. Jack Robbins, 89**

Monday, February 13, 2006

Rev. Jack Robbins, 89, Peru, passed away at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Gladys E. (Blacketer) Meadows Kochell, 89**

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Gladys E. (Blacketer) Meadows Kochell, 89, Peru, passed away at 6:56 a.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born in Jackson Township, Tippecanoe County, on September 5, 1916 to Grover and Altha (Malaska) Blacketer, and married Lewis Meadows in 1939 in Lafayette, and he passed away in December of 1945. She then married Freeman 'Jim' Kochell on June 30, 1946 in Attica. He preceded her in death on May 23, 1978.

Kochell was raised in Jackson Township, and graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1934. She moved to Attica in 1955, and has resided at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru, for the past two years.

Kochell worked for Radio Materials Corp. in Attica for 12 years, and later worked at Community Hospital in Williamsport for eight years. At the time of her retirement, Kochell worked as a clerk for the Index Notion Store in Attica.

She had attended Jackson Township Methodist Church and was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Attica. Kochell was an active member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Post #3318 in Attica, where she served as past president, chaplain, secretary, and trustee. Kochell is survived by two sons, Everett Meadows and wife Peggy, Walton, and Stephen Kochell and wife Becky, LaQuinta, California; two daughters, Sandra Price and husband Howard, Danville, Illinois, and June Bayless, Lafayette; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Aside from her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cheryl Louise Kochell; and brother, Charles Blacketer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Maus Funeral Home, Attica, with Ray Maggard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery, Romney. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary Memorial Services will be conducted on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mausfuneralhome.com](http://www.mausfuneralhome.com).

**John D. Thompson, 40**

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

John D. 'Junebug' Thompson passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2006 in Peru.

He was born in Minot, North Dakota on September 6, 1965 to Junior and Betty (Allen) Thompson, both deceased. He grew up in Bunker Hill and graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1983. John was employed by Decker Transport as a driver. He was a member of the Tri-City Dart Association, and was a talented darter and pool player. He enjoyed camping, fishing and cooking. Survivors include his son, Austin Thompson, Peru; sisters Deb Hanson and husband Russel, Fayette, Mo.; Kim

Menchoffer and husband Joe, Conyers, Ga.; a brother, Patrick Thompson and wife Kelly, U.S. Army, Korea; former wife, Lynda Creager, Peru; best friend, Helmut Eckelbarger, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.  
John was cremated and his ashes will be interred next to his mother, in Heber Springs, Ark., at a later date.  
A memorial service will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at Zion Chapel, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

**Rev. Jack Robbins, 89**

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Rev. Jack Robbins, 89, Warren, passed away at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at the United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren. He was born on October 8, 1916 in Bluffton to Jesse and Goldie (Webb) Robbins, and married Virginia A. Beverforden in 1934. She passed away on December 22, 2000.

Following 22 years of service as a traveling evangelist and pastor, Robbins served as a missionary to Haiti West Indies for 20 years. He was a member of the Skinner Worship Chapel. Robbins is survived by three sons, Paul Robbins and wife Mary, West Chicago, Jim Robbins and wife Helen Van Wert, Ohio, Tom Robbins and wife Pam, Logansport; two daughters, Sharon Sprunger and husband Steve, Las Vegas, and Miriam Stout and husband Jesse, Peru; one sister, Melba Rusher, Berne; 17 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one son, John Robbins; one daughter, Carroll Pickett; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Skinner Worship Chapel, 6910 N. C.R. 1050 East, Cass County, with the Reverends Tom Robbins, Paul Robbins, and Jim Robbins officiating. Burial will be at Skinner Christian Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Missions.

**Margaret Jane Fultz Anderson, 77**

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Margaret Jane Fultz Anderson, 77, formerly of Peru, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2006 at the John F. Keever Solace Center in Asheville, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Donald Edward and Ruth Louise (Ream) Fultz, and married Johnny Anderson, who survives. Anderson resided in Peru for 25 years and Florence, Kentucky for a dozen years. She was a member of the Church of Nazarene, Peru, and worked as the district manager for Watkin Healthfood Products. She was a member of the 'Ladies Night Out' bowling club, Peru, and also loved her hobbies playing poker and slot machines.

Aside from her husband, Anderson is survived by two sons, Robert 'Bob' Anderson, Clayton, Georgia, and Denny Gruwell, Asheville; two daughters, Gloria Trexler, Asheville, and Ruth Medved, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; two brothers, Rex Fultz, Blairsville, Georgia, and Larry Fultz, Palm Springs; sister, Shirley Barron, Fresno, California; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Charles 'Chuck' Anderson; sister, Lois Fultz; and brother, Raymond Fultz.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Miller Funeral Home Chapel, Black Mountain, N.C., with the Reverend James Stewart officiating. Burial will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park in Black Mountain.

Visitation will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Joseph Luther Gift Sr., 90**

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Joseph Luther Gift Sr. 90, passed away on Monday, February 13, 2006 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born in Converse and spent his early adult years in Indiana. He earned a bachelor's and a master's degree from Butler University in Indianapolis. Gift was a minister in the Christian Church for over 50 years, ministering in churches in Indiana, Illinois, and Florida. He lived in Fort Pierce, Florida for 30 years and had been living in Tallahassee with his family for the past three years. Gift served four years in the U.S. Navy as a submariner in Pearl Harbor prior to World War II.

He was a beloved and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include four children; Betty Jo Yarling, Evanston, Ill.; Joseph Gift Jr. and wife Marsha, Washington, Ill.; C.J. Weinman of Tallahassee; and Wendell J. Gift and his wife Kathy of Churchville, Pa.; seven grandchildren, Matthew Yarling, Scott Gift, Philip Gift, Daniel Gift, Joe Weinman, Elizabeth Spence and Jennifer Weinman; two great-grandchildren, Sean Patrick Westmoreland and Ezekial Joseph Gift; two sisters, Helen Phillips of Three Oaks, Mich.; and Eleanor New of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Engb Gift.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in the Culley's MeadowWood Riggins Road Chapel, Tallahassee, FL (850-877-8191) Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Project of Tallahassee, 301 E. Tharpe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

**Margaret Carroll, 91**

Friday, February 17, 2006

Margaret Carroll, 91, Peru, passed away at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mildred Irene (Martin) Brindle, 86**

Friday, February 17, 2006

Mildred Irene (Martin) Brindle passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Formerly of Peru, Mildred was born in Knox on June 4, 1919 to Ralph A. and Bessie G. Martin. On February 19, 1936 she married Virgil L. Brindle, who is deceased. She was a lifetime member of the First Christian Church, and was a homemaker. Survivors include sons Patrick J. Brindle, Round Rock, Texas; and Jerry L. Brindle, Auburn; three daughters, Barbara A. Wright, Palm Springs, Calif.; Opal M. Biddle, Disko; Nancy K. Williamson and husband Robert, Amboy; grandchildren Heath and Heather Williamson, P.J. Bolin, Jack and Lori Groshon; great-grandchildren, Hayley and Hayden Williamson, Andrew and Alexis Groshon, all of Peru; and also several other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband and parents; a daughter, Kathy Groshon, and a son, Michael Brindle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

**Wilma Arlyne Howell, 87**

Friday, February 17, 2006

Wilma Arlyne Howell, 87, formerly of rural Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash. She was born on January 2, 1919 in Wabash to Guy and Charlotte Lottie (Shultz) Forbes. She married Charley Howell in Wabash on February 10, 1940, and he passed away on January 11, 1996.

The Wabash High School graduate worked for General Tire and Rubber Company for 20 years, as well as for White's Institute for the same time length. Howell was a member of T.O.P.S., K.O.P.S., and a former member of the Womans Clubhouse Association. She and her husband started racing in 1941 and were hooked on the 'racing bug.' While Charley raced, Wilma would keep the statistics. Their racing adventures took them to several different states and continued until they were 50 years old. Their son, Danny, took over racing and they were there in support of him for each race until illness took them away. Wilma loved racing so much she still watched NASCAR, up until she took her final checkered flag.

Howell is survived by her son, Danny Howell and wife Karen, Antwerp, Ohio; daughter, Margo Elrod and husband Mark, Peru; brother, John Forbes, Billings, Montana; two grandsons, Chris Howell and wife Caryn, Goshen, and Mason Elrod, Peru; two granddaughters, Heidi Morris and husband Donald, Wabash, and Mia Elrod, Peru; eight great-grandchildren, Cody Howell, Calyn Howell, Carlee Howell, and Chinzie Howell, each of Goshen, and Ashtin Morris and Braxton Morris, both of Wabash, Zyan Elrod and Xander Elrod, both of Peru.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be conducted at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, on Saturday at 1 p.m. with David Phillips officiating.

Burial will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. The memorial guestbook for Wilma may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Mildred Irene (Martin) Brindle, 86**

Saturday, February 18, 2006

Mildred Irene (Martin) Brindle passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at the Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Formerly of Peru, Mildred was born in Knox on June 4, 1919 to Ralph A. and Bessie G. Martin. On February 19, 1936 she married Virgil L. Brindle, who is deceased. She was a lifetime member of the First Christian Church, and was a homemaker. Survivors include sons Patrick J. Brindle, Round Rock, Texas; and Jerry L. Brindle, Auburn; three daughters, Barbara A. Wright, Palm Springs, Calif.; Opal M. Biddle, Disko; Nancy K. Williamson and husband Robert, Amboy; grandchildren Heath and Heather Williamson, P.J. Bolin, Jack and Lori Groshon; great-grandchildren, Hayley and Hayden Williamson, Andrew and Alexis Groshon, all of Peru; and also several other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband and parents; a daughter, Kathy Groshon, and a son, Michael Brindle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

**William Paul Gooch, 82**

Saturday, February 18, 2006

William Paul Gooch, 82, Nyona Lake, passed away at 1 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on September 27, 1923 in Peru to George A. and Dessie (Brown) Gooch, and married Imogene (Summers) Gooch, who survives. The Goochs were married on April 17, 1946 at the First Church of God, Kokomo.

Gooch attended Kokomo High School and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He retired from Indiana Bell in 1982, where he had worked in the Toll Department. He is a member of the Howard Masonic Lodge #93 of Kokomo, Elks Lodge #190 of Kokomo, and the Moose Lodge of Kokomo. Gooch enjoyed tennis, golf, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Gooch is survived by two daughters, Annette Gooch Dietzer and husband Jake, Pinellas Park, Florida, and Yvette Mayes and husband Larry, Greentown; and grandchildren, William P. Mayes, Kokomo, Jenna W. Dietzer and Joshua P. Dietzer, both of Pinellas Park, and Nicole McIndoo and husband Josh, Kokomo.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday at Ellers Mortuary, Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo.

Entombment will be at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the Kokomo V.F.W. Military Rites team at the cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the chapel. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, Rochester.

**Margaret Carroll, 91**

Saturday, February 18, 2006

Margaret Carroll, 91, Peru, passed away at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the chapel on Monday. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Johnnie Turner, 77**

Monday, February 20, 2006

Johnnie Turner, 77, Peru, passed away at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born on Feb. 21, 1928 in Wooten, Kentucky to Reubin and Laura (Engel) Turner, and married Lizzie Hall, who survives. Turner was a member of the Zion Chapel Church, Peru, and served in the United States Army.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Louise Wickersham and husband Jim, Logansport, Rosemary Marocco and husband Tim, Logansport, and Lathryn Turner, Peru; son, John Turner, Devine, Texas; three stepdaughters; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Danny Turner and John Turner; and four sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

**Marlin S. Brightbill, 88**

Monday, February 20, 2006

Marlin S. Brightbill, 88, North Manchester, passed away on Friday, February 17, 2006.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Condolences may be emailed to the Brightbill family at [delaughtermckee.com](mailto:delaughtermckee.com)

**Mary Lou Ege, 63**

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Mary Lou Ege, 63, Nyona Lake, passed away at 12:12 a.m. on Monday, February 20, 2006 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born on January 9, 1943 in Kokomo to John and Vera (Klise) Engel, and married Dennis 'Denny' Ege on March 10, 1962, and he survives. Ege was retired from Peru Community Schools.

Aside from her husband, she is survived by both parents, who reside in Bunker Hill; two daughters, Teresa Beckley and husband Scott, Walton, and Cheryl Ross and husband Mike, Buford, Georgia; son, Darren Ege, Peru; two brothers, John Engel, Bunker Hill, and Mike Engel, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Ron Bowland officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

**Johnnie Turner, 77**

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Johnnie Turner, 77, Peru, passed away at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 18, 2006 at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1928 in Wooten, Kentucky to Reubin and Laura (Engel) Turner, and married Lizzie Hall, who survives. Turner was a member of the Zion Chapel Church, Peru, and served in the United States Army.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Louise Wickersham and husband Jim, Logansport, Rosemary Marocco and husband Tim, Logansport, and Kathryn Turner, Peru; son, John Turner, Devine, Texas; three stepdaughters; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Danny Turner and John Turner; and four sisters. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

**Geneva E. Rogers, 92**

Wednesday, February 22, 2006

Geneva Elizabeth Rogers, 92, Peru, formerly of Frankfort, passed away February 21, 2006 in her daughter's home, where she has made her home the past five years.

She was born March 12, 1913 in Estill Springs, Tenn., the daughter of Alijah and Beulah F. (Brandon) Shoemaker. On June 2, 1929, in Kokomo she married Alva M. Rogers and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1992. She worked over 30 years for the Jules Simon Company in Frankfort. She was a member of the Oakland Christian Church in rural Russiaville.

Surviving are two sons, Rev. Charles Rogers and wife Inge, Cabot, Ark., and Ronnie Rogers and wife Martha, Huntington; three daughters, Marlene Krieg and husband Robert, Bluffton, Donna Johnston and husband James, Forest, and Joyce McCarty and husband James, Peru; and ten grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, one daughter, and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Archer-Weston Funeral Home, Frankfort, with the Rev. James Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Veneman Cemetery in rural Forest.

Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Archer-Weston Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to Oakland Christian Church, 2005 S. 1280 W. Russiaville, Indiana 46979.

#### **Violet L. Latta, 91**

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Violet L. Latta, 91, Peru, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

#### **Sarah Jane Sutton, 83**

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Sarah Jane Sutton, 83, formerly of Akron, passed away at 9:25 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

She was born on February 24, 1922 in Miami County to Walter and Lulubelle (Morris) Conner. On June 11, 1945 in Galesburg, Illinois she married Robert L. Sutton, who preceded her in death on November 19, 1979.

Sutton was a homemaker and retired from Torx Products, Rochester. She served as the town clerk for Akron from 1983 to 1989, and was a member of the Silver Creek Church of God. Sutton was the past treasurer for the Indiana Conference of the Church of God. The 1939 graduate of Gilead High School, where she was valedictorian, was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and received her accounting degree from Ivy Tech Community College in Kokomo. Sutton was also a member of the Friends of the Akron Public Library.

She is survived by two daughters, Darcy Bell and husband Paul, Auburn, and Jennifer Ruprecht and husband Mike, Fort Wayne; son, Stephen L. Sutton and wife Vicki, Claypool (Yellow Creek Lake); sister, Betty Lou Dawald and husband George, Roann; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Sutton was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Morris Conner and Wayne Morris.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Silver Creek Church of God, Silver Lake, with Pastors Thomas Craig and Lawrence See officiating.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Burial will be at Chili Cemetery, Chili.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

#### **Richard L. Brown, Jr., 31**

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Richard L. Brown, Jr., 31, Kokomo, passed away at 12:16 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born on September 8, 1974 in Kokomo, to Dora L. Gilbert and Richard L. Brown, Sr., and attended Maconaquah Schools. Brown is survived by his daughters, Shelby Brown and Angel Hackworth, Peru, and Kylie Johnson, Kokomo; and sisters Brenda Barlow and Barbara DeTurk. He was preceded in death by his sister, Eileen Cardwell.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Murray Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston.

Viewing is from noon to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

#### **Glenn O. Henderson, 91**

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Glenn O. Henderson, 91, Kokomo, passed away at 10:27 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on January 20, 1915, in Cedar Springs, Mo., to Samuel E. and Edna Faye (Garver) Henderson. On June 12, 1937, he married Rosemary McBride, and she preceded him in death.

For the past 10 months he has been living in Kokomo at the Alterra Assisted Living complex to be close to his daughter and grandchildren. He truly enjoyed his kids and getting to know the young ones better.

Henderson was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as a diesel electrician for KCS Railroad. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Pittsburg, Kan.

He had one daughter, Glenda Maiseroulle and husband Ernest, Peru; a grandson, Todd Maiseroulle; granddaughter, Sherri Gasaway; great-grandchildren Ashlee Gasaway, TyAnne Gasaway, and Caitlyn Maiseroulle.

There will be a private family service on Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Scott, Kansas. There will be no visitation.

Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, is handling arrangements.

**Violet 'Vi' L. Latta, 91**

Friday, February 24, 2006

Violet 'Vi' L. Latta, 91, Peru, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born on April 23, 1914 in Atlanta, Louisiana to Homer and Lois (Horn) Durham. On August 21, 1949 she married Ralph H. Latta, who preceded her in death on March 16, 1990.

Latta was retired from Burger Barn, where she worked as a waitress.

She is survived by a son, Bill Latta and wife Linda, Peru; three daughters, Kitty Jeffers and husband Frank, Peru, Vicki Bankston and husband Curt, Peru, and Shirley Day and husband Jim, LaGrange, Kentucky; special friends, Kathryn Hann and Ruby Mannies, both of Peru; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Latta was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Patricia Blackman; a brother; two sisters; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Jon Travis Latta officiating. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

**Richard L. Brown, Jr., 31**

Friday, February 24, 2006

Richard L. Brown, Jr., 31, Kokomo, passed away at 12:16 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born on September 8, 1974 in Kokomo, to Dora L. Gilbert and Richard L. Brown, Sr., and attended Maconaquah Schools.

Richard enjoyed NASCAR, fishing and eating chocolate. He loved his dog Daisy, and teasing his mother's cat, RJ. Richard had a way with children, and loved his little girls very much.

He often wished that people would mind their own business.

Survivors include his mother Dora L. Gilbert, Kokomo; four daughters, Shelby Lane Brown, Angel Marie Hackworth and Jolee Haven Gardner, all of Peru; and Kylie Nicole Johnson, Kokomo; two sisters, Brenda Barlow, Wabash; and Barbara Deturk, South Carolina; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ileen Michelle Cardwell, in February 1999; and his grandparents.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., with the Reverend Paul Southerland officiating.

Cremation was to follow the service. Calling was from noon to time of service at the funeral home.

**Paul Kirby, 79**

Monday, February 27, 2006

Paul Kirby, 79, Miami, passed away following an extended illness at 10:24 a.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born on January 23, 1927 in Macon County, Tennessee, to Connie D. and Minnie R. (Blankenship) Kirby. On June 30, 1952, Kirby married Elma (Jackson) Kirby, who preceded him in death.

Kirby was retired from Haynes International. He is survived by daughter, Paula Behny and husband John, Peru; grandchildren, Lacy Behny, and Paul Behny, both of Peru; brother, Clay Kirby, Kokomo; three sisters, Evelyn English, Lorraine Payne, and Margie Hall and husband Terry, each of Tennessee. Aside from his wife, Kirby was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ronald 'Brad' Kirby; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Kenny Davis officiating. Burial will be at Peoria Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Herbert D. Balsbaugh, 85**

Monday, February 27, 2006

Herbert D. Balsbaugh, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2006, at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kenneth D. Sackyt, 53**

Monday, February 27, 2006

Kenneth D. Sackyt, 53, Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on May 11, 1952 in Detroit to Steve and Rose (Pluszczynski) Sackyt.

Sackyt was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and was an avid fan of the Beatles. Music was his life, and he knew every album and the words of each Beatles song written. Sackyt also collected paraphernalia of Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and Hank Williams, Sr. He was a walker, and as he walked the streets of Peru, Sackyt talked and made friends with each person he would meet. He is survived by two sisters, Sue Adamchick and husband Jerry, Warren, and Terry Quin and husband Dr. Gregory Quin, Peru. Sackyt was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial mass will be on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery, Ida, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles School or the American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Barbara L. Beachler, 79**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Barbara L. Beachler, 79, Mexico, passed away Sunday afternoon at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Herbert D. Balsbaugh, 85**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Herbert D. Balsbaugh, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, February 26, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. He was born on Nov. 9, 1920 in Cass County to Henry and Ella Frances (Bowman) Balsbaugh. He married Donazetta Yankee Balsbaugh in South Bend on June 6, 1942 and she passed away on March 15, 2003.

Balsbaugh retired from Chrysler in 1985. He was a school bus driver for Southeastern School Corp. from 1960 to 1970.

He graduated from New Waverly High School in 1939. As a part of 'America's Greatest Generation,' Herbert served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and his military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon. He was a member of the Morning Star Church, Kokomo, where he served as an usher.

Survivors include two daughters, Donita Conner and husband Glenn, Mexico, and Deborah Lynas and husband Robert, Galveston; a son, Lance Balsbaugh and wife Mary, Kokomo; a brother, Robert A. Balsbaugh, Peru; grandchildren Bret Conner, Bart Conner, Deanna McCarter, Robin Rudd and Jeffery Payne; and great-grandchildren Kennedy Conner, Blaine Christopher Rudd and Keegan Conner. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his brother, Elbert, in 1997; and a son, Larry, in 1993.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Evans of Morning Star Church officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Morning Star Church building fund.

**Fannie E. McCool, 61**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Fannie Eugene McCool, 61, passed away at 1 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006, at her residence in Lebanon.

Funeral services will be today at 11 a.m., at Myers Chapel of Memories, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon, with Pastor Jack Stanley officiating. Burial will follow at Center Cemetery, east of Lebanon.

**S. Nadine Bostic, 85**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

S. Nadine Bostic, 85, Logansport, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Health Care Center, Delphi. She was born in Logansport on February 12, 1921, the daughter of Keith and Betty (Liston) Gohl. She married Richard A. Bostic on April 21, 1941 in Twelve Mile, and he survives.

Bostic was a 1939 graduate of New Waverly High School and attended the Miami Baptist Church of Logansport.

She was a homemaker and school bus driver for Southeastern School Corp. for 25 years, retiring in 1986. She loved going to church, and was a dedicated daughter; and a steadfast, loving wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Bostic best loved exercising, and her family loved her good sense of humor and positive affirmation of us all.

Surviving along with her husband of 64 years are six children: Joan Milroy and husband James of Peru, Janet Huff and husband John of Logansport, Jack Bostic and wife Connie of Logansport, Joe Bostic of New Waverly, Joy Kurtz and husband Bob of Roswell, N.M., and Jill McDowell and husband Gary of Logansport; grandchildren Chris Milroy and wife Carrie, Michael Milroy and wife Mary, Michelle Bostic, John Huff, Jaime Huff, Jae Ashley Miller and husband Brad, Jodie Huff and husband Kevin Lippe, Allison Kurtz, Jamie Zepeda, Sammi Urban and husband Brad, Rob Williamson and wife Lesa, Jeremy Lobenthal, Lindsay Lobenthal, and Angie Whipple and husband Keith; great-grandchildren Kristen, Katie, Mike and Macey Milroy, Timothy Huff, Cullen Smith, Paxton Miller, Josh Zepeda, Michelle Roland, Missy Smith, Amanda and Trinity Whipple, Hanna Williamson, Jake and Thomas Urban. Bostic was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather Harry Dougherty; and an infant son, Jerry Richard Bostic.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jan Hobbs officiating.

Burial will follow at the Miami Baptist Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Miami Baptist Church.

**James Dean 'Rambo' Ridenour, 66**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

James Dean 'Rambo' Ridenour, 66, Kokomo, passed away at 5:04 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on November 18, 1939 in Wabash to Harold and Leah (Lautzenhiser) Ridenour Emans.

On January 29, 1988 he married Ethel Acord and she survives. He worked for Chrysler for 30 years before retiring in 1996, and was a member of the UAW Local 685. Ridenour served in the National Guard Reserves, and loved fishing and traveling to Georgia. He loved life, being in a crowd and especially loved his grandkids.

Aside from his wife of 18 years, Ridenour is survived by his mother, Leah Emans; sister, Susie Owen and husband Dobie, Peru; step-son, Mick Goodman and wife Mitsey, Galveston; stepdaughter, Jamie Goodman and companion Levi Causey, Kokomo; step-grandkids, Cole Goodman, Jake Goodman, and Emily Goodman, each of Galveston, and Savanna Goodman, Kokomo; daughter, Michelle Wilhelm and companion Ed Shankle, Wabash; two sons, John Ridenour, Wabash, and Steven Ridenour and wife Angela, Silver Lake; grandkids, Andra Wilhelm, New Waverly, and Canyon Shankle, Wabash; and great-grandkid, Levi Straka, New Waverly. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with the Reverend Joe Coffin officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

You may offer condolences online at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

### **William Ray "Bill" Trueblood, 61**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

William Ray "Bill" Trueblood, 61, Gadsden, Ala., passed away at 6:50 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2006 at Gadsden Regional Hospital. He was born on October 10, 1944 in Peru to William Edward and Mabel Irene Trueblood. On Feb. 14, 1967 he married Helen Sutton and they later divorced.

Trueblood graduated from Peru High School in 1963 and was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

He had lived in Gadsden for the past several years. He was an active member of the National Council on Aging. He was a longtime resident of Campbell Court, where he served as association treasurer, and was an active participant in the church services. He was an active member of the Meadow Brook Baptist Church, as long as his health permitted.

Trueblood was loved by many and deserved more than what he received.

He is survived by one daughter, Nicole Gustafson and husband Chris, Peru; grandchildren Bryce, Kyrsten and Trysta Gustafson, all of Peru, who he loved dearly; a twin sister, Dorothy See and husband David, Denver; a nephew, Doug Cox and wife Gladys, North Manchester; step-children Donnie Smith and wife Lisa, Mentone, Stacey and wife Kim, Deborah Smith and Dawna Smith; several step-grandchildren and other family members of Peru; and very special friends Tommy and Glenda Smith of Covington, Ga., who stayed with him until the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marjorie Joann; and a nephew, Bryan D'Wayne Cox.

Trueblood wished to be cremated.

A gathering for family and friends will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at his daughter's home, 2217 S. Holiday Dr., Peru.

### **Rosalene Bradley Young, 68**

Wednesday, March 01, 2006

Rosalene Bradley Young, 68, Roann, entered into eternal rest at 4:16 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, surrounded by her family, following a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on July 14, 1937 in Clinton County to Carroll Broadly and Lydia Bennett. On November 18, 1956 she married James E. Young at Gilead United Methodist Church, and he survives.

Rosalene was an expert seamstress and enjoyed working with people. She and her husband owned and operated J&R Starter Service and Sewing Service in Walton for 11 years. Prior to that, she operated the County Line Ceramics, south of Akron. Rarely separated, her and Jim loved to fish and spend time with family. She was a lifelong resident of the Gilead community, with the exception of five years she spent living on the Wabash River near Lewisburg.

She was a member of the Gilead United Methodist Church and was a 1955 graduate of Gilead High School.

Survivors other than her husband include three daughters, Deborah Winegardener and husband Jack, Macy, Sheila Schipper and husband Steve, Macy, and Tammy Bennett and husband Jeff, Greentown; eight grandchildren, Jack Winegardener Jr. and Amy Ruby, Bunker Hill, Kelly Miller and husband Jamie, Columbia City, Bethany Winegardener, Columbia City, Spencer Schipper, Detroit, Mich., Shanna Schipper and Skyler Schipper, both of Macy and Cole Bennett and Jordan Bennett, both of Greentown; three great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Miller and Macy Winegardener; three sisters, Martha Harding and husband Richard, Roann, Carol Ann Beenblossom and husband Doug, and Wanda Berlin and husband Venix, both of Saucier, Miss.; and one brother, Mike Broadly and wife Kemi, Bend, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Ryan Bennett; a sister, Helen Boring; and two brothers, Jack and James Broadly.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating.

Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to service.

### **James L. Hale, 57**

Wednesday, March 01, 2006

James L. Hale, 57, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006, at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral home.



**S. Nadine Bostic, 85**

Wednesday, March 01, 2006

S. Nadine Bostic, 85, Logansport, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Monday, February 27, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Health Care Center, Delphi. She was born in Logansport on February 12, 1921, the daughter of Keith and Betty (Liston) Gohl. She married Richard A. Bostic on April 21, 1941, in Twelve Mile, and he survives.

Bostic was a 1939 graduate of new Waverly High School and attended the Miami Baptist Church of Logansport.

She was a homemaker and school bus driver for Southeastern School Corporation for 25 years, retiring in 1986. She loved going to church, and was a dedicated daughter; and a steadfast, loving wife and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Bostic best loved exercising her sense of humor and positive affirmation of us all.

Surviving along with her husband of 64 years are six children: Joan Milroy and husband James, Peru; Janet Huff and husband John, Logansport; Jack Bostic and wife Connie, Logansport; Joe Bostic, New Waverly; Joy Kurtz and husband Bob, Roswell, N.M.; and Jill McDowell and husband Gary of Logansport; grandchildren Chris Milroy and wife Carrie; Michael Milroy and wife Mary; Michelle Bostic, John Huff, Jaime Huff, Jae Ashley Miller and husband Brad; Jodie Huff and husband Kevin Lippe; Allison Kurtz, Jamie Zepeda, Sammi Urban and husband Brad; Rob Williamson and wife Lesa; Jeremy Lobenthal, Lindsay Lobenthal, and Angie Whipple and husband Keith; great-grandchildren Kristen, Katie, Mike and Macy Milroy, Timothy Huff, Cullen Smith, Paxton Miller, Josh Zepeda, Michelle Roland, Missy Smith, Amanda and Trinity Whipple, Hanna Williamson, Jake and Thomas Urban.

Bostic was preceded in death by her parents; step-father Harry Dougherty; and an infant son, Jerry Richard Bostic.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jan Hobbs officiating. Burial will follow at the Miami Baptist Cemetery, Cass County.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Miami Baptist Church.

**Sharon Kay Dowell, 65**

Wednesday, March 01, 2006

Sharon Kay (Blackman) Dowell, 65, passed away Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in Beaver Dam, Kentucky.

She was born on September 10, 1940, in Peru.

Survivors include her husband, James R. Dowell; two sons, Steven R. Dowell and wife Debbie, and Randall L. Dowell and friend, Lisa Wooliver; two sisters, twin sister Karen Foreman and husband Pete, and Sally Chalos and husband Larry; and two brothers, Robert Blackman and wife Judy, and Kenneth Blackman and wife Sue.

Sharon is also survived by one granddaughter, Lauren E. Dowell; four step-grandchildren, Jessica Ropert, Joshua Bilz, Taylor Infante, and Alexander Infante; and twenty nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Chloe Gambee; step-father, Lester Gambee; her father, Darrold Blackman; an infant son, James R. Dowell; an infant sister, Linda Blackman; and a brother, Ronald Blackman.

Funeral services were held Friday with burial at Sunny Side Cemetery in Beaver Dam, Kentucky.

**Marilyn J. Glassburn, 72**

Thursday, March 02, 2006

Marilyn J. Glassburn, 72, Kokomo, passed away at 2:07 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Howard Regional Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**James L. Hale, 57**

Thursday, March 02, 2006

James L. Hale, 57, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on September 10, 1948 in Peru, to Robert Pope and Nancy (Benson) Hale. He married Ina Masters and she survives. James was a mail carrier for 17 years, for the Logansport Post Office, and was a musician.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Andrew Hale, Peru; two daughters, Nicole Hale, Peru, and Sarah Workman, Peru; a brother, Gary Hale, Kokomo; three sisters, Donna Randolph, Kokomo; Kathryn Hale, Florida; and Sherry Leonard, Middlebury, Ind; and three grandchildren.

Family and friends may call to pay their respects from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday at 159 W. Second St., Peru.

Love offerings may be made to the Hale family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Rosalene Broadley Young, 68**

Thursday, March 02, 2006

Rosalene Broadley Young, 68, Roann, entered into eternal rest at 4:16 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, surrounded by her family, following a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on July 14, 1937 in Clinton County to Carroll Broadley and Lydia Bennett. On November 18, 1956 she married James E. Young at Gilead United Methodist Church, and he survives.

Rosalene was an expert seamstress and enjoyed working with people. She and her husband owned and operated J&R Starter Service and Sewing Service in Walton for 11 years. Prior to that, she operated the County Line Ceramics, south of Akron.

Rarely separated, she and Jim loved to fish and spend time with family. She was a lifelong resident of the Gilead community, with the exception of five years she spent living on the Wabash River near Lewisburg.

She was a member of the Gilead United Methodist Church and was a 1955 graduate of Gilead High School.

Survivors other than her husband include three daughters, Deborah Winegardener and husband Jack, Macy; Sheila Schipper and husband Steve, Macy; and Tammy Bennett and husband Jeff, Greentown; eight grandchildren, Jack Winegardener Jr. and Amy Ruby, Bunker Hill, Kelly Miller and husband Jamie, Columbia City, Bethany Winegardener, Columbia City, Spencer Schipper, Detroit, Mich., Shanna Schipper and Skyler Schipper, both of Macy and Cole Bennett and Jordan Bennett, both of Greentown; three great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Miller and Macy Winegardener; three sisters, Martha Harding and husband Richard, Roann, Carol Ann Beenblossom and husband Doug, and Wanda Berlin and husband Venix, both of Saucier, Miss.; and one brother, Mike Broadley and wife Kemi, Bend, Ore.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Ryan Bennett; a sister, Helen Boring; and two brothers, Jack and James Broadley. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating.

Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to service.

### **Marilyn J. Glassburn, 72**

Friday, March 03, 2006

Marilyn J. Glassburn, 72, Kokomo, passed away at 2:07 p.m. on March 1, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born on May 13, 1933 in Miami to John W. and Celah Hartgrove Percy. On June 9, 1951 she married Dale E. Glassburn, and he survives. Glassburn was retired from Delco. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Galveston, and the Walton Eastern Star. She enjoyed spending time with her family and church family.

Survivors other than her husband include three sons, Allen Glassburn and wife Marcia, Fort Wayne, Michael "Mike" Glassburn and wife Kim, Miami, and Gary Glassburn and wife Michelle, Kokomo; seven grandchildren, Alicia, Megan, Nathan, Mallory, Carlee and Garrett Glassburn and Amanda Cornwell; and three sisters, Thelma Riley, Kokomo, Doris Rayl, Miami and Carolyn Ingram, Miami. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Donald and Garland "Lindy" Percy. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Galveston, with Pastor Warren Purcell and Pastor Norman McBride officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church, Galveston.

### **Barbara L. Beachler, 79**

Friday, March 03, 2006

Barbara L. Beachler, 79, Mexico, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2006, at her residence.

She was born on August 10, 1926, in Peru to William Paul and Edna Marie Prather Wolfe. On March 23, 1946, in Peru she married John Webster Beachler and he survives.

Barbara was a faithful member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, and served her church in many ways. She was a deaconess, Sunday school teacher and an active member of the Women's Group. As part of that group she helped in the workshop making crafts to sell at the church Christmas Bazaar and helped in the thrift shop - donating her time and talents to help the church serve the community and the needy. She enjoyed the "Lunch Bunch," a group of church members that gathered for fellowship and friendship. In addition to her volunteer work for her church, she helped at the Salvation Army in Peru.

Survivors besides her husband include: three sons, John W. Beachler, II, and wife Nancy, Logansport; Stephen "Steve" P. Beachler and wife Marsha, Indianapolis; and Marshall D. Beachler and wife Cindy, Portage, Mich.; two daughters, Debanney "Debbie" D. Hay and husband Dennis, Lafayette; and Kristine "Kris" K. Hite and husband Ron, Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and eight grandchildren. She is also survived by four brothers, William "Bill" P. Wolfe, Peru; Court Wolfe, Nyona Lake; Reggie Wolfe, Mexico; and Ronnie Wolfe, Peru; two sisters, Patricia "Pat" Plaue, Ashville, N.C.; and Sharon Staller, Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, with the Reverend Doug Mankell officiating. Friends are invited to call one hour prior to the service at the church. A private family inurement will be held in the John Knox Room of Calvary Presbyterian Church following services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to Miami-Wabash Home Hospice or to Calvary Presbyterian Church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the arrangements.

### **Faire Binford, 101**

Saturday, March 04, 2006

Faire Binford, 101, Peru, passed away at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash, following an extended illness. She was born on October 8, 1904 in Wabash to Grant U. and Matilda (Amber) Long, and married Joe Binford, who preceded her in death on February 21, 1983. Binford attended Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Peggy Chittum, Peru, Margie Foster, Wabash, Dick Kramer, Wabash, Grant Long, Wabash, Sally Mullett, Wabash, Hilda Camp, Wabash, and John Summerland, Wabash. Aside from her parents; and husband; Binford was preceded in death by seven sisters and three brothers, Ethel Miller, Marie Summerland, Minnie Hipskin, Donald Long, Marjorie W. Lidden, Permilia 'Peg' Miller, Mildred Kramer, Grace Elbel, Kenneth Long, and Robert Long.

Graveside services will be conducted at Falls Cemetery, Wabash on Monday at 11 a.m., with Pastor Brent Kirby officiating.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Wauneda M. Bowland, 87**

Saturday, March 04, 2006

Wauneda M. Bowland, 87, Peru, passed away at 4:57 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2006 at her residence.

She was born on August 17, 1918 in Lafayette to F.C. and Dora (Fites) Cleland. She married Joseph Cunningham, who preceded her in death in 1965. On September 21, 1968 she married Meredith Bowland in Peru, and he preceded her in death on August 5, 2004. The 1937 graduate of Mexico High School was employed at W.C. Redmon in 1969 and was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Peru. Bowland is survived by granddaughter, Rebecca Burkhardt and husband Alan, Denver; grandson, Jack David Cunningham and wife Paula, Peru; stepson, Steve Bowland and wife Sylvia, Fresno, California; great-grandsons, David Burkhardt and Jon Burkhardt, both of Denver, and Joseph Cunningham, Peru; step-granddaughter, Heather Bowland, Indianapolis; sister, Alta Noack, Wisconsin; several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her parents; and both husbands; she was preceded in death by a brother, Willard Cleland; a sister, Lidia Kenay; and step-son, Jack Cunningham.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor David Jodry officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday at the funeral home from 2 to 5 p.m. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Brethren Church, Peru.

**Dorothy L. Sargent, 71**

Saturday, March 04, 2006

Dorothy L. Sargent, 71, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2006.

She was born on September 3, 1934 to C. Lawrence and Mildred (Cheesman) Sargent in Peru.

The 1953 graduate of Peru High School attended Franklin College, where she was a member of the Tri Delta Sorority. She graduated from the University of Indianapolis in 1959, and during the 1960s, she was the librarian at the Peru Public Library.

Sargent was employed by American States Insurance Company in the accounting department for 27 years prior to her retirement. She was a long time member and librarian of the First Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Sargent is survived by her mother; one sister, Katherine (James) Bohn; nieces, Erin Vander Aarde, and Connie Voyer.

Funeral services will be conducted at First Baptist Church on Monday at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 8600 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel, Indianapolis.

**Sylvia Miller, 90**

Saturday, March 04, 2006

Sylvia Miller, 90, Kokomo, passed away at 8:49 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born on February 28, 1916 to Homer D. and Amelia (Helmuth) Sommers. On February 27, 1938 she married Ora C. Miller, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Miller was a member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, and retired in 1983 from Maconaquah School Corporation, where she worked as a cook.

Survivors include a son, Ted Miller and wife Pamela Miller, Kokomo; two daughters, Kay Bowman and husband Richard Bowman, Peru; Sena Osborne and husband David, Hesston, Kansas; three sisters, Alice and brother-in-law Gene Horner, Kokomo; Leona King, Logansport; Anna Ruth and brother-in-law Mark Horner, Kokomo; grandchildren Karl Willis and wife Shannon; Scott Willis and wife Staci; Kelly Rice and husband Cy; Sasha Perry and husband Sean; Troy Osborne and wife Emma; Ryan Osborne; Hannah Troyer and husband Marty; Steve Stout and wife Dusti; Greg Miller and wife Jenny; Zach Bowman, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, sisters Emma Hochstetler, Martha Sweitzer, Pauline Horner, Bernice Ganger, Elnora Jane Sommers; two brothers, Clayton Sommers, Daniel Sommers and one son, Homer Elon Miller.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., on Tuesday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church with Pastors Randy Detweiler and Lee Miller officiating. Burial will follow at Mast Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E 1400 South, Kokomo. Memorials can be made to Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, Greentown, is handling arrangements.

**Joyce C. Collins, 78**

Monday, March 06, 2006

Joyce C. Collins, 78, Peru, passed away on the afternoon of Friday, March 3, 2006 at Methodist Hospital, Minneapolis.

She was born on September 6, 1927 in Peru to Chester and Ruth Miller. On April 30, 1945, she married Raymond E. Collins, who passed away as a result of an airplane accident in 1980. An entrepreneur, Collins had owned a pair of businesses. In the 1970s and 1980s, she owned a small knitting shop, while during the 1980s and 1990s, she was the co-owner of the Paramount Bar & Grill in Peru. Collins is survived by sons, Ronald Collins, Arizona, Robert Collins, Indiana, and Richard Collins, Arizona; daughter, Connie Rounds, Minnesota; brother, Eugene Miller, Washington; granddaughters, Chrissy Andacht, Florida, Katie Nelson, Minnesota, Dawn Rebeil, New Mexico; and two great-grandchildren, Maddy and Andrew.

Aside from her husband; she was preceded in death by brothers, David Miller and Richard Miller.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

The family will gather for graveside services at 2 p.m. at the Centerton Cemetery, located outside of Martinsville.

**Kathryn I. (Fisher) Warner, 88**

Monday, March 06, 2006

Kathryn I. (Fisher) Warner, 88, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born on February 16, 1918 in Butler Township, Miami County, to George and Addie (Sturgis) Fisher.

Kate' to all who knew her, was a 1936 graduate of Butler Township School, where she met her husband, Henry R. Warner, and they were married in Peru on May 27, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1993.

The Warners owned and operated the Warner Funeral Home in Sharpsville from 1942 to 1977. The couple also operated a funeral home in Galveston prior to moving to Sharpsville. When at the funeral home, Kate was always at the door to greet folks with her warm smile and friendly 'hello.' She made everyone feel at home, never knew a stranger, and was well liked by everyone. Warner was a member of the Sharpsville United Methodist Church, and a 50-year member of the Sharpsville OES. She also belonged to the Sharpsville Ladies Bridge Club for more than 50 years.

Warner was a resident of North Woods Village, and she formerly resided on Cadillac Drive West, Kokomo, since 1990. Prior to that, she lived in Sharpsville for 50 years. She is survived by son, Richard Warner and wife Sandy, Burlington; grandchildren, Scott Warner and wife Jeannette, Easton, Maryland, Shari Castor and husband Tyler, Saline, Michigan, Lori Rhinebarger and husband Tony, Kokomo, Kristin Gragg and friend David Simmons, Kokomo, Cheryl Anderson and husband David, Houston; step-grandchildren, Annette Yover, Phoenix, Janece Davis and husband Greg, Peoria, Arizona, John Brittain and fiancée Stephanie Jackson, Kokomo, Mike Brittain and wife Barbara, Frankfort; great-grandchildren, Kylie Warner, Kokomo, Issac Castor, Peyton Castor and Mallory Castor, Saline, and Seth Rhinebarger, Kokomo; step-great-grandchildren, Drake Brittain, Christy Brittain, and Jackson Brittain, each of Frankfort, and Amanda Rhinebarger, Kokomo; sister-in-laws, Wiladean Fisher, Peru, Linda Fisher, Macy, and Mary Fisher, Peru; and special friends, Rebecca Lord, Kokomo, and Linda Warner, Sharpsville. Warner was the oldest of six children. Aside from her husband, Warner was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ronald Warner; and five brothers, George Fisher, Jr., Carter Fisher, Rex Fisher, Jerry Fisher, and Don Fisher.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo, with Pastor Ray Squibb officiating.

Burial will be at Sharpsville Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharpsville United Methodist Church.

**Leon E. Copeland, 80**

Monday, March 06, 2006

Leon E. Copeland, 80, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1925 in Wabash to Linal and Erba Townsend Copeland. He married Eleanor "Jean" Copeland on Aug. 26, 1951 and she passed away on Sept. 14, 1997. Copeland served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. He was a retired chemist from General Tire. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and the Peru Elks.

Survivors include a daughter, Deloris Nolan and husband Donald, Tucson, Ariz.; three granddaughters, Donna Jokie, Phoenix, Ariz., Georgiana Barker, Sacramento, Calif., and Marsha White, San Antonio, Texas; a grandson, Thomas Nolan, Phoenix, Ariz.; four great-grandchildren, Nolan and Cameron Jokie, Anthony Nolan and Gavin White; and two sisters, Wilma Neaville, Fort Wayne, and Beatrice Dillman, Churubusco. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a brother, Mitchell Copeland, and three sisters, Rosalie Galbraith, Lois Clayton and Alice Ashlock.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Curtis Brincefield officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the the Kidney Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

A military committal service will be held at the cemetery.

**James S. 'Big Jim' Harness, 46**

Monday, March 06, 2006

James S. 'Big Jim' Harness, 46, Peru, passed away at approximately 2 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 8, 1959 in Kokomo to Earl E. 'Bud' and Clotelle (Farrington) Harness. On June 9, 1978, he married Darlene Harness in Logansport, and she survives. Harness was a machinist by trade, but the past few years had worked with his brother, Brad, in his construction business. He was a member of the National Hot Rod Association, as drag racing was Harness' passion. Harness raced at Bunker Hill Drag Strip over the past 20 years. Aside from his wife; he is survived by his father, who resides in Walton; three sons, James S. 'Jim' Harness, Jr., Peru, Bobby Pack and wife Rayna, Peru, and David Pack, Peru; daughter, Patty Eilers and husband Marty, Kokomo; brother, Mike E. Harness and wife Rosa, Houston; grandchildren, Corey Eilers, Taylor Eilers, Brandon Eilers, and Alysha Eilers, each of Kokomo, and Joshua Pack and Kaitlyn Pack, both of Peru; niece Diana Harness, Houston; nephew, Mikey Harness, Houston; and aunts; uncles; and cousins. Harness was preceded in death by his mother on October 5, 1981; and his close brother, Brad Harness, on February 25, 2006. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, with the Reverend Greg Eastling officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery, Kokomo. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donors' choice.

**Janice Marie Rentzel-O'Brier, 56**

Monday, March 06, 2006

Janice Marie Rentzel-O'Brier, 56, Apache Junction, Arizona, passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 in Mesa, Arizona. She was born in Peru to Ralph and Lorraine Rentzel. After earning her B.A. and M.A. in education, Rentzel-O'Brier was a school teacher at Four Peaks Elementary School for 16 years, as well as a substitute teacher for two years for the Mesa Public Schools. Aside from her parents, she is survived by her loving husband, Jim; and two brothers, Ralph, Jr., and Bruce. Funeral services were conducted in Apache Junction. Funeral arrangements were handled by Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Jack W. McKeever, 77**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Jack W. McKeever, 77, Macy, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the Life Care Center Nursing Home, Rochester, where he had been a patient since July 2004. He had been in failing health since September.

He was born March 26, 1928, in Florence, Colo., the son of Walter O. and Nellie Nevada Hickman McKeever. On May 16, 1953 in Angola he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Esther Lyon. They were married for almost 53 years.

His career was his service to his country. He began his career with a stint in the U.S. Navy and concluded it with several re-enlistments in the U.S. Army as a pilot where he flew helicopters. His career in the military spanned 26 years from the end of World War II through the Korean and Vietnam Wars, until he retired in 1986. He was in active combat in both Korea and Vietnam. From 1969 he worked as a real-estate agent in Colorado Springs, Colo., until re-enlisting for the last time in 1980.

Locally, he was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Association and he served as president of the McKeever Family Association. He regularly attended the Chief Warrant Officers meetings (W-4 Meetings) where he would meet old military comrades and keep abreast of current events with them and their military families. He loved the outdoors and regularly worked mending fences and caring for his cattle, which he raised on the family homestead, near Macy. He had three loves in his life. Paramount was the love his wife, Esther, secondary was his love for flying helicopters, and lastly was his love for the cattle for which he devoted his time to after retiring. Also, he enjoyed working on his family's genealogy in his spare time. He is survived by his wife at home; three daughters: Elizabeth Hayden and husband Rich, Macy, Stephanie Bennett and husband William, Ashland City, Tenn., and Melanie McKeever, Woodland Park, Colo.; eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His parents, three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th Street (State Road 14 West), Rochester, with Pastor Jim Wasmuth officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to services on Thursday. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1343 will conduct military services at the funeral home following his funeral. Interment will be Saturday in the Pioneer Cemetery, Eads, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, his family has requested that memorials be made to the Lutheran Church's Missouri Senate World Relief Fund in his memory. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtc.col.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtc.col.com).

**Bueal Combs, 67**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Bueal Combs, 67, Peru, passed away at 3:22 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Rev. Churchill Hunt Cox, 79**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Rev. Churchill Hunt Cox, 79, Mexico, passed away at 6:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2006 at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Mary E. Doss, 67**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Mary E. Doss, 67, Peru, passed away at 8:10 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1939 in Kokomo to Albert and Dorothy Eads Watson. She married Robert Doss on Feb. 14, 1981, and he survives. Doss was a homemaker and a member of the Step of Faith Community Church. Survivors other than her husband include a daughter, Jo Enyeart and husband Randy, Peru; a son, James T. Jones and wife Pam, Peru; a step-daughter, Helen Ervin and husband Charlie, Logansport; and a step-son, Wayne Doss and wife Amiee, Oklahoma City, Okla. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Harry Watson, and three sisters, Lois, Margie and Lorabell. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Pastor Trace Lasher officiating. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kevin J. Patterson, 46**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Kevin J. Patterson, 46, Kokomo, passed away Friday, March 4, 2006 at 7:32 a.m. at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born November 24, 1959 in Kokomo, to Joe F. and Nancy J. (King) Patterson. On April 12, 1980, he married Jill A. McKinley Patterson at Corinth Brethren Church, Twelve Mile, and she survives. Patterson graduated from Northwestern High School in 1978 and then served an apprenticeship with the Carpenter-Millwright Local 734, and was a member until 1983. He worked as a millwright at Chrysler Transmission from June 2, 1983, until his retirement December 31, 2004. He was a member of UAW Local 685. He enjoyed restoring antique trucks; loved Cincinnati Reds baseball, the Indianapolis Colts, tractor pulls, and his beloved cat PJ. Survivors include his wife, Jill A. Patterson, Kokomo; one daughter, Sara J. Patterson, Kokomo; his father, Joe Patterson, Kokomo; two brothers, Ken Patterson and wife Angie, Kokomo; and Kerry Patterson, Kokomo; a sister Kristi Tribbett and husband Don, Burnettsville; sister-in-law Becky Peter, Logansport; brother-in-law James McKinley, Logansport; seven nieces, Jennifer, Amanda, Trista, Michelle, Paige, Jasmine and Jenna.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy Patterson; grandparents Burl and Pollyanna King and Virgil and Inez Patterson, and mother-in-law Helen McKinley.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home-Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Jay McKinley officiating. Burial will follow in Shiloh Cemetery, Kokomo.

Visitation is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sharing Hearts Fund, c/o Heart Transplant Office, Indianapolis.

### **Harry Leroy Kinikin, 75**

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Harry Leroy Kinikin, 75, Greenwood, passed away at 9:10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at the Homeview Nursing Home in Franklin. He was born in Francis, Oklahoma to John and Mabel (Hole) Kinikin. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1947, and served more than 20 years, retiring as a Staff Sergeant. Kinikin was an employee at Grissom Air Force Base in Civil Service for 18 years. Survivors include his wife, Carol (Keith) Kinikin, Greenwood; one daughter, Sherry Kinikin, Potomac, Md.; and one son, Michael Kinikin, Rockville, Md.; two sisters, Velma Sartors of Ada, Okla., and Viola Johnson, Riverton, Wyo.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three stepsons, Robert Graham, Peru; James Graham, Lowell, Mass.; and Kenneth Graham, Tupelo, Miss.; two step-daughters, Kimberly Ousley, Peru; and Elisabeth Graham, Greenwood; nine step-grandchildren, and his former wife, Joan I. (Buckelew) Kinikin. He was preceded in death by two sons, Harry L. Kinikin, Jr., and Timothy K. Kinikin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, 481 W. Main St., Greenwood. Burial will follow in New Crown Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

### **Rosalyn 'Rosie' E. Wilson, 92**

Wednesday, March 08, 2006

Rosalyn 'Rosie' E. Wilson, 92, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:10 a.m. on March 7, 2006 at Heartland Nursing Home, Bellefontaine, Ohio. She was born on August 14, 1913 in Peru to Tobias and Nellie (Bradley) Seiler. On May 27, 1939, she married Milford A. Wilson, who preceded her in death on January 30, 1999. Wilson was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, and was retired from sales at Senger Dry Goods. She is survived by two daughters, Jane Burns and husband Micheal, Noblesville, and Joanna Palmer, Bellefontaine, Ohio; grandchildren, Kristina Palmer, Elaine Wagner, Matthew Burns, and Stephen Burns; two brothers, Bernard Seiler, Muncie, and Toby Seiler, Rochester; sister, Martha Rish, Wabash; and five great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Wilson was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, John Seiler; and three sisters, Dorothy Brinkard, Frances Whitney, and Esther Kilgore. Funeral services will be conducted at St. Charles Catholic Church on Saturday at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Bueal 'Junior' Combs, 67**

Wednesday, March 08, 2006

Bueal 'Junior' Combs, 67, Peru, passed away at 3:22 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on June 8, 1938 in Hazard, Kentucky to Bueal and Susie Combs. On August 22, 1960 Combs married Ruby O. (Hill) Combs, who survives. Combs worked at Heraeus Electro-Nite Company, Peru, and was an avid fisherman, as well as enjoyed gardening and being outdoors. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Larry Combs and wife Mary, Elwood, Illinois, and Austin Combs and wife Gail, Chicago; daughter, Connie Combs, Peru; sister, Gora Campbell, Peru; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Combs was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

### **Mary E. Doss, 67**

Wednesday, March 08, 2006

Mary E. Doss, 67, Peru, passed away at 8:10 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

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Survivors other than her husband include a daughter, Jo Enyeart and husband Randy, Peru; a son, James T. Jones and wife Pam, Royal Center; a step-daughter, Helen Ervin and husband Charlie, Logansport; and a step-son, Wayne Doss and wife Amiee, Oklahoma City, Okla. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Harry Watson, and three sisters, Lois, Margie and Lorabell. Graveside services will be held today at 11 a.m., at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Pastor Trace Lasher officiating. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jack W. McKeever, 77**

Thursday, March 09, 2006

Jack W. McKeever, 77, Macy, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the Life Care Center Nursing Home, Rochester, where he had been a patient since July 2004. He had been in failing health since September. He was born March 26, 1928, in Florence, Colo., the son of Walter O. and Nellie Nevada Hickman McKeever. On May 16, 1953 in Angola he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Esther Lyon. They were married for almost 53 years. His career was his service to his country. He began his career with a stint in the U.S. Navy and concluded it with several re-enlistments in the U.S. Army as a pilot where he flew helicopters. His career in the military spanned 26 years from the end of World War II through the Korean and Vietnam Wars, until he retired in 1986. He was in active combat in both Korea and Vietnam. From 1969 he worked as a real-estate agent in Colorado Springs, Colo., until re-enlisting for the last time in 1980. Locally, he was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Association and he served as president of the McKeever Family Association. He regularly attended the Chief Warrant Officers meetings (W-4 Meetings) where he would meet old military comrades and keep abreast of current events with them and their military families. He loved the outdoors and regularly worked mending fences and caring for his cattle, which he raised on the family homestead, near Macy. He had three loves in his life. Paramount was the love his wife, Esther, secondary was his love for flying helicopters, and lastly was his love for the cattle for which he devoted his time to after retiring. Also, he enjoyed working on his family's genealogy in his spare time. He is survived by his wife at home; three daughters: Elizabeth Hayden and husband Rick, Macy, Stephanie Bennett and husband William, Ashland City, Tenn., and Melanie McKeever, Woodland Park, Colo.; one son, Michael McKeever and wife Kathy, Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His parents, three sisters and three brothers preceded him in death. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th Street (State Road 14 West), Rochester, with Pastor Jim Wasmuth officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday or one hour prior to services on Thursday. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1343 will conduct military services at the funeral home following his funeral. Interment will be Saturday in the Pioneer Cemetery, Eads, Colo. In lieu of flowers, his family has requested that memorials be made to the Lutheran Church's Missouri Synod World Relief Fund in his memory. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Mary V. "Van" Smith, 87**

Thursday, March 09, 2006

Mary V. "Van" Smith, 87, formerly of Peru, passed away on March 7, 2006 in Newport Beach, Calif. She was born in Eland on April 18, 1918. She worked many years at The Peru Trust Company and retired from there. She was active in the Alturas's Club in Peru and was a member of the United Methodist Church. Surviving are a son, Larry R. Smith, Orange Park, Fla.; a daughter, Sharon Smith Diffley, Irvine, Calif.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pervy Miller and Joyce Cope Miller, and her husband, James H. Smith. There will be a graveside memorial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Rev. Churchill Hunt "Chuck" Cox, 79**

Thursday, March 09, 2006

Rev. Churchill Hunt "Chuck" Cox, 79, Peru, passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru. He was born on Sept 7, 1926 in Point Worthington, near Island, Ky., to Edward Jackson "Jack" and Lucy Hunt Cox. He married Una Durall in 1949 and that marriage dissolved in 1973. He then married Anne Strole June in 1974, and she survives. He attended Western Kentucky University and graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He used his undergraduate degree in music as a choral and band director in Graham, Central City and Russellville, Ky. He was a United Methodist minister for more than 40 years and was pastor of United Methodist churches in Central Barren, Clarksville, Bright, Logan, Dillsboro, Flat Rock, Edinburgh, Worthington, Riley, Ashley, Hudson, Anderson, Kendallville, Brimfield, Denver and Chili. His quick wit, brilliant mind, musical talent and insight into the human psyche entertained, comforted and helped many people throughout his life. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was an active member of the Lions clubs in the communities he served. He was past president of the Kendallville Lions Club. Survivors include his wife, Anne Cox, Mexico, a son, Andy Cox, Irving, Texas; daughters Kathi Chavez, Brentwood, Tenn. and Hannah and Rebecca Cox, Muncie; a sister, Lynda Mutt, Columbia, Tenn., six grandchildren, Japhet Thacker, Nashville,

Tenn., Una Winterman, Bloomington, Sarah Cox, Irving, Texas, Jennifer Cox, Houston, Texas, and Andy Cox and Jon Cox, both of Indiana; and two great-grandchildren, Stelin and Esther Winterman. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Life United Methodist Church, with Rev. Frank Beard and Rev. Macklyn Bradish officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

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**Bonnie Ahnert, 69**

Thursday, March 09, 2006

Bonnie Ahnert, 69, Peru, passed away at 7:11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on August 9, 1936, in Guthrie, Minn. to Fred J. and Esther Guise Bryan. She married Leonard Ahnert on July 25, 1954, and he survives. Ahnert was a longtime employee of Wabash Valley Bank, later First of America Bank and now National City Bank. She was a member of New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico. Survivors include a daughter, Kathleen M. Siler and husband Randy, Muscatine, Iowa; three sons, Leonard Ahnert Jr. and wife Pam, Mexico, Robert E. Ahnert and wife Kammie, Kokomo, and William Ahnert, Peru; 11 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Rebecca, Laura, Mitchell, Selina, William Jr., Dustin, Jeremy, Kasey, Kenzi and Kolby; a great-grandson, Xadrian; a brother, Charles Bryan, Vancouver, Wash.; and two sisters, Beverly Bolton, Washington state and Virginia Olson, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her parents and her step-mother, Edith Bryan. Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, with Pastor Robert Baszner officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church.

**James A. Poor, 77**

Thursday, March 09, 2006

James A. Poor, 77, Peru, passed away at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Marion General Hospital, Marion. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jean Harrison, 80**

Friday, March 10, 2006

Jean Harrison, 80, Peru, passed away at 4:25 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on July 25, 1925 in Miami County to Henry and Ethel (Graham) Liebo. On October 20, 1948, she married Kenneth E. Harrison at the St. John's Lutheran Church, and he survives. Harrison was employed as a field auditor for the Indiana Department of Revenue until her retirement in 1969.



The 1943 graduate of Roundhead High School in Roundhead, Ohio, was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, as well as the Peru Elkettes, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Peru-Miami County Womens Golf Association, past-president of the St. John's Parent-Teacher League, former secretary of the Indiana District Lutheran Women Missionary League and secretary of the St. John's District Lutheran Womens Missionary League.

Aside from her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Debra Hostetler and husband Jerry, Sharpsville, and Cinda Johanneson and husband John, Homossassa, Florida; grandsons, Dr. Todd Hostetler and wife Denise, and Ryan Hostetler and fiancé Debbie Schmidt; great-grandchildren, Ethan Hostetler, Jordan Hostetler and Noah Hostetler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, with Pastors Kenneth Greenwald and Robert Koch officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Guardian Angel Hospice, and/or the Wabash-Miami County Hospice.

### **Mary E. Kesler, 76**

Friday, March 10, 2006

Mary E. Kesler, 76, North Manchester, passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 11 a.m. at the Bethany Church of the Brethren, New Paris.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, as well as from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church.

### **James A. Poor, 77**

Friday, March 10, 2006

James A. Poor, 77, of Peru, passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 12:15 p.m., at Marion General Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born October 31, 1928, in Miami County, the son of Josiah and Leeora (Ward) Poor. He married Barbara (Engel) Poor at the First Baptist Church in Peru on September 10, 1955, and she survives.

Jim graduated from Chili High School in 1946, and was employed as a serviceman with NIPSCO from 1946 until his retirement in 1988. Affectionately known as the "Candy man," he and his wife Barbara owned and operated Poor Farm Country Candies from 1985 to 2005.

An ardent Democrat, Jim served as Chairman of the Miami County Democratic Party late 1996 to 2005. He took a great interest in local government and served on the Miami County Plan Commission, and as the Butler Township precinct committeeman. He was also an active member of the Richvalley Lions Club; the Peru-Miami County Chamber of Commerce; the Miami County 4-H; and other memberships included the Mexico Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite.

Jim was a lifelong resident of Peru and Miami County, where he and his wife Barbara lovingly raised three wonderful children.

A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church, serving as a trustee. Jim never met a stranger, had a smile that would warm your heart, and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people.

He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Barbara; two daughters, Debra Rice and husband Ed, Peru; Meridith Shoemaker and husband Michael, Stafford, Texas; a son, Scott Poor and his wife Norma, Peru; a sister Charlene Stoner and husband Merrill, Peru; four grandchildren, Matthew, Brianne and Andrew Poor, and Charlotte Rice.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ward and Ronald Poor.

A service celebrating the life of Jim Poor will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at the First Baptist Church, 53 East Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Miami Democratic Party or the Richvalley Lions Club. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Edward H. Dyer, 79**

Sunday, March 12, 2006

Edward H. Dyer, 79, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at the Parklane Care and Rehabilitation Center, Wentzville, Missouri. He was born on December 30, 1926 in Muncie to Ed and Eva (Harris) Dyer.

Dyer retired as a postal carrier after 13 years service for the United States Postal Service, St. Louis, and was a life member of the Elks Lodges in Elwood, as well as O'Fallon, Missouri. He served in the United States Marine Corps from February 13, 1945 through October 1, 1951. Dyer is survived by three sons, Steven Andrew Dyer, Wabash, Gregory Lee Dyer, O'Fallon, and Brian Thomas Dyer and wife Linda, O'Fallon; and three sisters, Elaine Cooksey and husband Terry, Muncie, Jeanie Bergmann, Muncie, and Marguerite Ward, Noblesville. Dyer was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Monday at the Baue Chapel of O'Fallon, O'Fallon.

An Elks service will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Interment will be at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Baue Funeral Home, O'Fallon.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association, in c/o Baue Funeral Home, 311 Wood Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

**Eric Jefferson Jones, four months**

Sunday, March 12, 2006

Eric Jefferson Jones, four months, Peru, passed away at 2:57 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on Nov. 1, 2005 in Peru to Tim Ciavardoni and Holly Ann Jones.

Aside from his parents, he is survived by grandparents Connie Jones, Peru, James T. Jones and wife Pam, Royal Center, Mona Kennedy, Peru, and Robert Ciavardoni, Twelve Mile; great-grandmother Avis Glassburn, Denver; and a step-great-grandfather, Robert Doss, Peru. He was preceded in death by two great-grandfathers, Russell Click and James W. Jones, and a great-grandmother, Mary Doss.

A graveside service will be conducted on Monday at 10 a.m. at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor Trace Lasher officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Love offerings can be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Eunice A. Allmann, 97**

Monday, March 13, 2006

Eunice A. Allmann, 97, Peru, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born on October 11, 1908 in Tilton, Illinois, and married Frederick C. Allman on August 10, 1929, who preceded her in death on May 4, 1992. Allmann worked at First Federal Savings and Loan Association, and attended First Presbyterian Church. She was affiliated with the Psi Iota Xi Sorority, as well as was a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

She is survived by daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Allmann, Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Victoria Haeck and husband Paul, New Braunfels, Texas, and Judith Byrd and husband James, Hendersonville, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Adam Haeck, Kelsey Byrd, and Kyle Byrd; great-great-grandson, and Sebastian Haeck.

Aside from her husband, Allmann was preceded in death by her parents; and son, Dr. David W. Allmann, who was a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the Indiana University School of Medicine, who passed away on December 15, 2005. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Peru, with the Reverend John E. Hess officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church.

**Jess Willard Eckelbarger, 61**

Monday, March 13, 2006

Jess Willard Eckelbarger, 61, Topeka, passed away at 7:10 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2006 at the Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange, following his declining health over the past dozen years.

He was born on April 19, 1944 in Peru to Clarence 'Buck' and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Eckelbarger. On May 16, 1981, he married Tamilia Rhodes, and she survives. Eckelbarger served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict, and worked as a machinist in the toll room for Syndicate Store Fixtures, Middlebury, until retiring in 1992 due to health problems.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and mushroom hunting.

Eckelbarger is survived by two daughters, Christina King and husband Christopher, Niles, Michigan, and Jessica Lynn Eckelbarger, Topeka; one son, Joseph Buck Eckelbarger, Topeka; two sisters, Shirley Eckert, Peru, and Linda Howaniac and husband Frank, Texas; six brothers, Joe Eckelbarger and wife Donna, Peru, Jack Eckelbarger, Peru, Max Eckelbarger and wife Diane, Peru; Dave Eckelbarger and wife Ilene, Wabash, Jerry Eckelbarger and wife Alfrieda, Mexico, and George Eckelbarger, Peru; and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Wabash County. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family for funeral expenses.

**Terry Hollenback, 59**

Monday, March 13, 2006

Terry Hollenback, 59, passed away at 7:34 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Champaign, Illinois on July 10, 1946 to Richard and Rosetta (Benting) Hollenback. On February 2, 2002, Hollenback married Tina Spyker, who survives. Hollenback attended the Erie United Methodist Church, and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Peru V.F.W. and the American Legion. Hollenback enjoyed golfing, NASCAR racing, woodworking and spending time with family and friends. Aside from his wife, Hollenback is survived by his mother, who resides in Miami; two sons, Terry Lynn Hollenback, Fletcher, N.C., and Theodore Stann, Posen, Michigan; two daughters, Jessica Schwingle, Toledo, and Janet Stann, Bunker Hill; one brother, Jeffery Hollenback, New Haven; three sisters, Cheryl Hewitt, Macy, Ronna Black, Miami, and Michele Hicks, Peru; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; and one grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Warrell Law officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Bonnie L. Kirk, 87**

Monday, March 13, 2006

Bonnie L. Kirk, 87, Rochester, passed away at 8:55 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She was born in Burket on June 14, 1918 to William A. and Gladys (Woods) Mathews. On January 2, 1932, she married Cecil Kirk in Kewanna, and he preceded her in death on October 9, 2004. Kirk was a homemaker, and had formerly farmed near Akron, as well as owned the Rochester Dairy Queen for seven years. She attended the Akron Church of God, and was a member of the Missionary Society and the WCTU of the Akron Church of God. Kirk is survived by one son, Bobbie G. Kirk, Oakland, Kentucky; one sister, Kathleen Scheub, Crown Point; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Terry L. Canfield officiating.

Burial will be at Palestine Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**David Ritchie, 46**

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

David Ritchie, 46, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Marietta Mills, 88**

Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Marietta Mills, 88, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:58 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Lynwood Manor Health Care Center, Adrian, Mich. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Marietta Esslinger Mills, 88**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Marietta Esslinger, Mills, 88, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2006 in Adrian, Michigan.

She was born on November 17, 1917 in Danville, Illinois to Paul and Isabelle (Strauss) Esslinger. At age 13 her family moved to Peru, where she spent most of her life. The 1935 graduate of Peru High School, Mills was the credit manager at Montgomery Ward from 1942 to 1947, as well as worked in the credit department of Miami County Farm Bureau from 1945 to 1947. She married Myron E. Mills in 1942, and partnered with him in his business, Mills Refrigeration. He passed away in 2000. Mills was very active in PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and in the Main Street United Methodist Church, where she maintained her membership since 1945. She taught Sunday School, led the junior high youth fellowship and started a Bible study. In 1987, after her children were grown, Mills returned to work at American Stationery.

Mills is survived by two daughters, Emily Rico and husband Nicholas, Fort Wayne, and Catherine Royer and husband Tom, Adrian, Michigan; son, Myron Mills and wife, Kyle, Keller, Texas; sister, Barbara Popejoy and husband Robert, Sugar Land, Texas; and granddaughters, Lauren and Corinne Rico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Esslinger and William Esslinger; and a sister, Annabelle Esslinger Stewart. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, as well as at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church Education Fund, Peru.

**Thelma June Lowe, 77**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Thelma June Lowe, 77, Macy, passed away at noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Janice Marie Rentzel-O'Bier, 56**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Janice Marie Rentzel-O'Bier, 56, of Apache Junction, Arizona passed away on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 in Mesa, Arizona.

She was born in Peru to Ralph and Lorraine Rentzel. O'Bier held a bachelor of arts degree in education, as well as a masters degree, also in education. She was a school teacher at Four Peaks Elementary School for 16 years, and was a substitute teacher for Mesa Public Schools for two years. Survivors include her loving husband, Jim; her parents, Ralph and Lorraine Rentzel; and two brothers, Ralph, Jr., and Bruce. Funeral services were held in Apache Junction, Arizona.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Apache Junction Mortuary.

**Jeffery D. Bauer, 28**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Jeffery D. Bauer, 28, passed away at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at his residence in Curtisville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Porter Funeral Home in Tipton, with burial to follow at the Normanda Cemetery.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angels Hospice or Riley Children's Hospital.

**Edward F. Harrison, 76**

Thursday, March 16, 2006

Edward F. Harrison, 76, Goshen, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral service will be Friday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, with Reverend Tim Terrell of St. Mark's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Memorials can be made to Center for Cancer Care at Goshen Health System, or Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, or St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Online condolences to: [www.rrefh.com](http://www.rrefh.com)

**Kent Russell VanSickle, 46**

Friday, March 17, 2006

Kent Russell VanSickle, 46, Logansport, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at The Heart Center of Indiana, Carmel. He was born in Kokomo on October 31, 1959 to William F. and Barbara J. (Daily) VanSickle. On September 9, 1979 in Logansport, he married Miriam Polen, who survives.

VanSickle graduated from Northwestern High School in 1978, and worked as a supervisor at Modine Manufacturing for 23 years. He enjoyed restoring antique engines and outboard motors, and especially enjoyed restoring vintage International pickup trucks. He was a former Pixie League Softball and Little League Baseball coach. In his spare time he also enjoyed fly fishing and doing research on the inner urban rail system.

Aside from his wife, survivors include three sons: Brentt VanSickle, Logansport; twin sons Brock and Brandon VanSickle, Logansport; his father, William VanSickle and wife Midge, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; mother Barbara Engle and husband David, Kokomo; sister, Jill A. VanSickle, Boulder, Colo.; mother-in-law Mary Polen, Logansport; sister-in-law Diana Martin and husband Bill, Logansport; sister-in-law Darlene Thompson and husband Mike, Indianapolis; sister-in-law Nancy Arnett and husband Gary, Logansport; grandmother-in-law Florence Polen, Logansport; several aunts and uncles; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Mark Deckinga officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Linda Lu Damas, 70**

Friday, March 17, 2006

Linda Lu Damas, 70, Rochester, passed away at 6:07 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born February 23, 1936 in Rochester to L.V. and Jo (Carlton) Louderback. She married Gerald L. "Sharkey" Damas in Rochester on July 28, 1956, and he preceded her in death on May 9, 1988.

Damas had been a homemaker, and was a member of the Rochester Elks Lodge, Tri Kappa Sorority, and the Moose Lodge. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, gardening, playing golf and boating.

Survivors include her son, Seth L.V. Damas and wife Cheri, Kokomo; daughters Dru Ann Johnson and husband Douglas, Rochester, and Ty Linn Rice, Peru; grandchildren, Zannie Powell, Warsaw; Amanda Rice, Peru; Spencer Johnson, Rochester; Collan Johnson, Rochester; great-grandchildren, Devan Gerald, Warsaw; Peyton Schultz, Warsaw; sister-in-law, Lana Louderback, Rochester; and several nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Tad Louderback.

A memorial service will be conducted at 6 p.m. on Sunday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Joe Bankson officiating. Burial will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Grace E. Kendall, 83**

Friday, March 17, 2006

Grace E. Kendall, 83, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at Harrison County Hospital, Corydon.

She was born on March 17, 1922 in Peru. She was a retired nurse from Harrison County Hospital and was an Army Nursing Corp. Veteran of WWII. Survivors include her husband, James A. Kendall, a son, James M. Kendall and wife Lee, Anniston, Ala., a daughter, Carole McAweeney and husband Hugh, Indianapolis, and a brother, James F. Carpenter, Peru.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Swarens Funeral Home, Ramsey, with burial in Hancock Chapel Cemetery, Depauw. Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday and after 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

**Louise M. Starkey, 94**

Friday, March 17, 2006

Louise M. Starkey, 94, passed away at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Thelma 'June' Lowe, 77**

Friday, March 17, 2006

Thelma 'June' Lowe, 77, Macy, passed away at noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on June 1, 1928 in Cass County to Schuyler John and Nellie Ola (Azbell) Bean. On March 16, 1945, she married Norris Lee 'Buss' Lowe in Perrysburg, and he preceded her in death on August 28, 1989.

Lowe was an active member of the Fulton Baptist Temple, where she served as church treasurer for 32 years. As a member of the Rochester chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, she served as district deputy, grand representative and president of District 18. Lowe also served the former Fulton chapter as worthy matron. She also drove a bus for several years for the Caston School Corporation. A hard-working and devoted wife and mother, she helped her husband on the family farm, and during the past few years, she had been delivering flowers and working with her family at the Rochester Greenhouse.

Lowe is survived by two sons, Ron L. Lowe and wife Sue, Metea, and Tim A. Lowe and wife Patty, Macy; two sisters, Lou Biswanger, Kendallville, and Marybelle Bell, Virginia Beach; brother, Bill Bean, Texas; five grandchildren, Josh D. Lowe and wife Misty, Adam D. Lowe and wife Megan, Joel A. Lowe and wife Angie, Abby R. Lowe and fiance Chuck, and Stephanie A. Zartman and husband Jerry; six great-grandchildren, Levi, Luke, Aiden and Kyler Lowe, and Brittany and Missy Zartman.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Terry Gene Lowe; and brother, Ray Bean.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Fulton Baptist Temple, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating.

Burial will be at the Fulton Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the McClain Funeral Home, Denver, as well as at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the church. An Eastern Star service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton Baptist Temple.

Condolences to the family may be sent online by visiting [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**Annabelle Fairchild, 96**

Sunday, March 19, 2006

Annabelle Fairchild, 96, Peru, passed away at 7:25 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on May 11, 1909 in Miami County to Howard and Dora Davis Spohn. She married Donald L. Fairchild on Jan. 28, 1931, and he passed away on June 16, 1967. Fairchild was a homemaker. At one time she was part of Rosie the Riveters.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Cranston, Carlsbad, N.M., and Donna Brewster, Peru; a son, Thomas Fairchild, Peru; two sisters, Dorothy Dilts, Plant City, Fla., and Audrey Cunningham, Bonham, Texas; also seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, one brother and one sister. Funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel with Pastor George Dinkel officiating and burial to follow. Visitation is from noon to time of service at the chapel.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Louise M. Starkey, 93**

Sunday, March 19, 2006

Louise M. Starkey, 93, went to meet Jesus and be reunited with loved ones who have gone before on Thursday, March 16, 2006, at 4:20 p.m. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Caring Hands Health Care Center, where she enjoyed friendships with many residents and staff.

She was born on June 30, 1912, in Cass County, the daughter of Robert Preston Rains and Mary Alice Bryant Rains, both deceased. On January 16, 1933, she married Marion L. "Shammy" Starkey who passed away on October 21, 1982.

Louise and Marion Starkey had one daughter, Judith E. Golitko and husband Michael of Bunker Hill, and seven sons: Robert H. Starkey and wife Virginia of Blaine, Minn.; James L. Starkey and wife Lois of Swayzee; Ralph W. Starkey and wife Patty of Florence, Ala.; Ronald W. Starkey and wife Karen of Bunker Hill; Morris S. Starkey and wife Donna of Bunker Hill; and Max T. Starkey and wife Dana of Peru.

One son, Sammy Joe Starkey, died at birth.

Louise also enjoyed the love and affection of two step-sons, Dale H. Starkey and wife Lela of Cassville; and Gene Starkey and wife Betty, who are now deceased.

Louise had 25 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, 23 step-great-grandchildren and 11 step- great-great-grandchildren. She loved them all and gave them her complete support and loyalty.

She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1930. She became a diploma nurse, but put her nursing skills to work at raising her large family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bunker Hill, starting as a teenage member of the Girls Guild. She enjoyed many positions in the church over her lifetime. She used her love of children to teach Sunday School and be a den mother. Her front porch was always open to popcorn parties or for many local aspiring musicians. Saturday night jam sessions were not uncommon and were enjoyed by the entire neighborhood.

Prior to moving to Caring Hands, Louise had been a resident of Windsor Estates Healthcare in Kokomo, where she also received loving care and participated in many activities. She was president of the resident's council, was a recognized poetry writer and impressed many with her long narrations of memorized poems. She was also a champion speller and bingo player. Everyone enjoyed her wit and humor.

She had lived most of her life in Bunker Hill. Her friends and neighbors will remember her as one who was always willing to share whatever she had with anyone in need. In the days when trains ran through Bunker Hill, traveling hobos were sure to get a sandwich, cold drink, and a piece of pie. She spent most summers canning from numerous vegetable gardens and fruit trees to provide food and baked goods for not only her own children but several in the neighborhood as well. She never met a child she didn't like. She was also a lover of animals and for many years supported the work of Animal Kindness.

Louise spent her entire life working hard on behalf of her family. Her legacy will be remembered and treasured by her children and grandchildren forever. A memorial to her life and legacy will be held at the Allen Funeral Home on Monday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

### **William Paul Bullock, 84**

Monday, March 20, 2006

William Paul Bullock, 84, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by his devoted and faithful wife of 63 years, Dorothy, and his family.

Leaving his dearly loved family, Bullock peacefully entered his eternal home to meet his Lord.

He was born on September 23, 1921 in Bunker Hill to William Plenn and Esther (Kantzer) Bullock.

The 1940 Clay Township High School graduate entered the United States Army in 1942, where he served during World War II in the European Theater, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge as a member of the 28th Infantry Division. Bullock participated in campaigns in Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe, and was decorated with the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

While on furlough, he married Dorothy Evelyn Adams on June 13, 1943.

Upon leaving the military, Bullock returned to Peru to work and to open his own Standard Service Station, where his business philosophy was to take good care of the customer. He remained at the station for 26 years before accepting a position as a buyer for the State of Indiana in the Division of Land Acquisition.

In 1968, he and two partners established Mr. Weenie, which he owned and operated until 2003. In 1988, Bullock retired to enjoy traveling with his wife in their motor coach throughout the country. His hobbies included fishing and golfing trips with his family and friends, yard work, discussing business and politics, storytelling, and a good game of cards - especially with his children and grandchildren. Wherever he was, Bullock enjoyed sharing conversation and fellowship, a practice he continued during his recent illness in the hospital.

Throughout his life, Bullock was involved in many community services and organizations. He served on the Peru School Board for eight years, was involved in the Peru Rotary Club and was a member of the Loree Brethren Church.

In addition to his wife, Bullock is survived by two sons, Michael Bullock and wife Lana, Charlotte, and Jack Bullock and wife Sally, Newburgh, Maine; three daughters, Mary Donaldson and husband Mark, Peru; Janet Cattin and husband Jim, Bangor, Maine, and Jane Hopewell and husband Tom, Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Wanda Bullock, Beulah Chapin, and Mozell Stadum.

A celebration of his life will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. This will be a time of conversation, fellowship and reflection with family and friends.

A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Reverends Tom Hopewell and Gerald Zook officiating.

Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, with military graveside services conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Those who wish to remember Bullock in a special way may make contributions in his memory to the Loree Brethren Church Building Fund and/or Riley Children's Hospital.

### **William Joseph Dickerhoff, 35**

Monday, March 20, 2006

William Joseph Dickerhoff, 35, Denver, passed away at 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

### **Joseph L. Atkinson, 88**

Monday, March 20, 2006

Joseph L. Atkinson, 88, Peru, passed away at 7:20 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

He was born on October 23, 1917 in Peru to Roy and Marie (Langer) Atkinson. On May 13, 1941, Atkinson married Irma (Mullin) Atkinson in Peru, and she survives.

The 1937 graduate of Peru High School retired from serving as an agent with Prudential Insurance in 1980.

Atkinson served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. As part of 'America's Greatest Generation,' he participated in campaigns in Saipan, Mariann Islands and Okinawa.

The member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Atkinson was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Peru Elks Lodge, American Legion Glen Owens Post 14, Miami County VFW Post 2067, and he founded the Miami County Young Democratic Party in the late 1940s.

He served on the Peru City Council and was city council chairman from 1964 to 1971. Atkinson was on the Peru Utilities Service Board from 1975 to 1978, and served as Peru City Court Judge from 1991 to 1999.

Atkinson was the quarterback on the undefeated 1936 Peru High football team, and he served as Coach McClure's key man, field general and play promoter on the field. Atkinson was a triple threat in any man's ballgame, as he had the ability to kick, pass and run. He is survived by his wife; son, John Atkinson and wife Sandra, Summerville, South Carolina; four daughters, Nancy Anderson and husband Bill, Peru; Barbara Stoneburner, Fort Wayne, Mary Ann Cordill and husband David, North Manchester, and Linda Lester and husband Robert, Peru; brother, Roy Atkinson, Peru; grandchildren, John Atkinson, Randy Atkinson, Billy Anderson, Katie Stoneburner, Megan Stoneburner, Jason Von Uhl, Nathan Von Uhl, Douglas Von Uhl, Caroline Walker, Luke Walker and Lisa Lester; and great-grandchildren, Evan Von Uhl, Brayden Long and Mackenzie Von Uhl. Atkinson was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at the St. Charles Cemetery, Peru.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service at 8:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Charles Catholic Church and/or American Heart Association.

### **Ancile F. Overmyer, 87**

Monday, March 20, 2006

Ancile F. Overmyer, 87, formerly of Bruce Lake and Burton areas, passed away at 3:55 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

She was born on May 13, 1918 near Winamac, to Williston and Gladys (Stanfield) Linn, and lived 10 years in Goshen, after moving from the Bruce Lake area. On July 11, 1938, she married C. Samuel Overmyer, in Rochester, and he preceded her in death on August 25, 2005.

Overmyer was a homemaker, and had worked as a substitute teacher, as well as a secretary for the Peru and Urbana United Methodist Churches. She graduated from Winamac High School in 1936 and also from Seminary in Naperville, Illinois in 1942.

She is survived by three daughters, Martha Ann Frain and husband Richard 'Dick', The Villages, Florida, Mary Ann Spranger and husband Gerald, Zionsville, and Marcia Parsons and husband David, Goshen; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Linn and wife Heidi, Warsaw, and Wayne Linn, Mexico.

Aside from her husband, Overmyer was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Marjorie Linn and Mary Phillipy; and two brothers, Dayne Linn and Donald Linn.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Pam Kling officiating.

Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery.

Visitation will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, each at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Women, and/or to SIFAT: Servants in Faith and Technology, 2944 County Line Road 113, Lineville, AL 36266.

Electronic Condolences may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **David E. Ritchie, 46**

Monday, March 20, 2006

David E. Ritchie, 46, Converse, passed away Friday, March 10, 2006 at 11:53 PM at I.U. Med Center, Indianapolis, IN.

He was born October 11, 1959 in Lafayette, IN, the son of Raymond E. and Eloise F. Mennen Ritchie. He married Victoria Grell at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church on March 25, 1988 and she survives.

David graduated from North Miami High School in 1978 and was employed as Maintenance Supervisor at BCMC Mobile Home Community in Converse. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. David was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was born a Catholic, married a Pentecostal but decided upon Methodist. Although he did not attend church regularly, he loved the Lord and pursued the Ten Commandments to the best of his ability. His life was about the well being of others as well as his devotion to his job. He was dedicated to the Colts and Pacers and had been collecting sports items since childhood. His weekends consisted of his children, grandchildren and the meals they would surprise him with. We are proud and blessed to have had him in our lives. David ... we love you, miss you and you will forever live in our hearts. He is survived by his wife Victoria; two daughters, Nikki Renee Backus and her husband Jim of Peru, and Brittany Hope Ritchie and her companion Chris Trigg of Peru; two sons Derek R. Nolley of Converse and David Adam Ritchie of Royal Center; three brothers, Eugene "Gene" Ritchie of Kentland, Kenneth "Jerry" Ritchie of Mt. Grove, Mo. and Francis "Frank" Ritchie of Peru; one sister, Judy Bean of Crawfordsville; and four grandchildren, Destiny Backus, Tyler Backus, Sydni Backus and Jerzi Rei Trigg. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Mike Mikels officiating. Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the family of David Ritchie to help defray medical expenses.

**Eldrith William Cook, 92**

Monday, March 20, 2006

Eldrith William Cook, 92, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 7 a.m. on March 16, 2006 in the Life Care Center of Rochester, where he had been a resident since December 2004. He had been in failing health for the past year.

He was born September 18, 1913 in Richland Township of Fulton County, as a twin son of Daniel and Della (Babcock) Cook. He had lived most of his life in the Fulton County area with the exception of 14 months, when he resided in Arizona.

On April 24, 1935 in Richland Township, he took Eloise L. Mow to be his bride. They celebrated 65 wonderful years together. She preceded him in death on October 6, 2000. Together they raised three daughters and a son. Eldrith was a lifetime farmer in the Richland Center community and he had worked at the former Studebaker Corporation, South Bend for 10 years.

Eldrith had been very active politically in the Fulton County Republican Party. He had served eight years as an advisor to the Richland Township Advisory Board; four years as the Trustee for Richland Township; eight years as a Fulton County Councilman and four years on the Rochester Community School Board.

He was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church, Rochester. He was particularly fond of going on fishing trips to Minnesota with family and friends.

He is survived by three daughters, Anne Mork and husband Loy, Rochester, Janet Nier, Angola, and Helen Holiday and husband Richard, Peru; a son, Loyd Cook and wife Dolly, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin; 10 grandchildren, Marie Icenberg and husband Michael, Indianapolis, Scott Cook, Jeff Cook, Brenda Ollerman and husband Greg, all of Wisconsin; Brian Cook, Florida, David Nier and wife Jeana, Kentucky; Michael Nier and wife Alexis, Wisconsin; Susan Cariaga and husband Mitchell, California; Daniel Holiday, Peru; Beth Slough and husband Leslie, Pennsylvania; several great-grandchildren: a sister: Edith Darkwood and husband Virgil, White Pigeon, Michigan; and a sister-in-law, Martha Ann Cook, Kewanna, several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Aside from his wife, Cook was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, Elmer; a brother, Kenneth; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Foltz, and Ruth Cook; a brother-in-law, Edgar Haney; two sons-in-law, Allen Moore, and Richard Nier.

A celebration of Eldrith's life was conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastors Jerry Pittman and Brian Sewell officiating.

Interment will be in the Richland Center I.O.O.F. Cemetery, northwest of Rochester.

Memorials may be made in his memory to the Antioch Baptist Church. Electronic condolences may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**William Joseph 'Joe' Dickerhoff, 35**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

William Joseph 'Joe' Dickerhoff, 35, Denver, passed away at 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at his residence, surrounded by the loving comfort of his family after a courageous five-month battle with cancer.

He was born on November 11, 1970 in Cass County to Victor T. 'Ted' Dickerhoff, Jr. and Patricia Sue Slifer-Dickerhoff. On February 11, 2003, he married Heather Ann Hoover in Peru, and she survives.

Dickerhoff was proud to serve the people of his county as Miami County animal control officer, and he continued to do his job throughout his illness. Prior to his employment with the county, he operated his own business, Joe's Mobile Home Service, for several years. Dickerhoff enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and going to demolition derbies. He loved spending time outdoors, especially at night. Aside from his wife, Dickerhoff is survived by his mother, who resides in Denver; four children, Michael J. Dickerhoff, Kokomo, Caitlyn D. Dickerhoff, Peru, Todd J. Dickerhoff, Peru, and Allie A. Dickerhoff, Denver; one step-daughter, Baleigh A. Hendrix, Denver; five brothers, Rollie Dickerhoff and wife Freda, Peru, Dan Schramm and wife Brenda, London, England, Jeff Schramm and wife Estee, Peru, Matt Dickerhoff, Peru, and Steven Dickerhoff, Peru; four sisters, Vickie McElheny, Denver, Jackie Burnett and husband Todd, Gilead, Amber Dickerhoff, Peru, and Crystal Dickerhoff, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Dan Schramm officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with expenses incurred throughout his illness. Condolences to the family may be sent online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**Donald W. Reed, 84**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Donald W. Reed, 84, Kokomo, passed away at 11:40 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Michael Gary Lee, 53**

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Michael Gary Lee, 53, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2006 in Ball Memorial Hospital.

Born on October 28, 1952 in New Castle, Lee was the son of Glenn Lee and Ruth (Cline) Lee. He graduated from Chrysler High School in New Castle in 1971 where he was a team member of the IHSAA finalist in basketball and baseball and served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.



A graduate of Indiana Central University, Mike earned his undergraduate degree in 1976 in education and a master's degree from Ball State University. He also held his administrator license.

He was principal at Alexandria Monroe Community High School in Madison County. He had previously served as an assistant principal at Alexandria Community High School, Muncie North Side Middle School and principal at Riley Alternative School in Muncie. Lee began his teaching career at Palestine High School and also taught at Shelbyville High School, Union City and in the English Department at Muncie Central High School.

A lifelong educator, he was an outstanding teacher, coach, mentor, and friend to many students, parents, teachers, and coaches. Lee shared his love and enthusiasm for teaching the value of athletics and education to young men and women in east-central Indiana. Lee's successful career as a three-sport athlete at New Castle led directly to his career as a coach. Mike served as an assistant coach for several sports at Shelbyville and New Palestine, and was the head basketball coach at Union City High School for several seasons. He was the head baseball coach at Muncie Central for many seasons where he also had served at athletic director for nine years.

A member of College Avenue United Methodist Church, he belonged to several professional and educational organizations and was a founding member of the Friday Night Supper Club.

A Yankee fan and avid golfer, Mike's golf career was highlighted by a hole-in-one at the French Lick Golf Course several years ago. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Nancy (Scott) Lee, Muncie; daughter, Niccole; and son, Scott, both of Muncie; father, Glen Lee of Largo, Florida; brother, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Lee and wife Elizabeth, Fort Lewis, Washington; step-mother, Judy Lee, Largo; mother-in-law, Mary Lou Sector and husband Carl, Peru; brother-in-law, Rich Scott and wife Leslie, Peru; sister-in-law, Martha Hayes and husband Mike, Richmond; several nieces and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Lee; and his father-in-law, Richard Scott.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at the College Avenue United Methodist Church, Muncie, with Dr. Jim Farrer officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, north of Muncie.

Visitation will be at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.. Also at 12:30 p.m. at the church on Thursday. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mike Lee Scholarship Fund, c/o First Merchants Bank, Muncie.

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

#### **Margaret M. 'Peggy' Biddle, 84**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Margaret M. 'Peggy' Biddle, 84, passed away on at 9:54 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. Peggy grew up in Western Pennsylvania, where she won a full scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, earning a B.S. in business. She graduated during World War II and served in the American Red Cross. She taught first grade at Elmwood School for over 20 years. After retirement, she volunteered for many community organizations, including Dukes Memorial Hospital and the Salvation Army. Among her family and friends, she was known for her home-made pies. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert; one son, Robert W. Biddle, Jr., Noblesville, IN; three daughters, Susan Greer and her husband Larry, of Lafayette, IN, Patricia Ann Biddle of Lafayette, IN, Jennifer M. Biddle of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Andrew Greer, Robert W. Biddle III, Skyla M. Biddle; one great-grandson, Jack Greer; one sister, Frances McCreary of Florida; two brothers, Robert P. Smith of Florida and James H. Smith of Pennsylvania.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our mother valued her family most, was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed. But, we now know she is at peace.

The family requests memorial remembrances to be made to the Animal Kindness, Inc., c/o Sidney Kubesch, P.O. Box 536, Peru, IN 46970.

#### **Harold McAlister, 79**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Harold McAlister, 79, Chili, passed away at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

#### **Weldon Ray Smith, 88**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Weldon Ray Smith, 88, Kokomo, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at Sycamore Village Health Care, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

#### **Donald W. Reed, 84**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Donald W. Reed, 84, Kokomo, passed away at 11:40 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Funeral services will be at on Friday at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Visitation will be on Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the chapel.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Zelda 'Dolly' K. Wolf, 88**

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

Zelda 'Dolly' K. Wolf, 88, Peru, passed away at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Weldon Ray Smith, 87**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Weldon Ray Smith, 87, Kokomo, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at Sycamore Village Health Care, Kokomo.

He was born on May 28, 1918 in Miami County to Ray and Gladys (Knight) Smith. On March 29, 1941, he married Ruth (Young) Smith, who preceded him in death on January 8, 1987. On August 30, 1973, Smith married Betty Mateyoke, who preceded him in death on June 10, 2002.

Smith was a retired Miami County farmer and operator of Smith's Feeder Pigs.

The Butler Township High School graduate was a member of the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, and he participated in many parades in the surrounding area with his fiberglass elephants 'Big' and Little Modoc.'

Smith loved sports, especially basketball. His favorite teams were the Pacers and Colts.

He is survived by three daughters, Marilyn Watts, Swayzee, Marcia Reynolds and husband Dean, Kokomo, and Sherry Wilson and husband Jim, Ossian; and seven grandchildren, Kelly Lohman, Effingham, Illinois, Ryan Watts, Chicago, Michelle Shane, Ossian, Kinsay Reynolds, Kokomo, Megan Reynolds, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Erica Reynolds, Kokomo, and Derek Miller, Kokomo.

Smith was preceded in death by one son, James Weldon Smith; one daughter, Jo Ellen Miller; and two son-in-laws, Richard Watts, and Randy Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with the Reverend Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Donations may be made through the funeral home to the Santa Fe Cemetery fund.

**Harold McAlister, 79**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Harold McAlister, 79, Chili, passed away at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at the Fort Wayne V.A. Hospital.

He was born on December 4, 1926 in Greenville, South Carolina to Gus and Gladys (Moore) McAlister. On September 5, 1953, McAlister married Nadine Rife in Denver, and she survives.

The 1945 graduate of Chili High School retired from C.M.I./Hayes Lemerz in Wabash following 13 years, and worked 23 years at Foreman Foundry in Chili.

McAlister was a member of the Miami Baptist Church, Logansport, and served in the United States Army during World War II in the Allied Occupation Forces in Europe.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by one son, Guy McAlister, Peru; one daughter, Jeannine Shuck and husband David, Peru; two brothers, Frank McAlister and wife Mary, Greenwood, and Ed McAlister and wife Donnabelle, Indianapolis; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandson.

McAlister was preceded in death by one son, Jay McAlister, who passed away in 1996; one sister, Maribelle Taylor, who passed away in 1989; and one granddaughter, Brenna Shuck, who passed away in 2002.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Miami Baptist Church, Adamsboro Road, Cass County, with the Reverend Jan Hobbs officiating.

Burial will be at the Chili Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Chapel, Roann, as well as from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

The memorial guestbook for McAlister may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Carl E. Shrock, 94**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Carl E. Shrock, 94, Miami County, passed away at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Josephine Isabelle Weaver, 95**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Josephine Isabelle Weaver, 95, formerly of New Waverly, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at her residence in Kendallville. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on April 4 at Faith United Methodist Church, Kendallville, with the Reverend Jim Toole officiating. A private burial will take place this week at Eel River Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 4 at the church.

Preferred memorilas may be made to Faith United Methodist Church and/or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be emailed to [www.hitefuneralhome.com](http://www.hitefuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

**Dr. Karl Isenbarger, 70**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Dr. Karl Isenbarger, 70, passed away on Friday, March 17, 2006 in Indianapolis. He was born in Peru to Paul and Agnes Isenbarger. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Conkle Funeral Home Speedway Chapel, 4925 W. 16th St., Speedway, IN 46224. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes or American Heart Association.

**Elma P. Trippeer, 94**

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Elma P. Trippeer, 94, Peru, passed away at 12:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, after an extended illness. She was born on Aug. 28, 1911 in Peru to Otto and Emma (Starke) Trippeer.

She was a retired office clerk from REMC, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include a sister, Julianne Strebin, Peru, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Carl E. Shrock, 94**

Friday, March 24, 2006

Carl E. Shrock, 94, Amboy, passed away at 3:10 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1912, in Miami County to Elmer and Nora Troyer Shrock. He married Lois Overman Shrock on Sept. 1, 1933, at the Amboy Friends Church Parsonage, and she passed away on Feb. 26, 1998.

Shrock was a retired farmer. He graduated from Amboy High School in 1930.

Survivors include a son, Frederic Shrock and wife Anita, Amboy; a daughter, Myra Shrock of Springfield, Mo.; two grandsons, Philip Shrock and wife Julie, Amboy, and Timothy Shrock and wife Tammy, Amboy; a granddaughter, Terry Ruff and husband Robert, Springfield, Mo.; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Eldon Shrock, Amboy.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Greg Hiatt and Pastor Dick Martin officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Kenneth J. Fallstick, 74**

Friday, March 24, 2006

Kenneth J. Fallstick, 74, formerly of Macy, passed away on the morning of Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at Covenant Health Care-Harrison, Saginaw, Michigan, following a brief illness.

He was born on February 10, 1932 in Berlin, New Jersey to Elmer L. and Bertha E. (Rankin) Fallstick.

On July 7, 1956, Fallstick married Lorraine K. Chrcck, and she survives.

Fallstick resided in Michigan most of his life, but had moved to Macy in 1945 and lived there through February 1952, before joining the United States Navy. While in the Navy, he served aboard the U.S.S. Elkhorn, which was stationed at Pearl Harbor, and he saw action in the final battle of the Korean Conflict.

Following his time in the military, Fallstick worked for Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, Michigan, from 1956 until retiring in 1993 after 38 years of service as a boilermaker.

Fallstick enjoyed working around his home, especially yard work, traveling and was an avid hunter and true gentleman.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by three sons, Kenneth Fallstick and wife Cecelia, Holland, Michigan, David Fallstick, Freeland, Michigan, and Mark Fallstick, St. Charles, Michigan; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Zion Lutheran Church, Freeland, with the Reverend Philip Nordstrand officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Freeland.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Cunningham/Taylor Funeral Home, Freeland, as well as from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church, Freeland, VNA/Hospice, Saginaw, and/or the donor's favorite charity.

**Helen Beatrice Zell, 97**

Friday, March 24, 2006

Helen Beatrice (Douglass) Zell, 97, Logansport (formerly of Walton and Ft. Myers, Fla.) passed away at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006 in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Sunday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Greg Ratliff officiating. Burial will be in Fort Myers Memorial Gardens, Fort Myers, Fla.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmaus Center.

**Mary R. Clawson, 100**

Monday, March 27, 2006

Mary R. Clawson, 100, Peru, passed away at 11:55 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2006 at Waterford Place, Kokomo.

She was born on July 10, 1905 in Delphi to William and Mary Jane (Lane) Stankard. On December 2, 1922, she married Chester A. Clawson, who preceded her in death on May 14, 1966.

Clawson was retired as a proofreader from American Stationery, Peru, and was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. She was a member of the Daughters of Isabella, and a 50-plus-year member of the Rosary Society, as well as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Clawson is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen Whitney and husband Leo, Kokomo; a son, Jon Clawson and wife Karen, Coral Springs, Florida; grandchildren, Angela Clawson, Decatur, Georgia, Chris and Cresta Clawson, Carmel, Jeff and Kelly Clawson, New Palestine, April and Kirk Kennedy, Kokomo, Diana Whitney, Greentown, Joe and Debbie Whitney, Kokomo, Paul and Louise Whitney, Homosassa, Florida; great-grandchildren, Caden A. Clawson, Erin Clawson, Alex and Kaitlyn Kennedy, A.J. and Connie Whitney, Katie and Ryan Whitney, Carri and Michael Yovanoff, and Evan Kozienski; three step-great-grandchildren, Kirk, Kory and Kelsey Kennedy; and two great-great-grandchildren, Kiley and Ashley Yovanoff.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Joseph E. Kiefer, 71**

Monday, March 27, 2006

Joseph E. Kiefer, 71, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center following an extended illness.

He was born on September 21, 1934 in Black Rock, Arkansas to Joseph E. and Della (Cockrell) Kiefer.

On October 1, 1994, he married Barbara Huffer, who survives.

Kiefer served in the United States Navy, and retired from Amtrol Corporation, Peru, after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Radiant Life Ministries, Kokomo.

Aside from his wife, Kiefer is survived by three daughters, Nancy Fasano, New York, Margaret Kiefer, New York, Janet Kiefer, New Jersey; step-son, Roger D. Irwin, Peru; two grandkids, Christopher and Michael, New York; one niece, Barbara Althouse and husband Tim; two nephews, Dennis Kiefer, and Douglas Kiefer and wife Judy; and one brother, George Kiefer and wife Sue, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Hazel Marie Kiefer; and one daughter, Mary Ellen Kiefer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Steve Pierce officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. A military committal service will be conducted.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

**Verne David Roser, 90**

Monday, March 27, 2006

Verne David Roser, 90, Wabash, passed away at 3:50 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

He was born on March 15, 1916 in Wabash County to Philip H. and Emma (Stouffer) Roser. On September 7, 1941, Roser married Margaret Sarah Graves, who preceded him in death on April 30, 1992. He then married Mary Ferguson on May 7, 1993, and she preceded him in death on November 4, 1994.

The 1935 graduate of Lagro High School was a member of the Wabash Christian Church, the Somerset Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, the Wabash Shrine Club, and the Mizparks.

Roser was a member and past Worthy Patron of the Wabash Order of the Eastern Star, as well as a longtime member of the Wabash County 4-H Fair Board. The retired farmer enjoyed fishing, especially in the Great Lakes Salmon Derby, as well as baseball. Roser is survived by a son, Jay A. Roser, Rock Island, Illinois; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Roser, Wabash; 11 sisters, Martha Shaffer, Urbana, Katherine Clupper, LaFontaine, Betty McKillip and husband, Robert, Wabash, Phoebe Ridenour and husband Leon, Wabash, Lois Fleshood, Sweetser, Helen Hoppes and husband Lloyd, Wabash, Peggy Riggs and husband Ron, Greentown, Mary Alice Reed and husband Fred, Wabash, Marcella Houlihan and husband Tom, Wabash, Shirley Atkinson and husband Harold, Wabash, and Carolyn Everest and husband Don, Wabash; two brothers, Don Roser and wife Lois, Wabash, and Robert Roser and wife Marjorie, Roann; two granddaughters, Deann Everroad and husband Dean, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and Darcy Roser, Des Moines, Iowa; great-grandson, and Cale David Everroad, Mt. Gilead.

Aside from his two wives, he was preceded in death by one son, David Roser, who passed away on December 13, 1997; one sister, Ardith Smith; and two brothers, Philip Roser, Jr., and James Roser.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., with the Reverend Cecil Cook officiating.

Burial will be at Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A Masonic Service will be today at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. The memorial guestbook for Roser may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is Wabash Christian Church.

**Harry G. Clifford, 87**

Monday, March 27, 2006

Harry G. Clifford, 87, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor.

A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Nazarene Church, 331 W. Sixth Street, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru

**Reta A. Ingersoll, 94**

Monday, March 27, 2006

Reta A. Ingersoll, 94, Peru, passed away at 2:50 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Reta Ardell Ingersoll, 94**

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Reta Ardell Ingersoll, 94, Peru, died Sunday, March 26, 2006, at 2:50 p.m. at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

She was born October 22, 1911, in Scotland County, Mo., to William E. and Minnie Todd Dye. She married Paul Ingersoll on July 13, 1930, and he preceded her in death on October 22, 1973.

Reta was a 59-year member of the First Presbyterian Church, Peru, a charter member of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and a charter member of the 20th Century Home Economics Club, in which she remained active until her health failed; a member of Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star, Women of the Moose and a circus museum volunteer.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Kelly and her husband James, Medford, Ore., and Reta Kidd and her husband Wayne of Peru; four grandchildren, Doug Ingersoll and his wife Debi of Bothell, Wash., Susan Ingersoll of Renton, Wash., Scott Kelly of Ashland, Ore., and Phillip Kidd of Peru; three great-grandchildren, Damon Kelly, Chelsea Kelly and Ashley Kidd; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Ingersoll Miller of Everett, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son, Norwin P. Ingersoll; a grandson, Paul Kidd; a great-granddaughter, Amanda Kidd; two sisters, Mildred Dye and Rilla Rockhold; and one brother, Jacob Dye.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor John E. Hess officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is at the funeral home after 9 a.m. Friday.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Reta Ingersoll Appreciation Fund for the Alzheimer's Unit at Caring Hands HCC.

**Tiffany Lynn Bell, 20**

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Tiffany Lynn Bell, 20, Wabash, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2006 at her home.

She was born February 21, 1986, in Polk County, Florida, to John William Miller and Cindy Elaine Sutton. She married Bradley J. Bell in Wabash on January 31, 2006, and he survives.

Other survivors include her son, Kayden Wyatt Bell of Wabash; her mother, Cindy Elaine Sutton of Lincoln, Neb.; her grandmother, Sharon Patrick of Lincoln, Neb.; grandfathers Robert Patrick, Wyoming, and Jerry Dean Sutton, Peru; aunts Rachel Paronto and husband Mike, Deanna Sutton and Cheryl Evenhouse, all of Lincoln, Neb.; an uncle, Bobby Patrick, Washington; and her great-grandmother, Naomi Hartman, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her father, John William Miller.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, with Rev. Paul Waldon officiating and burial to follow. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Memorials can be made to Kayden W. Bell.

**Marjorie E. Davis 74**

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

Marjorie E. Davis, 74, Bluffton, passed away at 1:40 p.m., Sunday, March 26, 2006, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. She had been in failing health for the past three years, and passed away due to complications of congestive heart failure.

She was born on February 16, 1932, at Townlake Farm, Akron, to John Franklin and Mami (Woolpert) Thompson. Marjorie was a 1950 graduate of Gilead High School. She was a homemaker and worked at the Caylor-Nickel Clinic Pharmacy for 19 years. On April 12, 1953 she married Edward C. "Ed" Davis, at the Emmanuel E.U.B. Church, Gilead, and he survives.

Marjorie was a member of Grace Baptist Church and had been a resident of Wells County since 1968. She was the last surviving member of her family, having been preceded in death by six brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ed Davis; four children, Robert Franklin Davis, Bluffton; Douglas Lynn Davis, Adrian, Mo.; Sherri Rene Harter and husband Ted, Bluffton; and Andrew Todd Davis, Bluffton. She also is survived by nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at Grace Baptist Church, Akron, with Pastor Douglas McClure officiating, and burial to follow in Akron Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church. Preferred memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship.

**Robert Kay Eviston Jr., 59**

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Robert Kay Eviston Jr., 59, of rural Peru, died Monday, March 27, 2006 at 11:35 p.m. at Wabash Skilled Care Center in Wabash.

He was born February 7, 1947 in Wabash to Robert Kay Eviston, Sr. and Dorothea (Jacoby) Horine.

He attended Olive Branch Church of God, Roann. Robert worked in quality engineering for GDX/General Tire for many years.

He loved to fish, mushroom hunt, and also liked his dogs. He enjoyed sports in general and all water activities.

He is survived by two sons, Stan K. Eviston and wife Kelley, Wabash, and Nicholas Eviston of Wabash; a grandson, Shade Orien Eviston, Peru; three step-granddaughters, Jessica Bixby of Wabash, Kaylee Bixby of Wabash, and Marissa Bixby of Wabash; his father, Robert Kay Eviston, Sr., Lagro; his mother, Dorothea (Jacoby) Horine of Wabash; two brothers, Michael Eviston and wife Kathy, Wabash, and Tim Eviston and wife Nancy, Wabash; a sister, Kathy Wehrly and husband Richard, Wabash; and his companion, Donita Kay Huffman, Peru.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Eviston, who died in 1989, and Wesley Eviston, who died in 1991.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash on Saturday at 10 a.m. with Rev. Stan Owen officiating. Burial will be at Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Memorials can be made to Wabash Skilled Care Center.

**Ursula A. McGinnis, 68**

Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Ursula Alexandra McGinnis, 68, of Converse, was surrounded by her loving sons when the Lord called her home on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at 10:10 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital.

She was born on October 7, 1937, the daughter of Hans Gunther Hantzschel and Gerda (Lauer) Hantzschel in Berlin, Germany.

Ursula worked for Delco Electronics in assembly for 17 years, before retiring in 1993. She loved her kids and grandkids, and always kept a positive outlook. She enjoyed sewing and working in her garden.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas Hantzschel and his wife Jackie of Letschin, Germany; Rick Robertson and wife Laurie, Cutler; Timothy McGinnis and wife Wendy, Bunker Hill; and Christopher McGinnis and wife Renee, Galveston; her sons' father, Floyd McGinnis, Peru; grandchildren, Mario Hantzschel, Matt Tharp, Christopher Robertson, Hanna Willis, Benjamin Willis, Brooke Guy, Brittany Guy, Christina McGinnis, and Nickolas McGinnis; great-grandchildren MacKaylyn Robertson, Alli Tharp and Jocelyn Guy; her companion of 20 years, Jack Fletcher; two sisters, four brothers and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 West Alto Road, Kokomo. No funeral services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. If you would like to offer your condolences online, you may do so by visiting [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Ruby M. Temple, 86**

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Ruby M. Temple, 86, Peru, passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at Howard Regional Healthcare Center, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Rebecca Sue Clark, 60**

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Rebecca Sue Clark, 60, Wabash, died at 10 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 24, 1945 in Peru, to Ellis Allen and Ferne (Bowman) Metzger.

She married Joe Clark in Jellico, Tenn. on October 8, 1983; he died August 19, 1999. She was a 1992 graduate of Indiana University. She was the sub district manager in Wabash for the Fort Wayne District of the Indiana Department of Transportation from Nov. 1992 until her retirement in 2005. She was a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association, the Worldwide Church of God, Muncie, and attended the Wabash First United Methodist Church. She formerly volunteered for C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocate), and loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by a daughter, Annette McCallen and husband Robert, Wabash; two grandchildren, Robert R. McCallen IV and Blayne McCallen, both of Wabash; her mother, Ferne Metzger of Marion; six sisters, Kay Clemons and husband William of Marion, Cindy Saylor and husband Terry of Peru, Sandra Watkins and husband David of Marietta, Ga., Sonna Yancey and husband Albert, Norfolk, Va., Kim Chaney and husband Harold of Marion, and Carma Patterson and husband Patrick of Oklahoma City, Okla. She was preceded in death by a brother, Perry Metzger.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Saturday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Rebecca Fisher and Rev. Chris Madison officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Rebecca may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is Wabash County Chapter of C.A.S.A.

**Shawn L. Edwards, 32**

Saturday, April 01, 2006

Shawn L. Edwards, 32, Huntington, passed away at 10 p.m. on March 29, 2006 at his home.

He was born on December 20, 1973 in Marion to Earl and Beverly (Hawk) Edwards. He married Christina Byrd on May 9, 1998. She survives. Edwards was a former resident of Peru and Michigan City. He attended North Miami High School and was a former Van Buren Volunteer Firefighter.

Survivors other than his wife include his daughters, Saige Rockwell, Anderson, and Sierra Edwards and Shyanne Edwards, Huntington; sons Blake Foster and Shawn Edwards, Jr., Huntington; his parents, Earl and Beverly Edwards, Peru; a sister, Amber Young, Logansport; a brother, Troy Edwards, Huntington; a half-brother, Nick Eccles and wife Danielle, Shelbyville; a half-sister, Misty Holly and husband Jack, Wabash; his maternal grandmother, Joyce Hawk and husband Bill, Gas City; his maternal great-grandmother, Grace Hawk, Montpelier; and parents-in-law Richard and Ronda Flemming, Van Buren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Pastor Robert Harris officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**David Harold Fouts, 69**

Saturday, April 01, 2006

David Harold Fouts, 69, Deedsville, passed away at 6 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2006 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and will be posted at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com) as soon as they are available.

**Ruby M. Temple, 86**

Saturday, April 01, 2006

Ruby M. Temple, 86, Peru, passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, at Howard Regional Healthcare Center, Kokomo. She was born on Jan. 23, 1920, in Deedsville to Albert and Ruth Emrick See. She married Robert C. Temple on Oct. 10, 1941, and he passed away on Dec. 18, 1982.

Temple was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, was a Gray Lady of the Red Cross, worked with the Salvation Army, and at one time worked at Lords Dress Shop, which became Cato Dress Shop.

Survivors include three daughters, Roberta Pontius and husband James, Peru, Teresa Drinkard and husband Jeffrey, Tampa, Fla., and Patricia Blackman, Peru; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents and one brother.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Harold D. Wideman, 83**

Monday, April 03, 2006

Harold D. Wideman, 83, Akron, passed away at 3:52 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating.

Burial will be private.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**David Harold Fouts, 69**

Monday, April 03, 2006

David Harold Fouts, 69, Deedsville, passed away at 6 a.m. Friday, March 31, 2006 at his residence.

Born September 29, 1936 in Deedsville, he was the son of Herbert E. and Margaret Geneva Long Fouts.

He was married by the Rev. Austin Gable to Carol M. Fouts on May 2, 1958, at Center Chapel First Brethren Church. She preceded him in death on September 13, 2005. Dave was a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church and was a 1954 graduate of Deedsville High School. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. On June 30, 1961, Dave joined the Indiana State Police, and he served the State of Indiana until his retirement in August of 1990. An active community member, he coached boys league baseball in Denver for many years, was a 4-H Club leader, 4-H Council Member, and served as a 4-H Fair Board member for several years. He loved to garden, fish, and hunt mushrooms. Survivors include a daughter, Debra Fouts, Deedsville; two sons, John Fouts, Warren, and Dan Fouts and wife Betsy, Coatesville; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Fouts Stone, Perrysburg; six grandchildren, Michael, Emily, Isaac and Phoebe Fouts, and Jack and Maddie Kendall; and two brothers, Dale Fouts, Peru; and Duane Fouts, Naples, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jerry Fouts; and one brother, Danny Lee Fouts. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Center Chapel First Brethren Church, with Rev. Al Peck and Rev. Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center Chapel First Brethren Church or the Miami County 4-H Fair.

**Chester E. Southerton, 78**

Monday, April 03, 2006

Chester E. Southerton, 78, Rochester, formerly of Warsaw, passed away at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester. He was born February 1, 1928, in Macy to Charles and Essie Williams Southerton.

Survivors include one brother, Garland E. Southerton and his wife Marie, Rochester.

He was preceded in death two sisters, Donna Vice and Ruth Abbott, and one brother, Sherl Southerton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

Burial will be in Five Corners Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

**Shawn L. Edwards, 32**

Monday, April 03, 2006

Shawn L. Edwards, 32, Huntington, passed away at 10 p.m. on March 29, 2006 at his home.

He was born on December 20, 1973 in Marion to Earl and Beverly (Hawk) Edwards. He married Christina Byrd on May 9, 1998. She survives.

Edwards was a former resident of Peru and Michigan City. He attended North Miami High School and was a former Van Buren Volunteer Firefighter.

Survivors other than his wife include his daughters, Saige Rockwell, Anderson, and Sierra Edwards and Shyanne Edwards, Huntington; sons Blake Foster and Shawn Edwards, Jr., Huntington; his parents, Earl and Beverly Edwards, Peru; a sister, Amber Young, Logansport; a brother, Troy Edwards, Huntington; a half-brother, Nick Eccles and wife Danielle, Shelbyville; a half-sister, Misty Holly and husband Jack, Wabash; his maternal grandmother, Joyce Hawk and husband Bill, Gas City; his maternal great-grandmother, Grace Hawk, Montpelier; and parents-in-law Richard and Ronda Flemming, Van Buren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Pastor Robert Harris officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Survivors include one brother, Garland E. Southerton and his wife Marie, Rochester.

He was preceded in death two sisters, Donna Vice and Ruth Abbott, and one brother, Sherl Southerton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

Burial will be in Five Corners Cemetery, Macy.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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He was married by the Rev. Austin Gable to Carol M. Fouts on May 2, 1958, at Center Chapel First Brethren Church. She preceded him in death on September 13, 2005.

Dave was a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church and was a 1954 graduate of Deedsville High School. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. On June 30, 1961, Dave joined the Indiana State Police, and he served the State of Indiana until his retirement in August of 1990. An active community member, he coached boys league baseball in Denver for many years, was a 4-H Club leader, 4-H Council Member, and served as a 4-H Fair Board member for several years. He loved to garden, fish, and hunt mushrooms.

Survivors include a daughter, Debra Fouts, Deedsville; two sons, John Fouts, Warren, and Dan Fouts and wife Betsy, Coatesville; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Fouts Stone, Perrysburg; six grandchildren, Michael, Emily, Isaac and Phoebe Fouts, and Jack and Maddie Kendall; and two brothers, Dale Fouts, Peru; and Duane Fouts, Naples, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jerry Fouts; and one brother, Danny Lee Fouts.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Center Chapel First Brethren Church, with Rev. Al Peck and Rev. Rick Stone officiating.

Burial will follow at Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center Chapel First Brethren Church or the Miami County 4-H Fair.



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Services will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating.

Burial will be private.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home

**Tina M. Winnie, 46**

Tuesday, April 04, 2006

Tina M. Winnie, 46, Peru, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006 in Wabash.

There is no visitation or funeral service planned.

Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru

**James L. Clem, 89**

Tuesday, April 04, 2006

James L. Clem, 89, Peru, (formerly of Crawfordsville), passed away at 11:42 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital emergency room, Peru.

He was born in Cicero to Carl E. and Mary Alice George Clem. On October 20, 1956 he married Gladys Higbee, who preceded him in death on July 3, 1986. He was also married to Martha Wright, who is deceased.

Clem worked for the State Highway Department, and worked security at Wabash College. He was a member of the Nazarene Church, a member of the Crawfordsville Eagles Lodge for more than 50 years; and was also past president of the Senior Citizens Club of Crawfordsville.

Survivors include a sister, Laura Alice Johnson, Windfall; a brother, Richard Clem, Lafayette; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, both wives, one sister and four brothers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, with entombment to follow at the Waynetown Masonic Cemetery, Waynetown.

Visitation is Tuesday, 4 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home and two hours prior to services on Wednesday. Online condolences may be made at burkhart@tctc.com.

**Amanda M. Skiles, 91**

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

Amanda M. Skiles, 91, of Peru, passed away at 8:40 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor, Logansport.

Born February 9, 1915 in Dunn County, Wis., she was the daughter of Joseph E. and Lydia Flora.

On June 14, 1934 in Michigan, she was married to John A. Skiles, and he preceded her in death on June 22, 1992.

She was a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, Hoover.

Survivors include three sons, Joseph Skiles and wife Dorothy, Homestead, Fla.; John Skiles, Jr. and his wife Betty, Delphi; and James Skiles and his wife Joyce, Peru; and three daughters, Miriam Kinzie and her husband Wayne, Eaton, Ohio; Mary Jane Skiles, Brookeville, Ohio; and Martha Skiles, Logansport; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, five great great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Viola Holsinger, Pendleton, and Susan Clark, Goshen.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Jessie Lee Skiles; four brothers, Mose Flora, Myrl Flora, Monroe Flora, and James Flora; and three sisters, Mary Filburn, Marillas Bowser, and Martha Flora.

Funeral services will begin with prayers at 9 a.m. on Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The funeral procession will leave from the funeral home and go to the Old German Baptist Brethren Church at Hoover for services at 10 a.m.

Burial will follow at the Musselman Cemetery, Camden.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home.

**Paul D. English, 82**

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

Paul D. English, 82, Logansport (formerly of Peru) passed away at 3:05 p.m. on April 1, 2006 at McKinney House, Logansport.

He was born on Feb. 23, 1924 in Peru to Dallas and Mayme Blackman English.

He was a retired postal worker, a 1942 graduate of Peru High School, and served in the Army Air Force Airway Communications at Templehoff, Germany, from 1945 to 1947.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Dove and husband Kent, Bloomington, and Janice Edwards and husband Otto, Peru; four grandchildren, Rochelle Edwards Gartland and husband Frank, Scottsdale, Ariz., Erica Edwards, Mission Viejo, Calif. and fiancée Tom Gocke, Sammamish, Wash., Jason Dove, Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Kerrye Dove, Chicago, Ill.; a brother, David English, New Haven; and three great-grandchildren, Callie, Bennett and Caris Gartland of Scottsdale, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Patton officiating.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Gloria J. Roberts, 63**

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

Gloria J. Roberts, 63, Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on March 30, 2006, at her residence.

There are no visitation or funeral services planned. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lynn McFadden Hurst, 51**

Wednesday, April 05, 2006

Lynn McFadden Hurst (nicknames Lynn Bell, Lynn Seeley, and Lynn Seeleyhurst), 51, Defiance, Ohio, passed away at 12:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at his residence. He was born on December 12, 1954 in Lafayette, to Roland and Jane Hurst Bell. In 1991 he married Mary Ann Mitchell Hurst, who survives. Hurst graduated from Defiance High School in 1973, and attended St. John Lutheran Church. He was employed at CCNO from 1990 to 1997; employed at Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center from 2000 to the present, where he was a corrections officer; and was previously employed with Edgerton Duracoat Powder Finishing. He was a member of the Bryan Area Great Banquet Defiance Coin Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Mitchell Hurst, Defiance; one son, Christopher Hurst, at home; one daughter, Christina Hurst, at home; a step-daughter, Helen Mitchell-Treetop, Bluffton, Ohio; two sons, Benjamin Seeley and Kim Seeley, both of Santa Barbara, Calif.; his mother, Jane Bell, and father, Roland Bell, Defiance; two sisters, Rosina Bell-Games and husband Tom, Upper Arlington, Ohio; and Rosemary Seling and husband Fred, Wooster, Ohio; and a family friend, Donna Knisely.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Linda Bell; his grandparents, Edna and Blaine Hurst, and Rosina and Emil Bell, and Earl Seeley. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday at St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance, Ohio, with the Reverend Donald L. Luhning officiating. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Defiance. Visiting hours are 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the trust fund for Christopher and Christina Hurst, and Helen Mitchell-Treetop.

**Barbara Poor, 78**

Thursday, April 06, 2006

Barbara Poor, 78, Peru, passed away at 11:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Barbara E. Poor, 78**

Friday, April 07, 2006

Barbara E. Poor, 78, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 11:40 p.m., Tuesday, April 4, 2006, having been diagnosed with bladder cancer following surgery on March 20, 2006. She was born in Miami County on March 9, 1928, the daughter of William and Bessie Kintner Engel. She married James A. Poor on September 10, 1955, at the First Baptist Church, Peru, and he preceded her in death 28 days ago on March 8, 2006. Barbara graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1946 and had worked at Vickery Tape and Berko Electric of Peru. She and her husband owned and operated Poor Farm Country Candies from 1985 to 2005. A devout Christian, Barbara was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Peru for more than 50 years, where she taught Sunday School and served on the Board of Christian Education. She was an active member of the American Baptist Women on the state and local level, and was a long time 4-H leader. Barbara was a lover of songbirds and fresh flowers, particularly geraniums. She is survived by two daughters: Debra Rice and her husband, Ed, Peru; and Meredith Shoemaker and her husband, Michael of Stafford, Texas; a son, Scott Poor and his wife Norma, Peru; a brother, Rex Engel and his wife Nancy, Peru; and four grandchildren, Matthew, Brianne and Andrew Poor, and Charlotte Rice. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, James A. Poor, and a brother, Eldon Engel. A service celebrating the life of Barbara Poor will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday at the First Baptist Church, 53 East Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church and after 2 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Miami County 4-H or to the American Baptist Women. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru.

**Ruth W. Meischke, 97**

Monday, April 10, 2006

Ruth W. Meischke, 97, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on July 6, 1908 in Logansport to William and Charlotte Nelson Petrie. She married Herman J. Meischke, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 1951. Meischke was retired from Canterbury House and Scott's IGA store. She enjoyed being a seamstress, crocheting and crafts. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Lou Mullett, Peru, and R. Joyce Kirkpatrick, Wenatchee, Wash.; a son, Charles E. Meischke and wife Darlene, Wenatchee, Wash.; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Julia Wood, Sun City, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Charlotte Langer, a son, Herman J. Meischke, one brother, two sisters and a great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Lavonne A. Bailey, 88**

Monday, April 10, 2006

Lavonne A. Bailey, 88, Rochester, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where she had been a patient since Wednesday.

Bailey was born on July 30, 1917 in O'Dell, Illinois to Forrest and Clara (Bowers) Stretch, and lived most of her life in the Rochester community.

On November 28, 1935, she married Lyle F. Bailey in Rochester, and he preceded her in death on April 10, 1978.

Bailey worked as a sales clerk at Blumenthal's and Teitelbaum's, and was a member of the First Baptist Church, Rochester. She also was a member of the Baptist Ladies Guild, and was active in the Association of Women's Work of the Church.

Bailey enjoyed embroidery and embroidered quilts for her great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed participating in Card Club.

She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Briggs and husband Richard, Macy, Reba Cripe and husband Larry, Rochester, and Mary Wynn and husband Terry, Rochester; one son, Ron Bailey and wife Rosemary, Rochester; 11 grandchildren, Loretta Deardorff, Bill Briggs, Don Briggs, Julie Melton, Linda Lowry, Marcia Childers, Larry Cripe, Randy Wynn, Tim Wynn, Dave Bailey, and Dan Bailey; 19 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Bonnie Townsend and husband Robert, Rochester, and Marilyn Stretch, Rochester; one sister-in-law, Charlene Bailey, Fort Collins, Colorado; and one brother-in-law, Francis Carlson, Rochester.

Aside from her husband, Bailey was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Tom Briggs; two sisters, Martha Carlson and Willa Wagoner; and one brother, Louis Stretch.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Dr. Mark Spencer and the Reverend Junior Bose officiating.

Burial will be at the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Rochester.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.goodfamily@rtcol.com](http://www.goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Walter Wayne Ashcraft, 81**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Walter Wayne Ashcraft, 81, passed away Sunday evening, April 9, 2006 at his home in Denver, where he had lived for 49 years. Ashcraft was born on April 26, 1924 in Quinter, Kansas, he was the son of Henry Walter and Lucy Margaret Keyser Ashcraft. On June 10, 1947 he was married to Gladys V. Bonebrake. They first made their home in Kansas, Missouri, Mount Vernon, and then New Waverly, before settling down in Denver. He worked for the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative for 37 years, retiring as foreman of the Peru Gas and Oil Terminal and was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Denver. Ashcraft was an avid bridge player and a competitive opponent in any game he played. He enjoyed working on his home and in the yard.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Margaret Hajek and husband Bob, Kathleen Blair and her husband Jay, and Jody Johnson and her husband Leonard; one son, Bryce Ashcraft and his wife Monica; seven grandchildren, Jacob, Ariel, Abigail, and Josiah Ashcraft, and Lindsey Woods, Natalie Blair, and Shawn Spillman; five step-grandchildren, Jessica, Angelique, Steven, Gabriel, and Carlton Holmes; sister-in-law, Avalon Melton of Stockton, Kansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bryce Lloyd Ashcraft; and two sisters, Rita Blakely and Eldora Kennedy.

Funeral services will be conducted at 6 p.m. on Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

**Dean Aaron Weaver, 35**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Dean Aaron Weaver, 35, of Peru, passed away on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2006 as the result of a car accident near Dayton, Ohio. Born April 24, 1970 in Peru, Indiana he was the son of Terry Dean Weaver and Brenda Gail Meadows Weaver, Peru.

He was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren, and he enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Aside from his parents, Weaver is survived by two children, Matthew Dean Weaver and Amanda Rae Weaver, Peru; two sisters, Monica Senk and her husband Jeremy, Fort Wayne, and Carla Smith and her husband Todd, Peru; one brother, Myles Weaver and his wife Shannon, Mexico; two grandmothers, Harriet Weaver, Peru, and Jeanette Meadows, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Ronald G. Weaver and Billy Carl Meadows.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Mexico Church of the Brethren with Pastor Todd Wenger and the Reverend Don Ritchey officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the family to help with the educational expenses of Weaver's children.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**Raymond E. Uhlig, Sr. 76**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Raymond E. Uhlig, Sr., 76, Plymouth, passed away on Monday, April 10, 2006 at his home.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**William F. Raber, 74**

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

William F. Raber, 74, Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on July 23, 1931 in Peru to Francis and Gertrude Walley Raber. He married Rosemary Smith Raber on Sept. 25, 1951, and she survives. They would have celebrated their 55th anniversary this year.

Raber was a mechanic and at one time owned his own garage. He was employed by Chuck Ellison (Lafayette) and McMahan O'Conner as a heavy machine operator/mechanic. He retired from E & B Paving in 1995 and was a advocate member of the International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO.

Bill enjoyed all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as his cat, Lady.

Survivors other than his wife include eight children, Ginger Raber, Peru; Michael Raber and wife Kathy, Michigan; Angela Cleland and husband Jerry, Mexico; Nancy Peppers and husband Dan, Peru; Ronald Raber and wife Cindy, Lafayette; William F. Raber Jr. and wife Gayle, Peru; Rebecca Meeks and husband Grant, Mexico; and Jamie Daily and husband Mike, Pendleton; an adopted daughter, Patsy Struble and husband Jim, Peru; a brother, Byron Raber, Chili; 14 grandchildren, Sabrina Williamson, Steven Raber, Patsy Raber, Nina Bowen, Brandi Yute, Michelle Yard, Andrea Vallo, Robert Raber, Janet Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Foley, Tiffany Raber, Alyssa Raber, Savannah Meeks, and Megan and Sarah Daily; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; a sister, Donna Smith; and a great-grandson, Bradley Williamson.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Dukes Memorial Hospital Chaplain Service.

**Joanna C. Lamberton**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Joanna C. Lamberton, Grand Junction, Colo., beloved wife of Henry M. Lamberton, went to meet her Lord on Saturday, April 8, 2006. "Johnnie," as she was affectionately known by family and friends, was born in Indianapolis to Albert Harvey and Mildred Keyes Cole. She attended Park-Tudor Preparatory School in Indianapolis and later graduated from Vassar College with a degree in philosophy. Johnnie loved music and sang alto in the Gold Dusters group in college and the Sweet Adelines group in Florida and Indiana. She was active in the Episcopal Church Choir in Florida and Indiana and was proud to be a second cousin of the great songwriter Cole Porter.

She married "Harry" Lamberton on June 27, 1950. Together they raised three daughters, Dare Dunlavey, Liz Anderson and Sarah Anderson. They loved the Western states and spent 25 years in Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. Johnnie loved God, people, animal and sunshine. She was a classy, dignified and loving woman.

Survivors include her husband, daughter Liz Anderson and husband Bill, Pagosa Springs, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Cole Dunlavey, Wilson Dunlavey, Adam Dunlavey, Will Anderson, Jennifer Anderson, Jimmy Anderson and Lauren (Arnold) Anderson; and countless friends. A memorial service will be held for her Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity Episcopal Church, Grand Junction, Colo. Burial will take place on May 20 at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, Winona, Minn. Memorial donations can be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 60307, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

**Vera Pauline Anthony, 82**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Vera Pauline Anthony, 82, Bunker Hill, passed away at noon on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born on Aug. 9, 1924 in Bunker Hill to Roy and Ada Bowser Marquis. She married Francis "Tony" Anthony on on Sept. 27, 1956 and he survives.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill.

Survivors other than her husband include a brother, Robert L. Marquis, Peru, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with Rev. Charles Layne officiating.

There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Paul Dean Phillips, 63**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Paul Dean Phillips, 63, Baxter, Tenn., passed away on April 8, 2006, at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. He was born on October 25, 1942 in Peru to Elbert and Emogene (Roberts) Phillips. Survivors include his brother, Perry Phillips, Silver Point, Tenn.; two sisters, Wanda Oswald and husband Clynn, Peru; and Christine Gubi, Elkhart. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Chapel-Baxter Funeral Home, with Brother Richard Hackett officiating.

Visitation was Monday, 4:30 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 7 a.m. until time of service.

Burial was at Smellage Memory Gardens. Arrangements were by Baxter Funeral Home, Baxter, Tenn.

**Relna Mowrer, 94**

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Relna Mowrer, 94, Peru, passed away at 12:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on November 15, 1911 in Athens to Loyd and Tempie Moore Bryant. She married Glen Bowell, and he preceded her in death in 1959. She then married Rev. C.J. Mowrer on Oct. 14, 1961 in Akron, and he preceded her in death on March 24, 1995. Mowrer worked for many years at Sears and Roebuck, South Bend, and then was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Church of God, Peru, and the Missionary Society of the church. She had been an active member of the Prill School Association and she also was the oldest living student that attended the Prill School. She enjoyed working outdoors and helped milk cows when she lived on the farm. She also was a very talented organist and enjoyed playing the organ.

Survivors include four step-daughters, Phyliss Daniel and husband Tom of Daytona Beach, Fla., Loretta Inman, Fort Wayne, Marty Holland and husband Red of Rochester, and Lois Mongosa and husband John; one step-son, Larry Mowrer and wife Carol, Rochester; a sister, Adlene Halterman, Rochester; and 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a grandson, Jack Downing, and a sister, Helen Nichols, in 1988.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Don Meyer officiating.

Burial will be in Athens Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday or one hour prior to service on Friday.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Prill School Association.

Electronic condolences can be made at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Guy Lawrence DeTurk, 77**

Thursday, April 13, 2006

Guy Lawrence DeTurk, 77, Rochester, passed away at 9:20 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at Lifecare Center, Rochester.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Burial will be at the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday and 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The Leroy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and V.F.W. will conduct military graveside rites.

**Carol Ann (Blue) Caley, 54**

Thursday, April 13, 2006

Carol Ann (Blue) Caley, 54, Fort Wayne, passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2006 at the Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn. Born in Peru to William and Joan Blue, she was a homemaker and attended Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. She graduated from Wabash High School in 1972; International Business College in Fort Wayne; and loved gardening and home decorating. Survivors include her mother, Joan Simons, Peru; her husband, Michael Caley; daughter, Jennifer A. Caley, both of Fort Wayne; a son, Gregory M. Caley, Greenwood; granddaughter, Brianna N. Caley, Fort Wayne; sisters, Connie Casale and husband Michael, Williamsport, Penn.; Jo Ellen Blue, Peru; Lu Ann Wendel and husband David, North Manchester; Susan Yocum, Wabash, and Allison Scott and husband Stan, Crawfordsville; brothers, Max Blue and wife Peggy, Goshen; and Scott Blue, Columbia, Alabama; 12 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, William Blue, and a brother, Bill Blue. Funeral services will be conducted at 9 a.m. on Friday at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Visitation is from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials may be made to the Mayo Clinic Foundation.

**Anita M. Wright, 64**

Saturday, April 15, 2006

Anita M. Wright, 64, Tipton, passed away at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born on September 26, 1941 in Peru to George and Esther (Miller) Catey. On August 17, 1968, she married Robert A. Wright, and he preceded her in death on December 23, 1996. Wright retired from the U.S. Postal Service, Elwood, on October 31, 2002. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Peru, and enjoyed being with her grandchildren.

She is survived by three children, Becky Smith and husband Ron, Kokomo, Rachelle Wright, Kokomo, and Bobby Wright and wife Tami, Tipton; four brothers and sisters-in-laws, Walter Catey and wife Marilyn, Peru, John Catey and wife Mildred, Peru, Dale Catey and wife Charlene, Warren, Michigan, and David Catey and wife Marylynn, Washington, D.C.; five grandchildren, Caleb Wright, Cameron Wright, Enrico Ruano, Dylan Stewart, and Ryan Wright; and several nieces; nephews; and cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Young-Nichols Funeral Home, Tipton, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

**Mary E. Arthur, 95**

Monday, April 17, 2006

Mary E. Arthur, 95, formerly of Chili, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at Zionsville Meadows Nursing Home. She was born on March 9, 1911 in Miami County to John and Sylvia (Rush) Fisher. The homemaker married John Arthur on April 19, 1935, and he preceded her in death in May 1972.

Arthur was a member of the Chili Baptist Church. She is survived by two sons, John Arthur and wife Corinne, Lebanon, and Rex Arthur, Phoenix; one daughter, Joyce Ertel and husband John, Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Arthur was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Arvil Fisher, Floyd Fisher, and Marvin Fisher; and two sisters, Ruth Boone and Esther Grovsner.

Private graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today, with Minister William Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Fredrick C. Long, 81**

Monday, April 17, 2006

Fredrick C. Long, 81, Rochester, passed away at 4:12 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2006, at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Joseph County, South Bend. He was born on January 11, 1925 in Erie Township, Miami County, to Thomas and Pearl (Clark) Long. On September 17, 1941, Long married Mary L. Cole in Rochester, and she survives.

Long was retired from Norfolk & Western Railroad. He had also been employed at the former Tom Long and Son Plumbing, Macy. He was a member of the First Christian Church, the Manitou Moose Lodge, and the Swingin' Dudes Square Dance Club. Long served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Lexington aircraft carrier during World War II.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Sherry Long and life-partner Peg Robinson, Naples, Florida; one son, Alex Long, Rochester; grandchildren, Lindsay Marie Long, Fredrick C. Long III, Alicia Jane Long, and Christopher Long; sisters, Juanita Geberin, Peru, Charlotte Duncan, Peru, Markie Edwards and husband Ted, Rochester; one brother, Jim Long and wife Wanda, Danville, Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. Long was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Thomas D. Long, on August 24, 1991. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Richard Murphy officiating. Graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and VFW Post. Visitation will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice, South Bend, and/or the First Christian Church Building Fund.

**Edward A. Kinzie, 87**

Monday, April 17, 2006

Edward A. Kinzie, 87, Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport, passed away at 2:27 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 3, 1919 in Miami County to Lester and Nettie (Ulery) Kinzie. On February 22, 1941, he married Oral Matheny, who survives. Kinzie was a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church near Hoover. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Forrest Kinzie and his wife Anna Mae, Twelve Mile, and Eldon Kinzie and his wife Mildred, Logansport; two daughters, Julia Flora and her husband Dennis, Peru, and Ellen Flick and her husband Tom, West Manchester, Ohio; three brothers; two sisters; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren. Kinzie was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Stanley; one sister; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, with the Home Brethren officiating. Family prayers will begin at 9 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow services at the church cemetery.

**Carol Kay Weesner, 68**

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

Carol Kay Weesner, 68, Marion, passed away at 6 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2006, at Marion General Hospital. She was born on June 11, 1937 in Peru, to the late Lee W. and Mildred L. (Odum) Deck. She married Thomas Weesner on June 28, 1958, and he survives. Carol had been a resident of Marion since January 1959. Carol graduated from Peru High School in 1955, and earned a bachelor or arts degree from Ball State University in 1959, with a music major and a business minor. She was a teaching assistant and retired from Marion Community Schools. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Marion; a member of Chi Omega and Psi Iota Xi; was a 42-year member of Un-group Club, and was a member of the Good Sam Club Chapter 5.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Weesner, Marion; sons T. Jeffrey Weesner, Marion; and Stuart Weesner and wife Jackie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Lori A. Weesner, Miami, Fla.; a brother Larry Deck and wife Pat, Grosse Point Park, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.nswcares.com>.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

### **Jack G. Sewell, 69**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Jack G. Sewell, 69, Kokomo, passed on to his eternal glory at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at the Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo, where he had been a patient since April 9.

He was born May 29, 1936 in Lafayette, the son of Floyd A. and Lela Oilar Sewell. He had lived in the Kokomo area for over 50 years, coming there from Lafayette. He was a 1954 graduate of Northwestern High School, where he had been a member of the Tigers' baseball and track teams, and he had been a standout on the Tigers' basketball team.

On July 5, 1958, in Bunker Hill he took Patsy Coleman to be his bride. They were married for over 47 years. He had been a loyal employee of Public Service of Indiana for over 30 years until retiring, where he had worked as a dispatcher for the Kokomo office. He had attended McGrawsville United Methodist Church. He enjoyed the outdoors. He loved fishing and playing basketball with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid gardener and was well known among family and friends for the beautiful tomatoes he raised. He was a collector and had several collections of many different items. As a fellow Hoosier, he was a die-hard Indiana University basketball fan. His most beloved and cherished interests were his two grandchildren. He loved attending, following and supporting their prep sporting careers at Rochester High School.

He is survived by his loving wife Patsy, at home; a daughter, Kathy L. Crowe and husband Randy, Kokomo; two sons, Brian J. Sewell and wife Sue, Rochester and Jon P. Sewell, Kokomo; a granddaughter, Bethany Sewell and a grandson, Nathan Sewell, both of Rochester; a sister, Carolyn Yamaoka and husband Ron, Kaulia, Hawaii; three brothers, Floyd "Boono" and wife Carolyn, Kokomo, Danny and wife Shelby, Rocky Mount, N.C., and Ronny and wife Janet of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Billie, in 1953.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Friday with his son, Pastor Brian Sewell and Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. His earthly remains will be laid to rest in the Galveston Cemetery following the services. Family and friends may visit at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California, Galveston, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday or in the church one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials may be made to either the McGrawsville United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association in his memory.

Electronic condolences may be sent to his family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Doris Korba, 75**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Doris Korba, 75, Peru, passed away at 11:25 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Roberta L. Moore, 51**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Roberta L. Moore, 51, Kokomo, passed away at 3:53 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Teddy Leon Simpson, 51**

Thursday, April 20, 2006/ Monday, April 24, 2006

Teddy Leon Simpson, 51, Sharpsville, passed away at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 16, 2006, at his residence.

He was born on April 1, 1955 in El Paso, Texas, to George R. and Georgia M. (Ford) Simpson, both surviving.

Simpson was a 1973 graduate of Maconaquah High School and attended motorcycle trade school. He worked at Hendrickson Motors, Logansport, in the service department, and later purchased Thermodyn, Inc., in Kokomo.

He was a devoted father, dutiful son, loving brother, and loyal friend. His kind, loving presence will be greatly missed by his family, business colleagues, and many friends. Survivors include his parents, George R. and Georgia M. Simpson, Galveston; sons Nathan Andrew Simpson and Gregory Christopher Simpson, both of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Michelle Dawn Simpson, Kokomo; a granddaughter, Kylie Breighanne Simpson, Sharpsville; a grandson, Jayden Wesley Reynolds, Kokomo; a brother, William R. Simpson and wife Frances, Kokomo; a sister, Anita Gwenn Carlo and husband Sunil Atri, Franklinville, N.J.; nephews, Joseph R. Carlo II and Jon Joseph Carlo, Franklinville, N.J.; and Royce Allen Simpson, Kokomo.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, with Pastor Rob Ransom and Moses Khatibi officials. Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery.

No public viewing is planned. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and the Guardian Angel Hospice of Kokomo. Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, assisted the family with arrangements.

**Roberta L. Moore, 51**

Thursday, April 20, 2006/ Monday, April 24, 2006

Roberta L. Moore, 51, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 3:53 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from St. Joseph Hospital.

She was born September 26, 1954 in Miami County, a daughter of Robert L. and Pauline Swingle Feller, both of whom survive. On May 26, 1995 she married Estel D. "Fuzzy" Moore in Kokomo.

She graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1974. She graduated from the University of California with a Bachelor of Arts in business and she earned an associate's degree from Ft. Wayne Business College.

She had been the Deer Creek Township Trustee since 1998. She had also been 5th District chairman of the Indiana Republican Women and secretary of Miami County Central Committee. She worked at St. Joe Hospital for 19 years in the Finance Department. She had also been an EMT for St. Joe's Ambulance service. She was a tireless worker for the Republican Party. She received the 2004 Republican Woman of the Year Award for District 5.

She especially loved her family and friends, and was always there for anyone in need. She attended Converse Church of Christ with her husband, Mother and Father, and loved doing things at the church, especially Vacation Bible School.

She was an avid fisherman, clay target shooter and loved playing golf with family members and going to car shows. She was an active volunteer for the Miami County Salvation Army and the Miami County 4-H.

Roberta was an inspiration to people while fighting her illness for the last 12 months, never giving up and always having a positive attitude, and keeping a strong faith in God.

She will be forever missed by her husband, family and friends until they are reunited in heaven.

She is survived by her husband and parents; in-laws Dean and Joyce Moore of Denver; a brother, Stephen and wife Lanell Feller of Kokomo; a sister, Debra L. McKinley of Miami County; a sister-in-law, Kelly Feller of Peru; brother-in-law Ron Moore and wife Marsha of Angola; sister-in-law Margie Stephenson and her husband Doug of Antwerp, Ohio; sister-in-law Patty Garvin and her husband Dennis of Bunker Hill; brother-in-law Mike Moore and his wife Pinky of Chili; nephews Matt Feller and his wife Andrea of Peru, Josh Feller of Kokomo, Brandt Murphy of Peru, and William Feller of Peru; nieces Erin Feller of Kokomo, Linzie Feller of Peru, and Kay Jenkins of Peru; great niece Natalie Jenkins of Peru; great-nephews Nathan Jenkins of Peru and Carter Sablisk of Peru.

Roberta had a special love for English Bulldogs and left her beloved Adam and Eve when she departed.

Services will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 East Wabash Street, Converse, with Rev. Rob Schwarze officiating.

Burial will follow in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lucile L. Scott, 87**

Thursday, April 20, 2006/ Monday, April 24, 2006

Lucile L. Scott, 87, Greentown, passed away at 2:52 p.m. on April 18, 2006 at Century Villa Health Care Center, Greentown.

She was born on March 15, 1919 in Denver to Clint and Mary Newbold Ricks. She married Robert P. Scott on April 29, 1937, and he survives.

She was a 1937 graduate of Mexico High School and was a member of the Disciples of Christ Christian Church in Ft. Myers, Fla. Lucile was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Robert L. Scott and wife Anita, La Mesa, Calif., and Russell "Dean" Scott and wife Becky, Peru; three daughters, Ruth Ann Boettjer and husband Fred, Mexico, Virginia Marshall and husband Walter, Peru, and Janice Davenport and husband Robert, Anderson, S.C.; 20 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, a great-grandson, and her favorite aunt, Ruth Newbold Thompson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Bowland officiating.

Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

**Doris Ann Korba, 75**

Thursday, April 20, 2006/ Monday, April 24, 2006

Doris Ann Korba, 75, of Peru, died on 11:25 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis following a brief illness.

She was born Doris Ann Alcorn on October 18, 1930 in Ft. Myers, Fla. to the late John and Margaret Alcorn. She was married to Thomas Korba in June 1981 in the Wallick Mansion, Peru.

Mrs. Korba was a licensed practical nurse with Dukes Memorial Hospital, where she worked in pediatrics and surgery/recovery for more than 22, years retiring in 1993.

Upon her retirement from nursing, Mrs. Korba worked at Annie's Attic, Peru, where she made many cherished friends. Doris volunteered in the nursing station many years with the Peru Circus. She was a member of the Tuesday night Bible Study at the



Peru Grace Brethren Church. Mrs. Korba enjoyed doll collecting, doll making and spending time with her loving husband, family and friends of all ages.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas; sons Robert Christensen and wife Debbie of Fortville; and John Christensen and wife Linda of Santa Rosa, Calif.; daughter Susan Christensen Lynch and her husband John of Elkins W.V.; step-sons Mike Korba and his wife Marti of Russiaville, and Dave Korba and his wife Janis of Kokomo; brother John Alcorn and his wife Edna of Clearfield, Ky.; a deceased sister, Peggy; grandchildren Jacob Christensen of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Kristi and Kevin Lynch of Elkins, W.V.; and Lauren and Spenser Christensen of Fortville; step-grandchildren Tony Korba and wife Jeana of Bunker Hill; Nikki Korba Logsdon and her husband Kerry of Tipton; two great-granddaughters, Lauren Kennedy Logsdon and Rhegan Nichole Logsdon; and her loving dog, Buster.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. 5th St., Peru, with Rev. Frances I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru.

There will be a Prayer Service at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church.

### **Margaret M. "Peggy" Biddle, 84**

Thursday, April 20, 2006/ Monday, April 24, 2006

Margaret M. "Peggy" Biddle, 84, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 9:54 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by the family she loved so much.

She was born August 21, 1921 in Youngstown, Ohio, to Leo and Alberta Crane Smith. She married Robert W. Biddle on September 6, 1947 in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Peggy grew up in Beaver Falls, where she won a full scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business. She graduated during World War II and served in the American Red Cross. She received her master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University and taught first grade at Elmwood School for over 20 years. After retirement, she volunteered for many community organizations, including Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Salvation Army.

A devoted wife, mother and homemaker, she was known among her family and friends for her homemade pies, particularly her peach pie.

She is survived by her husband Robert; one son, Robert W. Biddle, Jr., Noblesville; three daughters, Susan Greer and husband Larry, Lafayette; Patricia Ann Biddle, Lafayette; and Jennifer M. Biddle, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Andrew Greer, Robert W. Biddle III and Skylar M. Biddle; one great-grandson, Jack Greer; one sister, Frances McCreary of Florida; two brothers, Robert P. Smith of Florida, and James H. Smith, Pennsylvania.

Our mother was dearly loved, and will be greatly missed, but we know she is at peace now.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Margaret M. "Peggy" Biddle will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Dr. Lelan D. McReynolds officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home two hours prior to the service on Saturday.

### **Alice F. Long, 77**

Friday, April 21, 2006/ Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Alice F. Long, 77, New Waverly, passed away at 4:07 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on December 6, 1928 in Kokomo to Carroll and Fern (Tull) Weideman. On May 4, 1947, she married Carl N. Long in Lewisburg, and he preceded her in death on September 16, 1989.

Long retired in 1987 following 22 years of employment at W.C. Redmon Company, Peru.

She was a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church, and was past matron and member of the Fidelity Chapter #58 Order of Eastern Star. Long was also a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and the Amaranth.

Long is survived by a son, Curtis G. Long and wife Penny, Wabash; daughter, Pamela S. Bryan and husband Curt, Galveston; son-in-law, Fred Benner, New Waverly; three sisters, Anna Heltsley, Peru, Martha Love, and Jane Frye and husband Max, Carey, Ohio; four brothers, Ralph Weideman, Peru, Jack Edward Weideman and wife Kay, Peru, Robert A. Weideman and wife Marthagene, Peru, William Ward Weideman, Kokomo; brother-in-law, John Miller, Denver, Colorado; sister-in-law, Rosalie Weideman, Peru; Brett Bryan and wife Kristie, Logansport, Michelle Rudd and husband Chad, Flora, Amy Muday and husband Charles, Delton, Michigan, Matthew Benner and wife Amber, Flora, and Bradley Benner, Kirkland; six great-grandchildren, Brady and Baylie Bryan, Mason and Carson Rudd, Natalie Muday, and Kaden Benner; several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her parents; and husband; Long was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Benner; four sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, with the Reverend Carl Davis officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the New Waverly United Methodist Church.

**Edward A. 'Ed' Scheerer, 76**

Friday, April 21, 2006/ Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Edward A. 'Ed' Scheerer, 76, formerly of Peru, passed away on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at Community Hospital in Anderson following an extended illness.

He was born on October 27, 1929 in Huntington to Wilbur and Norma (Nagel) Scheerer.

Scheerer resided in Anderson since 1991 after living in Peru most of his life.

He was an accountant and part owner of Scheerer and Hyde Public Accountants in Peru for many years.

The 1947 graduate of Peru High School served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Elks Lodge, Phi Delt, F.O.P. and Knights of Columbus organizations in Peru. Scheerer also served on the utility board in Peru for many years.

Scheerer enjoyed sports, crossword puzzles, camping, NASCAR and playing cards. He was an avid reader and played golf. Scheerer enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was formerly active in the Democratic Party in Peru.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Locke) Scheerer, Anderson, of nearly 43 years, whom he married on July 3, 1963 in Logansport; four children, Jill Mowrey and husband Mike, Lapel, Andy Scheerer, Bloomington, Susy Meyer, Kewanna, and Cris Scheerer, Winamac; mother-in-law, Hazel Shock, Logansport; sister, Julie Leachman and husband Bill, Tampa; grandchildren, Ashley Mowrey and Tristan Mowrey, Lapel; nephews, Mike Leachman and wife Nicole, Portland, Oregon, and Craig Leachman and wife Holly, Macon, Georgia.

Scheerer was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Kristy Meyer; and son-in-law, Tony Meyer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Sunday at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service, Anderson, with the Reverend Robert Williams of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating.

Cremation will be conducted.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to In As Much Food Kitchen.

Emailed condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@aol.com.

**John D. Kline, 68**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

John D. Kline, 68, formerly of Mexico, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2006 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

He was born in Mexico on March 1, 1938 to Herman and Bertha (Lesley) Kline. On November 5, 1960, he married Connie E. Nordman, and she survives.

Kline was employed at the North Manchester Foundry for 36 years retiring as a crane operator in 1996. He served as a volunteer fireman for North Manchester for 15 years, and also was assistant sexton at Oaklawn Cemetery for six years.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by son, Jon A. Kline, North Manchester; daughter, Amy J. Kline, North Manchester; brothers, Robert Kline and wife June, Mexico, Frank Kline and wife Betty, Peru, and Charles Kline, South Bend; sisters, Mary Applington and husband Clayton, Kokomo, Doris Fisher, New Haven, Rosie Stout and husband Charles, Peru, and Barbara Burns, Tallahassee, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the DeLaughter-McKee Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Wabash County Cancer Society, 5 Maple Court, North Manchester, IN 46962 and/or the American Diabetes Association, Indiana Office, 7363 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Condolences may be emailed to [www.delaughtermckee.com](http://www.delaughtermckee.com).

**Susie Siblisk, 52**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006/ Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Susie Siblisk, 52, Peru, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis following an extended illness.

She was born September 21, 1953 in Rochester to Clyde and Alice (Keith) Yater.

The 1972 graduate of Peru High School married Steve Siblisk on September 22, 1973 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, and he survives. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary; Alpha Mu Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority; Peru Moose Auxiliary, and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Siblisk worked at the East End Double Dip forever!

Aside from her husband, she is survived by daughter, Brande Brehmer and husband Tony, Peru; son, Zak E. Siblisk, Peru; one granddaughter, Megan Brehmer; and one grandson, Lane Brehmer; three brothers, Tracy Yater and wife Denise, Peru; Jeff Yater, Waterford, Mich.; one sister, Judy Bacon, Peru; a step-brother, Chris McGuire and his wife Patty, Mexico; her mother-

in-law, Eileen Siblisk, Peru; two sisters-in-law, Beth Yoder of Goshen and Sally Piper, Peru; two brothers-in-law, John Siblisk, Peru, and Mike Siblisk and wife Lisa, Peru. Also several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews survive. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m., followed by a Sigma Phi Memorial Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Megan and Lane Brehmer Trust Fund.

**Richard O. "Dick" Wilson, 94**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

Richard O. "Dick" Wilson, 94, Rochester, went to be with his Lord at noon on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Rochester Church of Christ with the Reverend Jim Dillinger officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, and at the church one hour prior to services.

**Wayne Arthur Linn, 77**

Wednesday, April 26, 2006

Wayne Arthur Linn, 77, Mexico, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Wayne Arthur "Art" Linn, 77**

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Wayne Arthur "Art" Linn, 77, Mexico, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on July 25, 1928 in Winamac to Williston and Gladys Stanfield Linn. On April 11, 1946 in Dunlap he was married to Edna Helen Love, and she preceded him in death on April 23, 2001.

He was a member of Skinner Worship Chapel, a charter member of the Mexico Lions Club, and a member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge, Macy. He retired from the Chessie System Railroad as an assistant trainmaster, after working as a dispatcher and telegrapher. He was known to many as "Grandpa," and he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Jean McCurley and her husband Melvin, Mexico; a granddaughter, Bethani Linn Jackson and her husband Jeff, Redwood Shores, Calif.; one brother, Walter Linn and his wife Heidi, Warsaw; and two great-grandchildren, Bryant Arthur and Kaylinn Ashleigh Teegardin, both of Peru.

He was preceded in death by one son, Terry Wayne Linn; one grandson, Joshua David Teegardin; two brothers, Dayne and Donald "Pete" Linn; and three sisters, Marjorie Linn, Mary Phillipy, and Ancile Overmyer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Skinner Worship Chapel with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating.

Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Miami-Wabash Home Hospice. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**Harold W. Wagoner I, 73**

Friday, April 28, 2006

Harold W. Wagoner I, 73, Macy, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on November 19, 1932 in Union Township to John Harold and Anna Belle Gillispie Wagoner. He married Marilyn Sue Turnipseed in Churubusco on June 9, 1956, and she survives.

Wagoner lived in Macy all his life. He was an electrician for Wilson Foods, Logansport, for 24 1/2 years. He enjoyed puttering around and doing odds and ends. He was an avid Indiana University basketball fan. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War, a member of the V.F.W. Manitou Post and a graduate of Deedsville High School.

Survivors other than his wife include three sons - twin sons Larry Dean Wagoner, Rochester, and Terry Gene Wagoner and wife Pat, Peru; and Harold Wayne Wagoner II and wife Mary, Logansport; nine grandchildren, Megan Wagoner, Brittany Wagoner, Heather Wagoner, Sara Wagoner, Bethany Stephy and husband Zack, Carrie Gaines and husband Chad, Brandon Wagoner, Ryan Wagoner and Eric Wagoner; one great-grandson; a sister, Barbara Pottenger, Twelve Mile; a brother, James Wagoner, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an aunt and uncle, Helen and Earl Morrison.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating.

Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, with military rites by LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and V.F.W. Post # 1343. Friends may call from 9 a.m. Saturday to time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice of charity.

**Nancy Jean Blackburn, 58**

Friday, April 28, 2006

Nancy Jean Blackburn, 58, Angola, formerly of Peru, passed away on April 27, 2006 at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola. She was born on March 21, 1948 in Peru to Cecil G. and EmmaJean Cushing Johnson. She married John Blackburn in Angola on Sept. 5, 1998, and he survives. She was the secretary for Premier Sound, Inc. She graduated from Peru High School in 1966 and enjoyed weaving.

Survivors other than her husband include two sons, Michael Fuson, Fremont, and Steve Fuson and wife Chris, Greenwood; and two grandchildren, Luke and Maggie Fuson.

A burial will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

**Lincoln Grace Sutton, 3**

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Lincoln Grace Sutton, 3, Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Margaret C. Leshner, 92**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Margaret C. Leshner, 92, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on April 29, 2006 at Windsor Estates, Kokomo, following an extended illness.

She was born November 14, 1913 in Miami County, to George and Elba (Mygrant) Armstrong. She married Alva A. Leshner and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1959.

She graduated from Miami High School, Miami, and was a member of the Loree Brethren Church.

Survivors include son Michael Leshner, Bunker Hill; five grandchildren, twins Lance Leshner, Oregon and Lauren Leshner, Indiana; Lisa Leshner, Denver, Colorado, Michele Pedersen and husband Arne, Indianapolis and Cassandra Knolinski and husband Jamie, Russiaville; three great-granddaughters, Grace Ellen Knolinski, Syllian JoEllen Knolinski, and Faith Anikka Pedersen. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sister, Dorothy Kuntz.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor James Thomas officiating. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Helen E. Hilbert, 60**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Helen E. Hilbert, 60, Peru, passed away on April 30, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born February 19, 1946 in Washington, D.C. to Walter L. Lockwood and Jean (Norton) Wall. She married Richard M. Hilbert in 1966 and he preceded her in death in 1994. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Paul E. White and wife Sally, Tennessee, John R. Hilbert and fiancée Donita Depoy, Indiana, and Robert S. Hilbert and wife Jean, Peru; daughter Terry Hilbert, Portage; six grandchildren, Christopher White, Kattie Nash, John Hilbert, Elizabeth Bates, Marlee and Chloe Hilbert; three brothers, Harry Fowler and wife Mary, Maryland, Raymond Fowler and wife Rose, Virginia, and George Lockwood, Bunker Hill; two sisters, Joyce Jacobs, Maryland, and Terry Stapleton, Peru; a brother-in-law, Emery Stapleton, Peru; and two special friends, Chloe Taylor and Joan Kirsits.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Cannus Sparks officiating. Burial will be in Carmack Cemetery, Twelve Mile.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Merle A. Walker, 91**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Merle A. Walker, 91, Converse, passed away at 11:35 a.m. on April 28, 2006 at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1914 in Miami County to Jesse and Leona Miller Walker. He married Ruth P. Powell, and she preceded him in death. Walker lived in Converse all his life. He was a farmer until he retired at the age of 62, and then was a self-employed truck driver and hauled fertilizer and lime. He was a member of the Converse Church of Christ. He was an avid golfer. In his retirement years, Walker spent 31 winters at Horse Shoe Cove, Fla.

Survivors include a son, Gene D. Walker and wife Reta, Converse; five grandchildren, Bradley Walker and wife Patricia, Steve Walker and wife Belinda, Ned Walker and wife Debbie, Roger Walker and wife Mary, and Marcia Nugent and husband Tim; and ten great-grandchildren, Ashley, Nicholas, Stephanie, Kylie, Samantha, Hannah, Jesse, Cody and Jackson Walker and Sierra McCoy. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Converse Church of Christ, Converse, with Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Converse Church of Christ Scholarship Fund.

Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel is handling arrangements.

**Ralph Hoover, 85**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Ralph Hoover, 85, Peru, passed away at 8:55 a.m. on April 30, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1921 in Peru to Russell and Meda Coleman Hoover. He married Norma R. Crumrine in Aug. 23, 1945, and she survives. Hoover worked as a letter carrier for 32 years. He was a longtime member of the First Christian Church, Peru, a member of the Maennerchor, and a WWII U.S. Army veteran with the 8th Division Medical Corp. His military decorations include a Silver award, Bronze award, the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct Award.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Clary and husband James, Peru, and Kimberly Hopper and husband Jerry, Bunker Hill; three grandchildren, Erick Dawalt and wife Christa, Peoria, Ill., Samantha Ward and husband Luke, Kokomo, and Jamie Hopper, Bunker Hill; two brothers, Kenneth Hoover and wife Betty, Peru and Richard Hoover and wife Lois, Peru; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Hoover, Warsaw, formerly of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Donald Hoover, and a sister, Vera Truman.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Paul Sutherland officiating and burial to follow. Military rites will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Kokomo Guardian Angel Hospice.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Dale W. Deeds, 86**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Dale W. Deeds, 86, Rochester, passed away at 8:15 a.m. on April 29, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1919 in Roann to Guy and Emma Mahala Clingaman Deeds. He married Violetta Fay Clark on June 29, 1941 in Winamac, and she preceded him in death on May 11, 2001.

Deeds was a heavy equipment operator and co-owner of Deeds Brothers Construction, Deedsville.

He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. He was a past worthy patron of the Order of Eastern Star and a past master of Gilead Masonic Lodge, both of Gilead. Dale was a member of the IOOF Lodge in Deedsville. He graduated from Winimac High School in 1938, and on June 29, 1941 he married the love of his life, Violetta Fay Clark. They were married for almost 60 years before her death in 2001. Dale and Vi were members of Swingin' Dudes Square Dance Club in Rochester. Dale was an avid gardener who loved to share his vegetables with his family, friends and neighbors. He loved people and never met a stranger. Dale was a WWII Army Air Corp. veteran, where he was a gunnery instructor. He loved his grand dog, Valentine.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Heltzel and husband, Allen, Akron; three grandsons, Dale Allen Heltzel and wife Kim, Akron, Thomas F. Heltzel and wife Lynn, Lafayette, and Hans Heltzel and wife Shauna, Fishers; six grandchildren, Ethan, Bailey, Victoria, Vanessa, Amanda and Andrew; two sisters, Delores Ann Lowe, Dunkirk, and Sandra M. Miller, Peru; two brothers, Lyle Dean Deeds, Denver, and Jerry E. Deeds, Macy; and a special friend, Cleo Preskewitz, Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a sister, Jean Louise Sheppard; two brothers, William Carter Deeds and Guy R. Deeds, and two infant children.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Rick Taylor and Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Heart Fund.

**Lincoln Grace Sutton, 3**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Lincoln Grace Sutton, three years old, went to be with Jesus on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. She passed away at home in her father's arms. She was born in Peru on January 29, 2003 to Eric and Rachel (Pier) Sutton. Although Lincoln had many ailments in her short life, she was a joy to be around, and she brought a smile to the face of all who knew her.

Lincoln attended special needs preschool at Elmwood Elementary. She attended Olive Branch Church of God. She liked singing and dancing and was famous for her "scary face." She enjoyed eating ice cream, and milk was her favorite drink. She was very compassionate and wanted to console anyone who was hurting.

She is the granddaughter of paternal grandparents Matthew (PaPaw) and Frieda (Grandma Frieda) Willis, Peru, Bonnie (Grandma Bonnie) and the late Jerry Sutton, Peru; maternal grandparents Randy (Poppie) and Teresa (Nana) Pier, Peru, John (Papa) and Jill (Miss) Daugherty, Texas; great grandparents Linda Rusie, Mexico, Pat Pier, Peru, Gary and Margorie Willis, Albuquerque, New Mexico, James Early, Peru, and Darrell and the late Treva Cunningham, Silver Lake. Also surviving are aunts and uncles Deanna Sutton, Nebraska, Robbin Castro, Ellettsville, Cheryl Evenhouse, Nebraska, Kimberly Aldrich, Peru, Julia Phillips, Indianapolis, William Sutton, Texas, Cindy Sutton, Nebraska, Starla Myers, Denver, and Grace Pier, Peru.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Mexico Baptist Church, Second and Carroll streets, Mexico, with Pastor Gary Colby and Rev. Lowell Burrous officiating.

Lincoln's favorite flower was dandelions, so in lieu of flowers, the family requests that you bring a dandelion.

Burial will be at the Salem Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call at the Mexico Baptist Church from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Donations will be accepted to offset the funeral expenses. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Joseph W. Baker, 74**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Joseph W. Baker, 74, Anderson, passed away April 28, 2006 at his residence after an extended illness.

A cremation is planned. Arrangements are being handled by Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes and Crematory, Anderson.

**Thomas Maple, Jr., 89**

Monday, May 01, 2006

Thomas Maple, Jr., 89, Converse, passed away on April 30, 2006 at North Woods Village, Kokomo.

Funeral services are pending at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Converse.

**Norma Jean Beecher, 77**

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Norma Jean Beecher, 77, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 6:38 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Dana J. Hisson, 61**

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Dana J. Hisson, 61, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Illinois. Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Living Word Fellowship Church, St. Joseph, Illinois, with the Reverend Mike Mack officiating. There will be no public visitation.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Renner-Wikoff Chapel, Urbana.

**Thomas Maple, Jr., 89**

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Thomas Maple, Jr., 89, Converse, passed away at 4:25 a.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at North Woods Village, Kokomo.

He was born on October 30, 1916 in Amboy to Thomas I. and Novella V. (Waisner) Maple, and married Juanita J. (Garrett) Biggs on January 1, 1984, and she survives. Maple was a resident of Converse for the past 25 years, and from 1949 through 1968 he owned and operated Tom Chevrolet Sales. He also owned Maple Auto Sales in Peru from 1968 through 1973, before later working for FV Maple Home Improvement and then moving to Florida.

He served in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific. Maple also served with the Converse Volunteer Fire Department. Maple was a member of the Converse Church of Christ and the American Legion in Amboy. He was a former member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star. Maple enjoyed playing pool, woodworking and going to the horse track. Aside from his wife, Maple is survived by three children, Linda J. Maus and husband Dr. Ron, Kokomo, Michael L. Maple, Sr. and wife Pamela, Kokomo, and Daniel C. Maple and wife Gina, Greentown; four step-children, Sharon M. Meredith and husband Tony, Wabash, Patricia J. Shafer and husband John, Swayzee, Thomas A. Biggs and wife Jennie, Converse, and Dana Biggs and wife Wendy, Converse; sister-in-law, Deloris Maple, Kokomo; brother, Francis Maple and wife Dortha, Greentown; sister, Jean Trott, Greentown; seven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jeffrey Thomas Maple; three brothers, Arnold, Francis and Donald Maple; and sister, Ruthanna Maple.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Converse Church of Christ, with Rob Schwarze and Rod Cameron officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown. Graveside military honors will be conducted.

Visitation will be at the church on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash, Converse, IN 46919, and/or the Rainbow Christian Camp, 3522 N. 1000 W-27, Converse, IN 46919.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, Converse.

**Margaret C. Leshner, 92**

Tuesday, May 02, 2006

Margaret C. Leshner, 92, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on April 29, 2006 at Windsor Estates, Kokomo, following an extended illness.

She was born November 14, 1913 in Miami County to George and Elba (Mygrant) Armstrong. She married Alva A. Leshner and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1959.

She graduated from Miami High School, and was a member of the Loree Brethren Church.

Survivors include son Michael Leshner, Bunker Hill; five grandchildren, twins Lance Leshner, Oregon and Lauren Leshner, Indiana; Lisa Leshner, Denver, Colorado, Michele Pedersen and husband Arne, Indianapolis and Cassandra Knolinski and husband Jamie, Russiaville; three great-granddaughters, Grace Ellen Knolinski, Jyllian JoEllen Knolinski, and Faith Anikka Pedersen. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a sister, Dorothy Kuntz.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor James Thomas officiating. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Norma Jean Beecher, 77**

Wednesday, May 03, 2006

Norma Jean Beecher, 77, formerly of Twelve Mile and Rochester, passed away at 6:38 a.m. on Monday, May 1, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 1, 1929 in Miami County to Harry Elvin and Audra Rose (Grandstaff) Knauff. On July 9, 1950 she married Harold Larkin Beecher in Perrysburg, and he survives.

The 1947 graduate of Deedsville High School attended Ball Memorial Nursing School in Muncie. She was a member of the Corinth Brethren Church, and while living in Rochester, served as the executive director for the Fulton County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Beecher also volunteered as a guardian for individuals with disabilities.

Aside from her husband, she is survived by her eight children, Stanley Beecher and wife Barb, Fort Wayne, Steven Beecher and wife Libby, Brattleboro, Vermont, Susan Beecher, Indianapolis, Sherry Brundun and husband Kurt, Aurora, Ohio, Scott Beecher and wife Lisa, Howe, Shirley Ott and husband Eric, Logansport, Paul Beecher and wife Joyce, Craigville, Patricia Webb and husband Warren, Valparaiso; eight grandchildren, Casey and Tori Ott, Terry and Jon Boggs, Larkin Webb, Nils Brundun, Keegan and Ridley Beecher; five step-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Harry Knauff, Denver, David and Dennis Knauff, Perrysburg.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at Corinth Brethren Church, with Pastor Mike Thompson officiating.

Burial will follow at Corinth Cemetery, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, as well as from 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**George Edward Wentz, Sr., 79**

Wednesday, May 03, 2006

George Edward Wentz, Sr., 79, South Bend, passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Palmer Funeral Home - River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday prior to burial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

**Alma Jean Grable, 76**

Thursday, May 04, 2006

Alma Jean Grable, 76, of Twelve Mile, passed away Tuesday evening, May 2, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born March 1, 1930, the daughter of Clinton E. and Grace Condon Beecher. On June 20, 1948 in Twelve Mile she was married to Merrill L. Grable, and he preceded her in death on January 14, 1999.

Jean was a member of Corinth Brethren Church where she had served as church organist, choir director and a Sunday School teacher. She retired in 2000 from Caston School Corporation where she had worked as the high school secretary for over 30 years. Survivors include one son, Dennis E. and wife Pam Grable, Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Jennifer M. and husband Rex Rudicel, Twelve Mile; five grandchildren, Brian D. and wife Kelly Grable, Painesville, Ohio, Jill D. and Jim Topich, Mason, Ohio, Chad W. Rudicel and wife Lisa, Craig D. Rudicel and wife Heidi, and Jaime L. Rudicel, all of Twelve Mile; six great-grandchildren, and Scott, Lucas, Jasmine, and Bryce Rudicel, Ava Grable, and Jodie Topich; and one brother, Harold Larkin Beecher. She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Jacqueline Topich, three sisters, and four brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Mike Thompson officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Corinth Brethren Church.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Leland, 97**

Thursday, May 04, 2006

Elizabeth "Betty" Leland, 97, Wabash, passed away at 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, with the Reverend Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery in Wabash County.

Visitation is 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Frances I. Michalski, 92**

Friday, May 05, 2006 – Saturday, May 06, 2006

Frances I. Michalski, 92, formerly of Denver, passed away at 10:33 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at Waterford Health Campus, Kokomo. She was born on June 7, 1913 in Miami County to Franklin Wilmer and Gertrude Staller Imhoff. On November 28, 1942, she married Joseph Anthony Michalski in Philadelphia. He preceded her in death on November 1, 2000.

Michalski was a member of the Denver Baptist Church, and had attended the First Baptist Church in Kokomo since relocating there in the 1970's. The 1931 Chili High School graduate later attended Mt. Sinai College in Philadelphia, where she graduated from the School of Nursing. She worked as a nurse in the Kokomo area for many years, and she also helped her husband with an antique store that the couple owned at the corner of Main and Broadway in Peru.

She is survived by a great-nephew, Chris Imhoff-Hadlock, Bicknell; a great-niece, Caitlin Ann Imhoff, Van Buren; and great-great-nephews, Hunter Owen and Loghan Porter Hadlock, and one great-great niece, Kaylee Alexis Hadlock.

Aside from her husband, Michalski was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Russell and Elvin Imhoff; and a nephew, Randall Lee Imhoff, whom she raised as a son.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Paul A. Martin officiating. Graveside services will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Pastor Steve Bate officiating.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, as well as 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

### **Michael J. Hubert, 69**

Friday, May 05, 2006 – Saturday, May 06, 2006

Michael J. Hubert, 69, Peru, passed away at 8:54 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on February 12, 1937 in Detroit to Reginald Hubert and Dorothy (Axford) Jenkins. On December 29, 1957 he married Lydia Acciaoli, and she survives.

Hubert had been retired after serving 21 1/2 years in the military. He had worked for Kennedy Catering Service at Grissom Air Force Base, as well as was the owner and operator of the M & J Heritage Cafe in Peru.

Hubert served in the United States Army during both the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts.

He attended St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru.

Aside from his wife, Hubert is survived by son, Michael R. Hubert and wife Wanda, Breezewood, Pennsylvania; daughter, Katherine Little and companion, Kenneth Kessinger, Delaware, Ohio; special friend, Ann Hawley, Peru; grandchildren, Jennifer M. Hubert and Jessica R. Hubert, each of Breezewood, and Abbey Rose Kessinger, Delaware, Ohio; and one sister, Madeline Winbush, Detroit.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Patricia 'Patty' Ann Hubert; and one sister, Ellen Conner.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Marion (Indiana) National Service.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled Veterans.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Ruth Hartz, 91**

Sunday, May 07, 2006

Ruth Hartz, 91, Peru, passed away at 12:59 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on July 1, 1914 in Vincennes to Claud A. and Lucinda Birdlow Bowman. She married Charles N. Hartz on Dec. 4, 1937 in Greenfield, and he passed away on Aug. 8, 1966.

She was employed by Ben-Hur Life Insurance Company and then went to work for Scheerer and Hyde Accounting Service in 1960. She remained there until her retirement in 1990.

She graduated from Peru High School in 1931 and was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James Hartz and wife Linda, Indianapolis, and Hanley "Hank" Hartz and his wife Sharon, Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Ferne Metzger, Marion; grandchildren Julie Sink, Stewart Hartz, Alexander Hartz, Andrew Hartz, Nathan Hartz, Ryan Hartz, Timothy Hartz, Aaron Hartz, Brian Hartz and Andrea Hartz; great-grandchildren Holly Sink, Kristen Sink, Caitlynn Sink and Andrew Michael Hartz II; and a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Hartz, Franklin.

She was preceded in death by sons Charles L. Hartz and wife Bonnie, and Michael S. Hartz; a daughter, Suzanne Hartz; and a grandson, Gregg D. Hartz.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Main Street United Methodist Church.

### **Edward J. Carlson, 71**

Monday, May 08, 2006

Edward J. Carlson, 71, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:09 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Memorial Hospital, Ormond Beach, Florida.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 26, 1935 to Edward and Anna (Szcawinski) Carlson. He married Vilma Cheli, who passed away on September 26, 1995. He later married Velda Richter, who passed away on September 25, 2003.

Carlson retired after serving 20 years in the United States Air Force, and also formerly owned and operated the News Mart, Peru. He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, as well as member of the Good Sams RV Club and the Moose Lodge. Carlson is survived by son, Mark Carlson and wife Jennifer, Columbus; four grandchildren, Kelsie, Kenadie, Katie, and Kyle Carlson; step-daughters, Juanita Kennedy and husband Tom, and Cheryl Thomas and husband Jeff; step-son, Ralph Starek; sister, Audrey Sturk and husband John, Hobart; sister-in-law, Karen Carlson. Aside from both wives, Carlson was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Tom. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Paul Cochran officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, prior to the funeral.

Military services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.



**Charles H. Bates, 69**

Tuesday, May 09, 2006

Charles H. Bates, 69, Logansport, passed away at 3:35 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. There are no funeral services planned. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Joshua D. Baker, 25**

Tuesday, May 09, 2006

Joshua D. Baker, 25, Logansport, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, May 8, 2006 in Wabash. He was born on Jan. 22, 1981 in Hyden, Ky. to James M. Baker and Bertha Shrock Wright. He was engaged to be married to Rocio M. Arias. He attended Abundant Life Church, Kokomo, and worked for Continental Construction. Survivors include his fiancée; parents James A. Baker, Peru, and Bertha Wright and husband Ron, Peru; his grandmother, Della Shrock, Peru; a brother, James Baker, Peru; a step-brother, Gene Wright, Rochester; and two nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by a son, Brayden Malik Baker. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Betty O. "Bee" Brown, 86**

Tuesday, May 09, 2006

Betty O. "Bee" Brown, 86, Peru, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru, where she had been a resident since January 2003. She was born Dec. 25, 1919 in Peru to Floyd T. and Eva B. Devaney Guillaume. She married Eugene H. "Charlie" Brown on Feb. 3, 1940 in Bedford, and he preceded her in death on June 3, 1996.

Brown graduated from Peru High School in 1937, and then went to work at McLaughlin on Chili Avenue. She worked as a secretary at the YMCA from the mid 1950s (during the building campaign) until 2002. For 28 years she and her husband sponsored the YMCA Trianglen Club for teenage girls. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

During her life she enjoyed horseback riding, feeding the birds when she and her husband lived on Hoover Avenue, her many pet poodles, and caring for injured animals and birds and nursing them back to health. She and her husband also ran Bee's Ceramic Pour House in their basement for many years.

Survivors include a son, Nyles "Nick" Brown and wife Nancy of Macy; two sisters, Marjorie Coon, Monticello and Linda Dowell, Altamonte Springs, Fla.; four grandchildren, Donna Campbell, Ohatchee, Ala., Tina Moyer and husband Don, Nappanee, David Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Darren Brown and wife Karri, Chili; a step-grandchild, Darrell J. Ege and wife Sarah, Cincinnati, Ohio; seven great-grandchildren, Brandon, Dalton, Dylan, Kyleigh and Colin Brown, and Amber and Kristen Moyer; two sisters-in-law, Marjorie Thompson and Louise Brown, both of Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two infant brothers; one infant sister; a brother, Robert C. Guillaume; a sister, Beverly S. Martinez; a step-grand-daughter, Marsha Kotterman; and a great-granddaughter, Kayla Isbell.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Velma L. Schultz, 79**

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Velma L. Schultz, 79, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Carol Kay Weesner, 68**

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Carol Kay Weesner, 68, Marion, passed away at 6 a.m. on April 14, 2006 at Marion General Hospital, Marion.

She was born June 11, 1937 in Peru to the late Lee W. and Mildred L. (Odum) Deck and was a resident of Marion since January 1959. She married Thomas Weesner on June 28, 1958. He survives. Weesner was a 1955 graduate of Peru High School. She received a bachelor's degree from Ball State University in 1959 graduating with a music major and a business minor. She was a teacher's assistant and retired from Marion Community Schools. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Marion, a member of Chi Omega and Psi Iota Xi and was a 42 year member of Un-group Club and the Good Sam Club Chapter 5. Survivors other than her husband include two sons, T. Jeffrey Weesner, Marion, and Stuart Weesner and wife Jackie, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Lori A. Weesner, Miami, Fla.; a brother, Larry Deck and wife Pat, Grosse Point Park, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Rev. Ed Fritz officiating.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Velma L. Schultz, 79**

Thursday, May 11, 2006

Velma L. Schultz, 79, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at her residence. She was born Dec. 22, 1926 in Hattiesburg, Miss. to the late Levastus and Bessie (Whitehead) Watts. She married Irvin Bedwell and then Donald Schultz. Both preceded her in death. Schultz was a homemaker and formerly owned and operated Velma's Beauty Shop in Peru for several years. She also was a seamstress and was a self-taught organist and pianist. In addition, she was a member of First Church of Christ in Peru. Survivors include a son, Kenneth Bedwell and wife Judy, Akron; two daughters, Alice Bedwell Cox, South Haven, Miss., and Linda Queeney and husband William, Bellevue, Neb.; a sister, Inez Sailors, Peru; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands, her parents and a sister, Hazel D. Oyler. A graveside service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor Alan Lickfeldt officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary L. Rothermel, 81**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Mary L. Rothermel, 81, Peru, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lucinda A. "Cindy" Peterson, 88**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Lucinda A. "Cindy" Peterson, 88, Goshen, passed away at 3:27 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at Goshen Hospital's Emergency Room after two years of declining health. Her daughter, Linda Orr, is a Peru resident. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main Street, Goshen. Burial will follow at Violet Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Condolences may be sent online to [yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://yoderculpfuneralhome.com). Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

**Gabrielle K. Boger, infant**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Gabrielle K. Boger, an infant, Peru, passed away at 1:18 p.m. on May 9, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on May 9, 2006 in Peru to Timothy Boger, Wabash, and Kimberly Miller, Peru. Survivors other than her parents include grandparents Robert and Vickie Miller, Peru, and Rob and Stacy McKenzie, Wabash; a great-grandmother, Kathy Graeber; aunts Rebecca Hovis, Michelle Miller and Brenda Miller; an uncle, William Miller II; two great-uncles, David Miller and T.J. Newsome; and cousins Damion, Blake and Helena Atkins. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, Cass County, with Pastor Mary Everding officiating. Burial will follow. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Richard W. "Dick" Gould, 83**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Richard W. "Dick" Gould, 83, Peru, passed away at 6:35 a.m. on May 11, 2006 at St. Joseph Health Care Center, Kokomo. He was born Dec. 28, 1922 in Peru to John D. Gould and Bertha (Walther) Gould. He married Lorraine E. Gould on Dec. 12, 1948, and she survives. Gould was retired from Delco, and was the former owner/operator of the Suburban Mobile Home Park, Peru. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII, and enjoyed wood working and yard work. Survivors include three sons, Kent R. Gould and wife Devonna, Peru, Bruce M. Gould and wife Pam, Nashville, Ind., and Mark D. Gould and wife Kristeen, Fishers; seven grandchildren, Sarah, Nicholas, Dustin, Brian, Jennifer, Julia and Emily; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John D. and Edwin C. Gould; and three sisters, Marjorie, Dorothy and Helen. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, with military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Ernest E. Pesicka, 86**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Ernest E. Pesicka, 86, Peru, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at Howard Regional Hospital after a brief and courageous battle with lung cancer and emphysema. He was born on November 28, 1919 in Lake Andes, S.D., to James P. and Eva Miley. He married the former Gloria Wallace on July 20, 1943, in Palo Alto, Pennsylvania and was married for 41 years prior to her passing on February 4, 1984. He entered the United States Army on November 14, 1941, and served with the 3rd Armored Division and fought in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II; he participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with five Bronze Stars and the World War II

Victory Medal. Upon discharge, he farmed around Armour and Corsica, S.D. He also worked for E.L. Lien Road Construction Company prior to relocating to Peru in 1968 to accept employment with the Square D Company, where he worked until retiring in 1984. After retiring, he remained active by delivering pies for Moore's Pies, Kokomo, and by driving cars for Schwartz Ford in Peru. Later he worked for Ronnie Jett Auto. He loved to play bingo, poker, walk and spend time with family. Survivors include six sisters, Joan LeDoux, Lorraine Brunner, Pearl Farke, Leona Pape, Ruth Creasey, and Goldie Kolecka; three sons, Ernest V. Pesicka of Warrensburg, Mo., James Pesicka of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Richard Pesicka also of Colorado Springs; two daughters, Mary Christopher and Peg Van Dyne, both of Peru; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by brother Lloyd and sisters Mabel Farke and Rose Fryda, and half-sisters May Miley and Elsie Bucholz. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with Deacon Truman T. Stevens officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military Graveside Service will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Wake and visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday

**Lilly J. Overman, 74**

Friday, May 12, 2006

Lilly J. Overman, 74, Denver, passed away at 2:37 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Services are pending at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, Kokomo.

**Lilly Jo Ann Overman, 74**

Saturday, May 13, 2006

Lilly Jo Ann Overman, 74, Chili, passed away at 2:37 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on October 19, 1931 in Kokomo to the late Benton Jerome Weir and the late Leona P. (Perkins) Weir. She married John W. "Bill" Overman in 1961 in Kokomo, and he preceded her Sept 21, 2001. She was employed with Delco for 30 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed playing Bingo, crocheting, and loved her grandchildren and her dogs. Survivors include two daughters, Debra Maxwell and husband Bruce, Denver, and Sharon L. Lowther and husband, Michael, Tulsa, Okla.; three sons, William Overman and wife Vickie, Carmel, Mark Overman, Tulsa, and John Overman and companion Melody George, Kokomo; two brothers, Gene Weir and wife Beverly, Kokomo, and Rudy Weir of Russiaville; one sister, Hazel Nichols, Russiaville; 18 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John W. "Bill" Overman in 2001; and two brothers, Don Weir and Bill Weir. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main Street, Kokomo, with Reverend Harold Williams officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery, Howard County. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a VFW Auxiliary Memorial service at 6:30 p.m.

**Mary L Rothermel, 81**

Saturday, May 13, 2006

Mary L. Rothermel, 81, Peru, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at her residence. She was born on June 17, 1924 in Peru to John P. and Helen Becker Rothermel. She was employed at Bryan Steam Corp. from 1984 until 1991 as executive secretary to the president until her retirement. She graduated from Peru High School in 1941, was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Daughter of Isabella, Altar and Rosary Society and Tri Kappa. She volunteered for the Red Cross, Dukes Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus Voyager. Survivors include two sisters, Marjorie Hansen, Indianapolis, and Veronica Parsons and husband Herb, Peru; a brother, Stephen Rothermel and wife Mary Elizabeth of Lake Charles, La.; a sister-in-law, Carole Rothermel, Peru, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Richard and John Rothermel, and a sister, Helen Rothermel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, with a prayer service at 5 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials can be made through the funeral home to St. Charles School or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Gayle Carrothers Hurst, 77**

Saturday, May 13, 2006 - Monday, May 15, 2006

Gayle Carrothers Hurst, 77, of Macy, passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at her residence. Born September 23, 1928 in Roann, she was the daughter of Carl and Rhoda Bacon Carrothers. On February 17, 1951 in Claypool she was married to Philip B. Hurst, and he survives. Gayle attended Liberty Baptist Church in Rochester. She served as class valedictorian at both Claypool High School in 1946 and St. Joseph Nurses School in Kokomo in 1949. As a registered nurse, she worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru and retired from Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. Survivors include two sons, David P. Hurst, and wife Liane; and Andrew B. Hurst, all of Macy; three daughters, LuAnn E. Hurst, Pierceton; Libby E. Working and husband Jeff, Macy; and Sarah E. Bonesteel and husband Bob, Greentown; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Lennis Wise, Warsaw; Laura Minter, Walkerton; Mary Whisler, Bradenton, Fla.; Thelma Ring, Ft. Wayne; and June Kramer, Rochester. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Carrothers. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester, with Pastor Todd Kauffman officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home and one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the church.

**Marguerite E. Crider, 77**

Monday, May 15, 2006

Marguerite E. Crider, 77, Peru, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born on March 18, 1929 in Peru to Earl and Clara (Scott) Steele, and married Donald Crider, who preceded her in death in 1998. Crider was a homemaker. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, Mary Swihart, Gaylord and Phyllis Swihart, Jerry and Sally Swihart, Hank and Diane Steele, Jim Steele, Danny and Donna Steele, Ruby Steele, Susie and Ollie Perkins; brother, Bobby Steele, Peru; and sister, Lula Bookwalter, Peru. Aside from her husband, Crider was preceded in death by her parents; and two children. Graveside memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Alma Johnson, 91**

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Alma Johnson, 91, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:34 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2006 at North Woods Village, Kokomo. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at New Hope Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor David Ross officiating and burial to follow. There is no visitation planned. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service.

**Marjorie O. Floyd, 100**

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Marjorie O. Floyd, 100, Peru, passed away at Caring Hands Health Care Facility, Peru, at 6:50 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2006. She was born in Friends Creek Township, Macon County, Ill. on January 11, 1906 to William E. and Edna M. (Coffman) Olson. On April 18, 1936 she married William Otis Floyd in Covington, and he passed away June 14, 1976.

Mrs. Floyd was a member of the Clinton United Methodist Church, Clinton, Ill. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star for more than 50 years, having served as Worthy Matron of Amon Chapter #136. She was a retired school teacher, retiring in 1971 from DeLand-Weldon Elementary School. As a teacher she left a legacy to many, and some went on in life to become teachers. As a mother and grandmother she set a great example and gave much love - she will be missed by all her family. She admonished all her family to love one another, be kind to each other, and keep Christ in their hearts. Survivors include two sons, William O. Floyd and wife Joye, Clinton, Ill., and Dee O. Floyd and wife Joan, Ocala, Fla.; one daughter, Kay Weideman and husband Jack, Peru; a son-in-law, Kenneth Riddle, Clinton, Ill.; one sister, Lois Black, Boynton Beach, Fla.; 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Lucianna Riddle and Betty Carmichael; two sons, Robert Floyd and Jackie Floyd; one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, with the Reverend C. Don Ferrill officiating. All friends are welcome. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Ill. with interment in Weldon Cemetery, Weldon, Ill. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life in Peru, c/o Kay Weideman, 4211 W. 250 S., Peru, IN 46970.

**Mary Elizabeth Bobel, 91**

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mary Elizabeth Bobel, 91, Bowling Green, Ohio, formerly of Haskins, Ohio, passed away on May 13, 2006 at Alterra Sterling House, Bowling Green, Ohio. She was born April 20, 1915 in Toledo to Harry Stanley and Mabel (Andrews) Blaine. She married Robert John Bobel on June 15, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on July 5, 1977. Mary graduated from Devilbiss High School and Stautzenberger Business College. She was a member of the Haskins Federated Church and the Garden and Trowel Garden Club. She pursued her lifelong loves of family, home and gardening, and setting a positive example for her many loved ones. Survivors include her daughter, Beth Ware, Bowling Green; sons David of Peru, Bob of Lymm, United Kingdom, Ron of Mobile, Ala., and Fred of Bowling Green; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandson and two brothers. Funeral services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Peinert Funeral Homes, Tontogany, Ohio, with Pastor Mary Wood officiating. Burial will follow at Union Hill Cemetery, Bowling Green. Friends and family may call on Wednesday from 3 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or to Wood County Humane Society.

**Bernadine Grogg, 89**

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Bernadine Grogg, 89, Peru, passed away at 1:25 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on Nov. 17, 1916 in Gilmer Co., W.V., to John Thomas Lewis and Lottie Stalnaker Lewis. She married Paul W. Grogg on Dec. 22, 1935 and he passed away on June 17, 1991. She was a retired cook from the Square Deal Truck Stop, Peru, and was a member of Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church, Wabash. Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Carroll and husband Billy, Wabash, and Barbara Westerfelhus, Peru; a son, Larry Grogg and wife Donna, Peru; six grandchildren, Kim Shaneyfelt, Larry Grogg Jr., Kelly Hawk, Karen Pearson, Kathryn Bell and Dr. William Pitney; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four brothers and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Douglas Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home.

**Esther V. Lewis, 92**

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Esther V. Lewis, 92, Peru, passed away at 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Arthur Allen Wilson, 54**

Thursday, May 18, 2006 - Saturday, May 20, 2006

Arthur Allen Wilson, 54, Terre Haute, passed away at 12:10 p.m. on Sunday, May 14, 2006 at Health South Hospital, Terre Haute. Memorial services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Fitzpatrick-Pearce Funeral Home, West Terre Haute, with the Reverend Jack Diel officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

**Wayne Leroy Warner, 81**

Thursday, May 18, 2006 - Saturday, May 20, 2006

Wayne Leroy Warner, 81, Peru, passed away at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

He was born on November 19, 1924 in Union Township, Miami County, to Orren Seymour and Mary Elizabeth (King) Warner. On October 6, 1945, he married Norma Jean Longstreth in Peru, and she survives. Aside from his wife, Warner is survived by five children, Teresa Ruth Martinez, Greenwood, Nicki Rose Wilson, Rochester, Jodi Jean Warner, Huntersville, North Carolina, Timothy Wayne Warner and wife Lori A., Mexico, Melissa Ann Warner-Ulla and husband Michael L., Huntersville; eight grandchildren, Ryan Allen McClain, Carmel, Bradley Andrew McClain, Denver, Brandon Nicholas Warner, Las Vegas, Zachary Eli Warner, Carmel, Seth Matthew Wilson, Rochester, Paula Leann Knerum, Martinsville, West Virginia, Nathan John Ulla, Huntersville, and Gabriella Grace Ulla, Huntersville; nine great-grandchildren, Tyler Phillip McClain, Allyson Taylor McClain, Elijah Michael McClain, Christian Nicholas Warner, Katie Grace Mack-Warner, Sky G. Warner, Madison Star Knerum, Destiny Marie Knerum, and Caleb Mark Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Mark Wilson; a brother, Raymond Warner; a sister, Thelma Howell; a half-brother, Loeres Orren Warner; and a half-sister, Beulah Irene Maus. Funeral services are being conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Life United Methodist Church.

**Eva Pearl Haynes, 96**

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Eva Pearl Haynes, 96, formerly of rural Roann, died at 9:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash, where she had lived the past five years. She was born on October 30, 1909 in Hoover, to John and Pearl (Fivecoate) Bowman. She married Floyd K. Haynes in Amboy on February 19, 1933; he died June 6, 1994. She was a 1928 Somerset High School graduate and attended Marion Business College. She was a member of the Roann Church of the Brethren. Eva was true to her faith and was an inspiration to everyone. She is survived by son, Arthur Jay Haynes and wife Rachel, Elwood; daughter Judith Ann Nygard and husband Leigh, Galesburg, Ill.; step-daughter Betty Jane Creek of Sellersburg; two foster daughters, Maxine Hart and husband Brad, Ohio, and Margaret Hargrove, Illinois; a brother, James Bowman and wife Martha, Indianapolis; a sister, Mary Hodson, Marion; and 11 grandchildren, four step grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, five step great grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, John W. Haynes, who died in 2000; two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Roann Church of the Brethren with Rev. Leigh Nygard officiating.

Burial will be at Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset.

Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 Chippewa Street, Roann.

The memorial guest book for Eva may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Robert W. Bell, 76**

Monday, May 22, 2006

Robert W. Bell, 76, Wabash, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:27 a.m. on May 19, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born on Oct. 3, 1929 in Miami County to Truman and Katherine Mughmaw Bell. He married Norma J Moffatt on May 7, 1954, and she survives.

Bell was a retired foreman from General Tire, Wabash, where he worked for 31 years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and was a member of the Mosse Lodge, Peru.

Survivors include two sons, David Bell and wife Katrina, Wabash, and Robert A. Bell and wife Vickie, Bloomer, Wis.; a grandson, Anthony Bell; and a sister, Phyllis Willis, Decatur, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Lena Lucille Thomas, 76**

Monday, May 22, 2006

Lena Lucille Thomas, 76, Marshalltown, Iowa, formerly of Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Her death came peacefully with her family at her side. She was born Lena Lucille Oden in Wells County on November 9, 1929, to Jesse Verne and Delora Twibell Oden, both deceased. On November 26, 1971 she was united in marriage to Frank Thomas, who survives. The couple lived in the Peru area where she was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church and was employed at Redmon's Basket Factory. She attended school in Amboy. They moved to Marshalltown eleven years ago. She has attended the Calvary Baptist Church there, and enjoyed spending time at Kathe's Krafts in Marshalltown.

Lucille will be fondly remembered for her love of family. She enjoyed crocheting and ceramics. She crocheted many blankets and sleepers for the neonatal department of the Research Hospital in Kansas City, and also won several awards for her ceramics. Left to mourn her loss are her loving husband of 34 years, Frank, Marshalltown; sons Dan Drake and wife Marlene, and Tim Drake and wife Anglea; and daughter-in-law Jan Drake, all of Peru; ten grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; step-daughters Sandra and Debbie, both of Palmetto, Fla.; step-children Patty Murphy and husband Time and Ken Thomas, of Kokomo; her four sisters, Naomi Brown, Marion; Kathryn Ramsey, Amboy; Marietta Barnhart, Bluffton; and Nina Bowland and husband Clyde, Kokomo; and brother Paul Oden, Jonesboro; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. In death she has rejoined her son Franklin David Drake, Jr., and her parents. Funeral services will be Monday, May 22, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. the funeral home.

**Esther V. Lewis, 92**

Saturday, May 20, 2006 - Monday, May 22, 2006

Esther V. Lewis, 92, Peru, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1913 in Peru to Ira and Lenetta (Sanders) Lewis. She retired from Senger Dry Goods as a bookkeeper and was a graduate of Peru High School. She was also a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, where she was part of the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include a sister, Antoinette I. Lewis, Peru; two sisters-in-law, Jaqueline Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis., and Joyce Lewis, Champaign, Ill.; nephews Father Dennis Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis., Tim Lewis, Waukesa, Wis., Brian Lewis and wife Diane, Delafield, Wis., Mark Lewis and wife Lauren, Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kevin Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis., Dr. Jay V. Lewis and wife Kathleen, Peru, Mike Lewis, Madison, Wis., and Jeffery Lewis, Darmstadt, Germany; nieces Mary Kubiak and husband Norman, Jackson, Wis., Colleen Coon and husband Tom, Cudhay, Wis., Jennifer Neubauer and husband Phil, Sedwickley Heights, Penn., Dorothy Lewis, Milwaukee, Wis., and Carla Murtha, Peru; and 18 great nieces and nephews, one great-great-niece and one great-great nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Dorothy Bennet and Doloris Murtha; brothers John V. Lewis and Paul F. Lewis, and a great-great niece, Virginia Anne Lewis. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Father Dennis Lewis officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Ila M. Gross, 90**

Monday, May 22, 2006

Ila M. Gross, 90, formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at St. Mary's Health Care, Lafayette, following an extended illness. She was born on March 20, 1916 in Irvine, Kentucky to Samuel and Alice Marie (Howell) Sparks. On January 8, 1931, she married Jessie Gross, who preceded her in death on December 16, 1976. The homemaker, who was the last of 10 children, was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru. Gross is survived by two daughters, Pauline Smith, South Carolina, and Jean Shay and husband Les, Delphi; four sons, Paul Edward Gross, Denver, Raymond 'Charles' Gross, Tijuana, Mexico, Elmer James Gross and wife Alice Ann, Peru, and Jesse Wayne Gross, Peru; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Gene D. Johnson, 70**

Monday, May 22, 2006

Gene D. Johnson, 70, Bunker Hill, passed away at 11:59 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on September 12, 1935 in Dayton, Ohio to William and Mary (Ohlrogge) Johnson. On June 16, 1962, he married Linda Byington, and she survives. The retired auto mechanic was a member of Bunker Hill First Baptist Church, and had served in the United States Air Force. Aside from his wife, Johnson is survived by three sons, Mike Johnson and wife Shelly, Kingston, Georgia, Richard 'Rick' Johnson and wife Jeanie, Kokomo, and David Johnson and wife Tammy, Wabash; one brother, Ronald Johnson, Kentucky; one sister, Mary bean, Ohio; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and three sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be at Marion (Indiana) National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Marjorie Ellen Yocum, 84**

Tuesday, May 23, 2006

Marjorie Ellen Yocum, 84, rural Roann, passed away at 6:45 a.m. on May 22, 2006 at her home. She was born on Aug. 12, 1921 in Miami County to Ralph and Mary Yarian Sausaman. She married Ross E. Yocum in Roann on July 27, 1950, and he passed away on July 30, 1988. She was a graduate of Gilead High School and a member of the Roann Church of the Brethren. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Lou Bowland and husband Charlie of Roann. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sue Ellen Yocum, who died in 1955. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the First Brethren Church, Roann, with Rev. Kurt Snyder, Pastor Glen Whisler and Guy Provance officiating. Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Memorial contributions can be made to the Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice.

**Carl Pope, 61**

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Carl Pope, 61, Peru, passed away at 7 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at his home. He was born on Sept. 2, 1944 at Lake Village, Ark., to Simon and Molly Weathers Pope. Survivors include two daughters, Debra Curtis and husband William, and Penny Esquivel and husband Michael, both of Pine Bluff, Ark.; two sons, Carl Pope Jr. and Robert Pope, also of Pine Bluff, Ark.; sisters Nelda Knight, Texas, Shirley Taylor and Carolyn Hayes, both of Lake Village, Ark.; brothers Charles Pope and wife Karen, Peru, and Hardy Pope and wife Janice, Lake Village, Ark.; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flat Bayou Cemetery, Altheimer, Ark., with burial to follow. There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary E. Boettjer, 87**

Tuesday, May 23, 2006 - Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mary E. Boettjer, 87, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on May 21, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born on July 4, 1918 in Peru to Ray and Joy Sawyer Hand. She married William "Dutch" Boettjer on Sept. 2, 1934, and he passed away on May 13, 1991. Boettjer was retired from Wabash Magnetics and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Werner and husband Michael, Kokomo, and Betty Irene Stratton and husband Richard, Dothan, Ala.; a son, William "Bill" Boettjer and wife Diana, Harrodsburg; two brothers, William Hand and wife Phyllis, and Herbert Hand and wife Dianna, both of Peru; a brother-in-law, Ed Burns, Denver; two sisters, Mae Belle Venice and Marjorie Coppernoll, both of Peru; and nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, Ray Hand Jr.; three sisters, Bernice Finicle, Jeanne Sharp and Peggy Burns; and a grandson and great-grandson. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating and burial to follow. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

**George Ray Townsend, 68**

Thursday, May 25, 2006

George Ray Townsend, 68, Peru, passed away at 6:32 p.m. on May 22, 2006, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on Feb. 22, 1938 in Bowen, Ky., to Bill and Edna Hudson Townsend. He married Vivian Sparks on Sept. 21, 1977, and she survives. Townsend retired from Bryan Steam after 28 years of service. He was a member of Zion Chapel Church, and a member of the boilermaker-blacksmith union. He loved spending time with his family, fishing, camping and mushroom hunting, and coon and rabbit hunting on the farm. He also enjoyed helping his family on the farm and going to his grandkids' games. Survivors include two daughters, Anita K. Flitcraft and husband Ron, Peru, and Frieda S. Musall and husband Ronald, Denver; a son, Jack S. Harding and wife Darleen, Peru; two very special grandkids, Janel Harding and Amy Harding, Peru; brothers Jay Townsend and wife Bonnie, Monroe, Ga., and Charles "Ray" Reed and wife Marie "Tootsie", Mt. Sterling, Ky.; and sisters Helena White and husband Russell, Peru, and Jonetta Jones and husband Jerry, Monticello. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Thelma Hurlburt, and two brothers, Billy Townsend Jr. and Robert Townsend. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Zion Chapel, 915 S. Broadway, with Pastor Rod Correll and Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to Zion Chapel Church.

**John F. Spahr, Jr., M.D., 91**

Thursday, May 25, 2006

John F. Spahr, Jr., M.D., 91, Peru, passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington. Born in Huntington on August 31, 1914, to John F., Sr., and Elsie May (Allen) Spahr, Dr. Spahr received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1936. In 1940 he received his medical degree from Indiana University. He was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternities. After completing a medical residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, Dr. Spahr opened a private medical practice in Indianapolis in 1944. He also served as attending physician at clinics at Indiana University Medical Center and at Marion County General Hospital in Indianapolis. Dr. Spahr retired from practicing medicine in 1983.

Dr. Spahr married Marian A. Roberts on May 4, 1941, and they raised their four children while living in Indianapolis. Marian and John Spahr moved to Peru in 1992, and she died on October 10, 2000. Upon their arrival in Peru, Marian and John Spahr joined the congregation at the First Christian Church where they remained members throughout the balance of their lives. They shared an interest in bridge. John read avidly and enjoyed classical music, including opera. Dr. Spahr is survived by three of his children, Mary Ann Dunfee and husband M. Tim; Robert Spahr and wife Nancy; and Susan Thomas and husband Macklin. One son, John Spahr III predeceased Dr. Spahr, but he is survived by daughter-in-law Glenda Spahr. Dr. Spahr had 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Friday at the First Christian Church, 53 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Auer Hall organ project at the Indiana University - Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, or to the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

**Helen Schuler Gribbin, 94**

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Helen Schuler Gribbin, 94, rural Peru, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2006 at her home. She was born on March 7, 1912 in Wabash County to Myrl and Maude (Smith) Schuler, and later married James B. Gribbin, and he preceded her in death in 1978. Gribbin was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash, and attended St. Pius X in Flagstaff, Arizona. She volunteered for five years at Flagstaff Medical Center in the surgical waiting room, where she received a pin for 10,000 hours of service. Gribbin also worked for Honeywell in Wabash for a decade. She is survived by three daughters, Kay Alwine, Peru, Patricia Simonelli, Phoenix, and Bobbie Baca, Flagstaff; one sister-in-law, Margaret Schuler, Wabash; 11 grandchildren, Richard Alwine, Kissimmee, Florida, Ronald Alwine and wife Dee Dee, Orlando, Robert Alwine and wife Karen, Peru, Jamie Gribben, Wabash, Mike Gribben and wife Lori, Waterford, Michigan, Joe Gribben and wife Lisa, Wabash, Deedra Simonelli and husband James Webb, Phoenix, John Simonelli and wife Sandra, phoenix, Yvonne Valdes and husband Rick, Vince Baca and wife J.J., and Valerie Baca, each of Flagstaff; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Aside from her husband, Gribbin was preceded in death by her parents; one son, James D. Gribbin; one brother, Robert Schuler; and three sisters, Mary Billington, Katherine Schuler, and Maxine Scott. Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with Father Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be at Falls cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. The memorial guestbook for Gribben may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials may be made to C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocacy Program).

**Harry R. Hart, 61**

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Harry R. Hart, 61, passed away at 1:47 a.m. on April 18, 2006 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on May 25, 1944 in Marion to Harry Francis and Margaret B. Hart. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, retired from the reserves and from government civil service. He gave his life to government service, and gave his body as an anatomical gift to science. Survivors include his mother; brothers Chester and Paul Hart; twin sisters Stella and Della; children Christina R. Gutzmer, Paul F. Sammons and Shawna L. West; and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and a twin sister, Mary. Condolences may be mailed to Roy and Susan Griewank, 4394 W. S.R. 218, Peru IN 46970.

**Marjorie A. Rothermel Hansen, 83**

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Marjorie A. Rothermel Hansen, 83, Indianapolis, passed away at 2:20 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lola Pearl Ulerick, 103**

Friday, May 26, 2006

Lola Pearl Ulerick, 103, Rochester, passed away at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Twelve Mile, with Pastor Teri White officiating and burial to follow. Visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

**Bryan A. Dressel, 34**

Friday, May 26, 2006

Bryan A. Dressel, 34, Camelot Care Center, Logansport, passed away at his residence at 2:14 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2006. He was born Aug. 2, 1971 in Wabash to Gary L. Dressel, Kokomo, and Nancy J. (Shanabarger) Dressel, Peru. Survivors include his parents; four nieces, Emily, Ericka, Hanna and Abagayle; three nephews, Thaddeus, Joseph and Elijah; his maternal grandmother, Betty Shanabarger, Peru; an uncle, Jim Shanabarger and wife Nancy, Peru; and a twin brother and sister, Michael A. Dressel and wife Kim, Peru, and Heather M. Kalb and husband Greg, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Francis L. Shanabarger; a great-grandmother, Blanche Lewis; and an aunt, Dianna Shanabarger. Funeral services



will be at 11 a.m. Saturday on Mount Hope Chapel, 411 N. Grant St., Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Camelot Care Center in memory of Bryan Dressel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Marjorie A. Hansen, 83**

Friday, May 26, 2006

Marjorie A. Hansen, 83, of Indianapolis, passed into eternal life on May 24, 2006. She was born July 11, 1922 in Peru to John and Helen Marie (Becker) Rothermel. She married Robert A. Hansen in St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, on Feb. 3, 1957, and he preceded her in death on April 13, 1994. Marjorie was a graduate of Peru High School in 1940 and served in the U.S. Army during the latter part of WWII. Her military decorations include the Meritorious Unit Award, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Theater Ribbon and the WWII Victory Medal. She worked as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell for several years prior to her marriage in 1957. She and Bob started their family in Peru, later moving to Indianapolis to follow Robert's career as an architectural draftsman. She retired from Indiana Bell in 1982, after a continuation of her service once her children were grown. Marjorie had three sisters, Mary, Helen and Veronica and three brothers, John, Richard and Steve. She is survived by sister Veronica Parsons and her husband Herb of Peru; brother Steve Rothermel and his wife Mary Elizabeth of Lake Charles, La.; and a sister-in-law, Carole Rothermel, Peru; sons Robert J. Hansen and his wife Sherry of Mooresville, and Rex Hansen and his wife Carol of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Laura Hansen and William Hansen. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St. Peru. There will also be a Prayer Service at 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Charles Catholic Church.

**David C. "H.D." Brandt, 55**

Friday, May 26, 2006

David C. "H.D." Brandt, 55, former Huntington County coroner, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Arrangements are pending at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington.

**David C. 'H.D.' Brandt, 55**

Monday, May 29, 2006 - Tuesday, May 30, 2006

David C. 'H.D.' Brandt, 55, Huntington, passed away at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at Clarian Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on March 20, 1951 in Huntington to Carl O. and Helen Mae (Marshall) Brandt. On November 15, 1986 he married Cindy Weller in Peru, who survives. The 1969 Huntington High School graduate earned an associates degree in electronics from I.T.T. in Fort Wayne in 1971. Brandt worked for over 25 years at Indianapolis Raceway Park for the National Hot Rod Association, from 1981 until the time of his death. He served as the Huntington County Coroner for seven years, and was the emergency medical technician and dispatcher at Huntington Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. During his early years, Brandt worked with his father in the family bakery, the former 'Sweet Cup,' in Huntington and Memcor. He was also a certified first class firefighter. Brandt was a member of the Central Christian Church, Huntington, as well as a S.F.I. incident response instructor, a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Huntington, and was active in the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana, No Limits Diabetes, Inc., Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team for the State of Indiana, Indiana State Coroners Association, the Indiana Fire Instructors and International Association of Arson Investigators. He received a substantial number of awards and certifications pertaining to his involvements both local and nationwide. Aside from his wife, Cindy Weller Brandt, Huntington; Brandt is survived by a sister, Sandy Eddy and husband Warren, Fort Wayne; his mother-in-law, Miriam Weller, Peru; and his brother-in-law, Mike Weller, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Central Christian Church, Huntington, with the Reverend John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Family Life Center of the Central Christian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the No Limits Diabetes, Inc. in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Condolences may be e-mailed to [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

**Bruno Itin, 81**

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Bruno Itin, 81, West Lafayette, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Saturday, May 27, 2006. He was born on September 17, 1924 in Pfungen, Switzerland to Angelo and Valentina Itin. On August 20, 1955 he married Mary Evelyn Gross, and she survives. Itin was trained as a chef and baker in Winterthur, Switzerland, and as a young man, he went to Ticino, Switzerland, where he opened a bakery. After several years, he immigrated to Gary, Indiana in 1951, to be with his brother, Aldo Itin. He found construction work and held a second job working in the famous Flamingo Restaurant, where he made pizzas. In 1953, Itin moved to South Bend to work for the Volcano Restaurant, and he met Mary Evelyn. The couple moved to West Lafayette and opened Bruno's Pizza on August 30, 1955. In December of 1956, Itin became a naturalized American citizen. He was a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Knights of Columbus, Fastbreakers, and a 35-year member of the John Purdue Club. Itin was an avid Purdue sports fan, especially enjoying football. His passion was cooking and baking, and Itin also enjoyed traveling with his wife. He loved to watch boxing on TV, playing cards, painting and caring for his flowers. Itin never met a stranger, and especially enjoyed greeting and conversing with his customers. He took great pride in his family.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Orlando Itin, and Bruno Itin and wife Karen; daughter, Tina Wisma and husband Mike; sister, Ermida Itin, each of West Lafayette; sister, Nerina Barrera, Switzerland; and six granddaughters, Krista, Holly, Noelle, and Angela Itin, and Alexa Wisma. Itin was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Heidi Angelina Itin; and four brothers, Franco, Nerino, Ernesto, and Aldo Itin. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Soller-Baker West Lafayette Chapel. A Catholic Mass service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Church. Memorials may be made to the Wabash Center Inc., Children's Clinic, 2000 Greenbush Street, Lafayette, IN.

**Vivian Virginia Cain Sharp, 83**

Wednesday, May 31, 2006 - Thursday, June 01, 2006

Vivian Virginia Cain Sharp, 83, of Eastwood Apartments, passed away on Monday afternoon, May 29, 2006 at her residence. She was born on June 8, 1922 in Butler Township to Otto and Vivian Millican Cain. She married Pearl Edward Sharp on June 11, 1940 in Alto, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1980.

Sharp was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru. She was a 1940 graduate of Butler Township High School and retired after 28 years at Peru Junior High School as the cafeteria manager.

Survivors include children James R. Sharp and wife Joleen, Peru, Judith R. Fischer and husband Michael, Kokomo, Jill Musselman and husband Dallas, Twelve Mile, and Edwards J. Sharp and wife Barbara, Peru; two sisters, Dorothy Cain, Peru, and Patty Smith, Denver; two sisters-in-law, Jessie Louise Cain and Wilma Cain; 13 grandchildren, and many step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Julianna Robertson, four brothers and one sister.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Rev. James Hardin officiating and burial to follow. Memorial contributions can be made to First Baptist Church.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the arrangements. Condolences can be sent online at [mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://mcclainfuneralhome.com).

**Marian Elizabeth Smith Ewer Freeman, 91**

Friday, June 02, 2006

Marian Elizabeth Smith Ewer Freeman, 91, Peru, went to Heaven at 11 p.m. on May 31, 2006 at Hickory Creek Health Care Center, Peru, after failing health. She was born on Feb. 13, 1915 on the south side of Wabash to Marion and Lella Purdy Smith. She married Howard W. Ewer on Feb. 13, 1932, and he passed away on May 10, 1969. She then married Glen Freeman on Dec. 23, 1975 and he passed away on Oct. 22, 1993. Freeman was the youngest of six children and moved to Peru in her teens. She was a homemaker who took great pride in her residence of 69 years, and was well known for her cooking, fudge, cakes and pies.

Survivors include a son, Larry H. Ewer and wife Judy, Peru; a daughter, Sharon Kay Ewer Caldwell, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Dana Ewer, Peru; ten grandchildren, Brent, Brook, Tina, Trudy, Bart, Kristi, Kevin, Kelli, Heather and Chad; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her two husbands; a son, Thomas M. Ewer; two infant sons, Ronald Lee Ewer and Eugene F. Ewer; and two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Raymond Eugene Helton, 49**

Sunday, June 04, 2006

Raymond Eugene Helton, 49, formerly of Peru, passed away at his residence in Logansport on Thursday, June 1, 2006.

He was born on November 7, 1956 in Peru to Raymond and Marilyn (Manning) Helton. Helton was self-employed.

He is survived by a son, Jesse Helton and wife Jennifer; a step-son, Damon Miles; four brothers, Bruce Helton and wife Debbie, Walton, David Helton, Peru, John Helton and wife Sue, Peru, David Hiers, Indianapolis; seven sisters, Ann Robison and husband Les, Peru, Jane Townsend, Denver, Pam King and husband Bill, Kentucky, Vicki Lindeman and husband David, Michigan, Lori Mofield and husband Bill, Peru, Debbie Birner, Peru, and Charlotte Cruea and husband Phil, Peru; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Helton was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil 'Bud' Helton and Richard Helton; and two sisters, Joyce Eby and Alene Jackson.

There are no visitation or funeral services planned at this time.

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Audrey E. Noblitt, 91**

Monday, June 05, 2006

Audrey E. Noblitt, 91, Marion, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at her residence.

She was born on July 13, 1915 in orange County to Fred A. and Mary (Collins) Cleveland. On March 24, 1934, she married Howard F. Noblitt, and he preceded her in death on July 28, 1994.

Noblitt was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, and retired from the Canterbury House Furniture Company, Peru, where she worked as an upholsterer.

She enjoyed collecting many different items and going to auction sales with her husband.

Noblitt is survived by two daughters, Bettie L. Lemons and husband Wayne, Bloomfield, and Ruthann Noblitt, Marion; grandchildren, Richard A. Lemons and wife Debbie, Bloomfield, Tracy A. Hayes, Bloomington, Stacia S. Leeper, Bloomington, Vincent B. Sumpter and wife Nancy, Phoenix, and Carol D. Sumpter, Everett, Washington; great-grandchildren, Sarah and Allen Lemons, Mickey G., Tom A., J. Adam, and Honi D. Hayes, Joshua A. and Amy Leeper, Ariel N. Sumpter, Audrey Sumpter, Christen and Amanda Dotson; great-great-grandchildren, Caleb and Payton Hayes, Riley and Jailyne Leeper. Aside from her husband, Noblitt was preceded in death by her parents; nine brothers; and four sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion, with the Reverends Bob Adelsperger and Bob Doss officiating. A funeral service will also be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Bethel Church, Orleans. Visitation will be from 3 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Another visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at the Bethel I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Orange County. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Peru and/or the Bethel I.O.O.F. Cemetery of Orleans. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Idella Sommers, 91**

Tuesday, June 06, 2006

Idella Sommers, 91, Amboy, passed away at 3:48 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Idella Sommers, 91**

Wednesday, June 07, 2006

Idella Sommers, 91, Amboy, passed away at 3:48 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by her loving family. She was born December 21, 1914 in Miami County, the daughter of Willis and Jessie Bechtel Hostetler. She married Clyde D. Sommers on July 17, 1937, and he preceded her in death on February 8, 1992. On February 11, 1995 she married Ernest Sommers and he survives. Idella attended Clay Township High School. She worked at McLaughlin Manufacturing, Peru; Pleasant Rest Nursing home in Kokomo; and retired as a nursing assistant from St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Idella and her husband Clyde lovingly raised three children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was a member of Park View Mennonite church. She was a devoted wife, mother, loving grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Idella was an accomplished quilter and thoroughly enjoyed bird watching. Survivors include her husband, Ernie; two daughters, Eleanor Bieghler and husband Gerry, Kokomo; and Joyce Dittfield, Amboy; a son, Roger Sommers and wife Jean, Amboy; step-daughters Margaret Clark and her husband Lanny, Kokomo, and Cathy Smith and husband Larry, Young America; sisters Dorothea Miller, Peru and Pauline Hostetler, Kokomo; grandchildren Craig Spaulding and wife Debbie, Auburn, Travis Spaulding and wife Susie, Peru, Randall Spaulding and wife Laura, Sarasota, Fla., Audra Cobble and husband Christopher, Kokomo, Christina Gingerich and husband Kevin, Kokomo, Ryan Sommers and wife Linda, Mishawaka, and Robert Sommers and his wife Kristin, Sweetser; great-grandchildren Ethan Spaulding, Luke Spaulding, Micah Spaulding, Joel Spaulding, Mark Spaulding, Levi Spaulding, Ashli Spaulding, Sarah Cobble, Kathryn Gingerich, Kindra Gingerich, Carl Gingerich and Samuel Sommers. She was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of Idella Sommers will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Park View Mennonite Church, 1382 East 100 North, Kokomo, with pastors Jacob and Lillian Elias officiating. Burial will follow at Mast Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Park View Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made to the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy.

**Audrey E. Noblitt, 91**

Friday, June 09, 2006

Audrey E. Noblitt, 91, Marion, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at her residence. She was born on July 13, 1915 in Orange County to Fred A. and Mary (Collins) Cleveland. On March 24, 1934, she married Howard F. Noblitt, and he preceded her in death on July 28, 1994. Noblitt was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, and retired from the Canterbury House Furniture Company, Peru, where she worked as an upholsterer. She enjoyed collecting many different items and going to auction sales with her husband. Noblitt is survived by two daughters, Bettie L. Lemons and husband Wayne, Bloomfield, and Ruthann Noblitt, Marion; grandchildren, Richard A. Lemons and wife Debbie, Bloomfield, Tracy A. Hayes, Bloomington, Stacia S. Leeper, Bloomington, Candice M. Lemons of Bloomington, Vincent B. Sumpter and wife Nancy, Phoenix, and Carol D. Sumpter, Everett, Washington; great-grandchildren, Sarah and Allen Lemons, Mickey G., Tom A., J. Adam, and Honi D. Hayes, Joshua A. and Amy Leeper, Ariel N. Sumpter, Audrey Sumpter, Christen and Amanda Dotson; great-great-grandchildren, Caleb and Payton Hayes, Riley and Jailyne Leeper. Aside from her husband, Noblitt was preceded in death by her parents; nine brothers; and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion, with the Reverends Bob Adelsperger and Bob Doss officiating. A funeral service was also be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Bethel Church, Orleans. Visitation was from 3 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Another visitation was from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be at the Bethel I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Orange County. memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Peru and/or the Bethel I.O.O.F. Cemetery of Orleans. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Kathryn Ramsey, 86**

Friday, June 09, 2006

Kathryn Ramsey, 86, Amboy, passed away at 6 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy.

**Kathryn L. Ramsey, 86**

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Kathryn L. Ramsey, 86, Amboy, passed away at 6 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at her residence. She was born on November 20, 1919 in Wells County to LaVerne and Lette Delora (Twibell) Oden. On March 2, 1938, she married Walter L. Ramsey in Montpelier, and he preceded her in death on December 27, 1999. Ramsey was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church. She is survived by daughter, Phyllis Kile, Amboy; two daughters-in-law, Linda Ramsey, Kokomo, and Barbara Ramsey, Engelwood, Ohio; brother, Paul Oden, Jonesboro; three sisters, Naomi Brown, Marion, Nina Bowland, Kokomo, and Marietta Barnhart, Bluffton; seven grandchildren, Raymond Ramsey, New Hampshire, Rick Ramsey, Ohio, Teri Stuckey, Ohio, Lori Ramsey, Ohio, Roger Ramsey, Amboy, Tonya Hill, Russiaville, and Sarah Kile, Amboy; and 11 great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Ramsey was preceded in death by two sons, Ralph Ramsey and Robert Ramsey; sister, Lucille Thomas; and grandson, Ronald Ramsey. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with the Reverend David Taylor officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to The Guardian Angel Hospice.

**M. Evelyn Wilkinson, 90**

Saturday, June 10, 2006- Monday June 12, 2006

M. Evelyn Wilkinson, 90, Peru, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born on October 5, 1915 in Grant County to Virgil White and Bessie (Huffman) White Horton. On April 20, 1935, she married Joseph R. Wilkinson and he preceded her in death on April 12, 1979. Wilkinson was an avid reader in her younger days and was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church. She is survived by three daughters, Martha Lantz and husband Richard, Kokomo, Carolyn Showley and husband Lon, San Diego, and Lana Moyer and husband Paul, Logansport; five grandkids, Cindy Abel, Lafayette, Ginger Claytor and husband Clay, Newport News, Virginia, Kathy Thorpe, Berne, Eric Lantz and wife Janice, Peru, and Steve Dobler and wife Margie, Berne; and 13 great-grandkids, Chris, Rebakah, Blake, Matt, Shannon, Stacey, Michaelle, Ben, Grace, Diane, Terri, Alan and Jim. Aside from her husband, Wilkinson was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Andrew; and a brother, J. Russell White. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

**Mary Elizabeth Akard, 95**

Monday, June 12, 2006

Mary Elizabeth Akard, 95, Peru, passed away at 9 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Portland on May 23, 1911 to the Reverend L.A. and Audrey (Yarrington) Huddleston. She was married by her father, to Earl Keith Akard on April 26, 1946 in Indianapolis, and he preceded her in death on July 27, 1996. Mary was a retired teacher from the Richmond School Corporation, and from Knightstown Children's Home. She graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1929, Indiana Central College in Indianapolis, in 1933, and received her master's degree from Ball State Teacher's College. She was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include sons L. Earl Akard and wife Dianna, Peru; and Dr. William K. Akard, Mission, South Dakota; grandchildren Julie Akard Crider, Nashville, Tennessee, Jeffrey Akard, Lafayette, and Layla Akard, Prague, Czech Republic; and one great-grandson, Ryan Crider, Nashville. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Chris Calvin Huddleston. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Southlawn Cemetery, Dublin. Memorial contributions can be made to Parkview United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Bonita Lou Kotterman, 80**

Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Bonita Lou Kotterman, 80, Peru, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Monday, June 12, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on April 12, 1926 in Peru to Royle and Agnes Mays Bartholomew. She married Aaron C. Kotterman on June 20, 1947, and he passed away on Feb. 14, 2002. Kotterman was a member of First Christian Church, was a Peru High School graduate and a member of the Red Hat Society. Survivors include a daughter, Judy Ann Miller, Kokomo; two sons, Jerry O. Kotterman and wife Dana, Peru, and James R. Kotterman, Peru; five grandchildren, Matthew Yentes, Jason A. Kotterman and wife Bridget, Valdosta, Ga., Justin B. Kotterman and wife Mary, Brazil, Nathan C. Kotterman, Tippecanoe, and Sarah J. Kotterman, Peru; and two great-grandchildren, Blake and Katelyn Kotterman, Valdosta, Ga. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, Richard Bartholomew, and a great-granddaughter, Laura A. Kotterman. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Chili

Cemetery, Chili. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Douglas Wayne Titus, 44**

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Douglas Wayne Titus, 44, Walton, passed away unexpectedly at 11:20 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on April 28, 1962 in Logansport to Richard L. and Mary E. (Burkett) Titus, who survive in Logansport. On June 29, 1991, he married Tiffany A. Sherrill in Logansport, and she survives. Titus served as the Logansport High School bowling coach, as well as the president of the Youth Bowling Association. He was on the Loganland USBC Board of Directors, and enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time with his family. The 1980 Logansport High School graduate was a quality control manager for ACM in Kokomo. Aside from his parents and wife, Titus is survived by three sons, Nicholas Wayne Titus, Brock Douglas Paul Titus, and Lucas Riley Joseph Titus; step-son, Tyler James Monroe, all of which reside at home; step-daughter, Amanda Marie Hollingsworth, Kokomo; two brothers, Rick Titus and wife Tina, Logansport, and Bill Titus and wife Laura, Brownsburg; two sisters, Deb Seabury, Fort Wayne, and Ginny Howard and husband Mike, Logansport; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Reverend Aaron Gross officiating. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Interment will follow in the Walton I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the childrens' education fund.

**Douglas A. Mylet, 72**

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Douglas A. Mylet, 72, Bloomington, formerly of Converse and Peru, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Bloomington Hospital. He was born on August 25, 1933 in Converse to John and Dessie (Poulson) Mylet. Paul was a retired postal inspector for the U.S. Postal Service, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge and the Converse Masonic Lodge, and loved to play golf, loved reading and history.

Survivors include his wife Ann (Mahone) Mylet of Bloomington, and two brothers, Jack and James Mylet.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother in childhood, Warren Mylet.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Allen Funeral Home, Bloomington, is handling the arrangements.

**Paul E. Willison, 77**

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Paul E. Willison, 77, Logansport, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Lakin, Kansas on December 21, 1928, to John William and Nellie (Laughlin) Willison. On July 6, 1963 he married Margaret Ann (Shortis) Willison at All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport, who survives.

Willison attended high school in Hutchinson, Kansas. He was a member of the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a master sergeant. He then worked in Federal Civil Service at Grissom, and retired in 1985 after 18 years.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree; VFW Post 3790, life member; and the Military SR71 Blackbird Program. He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport, and liked to keep busy by working and traveling. His miniature schnauzer, Schultzy, was a beloved companion.

In addition to his wife, Willison is survived by a son, Anthony Willison, Walton; daughter Angela Springer, Louisville; granddaughter Lauryn Rachel Willison, Walton; grandson Aaron Payton Willison, Walton; granddaughters Ella Anne Springer, Louisville, and Leah Alexis Willison, Walton; grandson Paul David Springer, Louisville; brother-in-law George R. Coughlin, Logansport, and sister-in-law, Maxine; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; and one sister.

A Funeral Mass will be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with Father Christopher Weldon officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, with military rites.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport. There will be a scripture service on Friday at 5:30 p.m., led by Seminarian Matt Barnard. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Mary Schwartz, 74**

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Mary Schwartz, 74, Berne, passed away at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the Wesley Gingerich residence, Kokomo.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 9 a.m. at the Wesley Gingerich residence, 3133 E. State Road 18, Kokomo.

A graveside service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Schwartz Cemetery, Berne, with burial to follow.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the residence.

Arrangements are being handled by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Dr. Ross S. Sharp, 77**

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Dr. Ross S. Sharp, 77, Greenwood, passed away at 11:40 a.m. on June 13, 2006 at Greenwood Village South Health Center. He was born on Sept. 21, 1928 in Peru to Vasle Sharp and Louisa Ahlfeld Sharp. He married Martha Snyder Sharp on August 19, 1951, and she survives. Sharp served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1947, and was a member of St. George Lutheran Church, Edinburgh. He was a member of the Edinburgh Lion's Club and American Legion Post #233. He was a school administrator and teacher. He retired in 1984 as superintendent of the Edinburgh school system. He served on the Edinburgh School Board from 1987 to 1994, was co-founder of Edinburgh Dollars for Scholars, served on the Board of Directors for Central Nine, served on the Johnson County Board of Health and the Democratic Committee. He was an avid bridge player and enjoyed woodworking. Survivors include a son, Kent Sharp and wife Sarah, Greenwood; grandchildren Nicole Gaertner and husband Paul, Greenwood, Gina Sherfield and husband Brian, Greenwood, and Christopher Sharp and wife Molly, Greenwood; sisters Mildred Ohmart, Lynchburg, Bertha Miller, Peru, and Clara "Peg" Carroll and husband Bill, Artesia, Calif.; and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home, Greenwood. He was buried in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood.

**Cora Mae Green, 51**

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Cora Mae Green, 51, Peru, passed away at 7:53 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2006 at her residence. She was born on April 24, 1955 in Erwin, Tennessee to Wilbur and Helen (Roberts) Green. She was engaged to be married to Homer Baker when he passed away on May 31, 1997. She was employed at the Peru Tribune for six years and was a member of First Assembly of God, Peru. Survivors include her mother, Peru; sons Jesse Green and wife Jennifer, Kentucky, John Green and wife Amanda, Peru, Joe Baker, Peru, and Shannon Sutton, Wabash; daughters Christina Green and Willie Richmond, Brandie Biggs, and Helen Green and Willis Sears, each of Peru; brothers Bill Green and wife Debbie, Peru, and Greg Green and wife Ketti, Peru; sister Janice Sease and husband Scott, Peru; and nine grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father; fiancé; and one step-son, Eric Baker. Funeral services will be conducted today at 4 p.m. at First Assembly of God, Peru, with pastors John Thomas and E.J. Litherland officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Love offerings can be made to the family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, which is handling the arrangements.

**Pauline M. Deisch, 85**

Monday, June 19, 2006 - Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Pauline M. Deisch, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:06 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center. She was born in Peru on April 5, 1921 to Paul W. and Emma (Schmidt) Pulvermiller. Deisch retired in 1985 from the Indiana Employment Service. She was a member of the New Life Methodist Church, Mexico. She is survived by a daughter, Sharon K. McClellan and husband Jack, Zionsville; several nieces and nephews, Caroline Carr, Huntington, Barbara Kennedy, Indianapolis, and Robert Douglas, Peru; and very special friends, David and Nancy Robison, Marjorie Hiers, Dave and Chris Beck, Mike and Sara McGuire, Bob and Ginny Giek. Deisch was preceded in death by her parents; a nephew, Charles P. Rowan; a sister, Mary Alice Pulvermiller; and two step-sisters, Nola Pegg and Edna Pitt. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the donors' choice and/or the New Life Methodist Church through the funeral home.

**Dora L. Uitts Garbison Tomlinson, 67**

Monday, June 19, 2006

Dora L. Uitts Garbison Tomlinson, 67, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kenneth James Hines, 77**

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Kenneth James Hines, 77, Mexico, passed away at 5 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

**Dora L. Uitts Garbison Tomlinson, 67**

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

Dora L. Uitts Garbison Tomlinson, 67, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. on Sunday, June 18, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born on Feb. 5, 1939 in Kokomo to Perry Ross Uitts and Sarah Elizabeth Hill Uitts. She was a lifetime member of the Kokomo Eagles, and was a member of the American Legion, North Manchester. She enjoyed reading, Bingo, local dirt car racing, NASCAR, and she loved cats. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Smith and husband Ronnie, Peru; sons Marvin Uitts and wife Angie, Peru, and John Garbison, Pendleton; grandchildren Dora, Cherie, David, Russell, Bridget, Amber, Brook, Andrea, Robin, Tavis, Keith and Brandi, and great-grandchildren Bradly and Alli. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kimberly, and a sister.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with John Grayson officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 p.m. to time of service at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Kenneth James Hines, 71**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Kenneth James Hines, 71, of Mexico, passed away at 5 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2006 in his residence. He was born on March 20, 1935 in Royal Center, to Sberald "Tad" and Florence (March) Hines. He was married to Beverly Sadler in Marion, on November 6, 1954, and she survives. Hines was a member of the House of Faith in Mexico, where he was an Elder. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing, and had retired from General Tire after 35 years of employment. Hines was also active in farming. Aside from his wife, Hines is survived by two daughters, Terri Boyer and her husband Ron, Peru, and Peggy Rouch and husband Dave, Fort Wayne; a son, Mike Hines and wife Ginger, Peru; a brother, Fred Hines and wife Bev, Logansport; nine grandchildren, Mary DuSchene, Kokomo, Ben DuSchene and wife Kim, Carnation, Washington, Sharon Castro and husband Francisco, Monroe, Washington, Nicole Fennell and husband Jeremy, Macy, Lisa Boyer, Peru, Amy Rouch, Fort Wayne, Todd Rouch of Fort Wayne, William Hines, Peru, and Rachel Hines, Peru; two great-grandchildren, Bradyn Fennell, Macy, and Victoria Castro, Washington; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Rita DuSchene; and a son, Danny Hines. Funeral services will be conducted at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, on Thursday at 1 p.m. with the Reverend Tom Harp officiating. A private family interment will follow at the Kewanna IOOF Cemetery. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the House of Faith Church, Mexico.

**Wayne LeRoy Paulsen Jr., 31**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

Wayne LeRoy Paulsen Jr., 31, Denver, passed away at his residence on Sunday, June 18, 2006. He was born on February 24, 1975 in Denver, Colorado to Wayne LeRoy Paulsen Sr. and Donna (Anderson) Hart. Survivors include a his father in Denver, Colorado; his mother and step-father Ronald Hart in Santa Fe, New Mexico; two special uncles, Ed Paulsen and Larry Paulsen; two nieces and four nephews; a sister, Brenadette Wernz and husband Kurt, Mexico; and his twin sister, Valerie Paulsen, Des Moines, Iowa. There will be a memorial service on Friday at 3 p.m. at the Denver Tavern. Love offerings can be made to the family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, which is handling the arrangements.

**Richard Coffman, 77**

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Richard Coffman, 77, Macy, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on June 21, 2006 at his home after a three-month battle with brain cancer. He was born on December 7, 1928 in Logansport to Carl and Mildred Gorseline Coffman. He married Carolyn Louise Sutton on June 26, 1949. Richard was a 1947 graduate of Lucerne High School and was a farmer his entire life, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and devoted much of his life to volunteer work in the community, serving as an EMT, CASA worker, school aide, and in many other capacities. He was also active in church and fulfilled numerous callings, including a one-year temple mission. His generosity touched many people. Survivors include his wife Carolyn and their six children: Connie Stevens and husband Corey, Lucerne, Sam Coffman and wife Peggy, Wabash, Veronica Lamb and husband Glenn, Granville, Ohio, Dixie Withers and husband Ron, Macy, Perry Coffman and wife Marchetta, Kokomo, and Chris Coffman and wife Patty, Macy; and 32 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Peru. Burial will follow in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Relay for Life in memory of Richard Coffman.

**Mildred Sharp Ohmart, 85**

Friday, June 23, 2006

Mildred Sharp Ohmart, 85, Lynchburg, Va., passed away on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. She was born on Sept. 2, 1920 in Idaville to Vasle Sharp and Louise Ahlfeld Sharp. She married Mack Ohmart on Oct. 15, 1944 and he preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 1975. Survivors include her son, Charles M. Ohmart and wife Susan, and their children Timothy, Jeffery and Jonathan Ohmart, all of Lynchburg, Va.; daughter Roberta Ohmart of Lynchburg, Va.; sisters Bertha R. Miller, Peru, and Clara "Peggy" Carroll and husband William of Artesia, Calif.; one brother-in-law, Byron Raber; a sister-in-law, Martha Sharp; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, William and Ross Sharp, and one sister, Norma Raber. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating and burial to follow. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Cecil W. Davis, 77**

Friday, June 23, 2006

Cecil W. Davis, 77, Nyona Lake, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Burial will be at a later date in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Marcella A. Sindel, 70**

Friday, June 23, 2006

Marcella A. Sindel, 70, Peru, passed away at 11:55 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 34 W. Main St., Peru.

**Charles W. Haines, 85**

Saturday, June 24, 2006

Charles W. Haines, 85, Peru, passed away at 11:23 a.m. on June 23, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Cecil W. Davis, 77**

Saturday, June 24, 2006

Cecil W. Davis, 77, Nyona Lake, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, with Rev. George Hapner officiating. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Charles W. Haines, 85**

Monday, June 26, 2006

Charles W. Haines, 85, Peru, passed away at 11:23 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 28, 1921 in Peru to Earl and Lucille (Hedrick) Haines. On March 21, 1941, he married Dorothy M. Waymire, and she preceded him in death on April 7, 2004. Haines was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of the First Baptist Church. He had worked for Peru Community Schools as a custodian. Haines is survived by a daughter, Janice Drake, Peru; two grandsons, Franklin D. Drake, Florida, and Sean W. Drake, North Carolina; and six great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Haines was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; and one great-grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Military services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

**Edith Fritchey, 97**

Monday, June 26, 2006

Edith Fritchey, 97, Wabash, passed away at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at her residence. She was born on November 25, 1908 in Monon to John William and Eura Myrtle (Etter) Ireland. On December 31, 1933, she married Dwight Paul Fritchey in Peru, and he preceded her in death on March 28, 1992. During the late 1920s through 1943, the Fritchey's co-owned Fritchey and Anderson Food Market and Fritchey Nash Dealership, both of Kokomo. She also owned, with her husband, Fritchey Pontiac-Cadillac Dealership, Wabash, until their retirement in 1961. Fritchey was a member of the Wabash Christian Church, the Kokomo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star #89, and a life member of the Kokomo Elks Lodge #190. She was a former member of the Wabash Garden Club, and the Womens Clubhouse Association. Fritchey had resided in Wabash since 1957 after moving from Kokomo. She is survived by four sisters, Lelia Martin, North Manchester, Anna Mae Keim and husband Robert, Denver, Wilma Jean Troxell, and Bonita Harris, both of Peru; several nieces and nephews. Aside from her husband, Fritchey was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and three sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Reverend Cecil Cook officiating. Entombment will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation is on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The preferred memorials are Wabash County Hospital Foundation, Wabash Christian Church, and/or White's Residential and Family Services, Inc.

**Nella Louease Patrick, 72**

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Nella Louease Patrick, 72, Euless, Texas, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2006. A graveside prayer service will be at 11 a.m. July 3, 2006 at the Miller Cemetery in Campton, Ky. Local funeral providers will be Poter and Son's. Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel, Fort Worth, Texas, assisted with arrangements.

**Arlene A. Balsbaugh, 90**

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

Arlene A. Balsbaugh, 90, Century Fields, Greentown (formerly of Macy), passed away at 7:23 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Howard Regional Health Systems in Kokomo. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mexico Church of the Brethren on 450 North in Miami County, followed by the family greeting friends and relatives in the church fellowship hall until 4 p.m. Reverends Todd Wenger and Don Ritchey will officiate. Private burial will be in Mexico's Greenlawn Cemetery.



Memorial contributions may be made to Church World Service or Miami County Community Foundation, 13 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970 for the David W. Beall Scholarship Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

**Jeneen K. Walker, 56**

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Jeneen K. Walker, 56, Kokomo, passed away at 3:03 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born on May 10, 1950 in Kokomo to Paul and Marie (Cook) Langley. Walker retired from Delco Electronics in the Fab Department in 2001 with 32 years of service. She was former president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, Galveston, and was a current member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, Walton. Walker was a member of the U.A.W. Local #292, Kokomo, as well as a member of the Foresters. She enjoyed racing and watching her son, Craig, race, as well as especially enjoying her granddaughter Lauran. She is survived by her son, Craig Walker and companion Kimberly Williams, Galveston; daughter, Anne Walker, Kokomo; granddaughter, Lauran Marie Walker, Galveston; sister, Carol "Annie" Engel and husband Allen, Peru; five brothers, Leroy Langley, Logansport, Robert "Boe" Langley, Rochester, Dale Langley and wife Glenda, Logansport, Jim Langley, Logansport, and Mike Langley and wife Diane, Logansport; several nieces and nephews; and her special dog, Tiny. Walker was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Gary. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, with Father Eric Underwood officiating. Burial will be at Galveston Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Gale W. "Cookie" Cook, 80**

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Gale W. "Cookie" Cook, 80, Peru, passed away at 6:05 a.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor. The lifelong Peru/Miami County native was born on July 31, 1925 in Mexico to Edward R. and Emma (Wilson) Cook. He retired from Square D Company, and served in the United States Army during World War II. Cook was a life member of the VFW and the Peru Maennerchor. His favorite pastime was playing cards and fishing. Cook is survived by two sons, Charles E. Cook, Kokomo, and Rick A. Cook; special friend, Sharon Flowers, Peru; and grandson, Brodie A. Cook, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother Dale W. Cook and brother, Russell Cook; three sisters, Carrie Carr, Wanda Dickerhoff and Helen Clark. A private funeral service will be conducted today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Thursday, June 29, 2006

**Arlene A. Balsbaugh, 90**, Century Fields, Greentown (formerly of Macy), passed away at 7:23 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Howard Regional Health Systems in Kokomo. She was born on February 19, 1916 in Deedsville to LeRoy and Ruth (Wilson) Mills. On March 28, 1937, she married Joseph Balsbaugh, who preceded her in death on March 17, 2005. The 1934 Deedsville High School graduate was a homemaker, and member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren, where she was very active in the Women's Fellowship of the Church. In that group, Balsbaugh worked on many sewing projects. Balsbaugh is survived by five daughters, Delora Clapp and husband Lynn, Greentown, Jo Ella Maugans and husband Conrad, Kokomo, Marquita Tilden and husband Dennis, Macy, Janita Beall, Kokomo, Crystal Jackson and husband Gerry, Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Julie Horne, Terry Clapp, Lisa Driver, Stacy Maugans, Cary Middlekauff, Tim Middlekauff, Kristy Lynch, Jeff Tilden, Doug Beall, Evan Beall, and Rachelle Grismore; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanette Hunter, Peru, brother, LeRoy Mills, Jr. and wife Margaret, Macy. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two son-in-laws, Max Middlekauff and David Beall; and two brothers, Myron Mills and Richard Mills. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mexico Church of the Brethren. A greeting of the family will follow until 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Reverends Todd Wenger and Don Ritchey will officiate. Private burial will be in Mexico's Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Church World Service or Miami County Community Foundation, 13 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970 for the David W. Beall Scholarship Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

**Leonard Joles, 69**

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Leonard Joles, 69, Peru, passed away on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday at Moster and Cox Mortuary, Rushville, with Oney Cooper officiating. Burial will be on Saturday at Arlington East Hill Cemetery, Arlington. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

**Rosalyn Keirn McKnight, 92**

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Rosalyn Keirn McKnight, 92, passed away on November 23, 2005 in Glendale, California. She was born on December 27, 1912 in Chili to Edward and Jessie (Allen) Keirn. She graduated from Chili High School in 1930. Rosalyn worked as a clerk for Senger Dry Goods for several years, and moved to Glendale in 1940, where she worked for Barker Brothers Department Store. She was employed as a saleslady and waitress until retirement. On October 20, 1941, she married Burt McKnight, and she spent some time with him in France, where he was stationed as an aviator in the U.S. Military during World War II. He

preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, Judy Lynn LeColst; one granddaughter, Michelle Johnston; two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Trent Johnston; a brother, Noel Keirn, Peru; and sisters Jean Fisher, Peru and Marguerite Vale, Cottonwood, Arizona. She also leaves many good and caring friends in Glendale. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and a grandson, Brett LeColst. Graveside services will be conducted at the Chili Cemetery on Saturday at 11 a.m., with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating.

**Elmer S. Dawald, 83**

Sunday, July 02, 2006

Elmer S. Dawald, 83, Fort Wayne, a Peru native, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. The family's preferred memorial is Waynedale Baptist Church.

**George A. Townsend, 83**

Sunday, July 02, 2006

George A. Townsend, 83, Fulton, passed away at 8:54 a.m. Thursday, June 29, 2006, at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was born on Dec. 24, 1922 in Peru to William and Esther (See) Townsend. On Oct. 15, 1942 he married Dorothy A. Ramer in Peru, and she survives. Townsend retired from the Fulton County Highway Department. He had been a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed junkin', antiques, mowing yards and going to sales. Survivors besides his wife include four sons, Terry Townsend and wife Sally, Fulton, Gary Townsend, Rochester, Steve Townsend and wife Delores, Kettering, Ohio, and Rex Townsend and wife Chris, Ruckersville, Va.; 14 grandchildren, Jeremy Townsend and wife Kristi, Fulton, Jennifer Roush and husband Troy, Lucerne, Jaime Smith and wife Nikki, South Bend, Zachari and Amanda Townsend, both of Fulton, John Townsend and wife Kara, West Lafayette, Leah Townsend and fiance Don Bush, Battle Ground, Alicia Townsend, Lafayette, Adam and Katrina Townsend, both of Royal Center, Matthew Hubin and wife Alicia, Italy, Michelle Townsend, Kettering, Ohio, Mitchell and Kaitlyn Townsend, both of Ruckersville, Va.; 13 great grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Cundiff, Converse, Ester Russell and companion Leon Brown, Nyona Lake, Susie Hughes and husband John, Peru, and Kay Frances Townsend, Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a great granddaughter, two sisters and one brother. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Salem Cemetery, northwest of Fulton, where military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Abbadean Walter, 69**

Monday, July 03, 2006

Abbadean Walter, 69, formerly of Denver, passed away at midnight on Sunday, July 3, 2006 at Americare Living Center, Wabash. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert E. Raver, 84**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

Robert E. Raver, 84, Winchester, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at Randolph Nursing Home, Winchester. He was born Nov. 14, 1921 in Miami County, south of Peru, to Forest and Edith (Way) Raver. He moved to Peru at an early age, where he attended schools and graduated from Peru High School in 1940. Raver married A. Viola (Lovett) Raver, and they were together 55 years until she passed away June 5, 2002. He last worked at Indiana Bell Telephone Company in Indianapolis, where he worked for 30 years in O.P. engineering until his retirement in 1977. Raver was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in the South Pacific in World War II. He received Purple Heart Award for wounds received during the Iwo Jima Campaign. He thoroughly enjoyed music, and at one time played several brass instruments in several bands and orchestras.

Mr. and Mrs. Raver traveled extensively and wintered in Arizona and Florida for several years until Mrs. Raver's health failed. Survivors include his daughter, Terri E. Matchett and husband Don, Winchester; a grandson, Jeffrey Todd Matchett, Winchester; and a sister, Thelma Boyer, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and a sister, Juanita Paluszak. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Walker Funeral Home, Winchester, with Pastor David C. Hummel officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Park Cemetery, Winchester. Friends and family may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 313 S. Meridian St., Winchester, IN 47394 or the Minnetrista Endowment Fund, 1200 N. Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47303.

**Abbadean Walter, 69**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

Abbadean Walter, 69, Americare Living Center, Wabash, passed away at 12 a.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2006 at her residence.

She was born on March 28, 1937 in Wabash to Marvin L. and Gladys (Clayton) Patton, both deceased. Walter was last employed at the Flightline Snack Bar and the NCO Club at Grissom Air Force Base from 1976 to 1986. She was a member of the Women of the Moose Chapter #878 in Wabash, and former member of Chapter #104, Peru, where she held the office of senior regent and received her Academy of Friendship. She is a past member of the American Legion and Eagles Auxiliaries; a former Brownie and Girl Scout Leader; a dedicated mother to her children, and caring grandmother to her grandchildren. Her hobbies included quilting, crocheting and gardening. Walter was a 19-year breast cancer survivor. Survivors include two sons, John E. Bitzel Jr. and wife Therese, and Richard A. Walter and wife Donna, all of Peru; a stepson, Kenneth Lee Walter and wife Lynne, Deland, Fla.; three daughters, Ruth A. Plummer and husband Dave, Kokomo, Madaline D. (Bitzel) Hawkins and husband Steve, Ansonia, Ohio, and Ida Mae Walter, Glendale, Ariz.; a stepdaughter, Karen Sue Walter, Loveland Colo.; a brother, Donald Patton and wife Ann, Gas City; a sister, Louise Frasier and husband Ray, Elkton, Va.; a brother Walter "Patton" Richieson, Valparaiso; 15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands John E. Bitzel, Paul "Dwayne" Eckert and Kenneth Walter; a sister, Joyce Yeager; and a daughter, Theresa Kay Bitzel. A service celebrating the life of Abbadean Walter will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wabash Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass, Wabash, with Pastor Donald Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Viewing will also be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. A time of remembrance will be held Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. The Women of the Moose Wabash #878 and Peru #104 will conduct the Twilight Ceremony at 7 p.m. All are invited to a memorial dinner at the Wabash Moose Family Center #1195, 169 E. Market St., Wabash, following the interment.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Feed the Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

**Airebell Showley, 80**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

Airebell Showley, 80, Indianapolis, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Fulton.

**Carol A. Agness, 67**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

Carol A. Agness, 67, Wabash, passed away Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at her home. She was born Aug. 16, 1938 in Grand Rapids, Minn. to Bert and Alice (Peterson) Carlson. She married Terry Dee Agness in Kankakee, Ill. on Aug. 30, 1963, and he preceded her in death Oct. 4, 2004. Agness graduated from Pequot Lakes High School, Pequot Lakes, Minn. in 1956. She attended St. Paul Bible College, St. Paul, Minn. She also was a member of the Wabash Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and was very active in Meals on Wheels in Wabash, serving on the board of directors and delivering meals for several years. Survivors include a son, Lance Agness and wife Shelley, Wabash; a daughter, Lana Barnhisel and husband Brent, Danville; two granddaughters, Alicia Agness, Wabash, and Erica Barnhisel, Danville; a grandson, Ethan Agness, Wabash; and a brother, Keith Carlson, Naches, Wash. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Wabash Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass St., Wabash, with the Rev. Don Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the church. Preferred memorials are to the Great Commission Fund at Wabash Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. The memorial guest book may be signed online at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Janice Kay Zimmerman, 65**

Thursday, July 06, 2006

Janice Kay Zimmerman, 65, Richvalley, passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at 6:46 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital. She was born on Dec. 11, 1940 in Wabash to Lester and Hulda (Frierhood) Walters. She graduated from Wabash High School in 1958. On Aug. 1, 1970 she married James Zimmerman, and was a homemaker. Zimmerman was a member of the Wabash Eagles Lodge, and the Wabash American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed camping, auto racing, her grandchildren and spending time with friends. Survivors include her husband, James Zimmerman, Wabash; her mother, Hulda Walters, Wabash; a daughter, Sheryl Wilson and husband Stan, a granddaughter, Danyel Kay Wilson, and a grandson, Chase Allen Wilson, all of Peru; and a brother, Lynn Walters and wife Bonnie, Delong. She was preceded in death by her son, Brook George; a stepson, Bryan Zimmerman; and her sister Sharron Tappan. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, on Saturday at 10 a.m., with the Reverend Forrest Bowers officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery in Wabash. Friends may call on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Janice can be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is Wabash County Hospital Foundation.

**Raymond Eugene Helton, 49**

Friday, July 07, 2006

Raymond Eugene Helton, 49, formerly of Peru, passed away at his residence in Logansport on Thursday, June 1, 2006. He was born on November 7, 1956 in Peru to Raymond and Marilyn (Manning) Helton. Helton was self-employed.

He is survived by two sons, Jesse Helton and wife Jennifer, and Jason Oaks, Clermont, Fla.; a step-son, Damon Miles; four brothers, Bruce Helton and wife Debbie, Walton, David Helton, Peru, John Helton and wife Sue, Peru, David Hiers,

Indianapolis; seven sisters, Ann Robison and husband Les, Peru, Jane Townsend, Denver, Pam King and husband Bill, Kentucky, Vicki Lindeman and husband David, Michigan, Lori Mofield and husband Bill, Peru, Debbie Birner, Peru, and Charlotte Cruea and husband Phil, Peru; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Helton was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil "Bud" Helton and Richard Helton; and two sisters, Joyce Eby and Alene Jackson. A graveside memorial service will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

**Melvin E. Harmon, 71**

Friday, July 07, 2006

Melvin E. Harmon, 71, Peru, passed away at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 2006 at his home. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Kathleen R. King, 88**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

Kathleen R. King, 88, Peru, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Melvin Harmon, 71**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

Melvin Harmon, 71, Peru, passed away at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on June 10, 1935 in Gilead to Lowell and Gladys Spurlock Harmon. On November 10, 1961 he married Barbara Jo Daily in Peru, and she survives. Harmon worked as a brakeman and later as a conductor for the railroad beginning at the age of 17. He retired from the CSX Railroad in 1995 after 43 years of service. He was a member of the United Transportation Union until his retirement. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose since 1972 and a proud member of the National Rifle Association. He was a lifelong resident of Miami County, was a car enthusiast and loved his family and taking care of his home. In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by four daughters, Melody Williams and husband Don, Winchester, Calif., Kandance Lewis, Mexico, Kelly Robson and husband Jim, Peru, and Kristine Beam and husband Mike, Peru; one son, Mark Smith and wife Kathy, Peru; two special children, Rick Smith, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Tanya Irwin and husband Lee, Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren, Kari, Katie and Derek Williams, Jason, Christopher and Laura Smith, Jarod and Kadee Morgan, Zachery and Jacob Lewis, Christian Smith, Matthew Robson and Noah and Isaac Beam; one great-grandchild, Darin Brooks Jr.; a sister, Nedra Harmon Gross and husband Buford; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by two special pets, Norty and Montana. He was preceded in death by his mother and a special pet, Katy.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with pastors Ron Shaner and Tony Winters officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**Raymond Eugene Helton, 49**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

Raymond Eugene Helton, 49, formerly of Peru, passed away at his residence in Logansport on Thursday, June 1, 2006.

He was born on November 7, 1956 in Peru to Raymond and Marilyn (Manning) Helton. Helton was self-employed.

He is survived by two sons, Jesse Helton and wife Jennifer, and Jason Oaks, Clermont, Fla.; a step-son, Damon Miles; four brothers, Bruce Helton and wife Debbie, Walton, David Helton, Peru, John Helton and wife Sue, Peru, David Hiers, Indianapolis; seven sisters, Ann Robison and husband Les, Peru, Jane Townsend, Denver, Pam King and husband Bill, Kentucky, Vicki Lindeman and husband David, Michigan, Lori Mofield and husband Bill, Peru, Debbie Birner, Peru, and Charlotte Cruea and husband Phil, Peru; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Helton was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil "Bud" Helton and Richard Helton; and two sisters, Joyce Eby and Alene Jackson. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the grave site in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

**Airebell Showley, 80**

Saturday, July 08, 2006

Airebell Showley, 80, Peru and Fort Pierce, Fla., passed away at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Fulton Baptist Temple, Fulton.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester and at the church, one hour before the service. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Fulton.

**Kathleen R. King, 88**

Monday, July 10, 2006

Kathleen R. King, 88, Peru, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born Oct. 21, 1917 in Howard County to Russell and Agnes (Larrison) Kendall. She married Boyd King Oct. 27, 1934, and he survives.

King retired from Peru Trust and also was a homemaker. In addition, she was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, the Elks, Phi Delta Kappa and Dukes Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies. Survivors besides her husband include two

sons, Thomas King and wife Judy, Vero Beach, Fla., and Myron King and wife Lisa, Vancouver, Wash.; a daughter, Cindy Dove, Kokomo; two brothers, Keith Kendall and wife Mary, Greentown, and James Kendall and wife Anna, Tipton; two sisters, Rosalind Kauffman and husband Rufus, Florida, and Joann Melton and husband Warren, Converse; seven grandchildren, Tommy King, Sebastian, Fla., Kevin King, Rick King and wife Patrice, all of Vero Beach, Fla., Jeff King and wife Julie, Katie and Seth King, all of Vancouver, Wash., and Natalie Smoak and husband Todd, Normal, Ill.; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clifton Kendall, who was killed in World War II; and a sister, Marjorie Julow. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Public Library.

**Melvin Harmon, 71**

Monday, July 10, 2006

Melvin Harmon, 71, Peru, passed away at 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2006 at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on June 10, 1935 in Gilead to Lowell and Gladys Spurlock Harmon. On November 10, 1961 he married Barbara Jo Daily in Peru, and she survives. Harmon worked as a brakeman and later as a conductor for the railroad beginning at the age of 17. He retired from the CSX Railroad in 1995 after 43 years of service. He was a member of the United Transportation Union until his retirement. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose since 1972 and a proud member of the National Rifle Association. He was a lifelong resident of Miami County, was a car enthusiast and loved his family and taking care of his home. In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by four daughters, Melody Williams and husband Don, Winchester, Calif., Kandance Lewis, Mexico, Kelly Robson and husband Jim, Peru, and Kristine Beam and husband Mike, Peru; one son, Mark Smith and wife Kathy, Peru; two special children, Rick Smith, Boynton Beach, Fla., and Tanya Irwin and husband Lee, Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren, Kari, Katie and Derek Williams, Jason, Christopher and Laura Smith, Jarod and Kadee Morgan, Zachery and Jacob Lewis, Christian Smith, Matthew Robson and Noah and Isaac Beam; one great-grandchild, Darin Brooks Jr.; a sister, Nedra Harmon Gross and husband Buford; and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by two special pets, Norty and Montana. He was preceded in death by his mother and a special pet, Katy. Funeral services will be today at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with pastors Ron Shaner and Tony Winters officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Visitation was from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

**Normalee Bowman, 87**

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Normalee Bowman, 87, Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Monday, July 10, 2006 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Somerset United Methodist Church, Somerset, with Pastors Ted Batson and Bob Perez officiating. Calling will be after 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Wabash County. Memorials may be made to Somerset United Methodist Church or Feed the Children. Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, is in charge of arrangements.

**Dorothy J. Reynolds, 81**

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

Dorothy J. Reynolds, 81, Peru, passed away at 11:27 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2006 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center, Peru. She was born on July 5, 1925 in Miami County to Clifton F. and Beulah (Cattlet) Carpenter. On December 6, 1942, she married Russell D. Reynolds, who preceded her in death on April 18, 2003. The 1942 Peru High School graduate retired from Delco Electronics in 1986. Reynolds was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru. She is survived by three sons, Dean Reynolds and wife Marcia, Kokomo, Dennis Reynolds and wife Laurie, Arcadia, and David Reynolds, Peru; a sister, Alice Ward, Peru; a brother, John Douglas Carpenter, Florida; nine grandchildren, Lindsay Reynolds, Megan Reynolds, Erica Reynolds, Jason Reynolds, Alison Jung, Shelly Burton, Dawn Reynolds, Brandy Reynolds, and Joshua Reynolds; and six great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Reynolds was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Thomas Carpenter, Fred Carpenter, and Alan Carpenter. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Riley Children's Foundation.

**C. Alice Lippold, 95**

Wednesday, July 12, 2006

C. Alice Lippold, 95, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center, Peru. She was born in Clay Township, Miami County, on October 19, 1910 to Charles and Maggie (Weaver) Ellars. She graduated from Clay Township High School in 1928 and on September 3, 1933, she married Omer C. Lippold, who preceded her in death on July 11, 1994. Lippold was a member of the Loree Brethren Church. Survivors include a son, Gene W. Lippold and wife Janet, Denver; a daughter, Mary E. Bennett and husband Stanley, Bunker Hill; 11 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three infant brothers; and a sister,

Mary Ellars. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastors Jim Thomas and Gerald Zook officiating. Burial will follow in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Loree Brethren Church Building Fund.

**Sgt. Jeffrey Allen McLochlin, 45**

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Sgt. Jeffrey Allen McLochlin, 45, Rochester, passed away at 12:20 a.m. July 5, 2006 in Afghanistan. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Rochester Community High School, Park Road, Rochester. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

**James F. Cox, 87**

Thursday, July 13, 2006

James F. Cox, 87, Peru, passed away Wednesday at the Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**James F. Cox, 87**

Monday, July 17, 2006

James F. Cox, 87, Peru, passed away 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 25, 1918 in Miami County to Patrick and Mary Inez (Lambert) Cox. He married Ada Bailey Dec. 13, 1938, and she preceded him in death Feb. 9, 2004. Cox retired from the Miami County Highway Department. He also served in the U.S. Army. Survivors include three sons, Larry Cox and wife Beverly, Jeffery Cox and wife Patricia, and Michael Cox and wife Kristy, all of Peru; three daughters, Judith Smith, Carolyn Sue Beall and Sharon Smith, all of Peru; 18 grandchildren, four step grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, three brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Cannus Sparks officiating. Burial will be in Criders Chapel Cemetery, Miami County.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Phyllis J. Key, 79**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Phyllis J. Key, 79, Peru, passed away at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2006 at Caring Hands, Peru. She was born Aug. 18, 1926 in Peru to Carl Henry and Lelia Leona (Norris) Miller. She graduated from Peru High School in 1944, and married Jean F. Key Dec. 20, 1968. He preceded her in death March 3, 1997. Key was retired from Indiana Bell Telephone and was a member of First Christian Church, Peru, the Women of the Moose and the Telephone Pioneers.

Survivors include two sons, David Watson and wife Sharon, and Steve Watson and wife Cindy, all of Peru; a stepson, Rick Key and wife Debbie, Converse; three stepdaughters, Kathy Taylor and husband Bob, Converse, Dianne Haldeman and husband Don, West Chester, Pa., and Sandy Key Wolfe and husband Jeff, Paoli, Pa.; a brother, Richard Miller and wife Carolyn, Peru; a sister, Marjorie Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Virginia Gustin.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Steve Fleck, George Dinkel and George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery, Grant County.

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

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Guardian Angel Hospice.

**Retired Tech Sgt. Theodore Bragg, 77**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Retired Tech Sgt. Theodore Bragg, 77, Peru, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, July 13, 2006 from complications from a stroke at Colonial Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center, Marion. He was born July 1, 1929 in Little Rock, Ark. to Ida Adams and the Rev. Leo Bragg Sr. Bragg was retired from the U.S. Air Force and Continental Steel in Kokomo. He had served in the military from 1948 to 1972 as a radio operator/boom operator and in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

He was a member of the 20 Plus Club and was an avid bingo player at Miami Indian Bingo.

Survivors include his ex-wife, Jessie Bragg; three children, Kevin Bragg and wife Patty, Peru, Carla Wilson, Michigan, and Jennifer Lee and husband Derrick, Marion; three brothers, Sam Bragg and wife Ruth, Cleveland, Ohio, Leo Bragg Sr. and wife Brenda, New York, and Elbert Chukes, Arkansas; five sisters, Mildred Walker, Joyce Tippin, Barbara Farr and Melvin Jean Allen, all of Little Rock, Ark., and Evelyn Moore, Cleveland, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Mae Ella Bragg; and a sister, Ora Lee Franklin.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Derrick Lee, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Marion, officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest in Cass County.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

**Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Farnam Astrup, 74**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Jacqueline "Jackie" Ann Farnam Astrup, 74, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006 at her home surrounded by those who love her.

She was born Aug. 20, 1931 in Little Falls, Minn. to LaVere and Ellen (McGregor) Farnam. She married Wallace Astrup April 4, 1951, and he survives.

Astrup attended the College of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, Minn. and worked in a clinic in Tyler, Minn. She loved to garden, read, shop and spend time with her family.

Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Wallace Astrup Jr. and wife Kathy, and Lawrence Astrup and wife Amy, all of Peru; three daughters, Ellen Leedy and husband Jim, Beth Ann Tresler, all of Peru, and Jackie and husband Dan, Wabash; a sister, Mary Lou Opatz, St. Cloud, Minn.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her dog, Sweet Pea.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Tom; a sister; a brother and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Sean Petrie officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Joanann Berenschot, 68**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Joanann Berenschot, 68, Peru, passed away at 1:20 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 5, 1938 in Wickensburgh, Pa. to Manning John and Marie C. Devailn McCarthy. She married Albert Charles Berenschot Nov. 2, 1968, and he preceded her in death in 2001. Berenschot was a homemaker and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Edward Ray Campbell, Peru, and Jerry Allen Campbell, Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, MaryAnn Campbell, Peru; five grandchildren, Jacob Campbell, Christina McKinney and Heather Bowers, all of Peru, and Michael and Desiree Campbell, both of Arizona; five great-grandchildren, Jacobline and Megan Campbell, Bryce Jones, Kaylen McKinney and Anthony Campbell Jr.; and a sister, Deloris Gilliland, Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, David Campbell; and six brothers. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**K. Wayne Working, 87**

Monday, July 17, 2006

K. Wayne Working, 87, rural Wabash, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006 at Marion General Hospital, Marion.

He was born Nov. 19, 1918 in Miami County to John and Lena Mae (Butt) Working. He married E. Irene Curtis June 30, 1945 in Anderson, and she survives. Working was a truck driver for Wabash County Farm Bureau Co-op, retiring in 1980 after 40 years. He was a member of Treaty Church of Christ and enjoyed mowing lawns, gardening and driving tractors.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, John W. Working, DeKalb, Ill., and Ken L. Working and wife Beverlee, Frankfort; a daughter, Karen S. Corn, Greenfield; two sisters, Nina Rouch and husband Robert, LaFontaine, and Elizabeth Warner, Gas City; nine grandchildren, Bill Heiser and wife Kathy, Lake Worth, Fla., K.C. Working, Frankfort, Kim Carpenter and wife Sarah, Christie Klutz and husband Brent, and Jason Corn and wife Jozanna, all of Wabash, Jessica Russell and husband Steve, Fishers, Angie Skaggs and husband Richard, Galveston, Joey Connolly and wife Leslie and Shawn Connolly and wife Tara, all of Greentown; 14 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Connolly, who passed away in November 2003; four brothers, Joe, Bob, Don and Dwight Working; and two sisters, Miriam Working and Relna McVay. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Wabash Chapel, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Treaty Church of Christ Building Fund. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Frank R. Miller, 82**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Frank R. Miller, 82, Akron, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2006 at his residence. He was born on January 15, 1924 in Miami County to Aud and Maude (Runkle) Miller. On June 19, 1949, he married Louise M. Spence in Gilead, and she preceded him in death on August 19, 1970. The 1942 graduate of Gilead High School was retired from Zimmer, Inc. in Warsaw, as well as a farmer. Miller was a member of the former Niconza Baptist Church. He is survived by three daughters, Marian Miller, Jenny Martinez and husband Larry, McAllen, Texas, and Debra Garofalo and husband Joseph, Chicago; two sons, Frank Miller and wife Linda, Laketon, and Guy 'Fred' Miller and wife Sharon, Akron; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Miller was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Mable Robertson, Helen Myers, and Hazel Lane; and three brothers, Russell Miller, Claude Miller, and Wayne Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Andy Gathany officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Baptist Children's Home, Valparaiso.

**Holten G. 'Hopie' White, 80**

Monday, July 17, 2006

Holten G. 'Hopie' White, 80, Madison, passed away at 8:06 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at Norton Hospital, Louisville. Visitation was Sunday at Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, Madison. A private funeral service was conducted Sunday at the funeral centre. Memorials may be sent to the American Legion, Jefferson Post 9 in care of White. Funeral arrangements were handled by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, Madison.

**Mary P. McKinney, 77**

Wednesday, July 19, 2006

Mary P. McKinney, 77, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary P. McKinney, 78**

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Mary P. McKinney, 78, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at Caring Hands, Peru. She was born July 16, 1928 in Peru to Paul and R. Pearl (Tibbetts) Deeter. She married William "Frank" McKinney March 17, 1945, and he survives. McKinney was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ at Grissom, Miami County Senior Citizens Club and Miami County on Aging. Survivors besides her husband include three sons, William E. McKinney Jr. and wife Lois, Laketon, Terry A. McKinney and wife Becky, and Kevin P. McKinney and wife Christine, all of Peru; four daughters, Carla L. Worley and husband Clarence, Paula R. McKinney, Mary K. McKinney, all of Peru, and R. Sue McKinney, Westfield; a sister, Betty Monroe, Dunkirk; a daughter-in-law, Barbara McKinney, Tuckerton, N.J.; 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, a sister and a son, Richard Lee McKinney.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Church of Christ at Grissom. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lola M. Knee, 81**

Thursday, July 20, 2006

Lola M. Knee, 81, Peru, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2006. Funeral services are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lola M. Knee, 81**

Friday, July 21, 2006

Lola M. Knee, 81, Peru, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at her residence. She was born Sept. 15, 1924 in Amboy to Forrest P. and Nancy (Kendall) Hostetler. She married Lester L. Knee Aug. 7, 1971, and he preceded her in death June 6, 1992. Knee worked at Senger Dry Goods and C.P. Miller Florist, both in Peru. Survivors include a son, David Felthoff, Mountain Home, Idaho; a daughter, Susan Greer and husband Leo, Peru; a brother, Emerson Hostetler, Kokomo; a sister, Zelma Klingaman, Rocky Ford, Colo.; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Lorie Keck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Betty Jo Baker, 79**

Friday, July 21, 2006

Betty Jo Baker, 79, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on July 20, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. A private family service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Miami United Methodist Church, Miami, with Pastor Norm McBride officiating. Memorials can be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home.

**Lola M. Knee, 81**

Saturday, July 22, 2006

Lola M. Knee, 81, Peru, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at her residence. She was born Sept. 15, 1924 in Amboy to Forrest P. and Nancy (Kendall) Hostetler. She married Lester L. Knee Aug. 7, 1971, and he preceded her in death June 6, 1992. Knee worked at Senger Dry Goods and C.P. Miller Florist, both in Peru. Survivors include a son, David Felthoff, Mountain Home, Idaho; a daughter, Susan Greer and husband Leo, Peru; a brother, Emerson Hostetler, Kokomo; a sister, Zelma Klingaman, Rocky Ford, Colo.; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Lorie Keck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.



**Betty Jo Baker, 79**

Saturday, July 22, 2006

Betty Jo Baker, 79, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on July 20, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

A private family service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Miami United Methodist Church, Miami, with Pastor Norm McBride officiating. Memorials can be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home.

**Dwight L. Howard, 103**

Monday, July 24, 2006

Dwight L. Howard, 103, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 8:20 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2006 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine. He was born Sept. 25, 1902 in Phlox to Clarence and Louise Hooker Howard. He married Lavon Dailey Oct. 9, 1926 in Peru, and she survives. Howard was a 1922 graduate of Bunker Hill High School, a member of Amboy Friends Church, the Amboy IOOF and a retired painter. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Phillip Howard and wife Sandra, Conover, N.C.; a son-in-law, Robert Douglass, Peru; four grandchildren, John Templeton, John Howard, Janet Weicherz and Jennifer Kist; a great-grandson, Alex Snyder, and his caregiver niece, Nedra Himelick; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Bonnie Douglass; and three brothers. A service celebrating the life of Dwight L. Howard will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call after 9 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

**Phyllis Darlene Reeves, 78**

Tuesday, July 25, 2006

Phyllis Darlene Reeves, 78, Macy, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2006 at her residence. She was born March 10, 1928 in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Imogene Fisher Gahan. She had lived 20 years in the Macy community, going there from Fort Wayne. She married Roy Fulton Brown in 1955, and he preceded her in death in January 1988. Reeves was a cook at Paradise Truck Stop, Rochester. Survivors include her mother, Imogene Pasko, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Carol Thomas and husband Matt, Cheryl Monteith and husband Ron, all of Huntington, and Lisa Brown, Macy; six sons, James Atteberry and wife Brenda, Columbia City, Kenny Atteberry and wife Marge, South Whitley, Rick Atteberry and wife Beth, Hattiesburg, Miss., Jeffrey Brown and companion Kim Landis, Rochester, Roy Allen Brown, Macy, and Michael Brown and wife DeeDee, Hattiesburg, Miss.; a sister, Janice Gunder and husband Jerry, Fort Wayne; a brother, Jack Gahan and wife Donna, Fort Wayne; 26 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Sandra K. Atteberry in 1960; and two grandsons, Aaron Brown in 1988 and Jason Atteberry in 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Friends may visit with the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Memorials may be made to the Miami-Wabash County Hospice.

**Gerald G. Simcox, 84**

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Gerald G. Sixcox, 84, Peru, passed away at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lisa Ann Sellers, 32**

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Lisa Ann Sellers, 32, passed away Friday, July 14, 2006 in Wytheville, Virginia. She was born in Hagerstown, Maryland and was employed at Paramount Tube as an inside sales manager for six years. She graduated from Edwardsburg (Michigan) High School, and received an associate's degree from Southwestern Michigan University, and her bachelor's degree from Purdue University. She and her husband Jeff married in 2002. She was a devoted wife, mother, daughter and friend, whose hobbies were taking care of her family with an unselfish love for all her children. Survivors include her husband of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jenna Avery Sellers; a step-son, Joshua Alan Sellers; and a step-daughter, Jessica Anne Sellers; each of Fort Wayne; her parents, Dale and Norma Melenia and a half-sister, Allison Paige Melenia, each of Elkhart; her father- and mother-in-law, Henry and Dorothy Sellers, Peru; brothers-in-law Richard Sellers and wife Leann, Peru, David Sellers and wife Denise, Jacksonville, Florida, and Jason Sellers, Peru; and her godparents, Kenneth and Marilyn Christner, Edwardsburg. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 1:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1325 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Phillip Shamahorn officiating. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the Ronald McDonald House in Roanoke, Virginia.

**Violet Maxine Applegate Russell, 85**

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Violet Maxine Applegate Russell, 85, Logansport, passed away at 4:37 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 2, 1921 in Hoover to Ralph and Della May Azbell Applegate. On June 26, 1946, in

Logansport, she married the late Rex Galen Russell, who preceded her in death on July 1, 2003. Russell was a member of the Hoover Community Church. Prior to her retirement she worked for Square D in Peru for 41 years. She is survived by four sons, Jerry Russell and wife Sondra, Peru, Bruce Russell and wife Beth, Fulton, Roger Russell and wife Sherri, Hixson, Tennessee, and Richard Russell and wife Sharon, Hixson; daughter Joyce Zartman and husband Marty, Macy; 10 grandsons, Kenneth Russell and wife Kerry, Peru, Caleb Russell, Camp Lejune, North Carolina, Allen Russell, Fulton, Samuel Russell, Noah Russell and Nathan Russell, each of Hixson, Seth Zartman and wife Anitra, Mishawaka, Sean Zartman and wife April, Logansport, Lucas Zartman, Rochester, and Ethan Zartman, Macy; seven granddaughters, Michelle Keller and husband Rick and Millissa Buckberry and husband Mike, each of Peru, Danielle Russell of Minneapolis, Sarah Zimmerman and husband Blair, Logansport, Ashlyn Russell and Audrey Russell of Hixson, Kendra Li and husband Tao, Warner Robbins Air Force Base, Georgia; 21 great-grandchildren, Nathan Russell, Amber Keller, Steven Williamson, Sonserria Williamson, Ross, Josiah, Dawson, Abigaile and Charlie Buckberry, Cheyenne Russell, Ashley, Ivory, Erik and Mercedes Keller, each of Peru, Krista Russell, Xavier Zimmerman, and Madison, Abigail and Alexa Zartman, each of Logansport, Senica Zartman, Mishawaka, and Aver Li, Warner Robbins AFB; and two sisters, Gladine LaCoste of Alabama and Phyllis Cummins, Logansport. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Merritt, Lester and Lloyd Applegate.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Mr. Bruce Russell and Mr. Marty Zartman officiating. Interment will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association of Greater Indiana and the Gideons.

**Raymond A. "Jake" Stout, 83**

Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Raymond A. "Jake" Stout, 83, of rural Wabash, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor East, Wabash. He was born on December 21, 1922 in Cass County to Walter E. and Ola Fern Nead Stout. The 1941 graduate of Bunker Hill High School farmed in Wabash County for several years. He is survived by two brothers, Paul Stout, Roann, and Estel Stout and wife Mary, Marion; two sisters, Orpha Moyer, Wabash, Wilma Smith and husband Richard, Wabash; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Owen, Walter Lavere and Chelsia Stout.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Friday at 2 p.m. with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the Wabash County Animal Shelter. The memorial guest book for Stout may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Gerald G. Simcox, 84**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Gerald G. Simcox, 84, Peru, passed away at 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. He was born on September 10, 1921 in Dearborn, Michigan. In 1944, Simcox married Ethel Hoover, and she survives. Simcox served in the United States Army during World War II and was a lifetime member of the VFW Lodge. Aside from his wife, he is survived by three sons, Blaine Simcox and Gale Simcox, both of Houston, and Donald Simcox and wife Kim, Peru; three daughters, Connie Simpson and husband Charlie, Houston, Genevieve Garcia, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Carolyn; nine grandchildren, Adam, Brent, Wade Jr., Cory, and Sharon Simcox, Melissa Garcia, Christopher, Nicholas, and Shane Simpson; three great-grandchildren, Brenden, Morgan and Evyn; and one sister, Pauline Martin, Pennsylvania. Simcox was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Wade. A graveside memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Theodore 'Ted' C. Ramsey, 68**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Theodore 'Ted' Ramsey, 68, Amboy, passed away at 9:50 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at his residence. He was born on May 11, 1938 in Saint Marys, Ohio to Walter E. and Mary Ramsey. On September 22, 1962, Ramsey married Sharon K. Hobbs in Duluth, Minnesota, and she survives. The 1956 Saint Marys High School graduate retired from the United States Air Force in 1985 as a Technical Sergeant and from civil service in 2005. He was affiliated with the VFW Post 2067, and his military decorations include Air Force Commendation Medal, USAF Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster, USAF Good Conduct Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Service Medal, USAF Longevity Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Aside from his wife, Ramsey is survived by his mother, Mary Ramsey, Saint Marys; two daughters, Lisa Townsend and husband Donnie, Peru, and Becky Landry and husband Roland, Amboy; four grandchildren, Michael Ramsey and Sasha Ramsey, both of Peru, Derek Landry and Mickey Landry, both of Amboy; two sisters, Joan Paul and husband David, and Mary Holtzapple and husband John, all of Ohio; brother, Walter E. Ramsey Jr. and wife Sue, Ohio.

He was expecting his first great-grandchild in October. Ramsey was preceded in death by his father; one sister; and a nephew. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at North Grove Church, with the Reverend John Haines officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rite Unit.

**Robert Lewis "Bob" Sterling, Sr., 86**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Robert Lewis "Bob" Sterling, Sr., 86, passed away Sunday, July 23, 2006 at Community East Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on January 24, 1920 in Peru, to Marvin and Mary Ann (Wright) Sterling. Following his graduation from Peru High School in 1940, he served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. After the war he joined his father in the painting and decorating business in Peru, and worked as a painting contractor his entire life. He retired in 2005, and was a member of Painters Local #47. He was a member and Elder of Meadlawn Christian Church, Indianapolis. Survivors include his beloved wife Ellen (Hughes) Sterling; sons Robert Lewis (Bob) Sterling, Jr. and wife Sherry, and Michael L. Sterling of Muncie; and daughter, Susan Sterling of Peru; a brother, J. Paul Sterling and wife Nan, San Bernardino, California; a sister, Mary Jane Haller, Fort Wayne; step-children Robert Nicholson, Kim Walker, Richmond; Charlotte Thomas of Oklahoma, and Bob King, Muncie. Sterling is also survived by his grandchildren: Lee (Leah) and Linn (Gabriella) Fisher of Bourbon; Heather (Ruley) (Jim) Jenneman, Bellevue, Nebraska; April Sterling, Peru; Rachel, Zackyer and Ashley Sterling, Muncie; and April Matthews, Anderson; great-grandchildren Nick Meeks, Fort Wayne; Tayler and Jared Fisher; Haydn and Madoc Fisher, Bourbon; and Shay Jenneman, Nebraska; great-great granddaughter, Elise Meeks, Fort Wayne. Other survivors include his step-grandchildren, Stephanie Christon; Kristen and Christopher Nicholson; Missey Thomas; Jeremy Riley; Patrick Lamberson; Tara Musslewhite; Charles and Oko Hartleroad; step-great grandchildren Noah and Shiyen Lamberson; Elaina Musslewhite; Jaelyn and Chase Hartleroad. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Betty (Kimpel) Sterling; second wife Hope King; brothers Freddie Ray and Victor Sterling; sister Leona Marie Sterling; and great-granddaughter, Jaycee Maureen Jenneman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Meadlawn Christian Church, 4301 Spann Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203, with Dr. Ron Zorn officiating. Memorials may be made to the Community East Hospital Hospice, 1500 N. Ritter Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219, or to the Meadlawn Christian Church. Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, Indianapolis is caring for the arrangements.

**Donald E. Miller, 63**

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Donald E. Miller, 63, Somerville, Alabama, formerly of Peru, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending with Ellers Mortuary, Inc., Kokomo.

**Robert E. Douglass, 72**

Friday, July 28, 2006

Robert E. Douglass, 72, Peru, passed away at 2:37 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Aurora Hospital, Aurora, Colo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Donald E. Miller, 63**

Friday, July 28, 2006

Donald E. Miller, 63, Somerville, Ala., formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on March 6, 1943 in Peru to Emerson and Pauline (Miller) Miller. He was married to Charlotte Ann (Hammonds) Miller, who survives. Miller was a truck driver for Keen Transportation for 11 years. He attended Bunker Hill High School.

Survivors other than his wife include five daughters, Rita Miller, Bunker Hill, Kathy Craig and husband Jeff, Troy, Ill., Joy Wolney and husband Ernie, Plymouth, Mich., Barb Miller and husband Kelly, Kokomo, and Jami Willson and husband Allen, Bunker Hill; two step-daughters, Jody Free and husband Mike, Steele, Ala., and Katherine Kmetz, Lacey Spring, Ala.; a step-son, John Kemtz Jr. and wife Melissa, Hagerstown, Md.; a sister, Betty Rife, Peru; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five step-grandchildren; two nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dale Miller; a brother-in-law, Eldon Rife; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, Kokomo, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be provided at the mortuary.

**Mildred Agness, 94**

Sunday, July 30, 2006

Mildred Agness, 94, formerly of Swayzee, passed away at 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral services are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Donald E. Miller, 63**

Monday, July 31, 2006

Donald E. Miller, 63, Somerville, Ala., formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 at his residence.

He was born on March 6, 1943 in Peru to Emerson and Pauline (Miller) Miller. He was married to Charlotte Ann (Hammonds) Miller, who survives. Miller was a truck driver for Keen Transportation for 11 years. He attended Bunker Hill High School.

Survivors other than his wife include five daughters, Rita Miller, Bunker Hill, Kathy Craig and husband Jeff, Troy, Ill., Joy Wolney and husband Ernie, Plymouth, Mich., Barb Miller and husband Kelly, Kokomo, and Jami Willson and husband Allen, Bunker Hill; two step-daughters, Jody Free and husband Mike, Steele, Ala., and Katherine Kmetz, Lacey Spring, Ala.; a step-son, John Kmetz Jr. and wife Melissa, Hagerstown, Md.; a sister, Betty Rife, Peru; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; five step-grandchildren; two nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dale Miller; a brother-in-law, Eldon Rife; one niece and one nephew. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, Kokomo, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the chapel. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be provided at the mortuary.

**Mildred I. Agness, 94**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Mildred I. Agness, 94, Greenwood, passed away at 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Saint Francis Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at the Amboy United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Floyd Pierce, 96**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Floyd Pierce, 96, Kokomo, passed away at 10:40 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at Sycamore Village, Kokomo. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Harold Williams officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Robert E. Douglass, 72**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Robert E. Douglass, 72, Peru, passed away at 2:37 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Aurora Hospital, Aurora, Colorado. He was born on April 2, 1934 in Peru to George and Frieda (Deisch) Douglass. On April 23, 1965, he married Bonnie Howard, and she preceded him in death on January 11, 2005. The Douglass' owned and operated Douglass Electric Motor Repair in Peru until their retirement in 1998. Douglass was a Peru High School graduate and was a member of the Amboy Friends Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, gardening and NASCAR. He is survived by two sons, Charles Douglass and wife Angie, Wabash, and David Douglass and wife Kelly, Peru; three daughters, Carol Dennison and husband Lonnie, Christie Hodson and husband Larry, and Cathy Wood and husband Bill, all of Wabash; one step-son, John Templeton and wife Patty, Concord, California; two sisters, Barbara Kennedy and husband Jerry, Indianapolis, and Caroline Carr, Huntington; mother-in-law, Lavon Howard, LaFontaine; and special friend, Carmen Holmes; 21 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Douglass was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles Douglass, Donald Douglass, and Richard Douglass; step-father, Arvis Ard; father-in-law, Dwight Howard; and three great-grandsons. A service celebrating the life of Douglass will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor David Phillips officiating. Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

**Mary Lou Mullett, 77**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Mary Lou Mullett, 77, Peru, passed away at 2:20 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born on September 3, 1928 in Peru to Herman J. and Ruth (Petrie) Meischke. On February 7, 1948, she married Norman 'Tony' Mullett at St. Charles Catholic Church, and he preceded her in death on November 13, 1996. The 1946 Peru High School graduate worked at Wolf Electric in Peru from 1958 to 1985. She also worked in the cafeteria at Peru Junior High School for several years. Mullett was a lifelong resident of Peru, and she and her husband lovingly raised five wonderful children. A devout Catholic, she was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the daughters of Isabella and the Alter and Rosary Society. Mullett had been a member of the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary since 1986 and in 2005 was named the Midwest Auxilian of the Year. She is survived by one daughter, Marilyn 'Sue' Hollenback, Peru; four sons, Donald Mullett and wife Becky, Ronald Mullett and wife Cindy, Michael Mullett and wife Natalie, Greg Mullett and wife Beth, all of Peru; grandchildren, Hollie Hollenback, Heather Hollenback, Krista Mullett, Katie Mullett, Brenna Miller, April Mullett, Christopher Mullett, Stephanie Mullett, Avriel Mullett, and Kyle Mullett; great-grandchildren, Abby Miller, Alex Miller, Dalton Livesay, and Peyton Livesay; one brother, Charles Meischke and wife Darlene, Wenatchee, Washington; and one sister, Ruth Joyce Kirkpatrick, Wenatchee. Aside from her husband, Mullett was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Charlotte Langer; one brother, Herman Meischke; and one grandson, Kraig Anthony Mullett. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a

prayer service at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and/or the St. Charles Catholic Church.

**Patricia 'Patty' Ann Campbell, 69**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Patricia 'Patty' Ann Campbell, 69, Peru, passed away at 8:03 a.m. on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospice, Indianapolis. The homemaker was born on June 29, 1937 in Peru to Walter Snyder and Catherine (Burton) Alspach. On July 31, 1953, she married Walter Patrick Campbell Sr., and he survives. Aside from her husband, Campbell is survived by two daughters, Linda Long, Syracuse, and Nancy Campbell, Peru; three sons, John Campbell, Peru, Bill Campbell and wife Vicki, Covington, Kentucky, and Walter Campbell Jr., Peru; one brother, Bill Leill and wife Sue, Laingsburg, Michigan; one sister, Carolyn Azbell and husband Darle, Peru; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and many caring nieces and nephews. Campbell was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Steve Campbell; one brother, Mickey Alspach; two sisters, Betty Black and Mary Katherine Snyder; and one brother-in-law, John Campbell.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Bill Campbell officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Glenda Lorene Royal-Graf, 65**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Glenda Lorene Royal-Graf, 65, formerly of Peru, went to be with the Lord at a Panama City, Florida hospital on Monday, July 31, 2006 after a battle with cancer. She was born in Moultrie, Georgia and had resided in Panama City since relocating there for five years after living in Peru. Royal-Graf, who will be sadly missed by her family and friends, retired as a nursing administrator at a Wabash health care facility. She loved boating, fishing, reading and working in her flower garden.

Royal-Graf was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers. She is survived by her loving husband, Larry Graf, Panama City, her beloved sons, Victor Sprowls and wife Criss, Sandwich, Illinois, and Steven Sprowls, Vallejo, California; one step-son, Gregory Graf, Peru; two brothers, Benny Ray Royal, Thomasville, North Carolina, and Richmond 'Rick' Royal, Largo, Florida; a special sister, Carol Moore, Sidney, Arkansas; and her wonderful grandson, 'T.J.'

No funeral services will be held in Panama City. Memorial services will be conducted at a later date. Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Panama City, are handling funeral arrangements.

**Helen I. O'Hara, 88**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Helen I. O'Hara, 88, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2006 at Elkhart General Hospital.

She was born on December 11, 1917 in Peru to Harry and Clara (Best) Greiner. On June 29, 1940, she married Charles H. O'Hara in Peru, and he preceded her in death on March 27, 1996 in Elkhart. The 1936 Peru High School graduate taught ceramics from her home from 1954 to 1985. She was a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, as well as a member of the Rosary Society at the church. O'Hara taught ceramics at the YWCA, as well as was a member of the YWCA and served on its board of directors. She was a member of the Married Women's Club, the Four Arts Club, the N.C.C.A., the Elkhart Art League, and the Council of Garden Club. She is survived by one sister, Eileen Kankel, Elkhart; and caregivers, Gordon and Sharon Roberts, Goshen. Aside from her husband, O'Hara was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted today at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, with the Father Bill Sullivan of St. Thomas officiating. Burial will be at St. Vincent Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday from 3 to 5 p.m., with a Vigil service at 4 p.m. at the Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Bashor Home, 62226 C.R. 15, Goshen, 46528.

**Jeanette A. McTigrit, 76**

Wednesday, August 02, 2006

Jeanette A. McTigrit, 76, passed away at 12:52 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on October 27, 1929 in Peru to Leslie and Ophia (Eckelbarger) Turner. On July 31, 1959, she married Robert W. McTigrit, who preceded her in death on February 3, 2003. McTigrit is survived by two sons, Mickey McTigrit and wife Karen, Columbia, and Robert McTigrit Jr. and wife Aletha, Peru; one daughter, Donna Hiers, Peru; grandchildren, Jane Kepner, Drew, Graham, Mackay, Abriana and Chaniah McTigrit; great-grandchildren, Angel Marie Kepner and Trevor Kelley; one brother, and Joe Turner and wife Patsy, Amboy. Aside from her husband, McTigrit was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and one sister. Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Gary Bush officiating. Burial will be at Mississinewa Cemetery, Wabash County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

**Josephine C. Radel, 80**

Thursday, August 03, 2006

Josephine C. Radel, 80, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at her residence. She was born February 15, 1926 in Peru, the daughter of Frank O. and Eva Woodyard Wheeler. She married Robert A. Radel Sr. at the St. Charles Catholic Church on June 9, 1944, and he survives. Jo graduated from Peru High School, received her bachelor's degree from Manchester College and her master's from St. Francis College. She started teaching in January of 1967 at Bunker Hill Junior High School and taught for more than 29 years in the Maconaquah school system. Following her retirement from Maconaquah in 1996, she taught English for one semester at Justice Middle School, Marion. She and her husband own and operate Main Street Liquors of Peru. An ardent Democrat, she served as chairperson of the Miami County Democratic Party. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Indiana State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Red Hat Society, the Daughters of Isabella and the Alter and Rosary Society. Jo was a life long resident of Peru and Miami County and she and her husband Bob lovingly raised four wonderful children. Josephine never met a stranger, had a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bob; children Robert A. Radel Jr. and his wife Kay of Peru, Mary Jo Brock of Indianapolis, Anita (Annie) Wilson of Peru and Roger A. Radel and his wife Jo Ellen of Peru; grandchildren Michelle Conner, Andy Radel, Angela Smock, Patrick Brock, Gretchen Wilson, Mathew Wilson, Aime Radel, Tara Radel and Adam Radel; and great-grandchildren Kristen Conner, Ryan Conner, Cole Radel, Kenney Smock, Sara Smock, Jaden Brock and Reese Brock.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Frances I Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a Prayer Service at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul or the American Heart Association.

**Ruby A. Harp, 76**

Friday, August 04, 2006

Ruby A. Harp, 76, Denver, passed away at 7:50 a.m. on August 3, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born on February 1, 1930 in Van Lear, Kentucky to Robert Hall and Barbara Webb Hall Hurt. In 1947, she married John Poe, and in 1961, married Robert Harp, both preceded her in death. Harp was a homemaker and a member of the House of Faith, Mexico. Survivors include children Bill Poe and wife Karen, Denver, Christine Strong, Denver, Dee Ann Biddle, Macy, Tom Harp and wife Carol, Macy, Jack Poe and wife Diane, Peru, Joyce McKinney and husband Ron, Longboat Key, Florida, Pete Poe and wife Donna, Peru, Rochelle Martin and husband Ricky, Deedsville, Jim Harp and wife Tracy, Denver, Kenny Harp, Denver, John Harp and wife Rhonda, Miami, and Matt Harp and wife Kim, Denver; 27 grandchildren and one on the way; 40 great-grandchildren and two on the way; one brother, John Hurt, Porter, Minnesota; and one sister, Opal Carter, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, Andrew Hurt, her husbands, two sons, Jerry Poe and David Harp, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Tom Harp officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the House of Faith, Mexico.

**Janet M. Gilvin, 60**

Friday, August 04, 2006

Janet M. Hubert Gilvin, 60, Kokomo, passed away at 2:59 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital in Kokomo. She was born on May 14, 1946 to Lester and Dorothy Bulger Hubert, in Black Butte, Oregon. The Kokomo High School graduate taught in Peru Community Schools for 18 years, the majority of the time at Holman Elementary. Gilvin enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren. When she was younger she was very active in Girl Scouts of America. More recently she was involved in Grandmother's Club and Tri Kappa Sorority, raising money for St. Jude Children's Foundation. She was a published poet, enjoyed playing on the computer, anything Winnie the Pooh, and Chevrolet Chevelles. Survivors include her daughter, Tammy Shuey and husband Matt, Peru; two brothers, Randy Hubert and Charlie Arthur, both of Kokomo; and two grandchildren, Jacob Gilvin of Kokomo, and Sami Shuey, Summerville, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents. No funeral services have been scheduled, however Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Reva Spranger, 82**

Friday, August 04, 2006

Reva Spranger, 82, Peru, passed away at 6:34 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Raymond Kline Day, 60**

Saturday, August 05, 2006

Raymond Kline Day, 60, Rochester, passed away at 12:43 a.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on July 22, 1946 in Macy to Bower "Sie" and Roseleen Robins Day. On July 1, 2000, he married Terri Shortz in Rochester, and she survives. He lived his entire life in the Macy and Rochester communities. He retired from

Bowen Construction, Logansport, and enjoyed woodworking, sketching, and drawing in pastels, pen and ink. Day also helped his mother make parade floats, and made snow sculptures. He was a loving and caring person. Day was a member of the former Macy United Methodist Church. Aside from his wife, he is survived by his mother, Roseleen Day, Macy; two daughters, Naomi "Midge" Toulbee of Rochester, and Monique Day of South Bend; a son, Eric Day, Rochester; a step-daughter, Pamela Spencer, Rochester; a step-son, Jay Klingshirn, Rochester; a sister, Sianna Deeds and husband Jerry, Macy; four brothers, Myron "Bud" Day and wife Barbara, Chili, Rex Day, Dothan, Alabama, Robin Day and wife Pamela, Rochester, and David Day, Rochester; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; father-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and a niece. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 to the time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

**Reva Mae Spranger, 82**

Saturday, August 05, 2006

Reva Mae Spranger, 82, Peru, passed away at 6:34 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born on Oct. 17, 1923 in Peru to William and Casta Grice Henry. On April 9, 1944, she married William F. "Bill" Spranger, and he survives. Spranger was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, as well as was a member of the Ladies Golf Association. She was the wife of a U.S. Army veteran. Survivors other than her husband include twin sons, Harold Spranger and wife Lee Ann, Fort Wayne, and Gerald Spranger and wife Mary Ann, Zionsville; grandchildren Tracey Fauser, Krista Thema, Kimberly Whitlock and Trisha Barmowski; great-grandchildren Mitchel, Lauren, Katelyn, Ashley, Jessica, Jack, Kayla, Kyle and Will; and brothers Melvin Henry, Greenwood and Maylon Henry, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and three sisters. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Martin E. Kitner officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from noon until time of service. Memorials can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Paul D. Abbott Sr., 83**

Monday, August 07, 2006

Paul D. Abbott Sr., 83, Marion, passed away at 10:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006 at his residence. He was born Sept. 15, 1922 in Clinton County to David N. and Matilda (Kresley) Abbott. He married Molly F. "Peg" Barnett Nov. 24, 1959, and she survives. Abbott was a 1941 graduate of Forest High School, Forest. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in the Rhineland and Central Europe campaigns. He received the American Theater EAME with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, Purple Heart and World War II Victory Medal. He was Tech 4 Grade. Abbott graduated from Tech School, Brooke General Hospital. He retired from the Nickel Plate Roadroad and Abbott's Lettering and Bowling Supplies. In addition, he was a city building inspector for Marion, secretary of the Ed Merchant Bowling League for many years, a member of the American Legion and enjoyed bowling, coin collecting and attending Calvary Assembly of God Church, where he was a member and served as secretary for 11 years. Survivors besides his wife include three children, Greg N. Abbott, Royal Center, Terry S. Abbott, Logansport, and one stepchild, Ronald Lee (Ede) Pence, Mount Sterling, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Paul D. Abbott Jr.; a brother, Lewis Franklin Abbott; and five sisters, Ruby Pauline Long, Cecil Elizabeth Schimmel, Lucille Mildred Redman, Elsie Blanch Parker and Bessie Mae Allen. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 S. Washington St., with Pastor Vernon Bettus officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com).

**Katherine R. Cumming, 95**

Monday, August 07, 2006

Katherine R. Cumming, 95, Peru, passed away at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Karen S. Mongosa, 57**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

Karen S. Mongosa, 57, Macy, passed away at 7:25 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006 at her residence. She was born on April 12, 1949 in Peru to John Edward Pattison Sr. and E. Louise (Smith) Pattison. On June 28, 1975, she married T. Joe Mongosa, and he survives. She worked at Orion Safety Products and was a member of the Denver Saddle Club. Mongosa enjoyed deer hunting with her son, fishing, watching her husband do barrel racing, and spending time with her grandchildren and family. Aside from her husband, Mongosa is survived by her father, Peru; one son, Shane E. Mongosa and wife Shelley, Macy; one granddaughter, Megan Rose Mongosa, Macy; one grandson, Joshua Edward Mongosa, Macy; one brother, John Edward Pattison Jr., Peru; twin sister, Kathryn L. Parrett and husband Jay, Wabash, other sisters, Johnna E. Hann and husband Bob, Peru, and Jo Ellen Radel and husband Roger, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Wabash/Miami Hospice.



**Jessica Lynn Rutledge, 37**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

Jessica Lynn Rutledge, 37, Peru, passed away at 5:26 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born on August 8, 1969 in Richland Center, Wisconsin, to James Henry Rutledge and Sharon L. (Whitaker) Russell. Rutledge was a disabled homemaker and member of the First Assembly of God. She is survived by her mother; step-father, Charles 'Fred' Russell, each of Peru; one son, Devon Rutledge, Peru; two step-sons, Justin Leagant and Cory Adams, both of Indianapolis; three brothers, Duane Rutledge, James Rutledge, and David Rutledge, each of Peru; one sister, Eva Taylor, Peru; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Rutledge was preceded in death by her father. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Hazel M. Savage, 98**

Tuesday, August 08, 2006

Hazel M. Savage, 98, LaFontaine and formerly of Rochester, passed away at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2006 at the Rolling Meadows Health Care Center in LaFontaine. Funeral arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Dennis E. Garrett, 73**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

Dennis E. Garrett, 73, Bloomington, passed away July 31, 2006. Funeral services were Friday at Deremiah-Frye Mortuary, Greene & Harrell Chapel, Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Hazel M. Savage 98**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

Hazel M. Savage 98, LaFontaine, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006 at the Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine. She was born Dec. 29, 1907 in Danville, Ill., to George Clinton and Laura Belle (Keplinger) Bunnell. One of four children, she lived her early childhood on farms near Chili, Wabash and Peoria. Savage graduated from Butler High School and attended Manchester College. While working as a waitress during the summers, she met W. Scott Savage of Macy. They were married on April 14, 1929 in the Indianapolis home of Charles and Ella Kroft. They went on a honeymoon trip the following summer in their new Model A Ford to Yellowstone National Park and to visit Scott's sister, Marie, who had homesteaded near Edmonton, Canada. She lived in Macy from 1929 to 1957, during which time she taught school, was the Miami County truant officer and helped raise four children. The family ran a dairy during the summer, had a large garden, truck patch, and raised chickens for eggs and fryers to sell. She did lots of canning and baking. She enjoyed fishing, going to family picnics, collecting rocks and seashells, hunting mushrooms and watching birds and animals.

**Raymond Kline Day, 60**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

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**Louis A. Richter, 86**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

Louis A. Richter, 86, Peru, passed away at 8:13 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, 2006 at his residence. He was born March 6, 1920 in Peru to Alvin and Martha (Menzel) Richter. He married Donnabelle Brinley June 11, 1941, and she survives. Richter also lived at a summer house at Maxinkuckee Lake, Culver. He was the former owner/operator of the Richter-Keirn Buick-Oldsmobile dealership. He was a member of First Christian Church for 65 years, the Elks, American Legion and Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, boating, woodworking and spending time with family and his grandchildren. In addition, he was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Mary Lou Tate and husband Michael, Pickerington, Ohio, and Martha Donaldson, Hollywood, Fla.; a son, Robert Richter and wife Theresa, Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Jody and Christopher Tate, Tamra Donaldson, Vanessa Damitz and Joshua Richter; two great-



grandchildren, Katelyn and Hayley Damitz; and a sister, Helen Keirn and husband Noel, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. A private family service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, with Pastors Ron Lewellen, Steve Fleck and George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, Peru, or Emmanuel Methodist Church, Culver.

**Ruth Ellen (Hippensteel) Bradshaw, 83**

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

Ruth E. Bradshaw, 83, Daytona Beach, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at Ormond Memorial Hospital, Ormond Beach, Fla. She was born in Peru on July 31, 1922 to Benjamin F. and Amelia (Guempclein) Hippensteel. She married George E. Bradshaw of Watseka, Ill., on Feb. 14, 1942 at the First Christian Church in Peru, where she was baptized as a young girl. She graduated from Peru High School and attended Franklin College and Kokomo Business College. Survivors include her husband of 63 years; two sons, Ross of Highland, Ill., and Philip, Torrance, Calif.; two daughters, Muriel Twitty, Signal Mountain, Tenn., and Donna Peeks, Birmingham, Ala.; a sister, Mildred Kugler, Marion; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a niece, Linda Kugler Thibos, Peru; and three nephews, Kenneth G. Kugler, Torrance, Calif., Benjamin R. Hippensteel, Kokomo, and David Hippensteel, Westfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother and sister-in-law, Ross and Jean Hippensteel. Memorial services were held on July 7 in Haigh-Black Funeral Home in Ormand Beach, Fla.

**James Otis Sapp, 42**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

James Otis Sapp, 42, of Clearwater, Florida, formerly of Crown Point, passed away on July 21, 2006 in Clearwater. Private services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Crown Point. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Crown Point, will be held at a later date.

**Daniel F. Burke, 78**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

Daniel F. Burke, 78, Peru, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Sondra S. Syphers, 66**

Thursday, August 10, 2006

Sondra S. Syphers, 66, Peru, passed away at 4:34 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. The homemaker was born on September 6, 1939 in Peru to Gordon J. and Margaret (Rademaker) Bonney. On February 7, 1959, she married David 'Dave' Syphers, and he survives. Syphers was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and was a loving wife, mom, and grandma. Aside from her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Cathy Doherty and Cindi Kindig, both of Peru; grandchildren, Linzie Feller, Randee Kindig, Alexis Kindig, Kelsey Doherty, and Mackenzie Doherty; and great-grandchild, Carter Siblisk. Syphers was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Jim Bonney. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Cancer Society.

**Daniel "Dan" F. Burke, 78**

Friday, August 11, 2006

Daniel "Dan" F. Burke, 78, Peru, passed away on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born on August 16, 1927 in Arcadia, to John and Irene Burke. Burke graduated from Hyde Park High School in Chicago in January 1946, and entered the military in February 1946. His basic training was at Fort Bliss, Texas, after which he was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to serve as a mail clerk and battery clerk in the artillery. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in March, 1947 at the rank of Corporal. He was employed by Continental Casualty Insurance in Chicago, and went on to work at The Chicago Sun Times, from April 1952 through April 1982, at which time he moved back to Peru. He was later associated with Wally's Tavern in Kokomo, The Kokomo Tribune, and briefly sold real estate. Burke was known for his keen wit and his lifelong love of history. At one point in his life, he even arranged tours to civil war battlefields. Survivors include his two nieces by whom he will be sadly missed, Barbara Potter McLeod (PHS 1963) of Washington, D.C.; and Kathy Burke Wash of Memphis; one nephew, Patrick Burke of Memphis; sister-in-law Janine Burke, Memphis; sister-in-law Mimi Burke of Peru; nephew Tom Burke, formerly of Peru; Nighisty Burke of San Antonio; and cousins John and Julie Bayless of Union City, Ohio; Maxine, Tim and Tom Binkley of Union City, and Rick Binkley of Dundee, Florida; great and great-great nieces and nephews, including Ashley, Brittany and Chloe Copeland of Southaven, Mississippi, Nikki and Elijah Gressel, Memphis, Matthew Wash, also of Memphis, and also surviving is his beloved cat, Daisy. He was preceded in death by his brothers, John F. Burke, Jr. of Peru, and James W. Burke of Memphis. Burke was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. Graveside

services will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Charles Cemetery, with the Reverend Frances I. Kilcline III officiating. Arrangements have been handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**James E. Noonan, 80**

Friday, August 11, 2006

James E. Noonan, 80, Frankfort, passed away at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at his residence. He was married to June, who survives. Noonan was retired from Indiana Farm Bureau Co-Op. Aside from his wife, Noonan was survived by three sons, James E. Noonan Jr. and wife Tina, Fishers, Gary M. Noonan and wife Susan, Carmel, and David A. Noonan and wife Lesa, Peru; one daughter, Tracy A. Noonan, Indianapolis; two brothers, Frank A. Noonan of Lake Bluff, Illinois and John W. Noonan, Chicago. He also was the grandfather of six. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Frankfort, with burial to follow in Green Lawn Cemetery. Visitation is from 5 to 8 today at Genda Funeral Home, 608 N. Main St., Frankfort, and one hour prior to the funeral service at St. Matthew's. On-line condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).

**Barbara Jill Harshman, 67**

Friday, August 11, 2006

Barbara Jill Harshman, 67, Bluffton, passed away at her home at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Sonlight Wesleyan Church in Bluffton with the Reverend Lyle Breeding officiating. Burial will follow in Stahl Cemetery. Calling is Sunday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

**Franklin Roosevelt "Danny" Guy, 69**

Friday, August 11, 2006

Franklin Roosevelt "Danny" Guy, 69, Bunker Hill, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006 at his residence.

There will be no services and no visitation. Arrangements are being provided by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Leslie L. McCord, 66**

Friday, August 11, 2006

Leslie L. McCord, 66, Anderson, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born April 14, 1940 in Elwood to Virgil and Mary (Schrock) McCord, and was a lifelong Madison County resident.

McCord retired from the Anderson City Street Department after 20 years of service. He was affiliated with Meadowbrook Church of Christ. He also was an avid bird watcher and fed many animals, played guitar and loved bluegrass, country and gospel music. Survivors include his wife whom he married June 28, 1973, Peggy (Zachary) McCord; six daughters, Mary Klock (Mike), Anderson, Loretta Martin (Clifford), Brownsville, Tenn., Peggy Williams (Charles), Anderson, Donna Hodson (Danny), Morgantown, Tammy Gordon (Billy), Anderson, and Lena McCord (Chris Campbell), Fayetteville; two sons, Butch Wagner (Tammy), Pensacola, Fla., and Scotty Wagner, Anderson; nine siblings, Howard Wagner (June), Sue Hall (Bill), Virgil "Ray" McCord (Della), Frank McCord (Kathy), Charles Danny McCord (Brenda), Hazel Carpenter (Joe), Jerry McCord (Peggy), Ernie McCord (Phyllis) and Peggy Learned (Michael); 25 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two on the way; his mother-in-law, Mary Zachary; special friends Mary Lou Griffey and Katie Rinker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Teresa McCord; his parents; two sisters, Marilyn McCord and Anna Lycan; a brother, Fred McCord; a granddaughter, Misty Wagner; his father-in-law, Walter S. Zachary; and two brothers-in-law, Gene Zachary and Gene Lycan. Funeral services will be today at 2:30 p.m. at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, Anderson, with Dr. Vance S. Davis officiating. Burial will be in East Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. today at the funeral home, South Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society for Esophageal and Stomach Cancer Research. For more information, visit [www.LooseFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LooseFuneralHomes.com)

**Harold R. Mannies, 76**

Monday, August 14, 2006

Harold R. Mannies, 76, Silver Lake, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 13, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

**David "Dave" Syphers, 69**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

David "Dave" Syphers, 69, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2006 at his residence. He was born Jan. 8, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio to Paul and Ruth (Hathaway) Syphers. He married Sondra "Sonnie" (Bonney) Syphers Feb. 7, 1959, and she preceded him in death Aug. 9, 2006. Syphers retired as a senior master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force, and as a general supervisor from Delco. He also served in Vietnam. In addition, he was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the American Legion, VFW, Peru Maennerchor, Elks and Knights of Columbus. Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Doherty and Cindi Kindig, both of Peru; five grandchildren, Linzie Feller, Randee and Alexis Kindig, and Kelsey and Mackenzie Doherty; a great-grandchild, Carter Sibbick; and three sisters, Helen Sanders, Patty Monday and Joanie DeFiore, all of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Cancer Society.

**Bertha L. Czerwin, 85**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

Bertha L. Czerwin, 85, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2006 at her residence. She was born Oct. 25, 1920 in Chaffee, Mo. to Bert and Julia (Pickett) Grace. She married Louis Spear, who preceded her in death, and then Henry Czerwin, who also preceded her in death. Czerwin retired from Wabash County Hospital after more than 20 years. She enjoyed her grandchildren and her dog Alex. Survivors include five sons, James Czerwin and wife Rosie, California, Duane Spear and wife Teri, Deming, N.M., Lester Czerwin, Fort Wayne, Fred Czerwin and wife Paulette, Wabash, and Bobby Spear, Tucson, Ariz.; two daughters, Janet (Spear) Tyner, Wabash, and Susan Hawkins and husband Barney, Peru; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; a sister, Dorothy Evans; a grandson, Jason Hawkins; an infant granddaughter, Julia; and a son-in-law, Pete Tyler. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Richard Leroy Merritt, 73**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

Richard Leroy Merritt, 73, passed away at Caring Hands Nursing Home, Peru, on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006. He was born in Peru to Leroy and Clara (Sopher) Merritt on Jan. 21, 1933. He served in the U.S. Army, where he met and married his wife of 49 years, Iva (James) Merritt, who preceded him in death. Survivors include two sisters: Bettie Shively, Marion, and Demaris "Dee" Hoover, Hartford, Ky.; a special grandson, Bradley; a stepson, Ken; a stepdaughter, Arlene; and a son-in-law, Rolla. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, two half brothers, one half sister, and two stepdaughters, Shirley and Alice. There will be no memorial service at this time.

**Harold R. "Red" Mannies, 76**

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

Harold R. "Red" Mannies, 76, Silver Lake, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006 at his residence following a short illness. He was born on March 19, 1930 in Miami County to Charley and Nellie (Baber) Mannies, and lived most of his life in the Akron area. On March 19, 1948 he married Thelma A. (Rogers) Mannies in Peru, and she survives. Mannies retired from Wabash Alloys, where he was employed for 34 years as a truck driver. Survivors besides his wife include six daughters, Rita Sue Manns and husband Willard, Mira Jean Leon and husband Lorenzo, Beth Ann Hopkins and husband Don, all of Akron, Velvet Vena Reed, Silver Lake, Schery Lynn White and husband Bruce, Peru, and Mona Rea Wolf and husband Larry, Logansport; three sons, Montie Ross Mannies and wife Teresa, Mathew James Mannies and wife Jackie, and Shanen doah Mannies and wife Darla, all of Logansport; one brother, Arville Mannies and wife France, Peru; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond and Robert Mannies; one sister, Betty Helman; and one daughter, Becky Jo Mannies.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with the Reverend Frank Whitaker officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the funeral service on Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

**Katherine R. Cumming, 95**

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

Katherine R. Cumming, 95, Peru, passed away at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 30, 1910 in New York, N.Y. to Francis and Catherine (Rogers) Chillingworth. She married Thomas Cumming, and he preceded her in death. Cumming was a telephone operator for Bell Telephone. Survivors include a son, Reginald Cumming and wife Katherine, New Hampshire; a daughter, Pat Collier and husband Bill, England; eight grandchildren, Bill and Julie Cumming, Steve and Julie Cumming, Lynn and Bill Reschke, Lisa Cumming, Bill Collier, Tom and Serina Collier, Katie Collier and Sarah Collier; six great-grandchildren, Dustin Cumming, Molly Cumming, William Reschke, Tyler Reschke, Erick Reschke and Morgan McGee; a great-great-grandchild, Madison McGee; and a sister, Diana Gould, New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and seven sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating.

No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, and/or the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Curtis R. Michael Sr., 82**

Friday, August 18, 2006

Curtis R. Michael Sr., 82, Logansport, passed away at 10:40 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006 at his residence.

He was born July 3, 1924 in Peru to John Henry and Lottie Mae (Sargus) Michael. He married Kathy Ervin July 28, 1982 in Peru, and she survives. Michael was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II.

He retired as maintenance foreman from Hamilton Standard after 24 years of employment. He was formerly an ordained minister in Wabash. Michael had been a clown with the Peru circus with Emmett Kelly Sr. and Red Skelton. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson hog with the Wabash Roadrunners Motorcycle Club.

In addition, he was a member of the Eagles and loved to dance. He loved his family, children and great-grandchildren. He worked very hard to raise his family, and did without in order to provide for them.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Curtis R.A. Michael Jr. and wife Robin, Kokomo; two daughters, Ella May P. Michael-Bell and husband Albert R., Kokomo, and Robyn A. Bilvin, Paxton, Ill.; and Randy Michael, Greenwood, who only knew Curtis as Dad; two brothers, Walter Michael, and Bert Michael and wife Bonnie, all of Peru; eight grandchildren, Josh Bolinger and wife Amber, Jacob Bilvin, Lindzey Jackson, Maggie Michael, Tasha Michael, Manda Sill, Leighton Sill and wife Amber, and Curtis Michael III; and seven great-grandchildren, Aurora, Jewlliana, Reyones, Dominique, Joseph, Jasmine and Adon. He was preceded in death by a son, Tony Michael; and a sister, Mary Steele.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with Hospice Chaplain Ken Byland officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be placed online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

**Rex Eric Keirn Sr., 62**

Friday, August 18, 2006

Rex Eric Keirn Sr., 62, Fairbanks, Alaska, passed away on Aug. 10, 2006 at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital after a long term illness. He was born on Feb. 17, 1944 in Frazier, Mich. Upon graduating from Peru High School, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1962 and was stationed with the Army Dental Corps in Fairbanks. He was also stationed in Kenai, Alaska, in 1964 before retiring as a dental hygienist in 1978. Rex met his wife, Janet, in Fairbanks, where they were wed on July 1, 1968.

He was a member of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), Moose, VFW and the Shriners. He provided radio support for Yukon Quest, Mars Net and the Motley Group, and was also involved in the Fairbanks Amateur Radio Club and HAM Radio. "We will greatly miss his sense of humor, his faithful companionship and the love he bestowed among them all. He loved Alaska wildlife and he had a love for the animals," his family said.

Survivors other than his wife, Janet M. Keirn, include eight children, Linda McDougall and husband David of Wasilla, Alaska, Yvonne Krenzela and husband Mark, Wasilla, Rex Eric Keirn and wife Jen, North Pole, Alaska, Frank Keirn and wife Amie, Anchorage, Alaska, Jason Keirn and wife Marina of Ketchikan, Alaska, Fabian Keirn and Richard Keirn, both of Fairbanks, and Rachel Keirn, Anchorage; his mother, Francis Weaver and husband Roy, Livingston, Texas; two brothers, Gary Newman and wife Mary Ann, Jacksonville, Fla., and Zachary Keirn and wife Diane, Loveland, Colo.; three sisters, Kellene Meadows and husband Bill, Peru, Penny Kahrs and her husband, Clifton, Kan., and Kathy Swegheimer and husband Clarence; eight grandchildren Theodore E. Gordon Jr., Chelsea R. McDougall, Jaelyn G.A. McDougall, Jolie L.A. McDougall, Audrianna M. Krenzela, Zachary M. Krenzela, Adia M. Keirn, Seth R.F. Keirn, and a grandchild that will be born in February.

He was preceded in death by Max Keirn, Michael Keirn, Grant Newman, William F. Newman, Kay Greenlee, William Newman Sr. and John F. Greenlee. Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory, Fairbanks.

**Anna Dean Karns, 103**

Friday, August 18, 2006

Anna Dean Karns, 103, formerly of Urbana, passed away at 7:24 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. She was born Oct. 13, 1902 in Howard County to Eli and Emma (Dean) Yager. She married Earl Jacob Karns in Wabash County Sept. 2, 1923, and he preceded her in death in November of 1956. Karns graduated from Greentown High School in 1920, and attended Purdue University one year. She worked as a proof reader at the Wabash Plain Dealer and also cooked at Peabody Retirement Community. In addition, she was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Anna Lee Biehl and husband Max, Urbana, Karmen Caruso, Bedford; two sons, Lowell Dean Karns and wife Marilyn, Wabash, and Loyle Dean Karns and wife Lois, Kokomo; a sister, Emma Clare Schlemmer, Wabash; 18 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband; three daughters, Marion Eloise Karns, Anita Merrell and Earleen Ulrey; a brother, Albert Yager; and a sister, Ida Mae Petro.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Peter's Church of Christ, Urbana, with Dr. Kent Ulrey and Pastor Randy Myers officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery, Urbana. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorials are to St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

**Betty Louise Fisher, 84**

Friday, August 18, 2006

Betty Louise Fisher, 84, Peru, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006 at 5:35 p.m. at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born in Bunker Hill on Aug. 10, 1922 to Noble and Genevieve (Shope) Smith. She was a 1940 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and graduated from Indiana Business College at Kokomo in 1941. She married James Reece on Aug. 3, 1941 in Peru. He died in France in World War II on Aug. 17, 1944. She married Clinton Fisher on Nov. 18, 1945 in Bunker Hill, and he survives. She was a bookkeeper at the Bunker Hill Elevator and a cashier at the Wabash Valley Bank in Bunker Hill. In 1954 she became the first secretary at Bunker Hill High School, which later became Maconaquah High School, where she worked for 17 years. She then became a bookkeeper for non-appropriated funds at Grissom Air Force Base, and retired in 1998. She was the pianist/organist for 50 years at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, where she was a member. She was also the organist for Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, and Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru for several years. In her early years, she also played the accordion, providing musical entertainment for nursing homes and church functions.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Peggy Anne Frye and husband Larry, Mooresville, and Susan Marie Morrow, Kokomo; five grandchildren, Brian Frye, Christopher Frye, Alana Vayingher, Amy Turner and Denisa Brock; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kathleen Garber and husband Charles, Bunker Hill, and Marilyn Shreve and husband Richard, Huntington, W.Va.; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, church family and friends, who have all been very supportive throughout the years and especially through her extended illness. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, 100 E. Broadway, with Pastors David Duke and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. The way of the cross lead home. God will be at the door to meet her. Arrangements are by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**John W. Harvey, 83**

Monday, August 21, 2006

John W. Harvey, 83, rural Peru, passed away at 8:35 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at the Warren United Methodist Home. He was born on February 6, 1923 in Wabash County to Herbert and Harriet (Bird) Harvey. On November 16, 1941, he married Jean Weishaar in Miami County, and she survives. Harvey attended the Paw Paw United Methodist Church and was a retired farmer. He also was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, as well as the Wabash Moose Lodge and enjoyed woodworking. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Aside from his wife, Harvey is survived by two daughters, Betty Ann Oliphant and husband Ed, Peru, and Kristine Reardon and husband Mike, Greenfield; one sister, Mary Alice Cox and husband Jud, Peru; one granddaughter, Beth Runkle and husband Brian, Bloomington, Minnesota; two grandsons, Ryan Reardon and wife Kelly, Normal, Illinois, and Brett Reardon, Greenfield; three great-grandchildren, Brooke Runkle and Blake Runkle, both of Bloomington, and Ashlin Reardon, Normal.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Shawn Reardon, who passed away in 1987.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with the Reverend Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will be at the Paw Paw Cemetery, Miami County.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guestbook for Harvey may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Memorials may be made to the donors' choice.

**George Brooks, 52**

Tuesday, August 22, 2006

George Brooks, 52, Nyona Lake, passed away Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006 in Warren, Mich.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Manis L. "Tom" Caudill, 76**

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Manis L. "Tom" Caudill, 76, rural Akron, passed away at 11:12 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. He had been in failing health since May.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Richard Knarr officiating. Burial will be in Athens Cemetery, Athens. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Walter W. Michael, 83**

Saturday, August 26, 2006

Walter W. Michael, 83, Peru, passed away at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006 at Wabash Skilled Care Center, Wabash. He was born May 16, 1923 in Miami County to John H. and Lottie M. (Sargus) Michael. He married Ruth Eileen Black in April 1952, and she preceded him in death Dec. 11, 2004. Michael was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He retired from Honeywell's and the Robin Hood Store, both in Wabash. In addition, he was a member of First Church of God, Wabash.



Survivors include his brother, Bert Michael, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a sister, Mary Steel; and a brother, Curtis Michael. A private graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor James Sparks officiating. The Miami County Military Rites Unit will conduct military graveside services. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Flavius J. Brewer, 87**

Saturday, August 26, 2006

Flavius J. Brewer, 87, Peru, passed away at 7:20 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Feb. 10, 1919 in Miami County to William Henry and Ruth Agness (Murphy) Brewer. Brewer was first married to Naomi Arbuckle on Aug. 31, 1947, and she passed away on Nov. 25, 1983. He then married Velma Young on June 2, 1986, and she survives. Flavius grew up in Erie Township of Miami County and lived his entire life in the Miami-Wabash County area. He was a 1937 graduate of Peru High School. He retired from farming, and was also a maintenance technician at US Gypsum for 25 years. He was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ; former director of the Erie Community Center; a member of the Pioneer Power and Antique Tractor Club of North Central Indiana; and a charter member of the Richvalley Lions Club since 1974, when the club was organized. He was the first member to receive the Melvin Jones Award from the International Lions Club. He and his wife, Naomi, started Brewer's Tenderloin Service in 1952. Along with his wife, survivors include his son, Larry A. Brewer Sr. and wife Karen, Wabash; a daughter, Joyce Brewer, Wabash; a sister, Georgia Personett, Peru; three grandchildren, Larry A. Brewer Jr., Wabash, Angela Aldrich and husband David, Indianapolis, and William Flavius Brewer, Wabash; a great-grandson, Tommy Aldrich, Indianapolis; and his dog, Angus. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Jean Brewer, who passed away in 1952, and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with John Lienbaugh officiating. There will be no visitation. The memorial guest book for Flavius may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorial is the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway West Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis IN 46250.

**Juanita Bunker, 88**

Monday, August 28, 2006

Juanita Bunker, 88, Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru.

**Juanita Louise Bunker, 88**

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Juanita Louise Bunker, 88, Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru. She was born on December 1, 1917 in Peru, the daughter of Frank and Rosa Schuepbach Balter. She married Donald Scott, who preceded her in death. She married Clarence W. Bunker on September 24, 1950, and he preceded her in death on December 28, 1966. After graduating mid-year from Peru High School in 1936, Juanita worked her entire life. She began as a seamstress and subsequently as a telephone operator during World War II, as a waitress at the Square Deal Truck Stop, at Essex Wire, at Clark's Department Store and at American Stationery. She was well known as a seamstress in Peru, an occupation she pursued for many, many decades. She also served as a volunteer seamstress for the Peru Amateur Circus, as President of the Holman Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, as a Cub Scout leader, and as a volunteer for the Mother's March of Dimes against polio. A lifelong resident of the Peru community, Juanita was a member of the Eastern Star and enjoyed sewing, quilting, sports, traveling, fishing, home repair and carpentry.

Survivors include her children, Gary Scott of Logansport, Wayne Bunker and wife Kathy, Peru, and Stephanie Bunker and husband Shahrukh Rafi Khan of Cos Cob, Conn.; eight grandchildren, Michelle Helvie, Thomas Scott, Denise Hostetler, Julie Hurt, Jennifer Walsh, Sophia Khan, Kristine Schuster and Lila Khan; two step-grandchildren, Jennifer Korving and Jaclyn Schuster; ten great-grandchildren; one step-great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; a son, Thomas Scott; a grandson, Jeffery Scott; a granddaughter, Kathryn Bunker; five sisters: Henrietta Titus, Eula Balter, Cornelia Sutherly, Geraldine Briner and Bernadine Gardiner; and three brothers, Hershel, La Rue and Monroe Balter. A service celebrating the life of Juanita Louise Bunker will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Riley Children's Foundation.

**Rev. Geneva June Purvis Rudolph, 83**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

Rev. Geneva June Purvis Rudolph, 83, a resident of Reynolds Road in Marshall County near Columbia, Tenn., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006 in Maury Regional Hospital. She was born in Kokomo to Jasper Allen and Priscilla Hughes Purvis. She married the Rev. Mark Edward Rudolph, to whom she would have been married 63 years in July. Rudolph was an ordained minister in the Pentecostal Church and, along with her husband, founded and pastored the First United Pentecostal Church in Peru for 40 years. She had cooked at the Indiana First United Pentecostal Church camps for 25 years and was a

member of First Pentecostal Church of Columbia, Tenn. Survivors include two daughters, Marquita Sparks and husband John, Columbia, Tenn., and Emma Zabel, Westminster, Colo.; eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at First United Pentecostal Church, Columbia, Tenn., with the Rev. Telford Tharp, Rev. Keith Mosier and Rev. Paul Mooney officiating.

Burial will follow in the Derryberry Cemetery, Rally Hill, Tenn. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Williams Funeral Home, Columbia, Tenn. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Pentecostal Church, 955 Baker Road, Columbia, TN 38401. Condolences may be sent to [www.williamfh.com](http://www.williamfh.com).

**Maurice E. Metzger, 88**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

Maurice E. Metzger, 88, North Manchester, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006 in Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester.

**Marilyn Sue Wagoner, 68**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

Marilyn Sue Wagoner, 68, Macy, passed away at 1:10 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, 2006 at Renaissance Specialty Hospital, Muncie, after failing health. She was born on May 13, 1938 in Peru to Kenneth and Vivian Shafer Turnipseed. She married Harold W. Wagoner I on June 9, 1956 in Churubusco, and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2006.

Wagoner lived in Macy her entire married life and was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking for her family. She was an avid Indiana University basketball fan and treasured the time spent with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, twins Larry Dean Wagoner, Rochester, and Terry Gene Wagoner and wife Pat, Peru, and Harold Wayne Wagoner II and wife Mary, Logansport; nine grandchildren, Megan Wagoner, Brittany Wagoner, Heather Wagoner, Sara Wagoner, Bethany Stephy and husband Zach, Carrie Gaines and husband Chad, Brandon Wagoner, Ryan Wagoner and Eric Wagoner; one great-grandson; and three sisters, Ardith Books, Norfolk, Neb., Alice Graf, Wabash, and Barbara Turnipseed, Muncie. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Doris Gibson, Dorothy Stahl and Virginia Stahl; and two brothers, Dean and Gene Turnipseed.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating.

Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Electronic condolences can be sent to [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Polly Lavengood, 104**

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

Polly Lavengood, 104, Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Robert D. Graham, 65**

Thursday, August 31, 2006

Robert D. Graham, 65, Peru, passed away at 12:32 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on June 6, 1941 in Billerica, Mass., to David and Edna Graham. He married Theresa Gayette Graham in 1984, and she survives. Graham was retired from the United States Air Force, and served in Vietnam.

Survivors other than his wife include six sons, Robert Graham, Peru, James Graham, Massachusetts, Kenneth Graham, Mississippi, David Gower, Peru, Dennis Gower, New Hampshire, and Danny Gower, Peru; four daughters, Kim Ousley, Peru, Donna Yates, Peru, Lisa Graham, Greenwood, and Diane Smith, Peru; three brothers, Malcolm Graham, Florida, Jack Graham, New Hampshire, and Richard Graham, Massachusetts; one sister, Mary Graham, Massachusetts; and 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to time of service Friday at the funeral home.

**Terrence Andrew Berends, 36**

Thursday, August 31, 2006

In loving memory of Terrence Andrew "Andy" Berends, August 13, 1970 to August 27, 2006. He was born to Mary C. and Kenneth C. Berends at Dukes Hospital, Peru. He passed away at 2:30 p.m. on August 27, 2006 at Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis. Andy graduated from Peru High School in 1989 and received a scholarship from Wabash Vocational School for Heating and Cooling. He loved music and was currently working as a DJ in and around Peru. His favorite passtimes were frisbee golf and playing softball for the Triphammer team. But his greatest joy in life was his daughter, Michelle, and being with his dearest friends. Andy will be missed very much by his family and many close friends. Survivors include his loving daughter, Michelle Berends, Greentown; his separated wife, Andrea Berends, Peru; three sisters, Debbie McClung and husband Mike, Georgia, Robin Carpenter, Florida, and Tracy Boyd and husband Kent, Illinois; two brothers, Kelly Berends, Peru, and

George Berends and wife Kathy, Kentucky; three aunts, Helen Wickey and Mary Sebring, Peru, and Sara Lansaw, Ohio; one uncle, Hank Reardean, Texas; five nieces, Kim, Nikki, Brandy, Cheryl Ann and Katie; five nephews, Chris, Kenny, George, Richard and David; and two close cousins, Mike and Shannon. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and a special friend. There will be a memorial service for family and friends Sunday at 3 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church, Peru, with Jim Butler officiating. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

#### **Brandie L. Steele, 33**

Thursday, August 31, 2006 - Friday, September 01, 2006 - Tuesday, September 05, 2006

Brandie L. Steele, 33, Peru, passed away at 3:27 p.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kokomo on April 7, 1973 to Darrell and Jennifer Dailey Tanner, and they both survive.

Brandie was a graduate of Kokomo High School, and was a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant. She was known for being friendly and outgoing, and would do anything for anybody. She loved the ocean, listening to music and going to her children's ball games.

Survivors include her two children, Brittnee Steele and Kody Steele, both of Peru; her children's father, David Steele, Peru; her father, Darrell Tanner and his wife Shelley, Peru; her mother, Jen Tanner, Bear, Del.; a brother, Matthew Tanner and his wife Jessica, Kokomo; a sister, Carrie Smith, Peru; a step-brother, Mark Bryand, Dover, Del.; a stepbrother, Chris Bryand, Dover, Del.; a step-sister, Cara Sheppard, Peru; a step-brother, Scott Sheppard, Peru; an aunt and uncle, Lorrie Bryson and husband Ron, Elwood; three nieces and three nephews.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 West Alto Road, Kokomo. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Hospital Burn Center in Fort Wayne, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. If you would like to offer condolences online, you may do so by visiting [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

#### **Polly Lavengood, 104**

Thursday, August 31, 2006

Polly Lavengood, 104, Peru, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:03 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born on January 27, 1902 in Howard County, to Emanuel and Barbara Schmucker Hochstedler. She married Alvin Miller, and he preceded her in death in 1934. She then married Dr. Roy Lavengood in 1976, and he preceded her in death on January 3, 1979. Polly was employed at Kokomo Delco Electronics until her retirement in 1965, and was a member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Survivors include three daughters, Hilda Shrock and husband Vernon, Kokomo, Pauline Rhine and husband Richard, Bunker Hill, and Barbara Ann Myers and husband Maro, Syracuse; two step-sons, Roy Lavengood and wife Jeanie, Kokomo, and Paul Lavengood and wife Gail, Kokomo; a step-daughter, Marilyn Klise and husband Rex, Kokomo; 19 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; 32 step-great-grandchildren; and 22 step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 East 1400 South, Kokomo (in Miami County) with Pastors Randy Detweiler and Lee Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Mast Cemetery.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Arrangements are by Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

#### **Hugh B. Bradley, 89**

Friday, September 01, 2006

Hugh B. Bradley, 89, Peru, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

He was born Jan. 20, 1917 in Richvalley to Ernest and Blanche Berniece (Barnett) Bradley. He married Betty M. Birkhold Bradley Feb. 9, 1947 at Logansport Baptist Temple, and she survives. Bradley was a U.S. Army Air Corp World War II veteran. His military decorations include the American Theater Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was a foreman in the paint department of W.C. Redmon & Co. Basket Factory for 51 years. He also was a member of the George Kenny Sunday School class of First Baptist Church. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Linda Sue Elsass and husband Marion, Poquoson, Va.; a brother, Gerald Bradley and wife Louella, Kalamazoo, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Brad Elsass and wife Gina, Timothy Elsass, and Mary Weeks and husband Mark.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Joseph and Harold Bradley; and a sister, Betty Howard.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating.

Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Peru.

#### **William "Bill" DeRenne Green, 60**

Friday, September 01, 2006

William "Bill" DeRenne Green, 60, Bullhead City, Ariz., passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006 at University Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nev. after a long battle with rheumatoid arthritis. He has been embraced by the arms of his loving daughter, Bethany, and the Lord. He was born on Dec. 26, 1945 in Georgetown, S.C. to Jerry Green and Betty (Scurry)



Widmer. He married Nancy (Bender) Green of Peru. Green lived his youth in Savannah, Ga. and Tampa, Fla. prior to moving to Peru in 1965. He was employed in the insurance business and loved coaching and umpiring the youth in baseball. In 1983, the family relocated to Bullhead City, Ariz. where he began as a dental laboratory technician and opened Green Dental Lab. He also was the manager of Dive West and was a certified scuba instructor and CPR instructor. He loved his dive trips and swimming with the dolphins. Green continued working with youth, coaching little league, AYSO soccer and American Legion baseball. Along with his wife survivors include his daughter, Erin Elizabeth; his step-father, Richard Widmer, Tampa, Fla.; four sisters, Cindy Beck, Tampa, Fla., Jane Smith and husband Earl A. Smith, DDS, Bullhead City, Ariz., Melanie Trent and husband Rick, Tampa, Fla., and Sandy Murphy and husband Charlie, Tampa, Fla.; two brothers, Rick Widmer, Tampa, Fla., and Jerry Green, Apopka, Fla.; two aunts, Dorothy Scurry and Jackie Walker, Savannah, Ga.; and 22 nieces and nephews. Green was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Bethany DeRenne Green.

A service celebrating the life of Bill Green will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bullhead City, Ariz., with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We will all remember how Bill loved life, telling jokes and was always the life of the party. He is very loved and will be greatly missed.

**Verl W. Dillman, 89**

Tuesday, September 05, 2006

Verl W. Dillman, 89, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 5:10 a.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born on January 24, 1917 in Erie to Dio A. and Fannie Fry Dillman. On June 9, 1943, Dillman married Mary Jane Swoverland in Wabash, and she passed away on July 4, 1986. Dillman was a member of the Corinth Brethren Church, and also attended Center Chapel First Brethren and Mexico First Brethren. He retired as an agent for National Oil and Gas Corporation. He is survived by three sons, Edward Dillman and his wife Carol, Peru; Robert E. Dillman and his wife Sharon, Macy; Larry J. Dillman and his wife Bernadette, Bunker Hill; two daughters, Barbara Stoeckert and her husband John, Mexico; and Diana Kay Riggs and her husband Barry, Mexico; and 20 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lenna Wilson, Logansport; and one brother, Dale A. Dillman and his wife, Mary, Logansport.

Aside from his wife, Dillman was preceded in death by one brother, Lynn Dillman; one step-brother, John Burkholder; and one step-sister, Alice Mansford.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Reverends Bill Cook and Al Peck officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay For Life.

**Catherine L. "Kate" White, 79**

Wednesday, September 06, 2006

Catherine L. "Kate" White, 79, Kokomo, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006 at approximately 12:50 p.m. in her residence. She was born on Jan. 1, 1927 to Ralph L. and Marguerite (Sweeney) Brown in Peru. On Dec. 30, 1950 she married Charles White in Peru, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 2001. White worked for Delco Electronics for more than 31 years and was a member of the UAW Local 292. She loved playing bingo, and was a former member of the Moose Lodge and the Eagles Lodge. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Sagester, Kokomo; two grandchildren, Annette Unger and husband David, and Candy Hamrick and husband Timothy, all of Kokomo; four grandchildren, Dakota Unger, Caitlyn Unger, Kindra Hamrick and Noah Hamrick, all of Kokomo; a brother, Hugh Brown and wife Dorothy, Kimberling, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. White was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son-in-law, Philip Sagester; two brothers, Ralph Brown and Homer Brown; and two sisters, Lola Butzin and Edie Raver.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, with the Rev. Dana Neer officiating. Entombment will follow in the Chapel of Love Mausoleum in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery.

Visitation is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, with envelopes available at the funeral home. If you would like to offer your condolences online, visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Bertha A. Rogers, 89**

Thursday, September 07, 2006

Bertha A. Rogers, 89, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an extended illness. She was born March 24, 1917 in Peru to John and Daisy (Jackson) Mooney.

Rogers was a homemaker and a member of Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Trent and husband Thomas, Kokomo, Sheila Connolly, Peru, and Lenetta Lewis and husband Dennis, Syracuse; four sons, Floyd Van-Scoy and wife Dorothy, Arizona, Daniel Tabor, Tennessee, Michael Tabor and wife Connie, Macy, and Tim Rogers, Peru; a brother, Jack R. Mooney, California; a sister, Mildred, Peru; 23 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Larry Van-Scoy; a brother and six sisters.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**John E. Pattison, 86**

Saturday, September 09, 2006

John E. Pattison, 86, Peru, passed away at 6:35 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at Wabash Skilled Healthcare Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Chan Un Lee, 44**

Saturday, September 09, 2006

Chan Un Lee, 44, Peru, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Gayella May Masten, 87**

Monday, September 11, 2006

Gayella May Masten, 87, Peru, formerly of West Lafayette, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born March 11, 1919 in Illinois to Charles and Mary M. Smith Corey. She married Charles Oakley Masten June 1, 1941 in Shelbyville, Mo. He preceded her in death May 31, 1993. Masten was a member of Peru First Baptist Church. She was a retired school teacher and helped serve the many churches where her husband ministered, including the Denver Baptist Church in Miami County. Survivors include two sons, Oakley Masten Jr., Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Robert G. Masten and wife Nancy, Peru; two grandsons, Robert Masten Jr. and wife Andrea, Jackson, Miss., and Kerwin Masten and wife Heather, Carmel; a granddaughter, Mary Day and husband Richie, Mexico; a brother, Dale Corey and wife Lois, Tucson, Ariz.; and four great-grandchildren, Corey, Jordan and Alexandra Masten, and Katherine Day. She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Vivian Corey, Illinois.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Dr. Bob Hammond officiating.

Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Alzheimer's Association.

**Chan Un Lee, 44**

Monday, September 11, 2006

Chan Un Lee, 44, Peru, passed away Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 3, 1961 in South Korea. Survivors include his companion, Tukcmarkou Lee; a daughter, Su Lee, Peru; two brothers in South Korea; and a sister, Hwa Jones, Springfield, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Steve D. Lee officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Pastor Jeffrey H. Smith, 48**

Monday, September 11, 2006

Pastor Jeffrey H. Smith, 48, Kokomo, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at his home. He was born May 22, 1958 in Pelzer, S.C. to James Randolph and Vera (Woods) Smith. He graduated from Wren High School in Piedmont, S.C. and then Oregon Bible College, Oregon, Ill. He married Jill (Gallagher) Smith June 2, 1984, and she survives. Smith pastored in Harlington, Texas from 1983 to 1986, then from 1988 until 1998 he was pastor at Jay Street (now Maple Grove Church of God), then he was pastor at Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Peru. From 2002 to 2006 he also had worked at Wabash National in Lafayette and managed the McClure station in Peru. In addition, he was a member of New Life Church, Kokomo, and enjoyed golf, basketball and bowling.

Survivors besides his wife include two children, Jonathan H. Smith and Jessica D. Smith, both at home; three brothers, Jim Smith and wife Judy, Pelzer, S.C., Gary Smith and wife Geneva, Donalds, S.C., and Kenny Smith and wife Elizabeth, Taylors, S.C.; two sisters, Gail Ennis, and Lisa Wood and husband Billy, all of Pelzer, S.C.; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Billie and Dianna Gallagher, Troy, Ohio; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Mike and Julie Gallagher, Christiansburg, Ohio, Deb and Steve Fewell, Pulaski, Wis., and Lori and Jeff Ganger, Fort Gordon, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Edie Smith.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at New Life Church, 1803 E. Vaile, Ave., Kokomo, with Pastor Randy Blankenship officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery near Pelzer, S.C., Saturday. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Online condolences may be made to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the New Life Benevolence Fund. Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, is in charge of arrangements.

**Donald E. Gillam, 78**

Monday, September 11, 2006

Donald E. Gillam, 78, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at his residence. He was born Jan. 10, 1928 in Muncie to Ora and Martha (McQuitty) Gillam. He married Eunice Gross June 19, 1966, and she survives. Gillam retired from Fisher Body in Marion in 1990. He attended the Wabash Colerain Holiness Church, and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, reading, music, being outdoors and working on antique tractor motors. Survivors besides his wife include four brothers, John Gillam and wife Frances, Ralph Gillam and wife Bernice, and Dannie Gillam and wife Carolyn, all of Elwood, and Dale Gillam and wife Leah, Tipton. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Mike Weaver and Jeff Ropp officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**John Edward Pattison Sr., 86**

Monday, September 11, 2006

John Edward Pattison Sr., 86, Peru, passed away at 6:35 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at Wabash Skilled Care Center, Wabash. He was born April 4, 1920 in Peru to John U. and Hattie (Bowman) Pattison. He married E. Louise (Smith) Pattison June 21, 1946, and she preceded him in death. Pattison was employed with civil services, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor, American Legion, VFW and Peru Moose. In addition, he enjoyed playing golf, bowling, fishing and spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include a son, John Edward Pattison Jr., Peru; three daughters, Kathryn L. Parrett and husband Jay, Wabash, Johnna E. Hann and husband Bob, and Jo Ellen Radel and husband Roger, all of Peru; a son-in-law, T. Joe Mongosa, Macy; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers; and a daughter, Karen S. Mongosa.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Mary Burrows, 75**

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mary Burrows, 75, Fort Wayne, formerly of Peru and Bunker Hill, passed away Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006 at Covington Manor Nursing Home. She was born March 6, 1931 in Ossian. She married John "Stan" Burrows in 1955 at First Presbyterian Church, Peru. He preceded her in death in 1998. Burrows was a preschool teacher at Memorial Baptist Church.

Mary suffered from Alzheimer's disease for the past eight years; she never lost her sense of humor and she was always happy and appreciative of all her caregivers. She loved and received much joy from her four grandchildren, Erica, Olivia, Sam and Gabbi. Survivors include two daughters, Teresa Norton, Fort Wayne, Melanie A. Starneri and husband John, Indianapolis; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or the Alzheimer's Association.

**Linda Lou Dunkerley, 63**

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Linda Lou Dunkerley, 63, Murfreesboro, Tenn., passed away on Friday, Sept. 8, 2006 at her residence. A native of Peru, she had lived in Murfreesboro for the past 22 years. Dunkerley was a teacher, homemaker and member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church. Survivors include her mother, Mary Catherine Sedam, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; three daughters, Mary (Justin) Cox, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Ruth (Matthew) McIntyre, Atlanta, Ga., and Rebecca (Kevin June) Dunkerley, Nashville, Tenn.; her sister, Dalene Turley, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; five grandchildren, Brennan Cox, Ian Cox, Isaac Cox, Jaron Cox and Matthew Jude McIntyre; and three cousins, Dora Gipson, Peru, Flora Noble, Kentucky, and Bob Hammett, Peru. She was preceded in death by her father, Dale Sedam.

A memorial service was held for Mrs. Dunkerley Tuesday at Jennings and Ayers Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tenn., with the Reverend Charles Ray officiating. For more information, visit [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com).

**Mary Van Smith, 87**

Thursday, September 14, 2006

Mary Van Smith, 87, formerly of Peru, passed away **March 7, 2006** in Newport Beach, Calif.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Vernie L. Williams, 80**

Friday, September 15, 2006

Vernie L. Williams, 80, Peru, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Reeves Funeral Home, 219 N. Joliet St., Wilmington, Ill., with David Logas-Foncseca and Shirley Tulgar-Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Oak Wood Cemetery, Wilmington, Ill.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

**Kenneth E. Hagan, 78**

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Kenneth E. Hagan, 78, Peru, passed away at 2:35 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 8, 1928 in Peru to David M. and Dora (Bauer) Hagan. He married Roberta Beard April 19, 1952 in St. Charles Catholic Church, and she survives. Hagan graduated from Peru High School in 1946, and served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. His decorations include the Army Occupation Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Following his release from the military, he went to work as parts manager for J.C. O'Connor Construction Company, which later became E&B Paving, where he retired in 1995. He was a lifelong Miami County resident and he and his wife Bert lovingly raise six wonderful children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, where he served as usher for many years. He never met a stranger, had a twinkle in his eye, a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people.

Survivors besides his wife include six children, Robert Hagan, Peru, John and Toni Hagan, Miami, Maureen and Chris Bishop, Denver, Daniel Hagan and companion Michelle Hentz, Rochester, and Victoria and Chris Jones, Columbia City; a sister, Doris Richards and husband Lemoyne, Peru; a brother, Elmer Hagan and wife Becky, Denver; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Hagan, Mexico; and two former daughters-in-law, Theresa Severtson, St. Petersburg, Fla., and Donna Hagan, Peru. Additionally, Kenny was blessed with 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Hagan; a brother, Earl Hagan; and two sisters, LaVerne Bunnell and Elizabeth Spencer.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating his life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the St. Charles Building Fund.

**Richard "Dick" Townsend Sr., 68**

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Richard "Dick" Townsend Sr., 68, Logansport, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, 2006 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born July 30, 1938 in Peru to Floyd and Lola (Myers) Townsend. Townsend retired from Steel Technologies in Portage. Survivors include three sons, Rick Townsend and wife Julie, Yukon, Okla., Robin Townsend, Arcadia, Okla., and Kerry Townsend and companion Reja Enyart, Peru; a daughter, Teresa Miller and husband Mark, Logansport; two brothers, David Townsend, Logansport, and Floyd Townsend, Kentucky; a sister, Shirley Bells, Muncie; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Randy Townsend; and five brothers, Leonard, Jess, Roger, Walter and Bob Townsend. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Steve Alberts officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

**Samuel H. Smith, 86**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Samuel H. Smith, 86, Galveston, departed this life at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the Waterford Place Health Campus. He was born on August 24, 1920, in Cass County to John J. and Rachel (Hynes) Smith, and on October 12, 1946, Smith married Mary Valentine Eller in Monticello, whom survives, and they began their lifetime of memories together.

Smith graduated from Young America High School in 1938 and worked for Shope Implement Company as a mechanic until he was drafted into the United States Navy in February of 1943. He served his country during World War II on the USS Patoka transporting aviation gasoline and crude oil from the island of Trinidad to Recife and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil until his discharge in 1946. Following the war, Smith worked for the Yeoman Stone Company prior to his starting a drainage business with Max Gilbreath. In 1955, he started the Smith Drainage Company and was a drainage contractor for five decades until his retirement.

The lifelong Cass County native loved taking vacations with his family, attending steam engine shows, and refurbishing the Abraham Smith homestead in Young America. Smith was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and a hard worker who was loved by many. He was baptized into the Church of the Brethren, and was a lifetime deacon for the church. Smith was also a member of the Kokomo Church of the Brethren and the Galveston Lions Club.

Aside from his wife, Smith is survived by two beloved daughters, Beverly Ramer and husband Thomas, Galveston, and Cynthia Beckom, and husband R. Wayne, Kokomo; four loving grandchildren, Tamara Ramer and Beth Ramer, Cincinnati, Samuel Wayne Beckom, Kokomo, and Amanda Zehring and husband Steve, Galveston; three loved step-children, Rett, Brooke, and Hope; two sisters, Dorothy R. Moore, Austin, Texas, and Mamie A. Keim, North Manchester; several nieces; nephews; and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Edith Anice Hudson, and Elizabeth Jane Haag.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Murray Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, with Pastor Mark Stahl officiating. Burial will follow in the Galveston Cemetery. The family will receive friends today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, as well as one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Brethren, 311 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, 46902, and/or the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, c/o Amanda Zehring, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46260.

**Velma J. Cline, 85**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Velma J. Cline, 85, of Peru, passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. at the Denver International Airport, Denver, Colorado.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service in Wabash.

**Ruth Ann Engel, 94**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Ruth Ann Engel, 94, Peru, passed away at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Glen C. Hoover, 94**

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Glen C. Hoover, 94 of Rochester, passed away at 4:10 P.M. Sunday September 17, 2006 at his residence. He was born on March 4, 1912 in Deedsville to Sidney and Cora Ann (Hamilton) Hoover. On October 5, 1945, in Whiting, he married Jessie Brown and she survives. He was a 1931 graduate of Chili High School, and was retired from General Tire in Wabash in 1974. Hoover had been a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church and the Rochester Moose Lodge, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Aside from his wife, Hoover is survived by a daughter, Ethel Wood and husband Larry, Akron; a son, Sidney Hoover and wife Judy, St. Joseph, Mo.; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, five step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Allen Hoover; one grandchild; three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home in Rochester, with the Reverend Mark Fishburn officiating. Burial will be in the Deedsville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Velma Jane Cline, 85**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Velma Jane Cline, 85, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006 at Denver International Airport, Denver, Colo.

She was born Jan. 22, 1921 in Peru to Walter and Ruby (Odle) Lehman. She first married Raymond Craig June 9, 1936 in Wabash. She then married Paul Bashore in 1957 in North Manchester, and he preceded her in death in 1985. She then married Dale Cline in March of 1990 in Denver, and he preceded her in death in 2000. Cline was a bartender at The Inn in North Manchester. She also was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge, a member of the Peru Eagles Lodge, the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. In addition, she enjoyed gambling, traveling and dancing. Survivors include two daughters, Wilma Christianson and husband James, Puyallup, Wash., and Carol Conner, Peru; a sister, Evelyn White, Wabash; a daughter-in-law, Doris Craig, Wabash; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Raymond Eugene Craig; her sister, Annabelle Dann; and two grandsons, Kevin Craig and Curtis Barnette.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials are to the American Lung Association.

**Clara (Herschberger) Yoder, 83**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Clara (Herschberger) Yoder, 83, Amboy, passed away at 10:20 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006 at her residence. She was born Aug. 5, 1923 in Amboy to Joe E. and Lovina Gingerich Herschberger. She married Andrew E. Yoder Oct. 31, 1946, and he survives. Yoder was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Survivors besides her husband include seven children, Joseph Yoder and wife Martha (Stutzman), Amboy, Edith Mast and husband Ervin, Arthur, Ill., Ezra Yoder and wife Ella (Gingerich), Bloomfield, Iowa, Alma and husband Jonas Herschberger Jr., Dover, Del., Leander Yoder, Amboy, Ruth Herschberger and husband Ruben, Seymour, Iowa, and Joni Yoder and wife Rosa, Homer, Mich.; four sisters, Fannie Yoder, Kalona, Iowa, Elizabeth Bontrager, Kokomo, Tillie Bontrager and husband Moses, Kokomo, and Rosa Herschberger, Kokomo; 30 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Mary and husband Truman Helmuth; a brother, Simon; three brothers-in-law, Ed Bontrager, Andy Herschberger and Leo Yoder; a daughter-in-law, Elnora Miller; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at her residence, with Bishop Marvin Otto officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at her residence.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Ruth Ann Engel, 93**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ruth Ann Engel, 93, a resident of Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2006 at that facility following an extended illness. She was born Aug. 2, 1913 in Westfield to Herschel and Mable (Ballard) Dove. She married Delbert C. Engel June 22, 1946 in Peru, and he preceded her in death Nov. 24, 1984. Engel graduated from Westfield High School in 1931, and was the oldest living graduate of that school. She also graduated from Central Business College in Indianapolis in 1932 before working in the main offices of Indiana Condensed Milk Co. in downtown Indianapolis. In addition, she was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Carson D. Engel and wife Verba, rural Amboy; a daughter, Beverly Ann Kyer and husband John, Parker, Colo.; six grandchildren, Chadd D. Engel and wife Marci, Avon, C. Daniel and Craig D. Engel, both of Amboy, Denise Ann (Kyer) Alvarez and husband Abel, New Mexico, Melissa Ann (Kyer) Moore and husband Mike, Denver, Colo., and Deborah Ann (Kyer) Melzer and husband Tim, San Jose, Calif.; five great-grandchildren, Corynn, Grace and Ainsley Engel, and Jessica and David Alvarez; and two nephews, Kent E. Dove, Bloomington, and Kurt A. Dove, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor John O'Brien officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Willis W. Maugans, 93**

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Willis W. Maugans, 93, Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester, passed away at 6:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006 at his residence. He was born Aug. 31, 1913 in Miami County to William F. and Ina V. (Hosman) Maugans, and was a 1931 graduate of Peru High School. On Feb. 28, 1935 he married Evelyn J. Mills, and she survives. Maugans was a self-employed farmer for many years in Miami and Cass counties. Maugans was called to the ministry in the Church of the Brethren and was ordained in 1946, elected to the Eldership in 1957. He served the following Churches of the Brethren: Pipe Creek, Upper Deer Creek, Monticello, Guernsey, Pike Creek and Buffalo. He was superintendent at Caldwell Home for Women, served as a substitute mail carrier in Miami County and served as interim minister at several churches after retirement. He was a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren.

Survivors including his wife are one son, J. Conrad (Jo Ella) Maugans, Kokomo; a daughter-in-law, Linda Maugans, Kokomo; seven grandchildren, Cary Middlekauff, Kokomo, Tim Middlekauff, Peru, Terri Railey, Kokomo, Laney Dezelan, Fishers, Lisa Driver and Stacy Maugans, both of Valparaiso, and Kristen Lynch, Blanchardville, Wis.; seven great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Terrance and Stephen; a daughter-in-law, Judith Maugans; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, with Chaplain Joan Deeter officiating. Burial will follow in the Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Calling will be on Saturday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., at Timbercrest Chapel. The family requests memorials be made to Timbercrest Senior Living Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester IN 46962 or Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, 4483 West 400 South, Peru IN 46970.

Arrangements are by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, and condolences may be sent to the Maugans family at [www.delauthermckee.com](http://www.delauthermckee.com).

**Stella Ann Golitko, 76**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Stella Ann Golitko, 76, Sweetser, passed away at 2:25 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion. She was born in Fayette, Pennsylvania to Steve and Susan (Geschnich) Topor, and moved to Peru in 1956. The homemaker had resided in Sweetser for the past 14 years.

Golitko is survived by her husband, John Golitko, Sweetser; two sons, Steve Golitko, Sweetser, and John Andrew Golitko, Bunker Hill; two daughters, Valerie Ann Henson, Bunker Hill, and Lois Dawn Golitko Sanders Ritter, Converse; two brothers, Steve Topor and Stanley Topor; five sisters, Sundae Topor, Sonya Ellers, Shirley Mahley, Jean Topor, and Stephanie Lapping; and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday at the Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Marion, with Deacon David Turner. Burial will be at the Marion National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**James Edward Norris, Sr., 70**

Thursday, September 21, 2006

James Edward Norris, Sr., 70, of Palm Beach County, Florida passed away on Thursday, September 14, 2006. He was born on December 18, 1935 in Peru, and graduated from Danville High School, Danville, Illinois in 1954. Norris was a United States Air Force veteran. He is survived by two sons, Jeff Norris and wife Michelle, Indianapolis; and James Norris II and wife Kathy, Old Town, Florida; ex-wife and good friend, Mary Payne Norris, West Palm Beach; a sister, Betty Jean Patterson and husband Norm, Peru; three brothers, Bill Darner and wife Wilma, Danville; Charles and wife Elenor, Deerfield Beach, Florida;



Larry, Kokomo; five grandchildren, Jordan, Amber, Larry, April and Jessica; two great-grandchildren, Rayvn and Brooklyn. Also his best friend, Barbara Flynn and extended family Julie Flynn and Steve Oberman. Norris was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary Norris; one brother, Bobby of Peru; and one sister, Alice Pegg, Peru. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Oakdale Baptist Church on Sunday at 2 p.m. with the Reverend Robert Stuck officiating. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in the decedent's name to the Veterans Association.

**Edith Carol Heckathorn, 65**

Monday, September 25, 2006

Edith Carol Heckathorn, 65, Denver, passed away at 9:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 at her home. She was born May 30, 1941 to Henry and Elsie Lee Ennis in Clark County, Ky. She married Don R. Heckathorn May 29, 1970 in Virginia, and he survives. Heckathorn retired from Trelleborg Corp., and was a billing clerk for the Denver Town Board. She also was a member of Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, and enjoyed Kentucky basketball, her horses, poodles and camping.

Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Terrie Armstrong and husband Wayne, Chili; a step-daughter, Gail France and husband Howard, Peru; a step-son, David Heckathorn, Mexico; five grandchildren, Trent and Ashlee Armstrong, Lee France and wife Jaci, and Kaysey and Ryan Heckathorn; three great-grandchildren, Madison, Makinzie and Calie France; three sisters, Lillian Black, Richmond, Ky., Jean Basler, Athens, Ky., and Lorraine Hale, Winchester, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, John Holiday and James and Raymond Ennis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastors Tom Robbins and Jim Sparks officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home.

**Carl B. "Barney" Gothard, 92**

Monday, September 25, 2006

Carl B. "Barney" Gothard, 92, Peru, passed away at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born July 7, 1914 in Wilburton, Okla. to William and Maudie (Edge) Gothard. He married Neva L. Harris Feb. 23, 1936, and she preceded him in death Jan. 2, 1998. Gothard was a retired yard master from the C&O Railroad. He also was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran. His memberships included the American Legion, VFW, Moose, Eagles and the Peru Maennerchor. Survivors include two daughters, Ellen Wright and husband John, Indianapolis, and Marilyn Hewitt, Peru; a granddaughter, Martha Mettler and husband Mike, Indianapolis; three grandsons, Mark Wright, Indianapolis, William Hewitt and wife Cheryl, Nyona Lake, and Steven Hewitt and wife Marissa, Camden; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Jennie Newby, Pearl Langdon and Elsie Wright; and three brothers, Alton, Arthur and Ony Lawrence Gothard.

A graveside funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Donald E. Weeks, 81**

Monday, September 25, 2006

Donald E. Weeks, 81, Peru, passed away at 9:40 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 at his residence. He was born April 19, 1925 in Peru to Gene and Lizzie (Shaffer) Weeks. He married Elizabeth Nash July 19, 1946, and she survives. Weeks retired from farming in southern Miami County. He and his wife owned and operated Gateway Drive-In. He spent his retirement years as a wood worker, where he also owned and operated Rustic Creations with his wife. In addition, he was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru Maennerchor, Phi Delta Kappa and the Knights of Columbus. His true passions were fishing and spending time with his family. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Donald Weeks Jr. and wife Sharon, David Weeks and wife Nancy, all of Peru, and Daniel Weeks and wife Rhonda, Goshen; a daughter-in-law, Kim Weeks, Peru; eight grandchildren, Chris Weeks and wife Karyn, Eric Weeks and wife Tonya, Aaron Weeks and wife Charise, David Weeks Jr. and wife Sheila, Leslie Murphy and husband Jim, Angie Crews, Abby Toczcz and husband Jim, and Daniel Weeks Jr. and wife Christine; 19 great-grandchildren; two brothers, John Lanahan, Wisconsin, and Bob Burdine, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a great-grandson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church building fund.

**Lucille Esther Nicklaus, 88**

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Lucille Esther Nicklaus, 88, Rochester, passed away at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006 at Hickory Creek of Rochester, where she had been a patient since Thursday. She had had a short illness. She was born March 23, 1918 in Custer Park, Ill. to Arthur and Emma Trooper Weiske. She was the third of nine children. She attended school in Joliet, Ill. She married Duane Fremont Nicklaus Oct. 23, 1936 in Rochester, and he preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1991. Nicklaus was a homemaker, was an RSVP volunteer and the recipient of an award in April 2005 honoring her volunteering. In addition, she attended First Church of God, Rochester. Survivors include a son, Tom Nicklaus and wife Ladonna, Rochester; a daughter, Karen Moore and husband

"Reg," Tecumseh, Okla.; a very special friend, Norman Meiser, Rochester; four grandchildren, Lila Jean Angle, California, Sean Angle, Harrah, Okla., Rhonda Palmer, Houston, Texas, and Rhea Sherwood and husband Russell, Missouri City, Texas. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

**Lucille Esther Nicklaus, 88**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Lucille Esther Nicklaus, 88, Rochester, passed away at 1:05 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at Hickory Creek of Rochester, where she had been a patient since Thursday. She was born on March 23, 1918 in Custer Park, Illinois to Arthur and Emma (Tooper) Weiske. On October 23, 1936, she married Duane Fremont Nicklaus in Rochester, who preceded her in death on August 26, 1991. Nicklaus attended school in Joliet, Illinois, and was a member of the First Church of God, Rochester. She was a homemaker, as well as a RSVP volunteer, and received an award for her service in April of 2005. Nicklaus is survived by one son, Tom Nicklaus and wife Ladonna, Rochester; one daughter, Karen Moore and husband 'Reg,' Tecumseh, Oklahoma; very special friend, Norman Meiser, Rochester; four grandchildren, Lila Jean Angle, California, Sean Angle, Harrah, Oklahoma, Rhonda Palmer, Houston, and Rhea Sherwood and husband Russell, Missouri City, Texas; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Irene Ritenour, Chicago; one brother, Orville Weiske, Rochester; and two sister-in-laws, Emma Weiske and Marie Nicklaus. Aside from her husband, Nicklaus was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Ronald Nicklaus, who passed away in January of 2005; three sisters, Mildred Clear, Bernice Fitzgerald, and Velma Hawkins; and three brothers, Alfred Weiske, Willard Weiske, and Vernon Weiske.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Larry Dodge officiating. Burial will be at the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, as well as 9 to 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Little Red Door Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Martin "Marty" V. Howell, 80**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Martin "Marty" V. Howell, 80, Peru, was called home at 9:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2006 where his heavenly Father and beloved wife, Deloris, have been waiting. He passed away at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, where he was a resident. He was born Dec. 13, 1925 in Peru to Wesley and Goldie (Sopher) Howell as one of seven children. Howell was a seaman first class in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and served on PC 1132 and APA 113 ships during World War II. He received an honorable discharge in May 1946. He had worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital as an orderly and technician in the surgical department for many years before retiring in the late 1980s. Howell married Deloris Good May 29, 1969, and she preceded him in death May 5, 1995. He was the father of Terry, Sue, Gwendolyn, Raymond and Jimmy. He also had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He thought of his family often and had deep love and concern for them all. Howell was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings; his wife; his daughter, Gwen; and his son, Jimmy. Special thanks go out to all the staff at Miller's Merry Manor and to his hospice nurse, Claudia, for the wonderful care he received. You made him feel like family and not just a resident. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Maynard E. White, 69**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Maynard E. White, 69, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Marilla "Jean" Gooch, 76**

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Marilla "Jean" Gooch, 76, Peru, passed away at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Marilla J. "Jean" Gooch, 76**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Marilla J. "Jean" Gooch, 76, Peru, passed away at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Nov. 7, 1929 in Miami County to Walter M. and Goldie (Benedict) Losher. Gooch was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Jack D. Cunningham and wife Paula, Peru; a daughter, Rebecca Burkhardt and husband Alan, Denver; three grandsons, Joseph Cunningham, and David and Jon Burkhardt; two step-granddaughters, Natalie Byers and Brandie Serrano, both of Logansport; a great-grandson, Levi Cunningham; four step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard Losher and wife Judy, Richvalley; and three sisters, Shirley White and husband Junes, South Bend, Alicia Garber and husband Jerry, Peru, and Carol Erbaugh and husband Ron, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



**Carol Bowland, 66**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Carol Bowland, 66, Marion, passed away at 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006 at Marion General Hospital, Marion. Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Wilma F. Bengel, 64**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Wilma F. Bengel, 64, Peru, passed away at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, Kokomo.

**Maynard E. White, 69**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Maynard E. White, 69, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born June 2, 1937 in Bunker Hill to Berla and Vera (Finster) White. He married Kay (Girard) White March 23, 1968, and she survives. White retired from Delco, and was a member of First Assembly of God, Peru. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Tim White and wife Nina, Tullahoma, Tenn., and Gary White and wife Jessica, Bunker Hill; five grandchildren, Alex, Kate, Brandon, Taylor and Jaylah White; four brothers, Melvin White, Peru, Norman White, Young America, Wendell White, Mishawaka, and Bobby White, Peru; and two sisters, Dixie Conklin, Peru, and Mary Miller, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastors Charles Layne and John Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Assembly of God, Peru, and/or First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill.

**Byron W. "Bud" Venis, 84**

Byron W. "Bud" Venis, 84, Phoenix, Ariz., passed away at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006 at his granddaughter's home in Peru. He was born March 6, 1922 in Amboy to William and Helen (North) Venis. He married Wanda E. Brewer Venis in 1944 in Grant County. She preceded him in death in 2002. Venis graduated from Amboy High School and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. His military decorations include the EAME Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He worked in the construction industry and was a foreman for Forrest Cox Homes, Phoenix, Ariz. In addition, he was a disabled American veteran and a member of the Masons of Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors include two daughters, Connie Coble and husband Ronny, Eugene, Ore., and Karen Barnes, Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Willadean Mann, Kokomo, Pauline Norris, Peru, and Katherine Sumpter, Amboy; five grandchildren, Craig and Todd Coble, Christina Court, Ralph Barnes and Michael Dell; 12 great-grandchildren, Byron, Johnathon, Tyler and Savanna Coble, Kiah Crile, Joshua and Andrew Kohl, Nicole and Alexys Cardone, Blake Barnes, Lillian Christine Nelson and Lindsay Wargo; and one great-great-granddaughter, Lillian Crile. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Danny Venis in 1998; and a sister, Athlene Fike.

No visitation or funeral service is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Miami County.

**Charles L. Vandercook, 83**

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Charles L. Vandercook, 83, Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006 at Summit Hospital, Hermitage, Tenn. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hibbett & Hailey Funeral Home, Nashville, Tenn., with Dr. Bill Sherman officiating. No viewing is planned. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the Salvation Army.

**Ruth E. Pegg, 81**

Friday, September 29, 2006

Ruth E. Pegg, 81, Mexico, passed away at 5:47 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006 at Manor Care Healthcare Center, Kokomo. She was born Jan. 8, 1925 in Iowa to Faye and Maggie (Hendricks) Longstreth. She married Frank J. Pegg April 2, 1950 at the home of her parents in Mexico. He survives. Pegg was a member of New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, the United Methodist Women and the Moose Lodge, Peru. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Debra Pegg, Mexico, and Denise A. Alberts and husband Mike, Peru; two sons, Darryl Pegg and wife Lora, Mexico, and Darren "Bud" Pegg, Peru; two sisters, Maxine Charters, Lafayette, and Norma Warner, Peru; and five grandchildren, Adam Pegg, Amber Alberts, Derek Pegg, Brandon Alberts and Racheal Pegg. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Heather Michelle Toney, 21**

Friday, September 29, 2006

Heather Michelle Toney, 21, Peru, passed away Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006 on U.S. 31 in Peru after being struck by an automobile. She was born March 21, 1985 in West Palm Beach, Fla. Toney was employed at Kroger grocery store. Survivors include her mother and step-father, Lisa and Joseph Petzold, Peru; her father, Marvin Gene Toney Jr., Kokomo; two sisters, Jessica and Julia Petzold, both of Peru; a brother, Chad Toney and wife Kathryn, Peru; her maternal grandfather, Leslie Herbert Penfield and companion Ellen Grimes, West Palm Beach, Fla.; her paternal grandmother, Irene Huddleston, Kokomo; maternal step-grandparents, Gary and Stella Petzold Sr., Sebastian, Fla.; her maternal aunt, Pamela McCoy and husband Michael, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and two paternal uncles, Gary Petzold and wife Katie, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and William Petzold, Stuart, Fla. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Joanne Penfield; paternal grandfather, Marvin Gene Toney Sr.; and a maternal aunt, Stacey Leah Penfield. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, with the Rev. John B. Bell officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953 for funeral expenses.

**Carol S. Bowland, 66**

Friday, September 29, 2006

Carol S. Bowland, 66, a resident of Bradner Village, Marion, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006 at Marion General Hospital, Marion. She was born May 26, 1940 in Amboy to Jesse E. and Emma (Myers) Bowland. Bowland attended Amboy United Methodist Church. Survivors include seven sisters, Mary Fisher, Sweetser, Virginia Rohrer and husband Bill, Marion, Patsy Bennett, Greentown, Betty Hodson and husband Harold Wayne, Greentown, Dorothy Rose, Marion, Alice Hudson and husband John, and Waneta Levensky and husband Danny, all of Amboy; four brothers, Russell Bowland and wife Ruth, Converse, Raymond Bowland and wife Thelma, Greentown, Eugene Bowland and wife Mary, Amboy, and Jim Bowland and wife Sharon, Converse; a sister-in-law, Patricia Bowland, Amboy; and a brother-in-law, Arnold Lowe, Chattanooga, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Woodrow and Wayne; and two sisters, Violet Lowe and Anna Roseberry. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastors Don Long and Paul Tomlinson officiating. Burial will be in Clymer Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Wilma F. Bengé, 64**

Friday, September 29, 2006

Wilma F. Bengé, 64, Peru, went to be with the Lord Jesus at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Dec. 23, 1941 in Charter Oaks, Mo. to Zeda A. (Mims) and Daten H. Acord. She married Michael R. Bengé Nov. 7, 1992 in Kokomo, and he survives. Bengé was a press operator at Syndicate Sales in Kokomo for 28 years. She also was a member of Jesus Apostolic Faith Church, Galveston.

Survivors besides her husband include three children, Danny R. Acord and wife Peggy, Kokomo, Tammy R. Irwin and husband Robert, Bunker Hill, and David L. Huntsman, Peru; three step children, Joseph Bengé and wife Tammy, Peru, Michelle Doak and husband Bill, and Chris Bengé and wife Rene, all of Kokomo; three grandchildren, Joshua Acord and wife Jessica, Steamboat Springs, Colo., Corey Acord and wife Elizabeth, Ten Mile, Tenn., and Adam Irwin, Bunker Hill; five step grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, Stacia, Christian and Quinton; three great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Marie, Emma Grace and Jonathon "Jack" Acord; five brothers, Robert "Gene" Acord and wife Bonnie, Fairmount, Daten Acord Jr. and Gary Acord, both of Amboy, Rick Acord and wife Kim, Kokomo, and Paul Acord and wife Henrietta, Westfield; 10 sisters, Lavada Gist and companion Dave Ragan, New Port Richie, Fla., Grace Roberts and husband William, and Etta Simmons and husband Gene, all of Kokomo, Connie Mumaugh and husband Butch, Clarkville, Ga., Ethel Ridenour, Kokomo, Sharlot Murphy and husband Roger, Murfreesboro, Ky., Sharon Walker, Marge Rybolt and husband Larry, Jan Garrett, and Karen Harris and husband Joe, all of Kokomo; 39 nieces and nephews; many great-nieces and -nephews; and special friends Evelyn, Mary and Reba. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Louis M. Huntsman; and a brother, Luke Acord. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Apostolic Lighthouse Church, 616 Touby Pike, Kokomo, with Pastor Nettie Evans officiating. Burial will be in Sharpsville Cemetery, Sharpsville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Ellers Mortuary, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life, with envelopes available at the mortuary.

**Nora "Noni" Magers, 61**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Nora "Noni" Magers, 61, Peru, passed away at 2:22 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru.

**Wilbur D. Horner, 85**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Wilbur D. Horner, 85, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion. He was born Oct. 12, 1920 in Howard County to John and Verda (Shrock) Horner. He married Norma Jean (Smith) Horner in 1941, and she preceded him in death in 1983. He then married Marcella (Dye) Horner in 1986, and she survives. Horner retired from Amboy Grain, and was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Shari Kaltenmark and husband James, Wabash, and Rita Small and husband Sam, Swayzee; a son, Sam Horner and wife Karen, Fort Wayne; two step-sons, John Zehring, Fort Wayne, and Dave Zehring and wife Kathy, Peru; a step-daughter, Lisa Bogel and husband Tony, Missouri; six brothers, Eugene, Herbert and Mark Horner, all of Kokomo, Glen Horner, Middlebury, Paul Horner, Peru, and Johnny Horner, Greentown; a sister, Zona Bontrager, Greentown; seven grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents; his first wife; and a brother, Bob Horner.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, with Pastor David Duke officiating.

Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Memorials may be made to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and/or the donor's favorite charity.

**Nadine Dougherty, 83**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Nadine Dougherty, 83, Peru, passed away at 4:39 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born June 4, 1923 in Mountain View, Mo. to William Dock and Vertra (Belew) McClellan. She married Leo A. Dougherty Oct. 11, 1945, and he preceded her in death in 1989. Dougherty retired from being a nurse's aid 35 years, and was a volunteer at the Peru Salvation Army. She also was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and AARP. Survivors include two sons, William E. Dougherty and wife Eileen, and Gary D. Dougherty, all of Peru; four grandchildren, Matt, Billy, Carrie and Tammy; and six great-grandchildren, Clayton, Carsyn, Gatlin, McKayla, McKenzie and Samuel. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Peru Salvation Army, 84 W. Second St., Peru, with Major Tim Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Peru's Salvation Army. Memorial contributions may be made to Peru's Salvation Army. Funeral arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Noni Magers, 61**

Monday, October 02, 2006

Noni Magers, 61, Peru, passed away at 2:22 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2006 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. She was born on November 20, 1944 in Anderson to John P. and Ardis (Campbell) Abel. On June 26, 1965, she married Ken Magers in Anderson, and he survives. The 1963 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Anderson, also graduated from Ball State University in 1967 with a B.A. in home economics. Magers was a library assistant at Peru Junior High School, and a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. She also was active in Tri Kappa, as well as served in a prison ministry through St. Charles Catholic Church. Aside from her husband, Magers is survived by her mother, Ardis Abel, Peru; daughter, Andrea Holloway and husband Scott, Indianapolis; son, Peter Magers and wife Rena, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Jasen Holloway, Jacob Holloway, Kevin Magers, and Steven Magers, each of Indianapolis; brother, John P. Abel Jr., Leo; and brother-in-law, Bob Snyder, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her father; and sister, Lillian Snyder.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted on Thursday at 4 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service being conducted at 8 p.m. on Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands and/or the St. Charles Catholic Church Building Fund.

**Betty C. Stone, 82**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

Betty C. Stone, 82, Peru, passed away Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born Oct. 6, 1923 in Osgood, Ripley County, to Carl and Mamie (Hartley) Beer. She married Russell W. Stone Sept. 5, 1946, and he preceded her in death Nov. 19, 1983. Stone worked for the Selective Service Board in Versailles, and JC Penney in Peru at the old North Broadway location. She was a homemaker, loving mother and devoted wife. She also was a member of Delta Theta Tau and Beta Sigma Phi sororities, who sponsor the children's dental clinic through the United Way. For 37 years, she took children to local dentists whenever required. Her home was her office. Her sorority sisters continue to use this same practice that all money donated to the dental clinic goes for dental needs and no other expenses. Stone was voted "Citizen of the Year," and was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Osgood, St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, the Eagles Lodge, Moose and VFW. Her favorite pastimes were reading, embroidery, working jigsaw and crossword puzzles and watching TV. Survivors include three daughters, Sandra Hines and husband Rick, Indianapolis, Melissa Bishop, Peru, and Jacqueline Joseph and husband George, Ironton, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Michelle Thomas, Indianapolis, Joseph Grimes, Maine, Cynthia Hight, Indianapolis, Doug Joseph, Ohio, Angella Sparks, Peru, Kevin Joseph, Ohio, Rob Hight, Indianapolis, Katie Hight, Atlanta,

and Andrew Joseph, Ohio; 14 great-grandchildren, Maggie Thomas, Amanda, Courtney, Monica and Mackenzie Grimes, Cassie Hight-Turner, Jacob Turner and Derek Biggs, Madlyn Joseph, Hailey Wagoner, Logan and Dawson Sparks, Zoe Patrick-Hight and Piper Watt; a nephew, Neil Gardner, Colorado; and a godchild, Mary Manship, Osgood. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlotte and Ned Gardner; a great-grandson, Dominick Sparks; a son-in-law, Fred Bishop Sr.; and her loving and devoted four-legged companion Muffy. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Cliff Hill Cemetery, Versailles, following the funeral service at 2 p.m. Friday. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for the Dental Clinic.

**Lowell "Ray" Alspach, 55**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

Lowell "Ray" Alspach, 55, Athens, passed away at 6 a.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Dorothy Cain, 92**

Tuesday, October 03, 2006

Dorothy Cain, 92, formerly of Chili, passed away at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Dorothy A. Cain, 92**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Dorothy A. Cain, 92, Peru, formerly of Chili, passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on September 21, 1914 in Butler Township, Miami County, to Otto and Vivian (Millican) Cain. Cain resided in Chili and attended the Chili United Methodist Church for many years. She is survived by one sister, Patty Smith, Denver; two sisters-in-law, Wilma Cain, Sweetser, and Louise Cain, Peru, and many much-loved nieces and nephews. Cain was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters. Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Santa Fe Cemetery, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church.

**Lowell 'Ray' Alspach, 55**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Lowell 'Ray' Alspach, 55, Akron, passed away at 6 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 at his residence. He was born on August 7, 1951 in Miami County to Lowell Clark and Mary Louise (Miller) Alspach-Davis. Alspach was self-employed, owning and operating Ray's Tree Service. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion in Rochester, as well as the Peru and Rochester Moose Lodges, and the Eagles Club in Rochester. Alspach is survived by one son, Lee Allen McVay, Roanoke; three daughters, Nicole Alspach, Peru, Ashley Alspach-Redinius, Phoenix, and Courtney Alspach, Phoenix; three grandchildren; two sisters, Elaine Hart, Burns, Wyoming, and Debra Murphy, Denver; and two step-brothers, Alan Davis, Peru, and Lyle Davis, Denver. He was preceded in death by his father; step-father, Dale Davis; and brother, Steve Alspach. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Care Hospice, South Bend.

**Linda L. Butler, 71**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Linda L. Butler, 71, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, on Monday, October 2, 2006. She was born on October 1, 1935 in Allegan, Michigan to Leonard Charles and Myrtle (Cook) Butler. Butler was employed at Ruby's Restaurant in Michigan. She is survived by her brother, Kenneth Butler, Portage, Michigan; and sister, Norma Laffin, Peru. There will be a graveside service at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Rowe Cemetery, Cheshire, Michigan, and burial will be in Rowe Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Terry Woodhouse, 64**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Terry Woodhouse, 64, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Dec. 13, 1941 in Peru to Jesse and Jeannette (Hiers) Woodhouse. He married Lena (Brauneller) Woodhouse June 3, 1962, and she survives. Woodhouse retired from Bob Schwartz Ford and Chrysler, was a member of the First Christian Church and the Moose in Peru and enjoyed bowling. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Carol Collins, Fort Wayne; a mother-in-law, Mary Brand, Columbus; and a sister, Pamela Stark, Bryan, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with the Rev. Chris Rife officiating. No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to the Dukes Chaplain Services and/or the donor's favorite charity. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**James Shuey, 62**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

James Shuey, 62, Peru, passed away at 4:03 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Dec. 24, 1943 in Peru to Donald Shuey and Helen (Fenton) Michael. Shuey retired from Square D and was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru. Survivors include his mother in Peru; three daughters, Stephanie Iliff and husband Chris, Peru, Dab Clark and husband Michael, Logansport, and Anna Marie Disbro and husband Scott, Avon; two sons, Matt Shuey and wife Tammy, and Mark Shuey, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Maysie, Avery, Brittany, Jake, Sami Jo and Emily; a brother, Bill Shuey, Peru; and a sister, Barbara Nye, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father and a son, James Daniel Shuey. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Westley Earl Cottrell, 23**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Westley Earl Cottrell, 23, Monticello, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006 in Monticello. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at North Grove Church, 10536 S. 550 E., Miami County, with the Reverends John Haines and Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**James York, 79**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

James York, 79, Chesterfield, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Marion Veteran's Hospital. He was born Aug. 5, 1927 in Hyden, Ky. to John York and Martha (Baker) York Gase. He married John Eva Ledford March 11, 1946, and she survives. York was a World War II Army veteran. He was a retired engineer from the Nickel Plate Railroad. He also was a life member of the Peru Moose Lodge, a member of the Peru VFW, and past commander of the Peru American Legion. In addition, he was a member of the Elks Lodge in Muncie. Survivors include his wife. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Ivor M. York, who was killed in Vietnam April 28, 1968. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Richard Sagarsee, 78**

Wednesday, October 04, 2006

Richard Sagarsee, 78, Peru, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006, at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jack Lee Lindley, 76**

Thursday, October 05, 2006

Jack Lee Lindley, 76, Dothan, Ala., passed away Monday night, Oct. 2, 2006 at Flowers Hospital, Dothan, Ala. He was born Feb. 6, 1930 in Howard Township, Ind., to Samuel Arthur and Ethel Mae (Washington) Lindley. He married his wife of 54 years, Myra Jo Conrad Lindley, and she survives. Lindley graduated from Howard Township High School, Ind. in 1948, and was in the Army Engineers at Camp Rucker, Ala. from 1951 to 1952. He later went to work for Chrysler in Kokomo, until his retirement in 1978. He then moved to Dothan, Ala. and was employed with AESCO and Qualico Steel before his illness. A member of Westgate Church of Christ, he served as a deacon and was a Sunday School teacher for many years. Survivors besides his wife include five children, Markus Allen Lindley and wife Suzanne, Kansas City, Mo., Frederick Kirby Lindley and wife Teresa, Dothan, Ala., Gregory Lee Lindley, Haleburg, Ala., Melodie Jo Lindley Nutt, Macy, and Jonathan Glenn Lindley and wife Sherry Ann, Newton, Ala.; grandchildren, David Lindley, Steven Lindley, David Robeson, Chris Robeson, Patrick Robeson, Francine Lindley, Jonathan Smith Lindley, Allison Nichole Lindley, Andrew and Natalie Nutt Mettler, Jared Nutt, Craig and Julie Shi, Joseph Robeson, Dawn Lisa Robeson, Robert Robeson and Steven Robeson; great-grandchildren, Talia Hausse, Mahala Hausse, Kayla Shi, Rachael Shi, Justin Shi, Breanne Shi, Hunter Shi and Trey Mettler; a sister, Dorothy Cozadd, Cedar Hill, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Virginia Latta and Sarah Price. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. today at Westgate Church of Christ, with Ministers Philip Dampier and Mark Turner, and Mark Lindley and Ansley Whatley officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park, Dothan, Ala., with Byrd Funeral Home, Dothan, Ala., directing. Flowers are being accepted or memorials may be made to Westgate Christian School, 617 Westgate Parkway, Dothan, AL 36303.

**Larry J. Ehlinger, 60**

Thursday, October 05, 2006

Larry J. Ehlinger, 60, Warsaw, passed away at 8:25 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw following a short illness. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Tim McFarland officiating. Burial will be at the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

**Dick Sagarsee, 78**

Thursday, October 05, 2006

Dick Sagarsee, 78, Peru, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 at his residence. He was born on June 13, 1928 to Tom and Anna Marie (Talbert) Sagarsee. Sagarsee served in the United States Army in 1946 during the occupation of Germany. He is survived by his wife, Zelma Mize (Doan) Sagarsee; four children, Nicki Sagarsee Smith, Victoria Sagarsee, Donnya Sagarsee Boyd, and Dick Sagarsee Jr.; step-children, Sabrina Kline, Stacey Patton, Laracia Wilson, Gloria Wilson, Patricia Sparks, Debra Davis, Betty (Susie) Hewitt, and George Mize; 22 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Tom Sagarsee, Jack Sagarsee, and Jim Sagarsee; and two sisters, Markeeta Webb and Cozetta Monize. Sagarsee was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ninith Meridith; and brother, Sed Sagarsee. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

**James Shuey, 62**

Thursday, October 05, 2006

James Shuey, 62, Peru, passed away at 4:03 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Dec. 24, 1943 in Peru to Donald Shuey and Helen (Fenton) Michael. Shuey retired from Square D and was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Dan Michael, Peru; three daughters, Stephanie Iliff and husband Chris, Peru, Dab Clark and husband Michael, Logansport, and Anna Marie Disbro and husband Scott, Avon; two sons, Matt Shuey and wife Tammy, and Mark Shuey, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Maysie, Avery, Brittany, Jake, Sami Jo and Emily; a brother, Bill Shuey, Peru; and a sister, Barbara Nye, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father and a son, James Daniel Shuey. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Donald Deane Moss, 83**

Friday, October 06, 2006

Donald Deane Moss, 83, Twelve Mile, passed away at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006 at his residence. He was born April 17, 1923 in Cass County to Grover and Ruth (Sullivan) Moss. He married Helen L. Patton June 24, 1945 at Miami Baptist Church, and she survives. Moss retired in 1986 after 24 years as a cost accountant for Switches Inc. He was also the former owner of Twelve Mile Hardware. He was a member of the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Twelve Mile Lions Club. He also was a past trustee of Adams Township and a former trustee of Memorial Hospital. Moss was a 1941 graduate of Twelve Mile High School and attended Indiana Business College. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, stationed in England with the 8th Air Force as a toggler on B-17 Bombers, flying 33 missions. Moss enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching sports and spending time with his family and friends. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jeff Moss and wife Wanda, Dennis Moss and wife Bonnie, all of Twelve Mile; a daughter, Peggy Dague and husband Jim, Kewanna; six grandchildren, Wade Moss and wife Deborah, Michael Moss and wife Kristie, Elizabeth Thomas and husband Brent, Sarah Pinkerton and husband Jacob, Andy Dague and wife Janet, and Julie Dague; two sisters, Laura Kantzer, Twelve Mile, and Elsie Spangler, Fulton; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Byron Moss; and a great-grandchild, Bryce Andrew Dague. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastors Terri White and Michael Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with full military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday. Memorials may be made to the Twelve Mile Christmas Pageant.

**Jack J. "J.J." Mattice, 70**

Friday, October 06, 2006

Jack J. "J.J." Mattice, 70, Rochester, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Jan. 26, 1936 in Chicago, Ill. to Maurice E. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Bock) Mattice. Mattice was a U.S. Navy veteran. He also was a welder for 38 years at Safeway Steel Products and for five years at Lau Industries, both of Rochester. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, all of Rochester. In addition, he was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and enjoyed being with his pets and friends at the lake. Survivors include his son, Christopher Pruitt, North Webster; two grandchildren; three brothers, Wayne Mattice and wife Mary, Peru, Bruce Mattice and wife Sara, Macy, and Michael J. Mattice, Bunker Hill; a sister-in-law, Beverly (Newman) Mattice, Portage; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert "Red" Mattice. No funeral services or visitation will be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Steven Bruce Mattice Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 800 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Funeral arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

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**Joann Charlotte Fischer, 75**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

Joann Charlotte Fischer, 75, Murfreesboro, Tenn., passed away on Friday, Oct. 6, 2006. She was born in Detroit, Mich. to Lloyd Eugene and Eva Mae (Smith) Drury. Fischer was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and a homemaker. Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Donald G. Fischer; two sons, Kirk Donald Fischer, Smyrna, Tenn., and Mark Eugene Fischer and wife Brenda, Murfreesboro; two daughters, Debra Carol Musall and husband John, Manchester, and Gail Louise Coe and husband Gary, Smithville, Tenn.; a sister, Carol Jean Ott and husband Edward, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild, Blane Fischer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Woodfin Memorial Chapel, Murfreesboro, with the Reverend Dan Otto officiating. Burial will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Murfreesboro/Alive Hospice and/or Grace Lutheran Church.

**Janet D. Taylor, 64**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

Janet D. Taylor, 64, Peru, passed away at 1:08 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born Dec. 19, 1941 in Kokomo to William and Etta (Arbuckle) Busch. Taylor was a homemaker, enjoyed crafts and will be remembered as a giving person and a loving grandmother. Survivors include five children, Mike Archer and wife Trina, Calumet, Mich., Ron Archer and wife Tammy, Peru, Pricilla Shoffner and husband Jim, Kokomo, Gina Fluette and husband Gerry, and Dallas Archer, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Lindsay, Joe, Amanda, Katie, Paige and Shaina; three step-grandchildren, Taryn, Emily and Noah; four brothers, Jerry Busch and wife Darlene, Johnny Busch and wife Mable, Danny Busch, all of Kokomo, and Jimmie Busch and wife Sondra, Peru; three sisters, Jeanette Eads and husband Bud, Kokomo, Patti Myers, Bunker Hill, and Shirley Hoffman and husband Paul, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two uncles; one aunt; her ex-husband, Richard Archer; and one niece.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home-Grecu Chapel, 414 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, with Pastor Pat Bousom officiating. Burial will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

**William R. "Bill" Henke, 73**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

William R. "Bill" Henke, 73, Spicer, Minn., passed away Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006 at his home. He was born on June 19, 1933, in Redwood County, Minn., to Julius and Hulda (Doose) Henke. He attended school in Redwood Falls, graduating from high school in 1951. During his high school years, he began his career at JC Penney and enlisted in the U.S. National Guard. After graduation, he was drafted into the Army in 1953 and served during the Korean Conflict, being discharged in 1955. Henke was united in marriage to Patricia Schultz on Oct. 17, 1953 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Upon his discharge, he continued his education at Mankato State College, graduating in 1960 with a double major in economics and administration. During this time, he continued to work for JC Penney and eventually worked in the following communities: Redwood Falls and Mankato, Minn.; Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Elkhart. He had been a manager in Peru and Warsaw for many years, and he helped open the store in Warsaw. The Henkes have been living in Warsaw, and summering in Spicer, Minn. He was baptized and confirmed in the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls, having been confirmed on Palm Sunday in 1947 by Rev. Ed Birkholz. Survivors besides his wife are a daughter, Tonya Jakel and husband Larry, Cold Spring, Minn.; a son, Troy Henke, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Joseph and fiancée Leah Schmitz, Justin, Jerod and Abigail; a great-granddaughter, Erika; three sisters, Lucella Phillips, Willmar, Minn.; Ardella Dickerson, Spicer, Minn., and Adrian Day and husband Royce, Raymond, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna Lou as a toddler.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Willmar, Minn. Burial with military honors will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Wabasso, Minn. Visitation will be Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar, Minn., and continue one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

**Jack J. "J.J." Mattice, 70**

Saturday, October 07, 2006

Jack J. "J.J." Mattice, 70, Rochester, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Jan. 26, 1936 in Chicago, Ill. to Maurice E. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Bock) Mattice. Mattice was a U.S. Navy veteran. He also was a welder for 38 years at Safeway Steel Products and for five years at Lau Industries, both of Rochester. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, all of Rochester. In addition, he was a die-hard Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and enjoyed being with his pets and friends at the lake. Survivors include his son, Christopher Pruitt, North Webster; two grandchildren; three brothers, Wayne Mattice and wife Mary, Peru, Bruce Mattice and wife Sara, Macy, and Michael J. Mattice, Bunker Hill; a sister-in-law, Beverly (Newman) Mattice, Portage; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert "Red" Mattice.

No funeral services or visitation will be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Steven Bruce Mattice Memorial Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 800 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Funeral arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Phyllis M. Patterson, 76**

Monday, October 09, 2006

Phyllis M. Patterson, 76, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, 2006 at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kay P. Bassett, 70**

Monday, October 09, 2006

Kay P. Bassett, 70, Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2006 at her residence. She was born in New Castle on February 23, 1936 to Walter and Thelma (Cottman) Bailey. The 1953 graduate of New Castle High School attended Indiana University and retired from Grissom Air Force Base in 1994 as chief of civilian personnel. Bassett was a member of the Wayman A.M.E. Church, Kokomo.

She is survived by children, Lori Carter and husband Paul, Bloomfield, Todd Bassett and wife Milli, Logansport, John Bassett and wife Melissa, Sykesville, Maryland, and Aimi Childers and fiancé Joseph Ribble, Peru; grandchildren, Melissa Carter, Paul Carter III, Brandon Carter, Daniel Carter, Brittany Carter, Megan Bassett, Kailyn Bassett, Pharyn Childers, and Gabriel Ribble; great-grandson, Paul Carter IV; brother, Donn F. Bailey, Chicago; nephew, Rex Bailey Jr.; nieces, Donna Bailey, Marta Bailey, Traja Bailey, Necia Tyree, and Debra McGee. Bassett was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Rex H. Bailey.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Anita Thomas officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at South Mound Cemetery, New Castle. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayman A.M.E. Church, Kokomo.

**Kalvin Joe Zabst, one month**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Kalvin Joe Zabst, one month old, Kokomo, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 8, 2006 in Carmel to Bradley J. and Tricia A. (Pearce) Zabst, Kokomo. Survivors besides his parents include maternal grandparents, Brian and Pam Pearce, Peru; paternal grandparents, Jerry and Carol Zabst, Kokomo; maternal great-grandmothers, Frances Gochenour and Angelina Lewis, both of Peru; paternal great-grandparents, Richard and Claudia Hardesty, Kokomo; two aunts, Laura Summerfield and Janelle Zabst; a great-aunt, Janice Hardesty; and an uncle, Chad Pearce.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, with the Rev. Tim Apt officiating. Burial will follow services. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the cemetery. Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo, is in charge of arrangements.

**Helen M. Reece, 91**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Helen M. Reece, 91, Bradenton, Fla., passed away at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006 in Bradenton, Fla.

Graveside services were Friday, Oct. 6. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements were handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Phyllis Mae Patterson, 76**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Phyllis Mae Patterson, 76, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006 at her residence after an extended battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 14, 1930 in Peru to Russell Harrison and Mabel Mae (Kile) Moon Draving. Patterson graduated from Peru High School in 1948. She retired from American Stationery Co., was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Raymond E.



Patterson, Peru; three daughters, Carol Miller and husband Walter, Diana Alfrey and husband John, and Jane Babbs and husband James, all of Peru; eight grandchildren, Matthew Miller and wife Cassandra, Rochester, Timothy Miller, Indianapolis, Daniel Miller, Michelle Hayes, John Alfrey, Curtis Babbs and wife Carrie, and Craig and Chad Babbs, all of Peru; seven great-grandchildren, Trintyn Hayes, Kelsey Alfrey, Brendan Alfrey, all of Peru, and Caleb, Mackenzie, Makayla and Chloe Miller, all of Rochester; two sisters, Carolyn Whybrew and husband Emerson, Logansport, and Jean Hahn, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, two brothers, two sisters and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Robert A. Hawkins, 71**

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Robert A. Hawkins, 71, Peru, passed away at 5:50 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born May 1, 1935 in New Bern, N.C. to Willie and Inez (Brinn) Hawkins. He married Sue Gordon Dec. 31, 1955, and she survives. Hawkins retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service from 1952 to 1972, and was the recipient of the Bronze Star. He also was a retired State Farm Insurance agent, where he worked from 1972 to 1999. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and the Elks and VFW lodges. His hobbies included golfing, bowling and playing cards. Survivors include a daughter, Bobbie Dausch and husband Ron, Peru; two sons, Jeff Hawkins and wife Beatrice, Columbia, S.C., and Timothy Hawkins, Peru; two nephews; two nieces; a brother, John Hawkins and wife Sandy, Goldsboro, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Krysten, Austin, Dan, Cori, Brittany, Tim Jr., Michael and Christopher; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Billy Hawkins; and a sister, Jean Nelson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. William Shewman officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military rites at the cemetery will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

**Ruth E. Douglas, 88**

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Ruth E. Douglas, 88, Peru, passed away at 11:15 a.m. on October 9, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on January 10, 1918 in Logansport to Lloyd and Carrie (Davis) Wislinger. She married William L. Douglas, and he passed away on April 24, 1954. Douglas was a homemaker, and a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She is survived by two sisters, Evelyn Finster and Kathryn Aikman, both of Peru; three grandchildren, Sindee Wooley, Lori Volano and Rex McKinney; and five great-grandchildren, Brian, Daniel, Heather, Christopher and Amber. Aside from her husband, Douglas was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Rosanna Yoder; a daughter, Mary Ruth McKinney; and an infant daughter, Beverly.

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday at 3 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating and burial to follow. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Floyd Ooten, 84**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Floyd Ooten, 84, Peru, passed away at 1:03 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Phyllis Mae Patterson, 76**

Thursday, October 12, 2006

Phyllis Mae Patterson, 76, of Peru passed away at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 8, 2006 at her residence after an extended battle with cancer. She was born August 14, 1930 in Peru, to Russell Harrison and Mabel Mae (Kile) Moon Draving. Patterson graduated from Peru High School in 1948. She retired from American Stationery Company, and was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Raymond E. Patterson, Peru; three daughters, Carol Miller and husband Walter; Diana Alfrey and husband John; and Jane Babbs and husband James, all of Peru; eight grandchildren, Matthew Miller and wife Cassandra, Rochester; Timothy Miller, Indianapolis; Daniel Miller; Michelle Hayes; John Alfrey; Curtis Babbs and wife Carrie; and Craig and Chad Babbs, all of Peru; seven great-grandchildren, Trintyn Hayes, Kelsey Alfrey, Brendan Alfrey, all of Peru; and Caleb, Mackenzie, Makayla and Chloe Miller, all of Rochester; two sisters, Caroline Whybrew and husband Emerson, Logansport; and Jean Hahn, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father, two brothers, two sisters and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Michael J. Wouster, 66**

Friday, October 13, 2006

Michael J. Wouster, 66, Peru, passed away at 11:52 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at Americare, Wabash.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Floyd A. Ooten, 84**

Friday, October 13, 2006

Floyd A. Ooten, 84, Peru, passed away at 1:03 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

He was born July 1, 1922 in Kentucky to Campbell and Belle (Wright) Ooten. He married L. Maxine Ashley, and she preceded him in death Nov. 26, 2004. Ooten served in the U.S. Army for a short time. He retired from Delco Electronics, Kokomo.

Survivors include two brothers, Russell "Rusty" Ooten and Earl Ooten, both of Peru; a sister, Edith Brewster, Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Carolyn Louise Adams, 63**

Friday, October 13, 2006

Carolyn Louise Adams, 63, Colvis, Calif., formerly of Peru, slipped peacefully into the arms of her Lord at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at Hillcrest Convalescent Hospital, Colvis, Calif. She was born Feb. 11, 1943 in Peru to Lee Adams and Geneva Hileman-Adams. Adams had lived in Fresno, Calif. since 1992, was active in the California ARC Program, was a production worker and a bakery employee at Best By Far Bakery in Clovis, Calif. She also worked in a flower shop and business office in her later years. Survivors include two sisters, Evelyn Rowley, Long Beach, Calif., and Margaret Wood, Colvis, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Harold Adams; and a sister, Virginia Adams, all of Peru.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Kathryn E. Glassburn, 92**

Friday, October 13, 2006

Kathryn E. Glassburn, 92, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born Feb. 14, 1914 in Waupecong to Elmer and Sylvia Frey Warfelt. She married Charles F. Glassburn Nov. 4, 1936, and he preceded her in death Nov. 28, 1985. Glassburn was graduate of Clay Township High School and a homemaker. She attended Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Bunker Hill, was a former Sunday School teacher, a member of the Miami County Democratic Ladies and a 4-H club leader. Survivors include three children, Joe Glassburn and wife Betty, New Port Richey, Fla., Cynthia Troyer and husband Tom, Greer, S.C., and Linda Hall and husband Larry, Bunker Hill; a daughter-in-law, Elaine Glassburn, Bunker Hill; two sisters, Alice Sheridan, Kokomo, and Joan Jones, Bunker Hill; 10 grandchildren, Susan Larimer, Kevin and Joel Glassburn, Renee Campo, Samantha Miller, Kelly, Doug and Ryan Troyer, and Brian and Greg Frye; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Larry Glassburn; a grandson, Scott Glassburn; and a sister, Willadene Warfelt.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Lee Miller officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association.

**George David Books, 52**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

George David Books, 52, of Nyona Lake, died Sunday, August 20, 2006 in Warren, Michigan. He was born November 20, 1953 in Lapeer, Michigan to George and Gladys Spangler Books. He is survived by his mother, Gladys Books of Nyona Lake; a brother, Gary Books of Peru; and a sister, Dorothy Evans of Michigan. Also surviving is his wife, Diane Books and children, Jonathan, Crystal, Jennifer and Katrina Books, and six grandchildren, all of Warren, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father, George Books, and a brother, Glen Books. Funeral arrangements were handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru.

**Michael J. Wouster, 66**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

Michael J. Wouster, 66, Peru, passed away at 11:52 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 at Americare Living Center, Wabash.

He was born in Peru on Aug. 11, 1940 to Frederick L. and Clara (Aspinwall) Wouster. On May 15, 1971 he married Evelyn Boussom Wouster in Peru, and she survives. Wouster was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. He worked as a laborer in the construction industry for more than 42 years. He was a member of the American Legion Glen Owens Post #14, the Peru Maennerchor, Peru Moose Lodge, and was a life member of the Eagles.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Keely Marie Fultz and husband Tim, Syracuse, and Dana Michele Hatfield, Kentucky; five brothers, Howard Wouster and wife Julia, Indianapolis; Frederick J. Wouster and wife Ethel, Mexico, George

Wouster, Stephen Wouster and Jeffrey Wouster and wife Christy, all of Peru; two sisters, Mary Ziemer and husband Everett, Monon, and Jennifer Cunningham, Peru; and a granddaughter, Cierra Fultz, Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael J. Wouster II; and two brothers, John and Jacob Wouster.

Funeral services will be at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery in Peru, with military graveside services to be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### **Kathleen Fay Bellamy Rogers, 69**

Monday, October 16, 2006

Kathleen Fay Bellamy Rogers, 69, Peru, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born March 15, 1937 in Stanton, Ky. to George Hamilton and Iva (Watson) Bellamy. She married Levi Rogers, and he survives. Rogers was a homemaker and a member of Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Patricia Johns and husband Randy, Kokomo, and Audrey Minns and husband Billy, Peru; a son, Billy Rogers and wife Shannon, Peru; 11 grandchildren, Robert, Charlie, April, Alisha, Randel, Tisha, Daniesha, Jacob, Garrett, Abby and Madelyn; two brothers, Billy Bellamy, and Ollie Ray Bellamy and wife Kay McCoy Bellamy, all of Stanton, Ky.; a sister, May Bellamy Rogers, Mount Sterling, Ky.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, Eugene, Franklin D., Sherwood, Canas and Raymond Bellamy; and a sister, Pauline Smith Rogers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Wells Funeral Chapel, Stanton, Ky. Burial will be in Meadows Cemetery, Stanton, Ky. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wells Funeral Chapel.

### **Dale L. Powell, 82**

Monday, October 16, 2006

Dale L. Powell, 82, Converse, passed away at 8:44 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2006 as his residence. He was born Aug. 8, 1924 in Jackson Township in Howard County to Joseph A. and Florence (Yoars) Powell and has been a life resident of Converse. He married Bernice Wimmer on Dec. 24, 1945, and she survives. Powell was a farmer. He loved his family, loved farming and raising cattle. He also was a member of Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Carol Horner and husband Tom, and Pam Minnich and husband Gary, all of Converse; four grandchildren, Geoff Horner and wife Nilah, Markle, Nancy Campbell and husband Darren, Marion, Ryan Horner, Chicago, Ill., and Amy Rees and husband Jeremy, Marion; six great-grandchildren, Kevin Campbell, Cheo Horner, Awan Rees, Tucker Campbell, Rio Horner and Zadyne Rees; a brother, Floyd Powell and wife Audry, Converse; and two sisters, Deloris Renbarger and husband Merrill, and Eloise Newhouse and husband Howard, all of Converse. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gerald and Lee Powell. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church, with the Rev. Steve Colter officiating.

Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to services today at the church. Visitation also was held Sunday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, Swayzee. Memorials may be made to Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church, 2171 W. Chapel Pike, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

### **James H. "Stein" Siegfried, 93**

Monday, October 16, 2006

James H. "Stein" Siegfried, 93, 2292 S. Business 31, Peru, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Helen I. "Grandma" Hall, 97**

Monday, October 16, 2006

Helen I. "Grandma" Hall, 97, Peru, slipped away peacefully at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006 from St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, to join her special daughter "Dearie" in their heavenly home with their Father. She was born Nov. 13, 1908 in Washington County in southern Indiana to George E. Winslow and Lilly Mae (Lyles) Winslow. She married Erlis E. Hall on Feb. 11, 1926 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Brownstown. Their first born, Ervin Eugene, died in infancy. Harold Wesley was born in Morningsun, Iowa. From there Erlis drove to McCleary, Wash. in a Model T coupe to work in the logging camps. Helen and the baby, Harold, traveled across the U.S. by train to join him. Vera "Dearie" was born while they lived there. Upon their return to Washington County, Villa Pearl, Ruby Veda and Betty Louise were born. During those years, Helen helped with the farming, she worked at the canning factory, hung wallpaper and wove rugs to help provide for the family. The family moved to Kokomo in September of 1951. Again, Helen helped by working at Haynes Stellite, she did ironings, babysat for friends and family, and even painted "Senior Cords" for many students. Helen enjoyed reading, crocheting, quilting and attending Gospel Light Mission where she was a founding member, having transferred her membership from Plattsburg United Methodist. She had also gone to the Plattsburg School. From traveling by horse and wagon to school, going west by train, flying to Australia with grandsons, to celebrating her 85th birthday in the Holy Lands, Helen witnessed many modern day marvels come into being. Survivors include four children, a son, Harold Hall and wife Pat, three daughters, Villa Pearl Humphrey, Salem, Ruby V. Lee, Kokomo, and Betty L. Black and husband Carl "Bud," Bennett's

Switch; her youngest sister, Dona M. Lindsey, Henderson, Ky.; 11 grandchildren, Erlin Z. Hall and wife Patty, Russiaville, Gwena L. Hall, Kokomo, Phyllis Alvoid and husband Don, Columbus, Ohio, Carol Marion and friend Roger Stockelman, Scottsburg, Lenita Crandall, and Steven Humphrey and wife Denise, all of Salem, Sylvy Bledsoe and husband Dave, Earl Lee and wife Nancy, and Kim (Carrie) Lee, all of Kokomo, Shane May and wife Beth, Waupecong, and Wendi Atkinson and husband Erik, Kokomo; 20 great-grandchildren, Michael Hattabaugh, Israel Hall and wife Tonya, Abraham Hall and wife Kathleen, Matthew Marion and wife Danita, Craig Healy, Josh Bledsoe and wife Heather, Jenny Eltringham and husband Charley, Amy and Laura Lee, Brooke Green and husband Chris, Cara, Sarah and Jordan Lee, Brooke and Blake May, Khyrstin and Dylan Chance, Gabriela Atkinson, Brandon Cook and Haydon Chance; 14 great-great-grandchildren, Alexis, Talon and Destiny Hattabaugh, Hunter and Sydney Hall, Jesse Shelten, Zane Hall, Maverick Marion, Macy Hicks, Zack Stinson, Brayden Green, Conner and Aidan Bledsoe, and Samuel Eltringham; and her "adopted" family, Terry Russell and wife Vickie, LaDonna Vincent and husband Webb, Tim Russell and wife Judy, Josh Chance and wife Rachelle, and the rest of the Belmont neighborhood family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, special daughter Vera, infant son Ervin, sister Edna Early, and brothers Forrest, H. Ford and Wilmer Winslow. Grandma Hall's life will never be equaled by those remaining on earth, but her legacy will be remembered by the many who loved and respected her. SHE WAS THE "BESTEST" MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER AND FRIEND GOD EVER CREATED!

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, Kokomo. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may visit from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. If you would like to offer condolences online, you may do so by visiting [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

### **Kathleen Fay Bellamy Rogers, 69**

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

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Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Wells Funeral Chapel, Stanton, Ky. Burial will be in Meadows Cemetery, Stanton, Ky. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wells Funeral Chapel.

### **Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins, 72**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins, 72, Bunker Hill, passed away 8:25 a.m. on Oct. 17, 2006 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

### **James Harold "Stein" Siegfred, 93**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

James Harold "Stein" Siegfred, 93, Peru, passed away on Saturday, October 14, 2006 at his residence. He was born April 28, 1913 to Charles and Clara (Johnston) Siegfred in Peru, the youngest of nine children. Siegfred married Audrey Smith on February 2, 1937, and she survives. A welder by trade, he retired from Essex Wire in 1980, and previously worked at Freeman's, and for many years at Volpert Welding Shop. Siegfred loved nature, was an avid fisherman, and spent the last nine years of his life in the woods behind his home sawing firewood with a bow saw, hauling it to the barn in a wheelbarrow. He was an interesting man with many stories of long ago to entertain anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Siegfred was a member of the Moose Lodge since 1972 and spent many happy times there with his wife and friends. He was especially proud to be a 60-year member of the American Legion and received a plaque this year commemorating his service to his country. Aside from his wife of 69 years, Siegfred is survived by his daughter, Veda Sutton and husband Ray, Peru; grandchildren, Michael and Susan Sutton, Wyatt and Carter, Maitland, Florida, Angie and Chris Riendeau and Adam, West Palm Beach, Florida, Zachary and Kristen Sutton and Riley, Peru, and Chad Sutton, West Lafayette; a sister-in-law, Beulah (Smith) Haynes and husband Cleo, Avon; and a special niece, Janet Ealy and husband Harold of Peru; in addition to many cousins, nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Michael James (1944-1961).

Summer reunions with his family brought him special joy and he will be sorely missed by all of his family and friends and his faithful kitty, Betsy, who was with him to the end. A special thanks to all the angels at Wabash-Miami County Hospice for their loving touch during the final months of his life.

Chaplain Steve Fleck will officiate at the funeral services at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Hospice Chaplain Guy Provance, Jr. will conduct a graveside service at the Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and also Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

The Miami County Military Rites Unit will perform an honorary service at the gravesite.

**Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins, 72**

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins, 72, of Bunker Hill, passed away at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at Howard Regional Hospital. She was born on May 7, 1934 to Charles Hawkins and Mildred (Hartgrove) Hawkins Little of Bunker Hill, and graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1952. Sarahlyn was a Life Member of the VFW Auxiliary. Survivors include three brothers: David Hawkins and wife Phyllis of Wabash; Charles Hawkins and wife Mary, Bunker Hill; and Terry Little and wife Wilma Jo, Bunker Hill; two sisters, Sally Kosanke and husband Byron, Bunker Hill; and Judith Fatkin and husband George, Wabash; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Connie Scott.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

**Mary Helen Gaunt, 91**

Friday, October 20, 2006

Mary Helen Gaunt, 91, of Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru.

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A special thanks to all the angels at Wabash-Miami County Hospice for their loving touch during the final months of his life.

Chaplain Steve Fleck will officiate at the funeral services at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Hospice Chaplain Guy Provance, Jr. will conduct a graveside service at the Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and also Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the funeral home. The Miami County Military Rites Unit will perform an honorary service at the gravesite.

**Bryant D. Gesford, 77**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Bryant D. Gesford, 77, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born Oct. 20, 1928 in Corrigan, Texas to Eutaw and Nellie (Ashworth) Gesford. He married Virginia Bennett Nov. 16, 1962, and she survives. Gesford was a 20-year retiree from the U.S. Air Force, and he retired from Square D Company after 22 years. He attended Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru, was a member of the Elks Lodge and Masonic Lodge, Prairie, Texas, and a life member of the Peru Maennerchor and VFW Lodge. In addition, he enjoyed playing golf. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Wanda Kay Radel and husband Robert, Peru, and Carmen Sue Peterka and husband Tony, Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Howard Long and wife Tina, and Warren Dale Long, all of Peru; seven grandchildren, Michelle Connor and husband John, Andy Radel and wife Debbie, Kelly Owens and husband Brian, Erica Hammond and husband Travis, Bryan Long and wife Brooke, Mandy Fitzpatrick and Evan Long; six great-grandchildren, Kristen and Ryan Connor, Cole Radel, Josh and Kaycee Owens, and Peyton Hammond; two brothers, Randy and Andrew Gesford, both of Texas; and a sister, Doris Ann, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

**Kerry P. Dagnen, 52**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Kerry P. Dagnen, 52, Peru, passed away at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 27, 1953 in Peru to Kenneth G. and Ila Mae (VanDyke) Dagnen. Dagnen was a supervisor at Miami Correctional Facility in the food department. He also was a member of the Moose Lodge. Survivors include a cousin, Bruce Berryman, Peru; and a sister, Moneta Dagnen, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Walker officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Mary Helen Gaunt, 91**

Saturday, October 21, 2006

Mary Helen Gaunt, 91, Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006 at her residence. She was born Nov. 20, 1914 in Peru to O.C. and Henrietta Balter Burbank. She married James E. Gaunt June 13, 1937 at First Baptist Church, Peru. He preceded her in death May 10, 1960. Gaunt graduated from Peru High School in 1932 and served as clerk-treasurer for the city of Peru from 1964 to 1979. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, First Cradle Roll, the Business and Professional Women, Miami County Historical Society, Ruth Chapter No. 120, Order of the Eastern Star, Peru Ever Ready Home Economic Club, Civic Center Board of Directors, American Red Cross volunteer and Miller's Merry Manor Ladies Auxiliary volunteer.

Survivors include two sons, Craig Gaunt, Peru, and Chris Gaunt, Gainesville, Ga.; a daughter, Sheila Craw and husband Robert, Bremerton, Wash.; two sisters, Eileen Householder, Peru, and Clio Biviano, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Sherrie Johnson, James Gaunt, Cathleen Rohwedder and Brian Craw; and three great-grandchildren, Jaquari Johnson, Skye and Rylee Rohwedder. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, Peru, with the Rev. Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church.

**Ronald K. Wilson, 70**

Monday, October 23, 2006

Ronald K. Wilson, 70, Peru, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at Veterans Hospital in Marion following an extended illness. He was born on May 15, 1936 in Peru to Richard Paul and Velma L. (Schwier) Wilson. He married Gloria Mize, who survives. The Peru High School graduate served in the United States Air Force and attended worship services at the Salvation Army. Aside from his wife, Wilson is survived by step-mother, Marie Wilson, Peru; step-son, Keith Swavey and wife Linda, Tallahassee, Florida; step-daughter, Candy Boonstra, Peru; brother, Rick Wilson and wife Carol, Athens; sister, Sandy Adams and husband Dick, Mexico; seven step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Shirley McGlothlin.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Carol Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Mary Elizabeth Bookwalter, 86**

Monday, October 23, 2006

Mary Elizabeth Bookwalter, 86, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. She was born on November 11, 1919 in Cass County to Willard and Mabel (Funk) Wilson. On October 26, 1940 she married Norman E. Bookwalter, and he preceded her in death on April 29, 1998. Bookwalter was an active member of the Corinth Brethren Church and the Women's Missionary Society. The Twelve Mile High School graduate was a homemaker, and was known for her love of cooking, with her specialty being her recipe for sugar cream pie. She is survived by her son, Arlan Bookwalter and wife Kay, Walton; daughter, Lynnea Strong, Logansport; grandchildren, Ron and Kelly Polhamus, Adairsville, Georgia, Jeff and Jami Bookwalter, Walton, Cami and Mark McLeland, Walton, Adrian and Stephanie Strong, Logansport, Brandon Strong and Tiffany; great-grandchildren, Dustin and Andrew Schutte, Colton Bookwalter, Lauren, Garrett, and Kinzie McLeland, Tyler and Taylor Strong; sister, Clara Bowman, Peru; and honorary grandchildren, India, Tai, and Cara. Aside from her husband, Bookwalter was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Betty Wilson, May Garber, and Ruth Koontz; brother, Frank Wilson; and son-in-law, Gale Strong.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Corinth Brethren Church. Burial will follow at the Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, as well as on Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

**Ruth L. Stants, 98**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

Ruth L. Stants, 98, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Peru, passed away at her daughter's residence in Tucson, Ariz. at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006. Funeral arrangements are pending a Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**E. Pauline Bahney, 93**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

E. Pauline Bahney, 93, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of the Gilead community, passed away at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 18, 1913 in Miami County to Henry William and Sarah (Butt) Keim. She married Gerald W. Bahney Nov. 24, 1933 in Perry Township, Miami County. He preceded her in death July 18, 1992. Bahney was a homemaker and affiliated with the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Miami County and the Roann Christian Church. She also was a charter member of the Perry Do-Rites Home Economics Club. Survivors include a daughter, Roma VanLue and husband Arnold, rural Miami County; a son, William R. Bahney and wife Donna, Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, Roland VanLue and wife Sara, Kokomo, Lila Hammer and husband Steve, North Manchester, and Ben Bahney, Washington, D.C.; two great-grandchildren, Jared VanLue and wife Jessica, Vasser, Mich., Amber Simmons, Raleigh, N.C.; four step grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Smith, North Manchester; 19 nieces and nephews; 42 great-nieces and great-nephews; and 60 great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sisters, Garnet Stevenson and Gayle Hattery; and a brother, Walter Keim.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating.

Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. A special thank you goes to all the angels in the Evergreen healthcare area of Peabody Retirement Community for their loving touch during the final months of her life. Memorials can be made to the charity of choice.

**Wilma Lou Wilson, 87**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Wilma Lou Wilson, 87, Lagro, passed away at 3:55 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

She was born May 20, 1919 in Peru to Paul and Mattie (Sturgis) Templin. She married Allie B. Wilson in June of 1949, and he preceded her in death Aug. 19, 1996. Wilson was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Happy Homemakers Home Ec Club and Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Halterman and husband Lewis, Peru, Lana Webb and husband Edwin, Lagro, and Amy Niccum and husband Mike, Wabash; three sons, Terry Hann and wife Sue, Wabash, George Wilson and wife Carol, and Allie Ray Wilson and wife Cindy, all of Peru; two brothers, Robert Templin and wife Velma, and Eldon Templin and wife Ruth, all of Wabash; an uncle, Ernest Dale Templin and wife Madelyn, Franklin; 32 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Nancy Gipson; a son-in-law, Conrad Warder; and a grandson, Matthew Warder.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Bachelor Creek Church. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Bruce C. Stokdyk, 51**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Bruce C. Stokdyk, 51, Delphi, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006 at 5:50 a.m. at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He had been a patient there for the past eight days, and in ill health since March 2006. He was born Dec. 7, 1954 in Waverly, Iowa to Claude "Smokey" and the late Grace (Ohlendorf) Stokdyk. He married Cynthia S. "Cindy" Bender in Peru on May 19, 1979, and she survives. Stokdyk was a 1973 graduate of Peru High School. He received his associate degree in engineering from Purdue University, and his B.S. degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. He and his family moved to Delphi from Peru in 1987, and he worked for the former Landis & Gyr of Lafayette as a design engineer for five years, then working at Caterpillar in Lafayette as the manager of technical support, CAT Rental Power, Marketing Division, from 1992 to the present. He was a member of the Delphi United Methodist Church, where he served on the finance committee, and also helped run the audio/public address system of the church. He was very active with Boy Scout Troop No. 155 of Delphi, and active with the Delphi Community High School Music Boosters Club. In addition, he enjoyed Green Bay Packer football, Indiana University basketball, bowling, music and being a DJ for private functions. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Christopher Stokdyk and wife Brooke, East Lansing, Mich.; two daughters, Susan Grace Stokdyk, Chicago, Ill., and Lauren Nicole Stokdyk, at home; his father in Peru; three sisters, Linda Stokdyk, Arizona, Diane Hahn and husband Mike, California, and Kathy McAteer and husband Gene, Nevada; and a half brother, Terry LeVier, Peru. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Delphi United Methodist Church, where he will lie in state one hour prior to the service, with the Rev. Todd Ladd officiating.

Burial will be in IOOF Memorial Gardens, Pittsburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Delphi United Methodist Church Building Fund, with envelopes at the funeral home. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi.

**Isa B. Cress, 91**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Isa B. Cress, 91, Peru, passed away at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Ruth L. Stants, 98**

Thursday, October 26, 2006

Ruth L. Stants, 98, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Peru, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away at her daughter's home in Tucson, Ariz. at 8:50 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006. She was born July 23, 1908 in Sandusky, Mich. to Oliver S. and Alvina (Boldt) Williams. She married John Wesley Stants in 1927, and he preceded her in death. Stants served as secretary/treasurer for over 20 years at the Peru First Assembly of God Church and was one of the founding members. She also taught Sunday School and enjoyed praying for her church. Survivors include a daughter, Mary L. Anderson and husband Dan, Tucson, Ariz.; three sons, Gerald W. Stants and wife Ellen, Waterford, Mich., James E. Stants and wife Peggy, Homosassa, Fla., and Richard O. Stants and wife Annie, Kokomo; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Dreydon and Bruce Williams; two sisters, Helen Robinson and Violet Bowman; a daughter, Betty Kuzin; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Isa B. "Ike" Cress, 91**

Friday, October 27, 2006

Isa B. "Ike" Cress, 91, Peru, passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital at 3:45 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2006. She was born on Jan. 15, 1915 in Argos to Peter and Della McGivern See. She married Cecil Cress on June 6, 1937 and he passed away on July 7, 1982. Cress was retired from American Stationery and was a former Pink Ladies at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Women of the Moose. Survivors include five children, Charles "Bud" Cress and wife Betty, Conroe, Texas, John J. Cress and wife Pat, South Bend, Jerry Cress, Peru, Carol Snyder and husband Marvin, Brighton, Mich., and Joyce Degunya and husband Bill, Peru; grandchildren Eric Cress, Florida, Darrick Cress, Virginia, Tony Cress, San Diego, Calif., Tracy Cress and wife Camille, Parma Heights, Ohio, John Proctor and wife Jeannie, Virginia, Patrick Proctor, Huntington, Jack Cress and wife Lisa, Peru, Jimmy Proctor, Wabash, Tim Snyder and wife Lisa, Hartland, Mich., James Degunya, Peru, Mark Degunya, Mooresville, Tad Degunya and wife Missy, Wabash, Bryan Cress and wife D'Andrea, Marion, Jeffrey Cress, Peru, Angela Cress, Conroe, Texas, Bridget Rife, Wabash, Beth Ann Beckham and husband Jamie, Florida, Linda Neal and husband David, Michigan, Erin Kocher and husband Craig, Wabash, and Robbie Lomicka, Ontario, Canada; one sister, Ruth Iovino and husband Emanuel, Staten Island, N.Y.; and 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant daughter, Carolyn Sue; a son, James Cress; a great-great grandson, Brennan; two brothers, Calvin and Madison See; and two sisters, Elva Hudson and Mary Baker-Gage.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Shaner officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Church of the Nazarene through the funeral home.

**Walter Eugene See, 82**

Monday, October 30, 2006 - Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Walter Eugene See, 82, Kokomo, passed away at 5:32 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 22, 1924 in Miami County to Carl and Averill (Whitehill) See. He married Carolyn Maxine Bernard Aug. 22, 1948 in the home of the late Rev. Clyde Black, Logansport. She survives. See retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after many years as an engineer. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Kokomo and the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine. Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Earl See and wife Wilma, Chili, and Larry See and wife Janet, Mexico; two sisters, Peggy Kline, Mexico, and Carol Newman, Merrillville; a sister-in-law, Judy F. See; two brothers-in-law, Neil Bernard and wife Mary Lou, Indianapolis, and Jerry Bernard and wife Norma, Carmel; a sister-in-law, Muriel Stephenson and husband Jim, Denver; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Sally Gilbert officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Virginia A. Bell, 84**

Monday, October 30, 2006

Virginia A. Bell, 84, New Albany, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at her residence. She was a homemaker, former school teacher and member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in New Albany. Survivors include five children, Charles Bell Jr., New Albany, John Bell, Frisco, Texas, Christopher Bell, Jeffersonville, Glen Bell, Corydon, and Mary Sue Gorseline, Peru; a brother, Ralph Ashton, Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Mary Bierly, Elizabeth; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Charles Bell Sr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, New Albany. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery in Frenchtown. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of Southern Indiana.



**Hannah Leah Glassburn, 69**

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

Hannah Leah Glassburn, 69, Rochester, passed away at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006 at the Life Care Center in Rochester, where she had resided for two years. She was born on October 24, 1937 in Chicago to Louis and Rose (Miller) Allen, and married Allen T. Glassburn on October 26, 1956 in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death in 2005. Glassburn had lived in Rochester since October 1978 after relocating there from Leiters Ford. She was a homemaker, as well as employed with Dave's Carpet Cleaning. Glassburn was a member of the Jehovah's Congregation, Rochester, and was loved by all who knew her. She knew no strangers and her faith in Jehovah helped her through her illness. Glassburn was truly a great person and Christian. She is survived by two daughters, Roselyn B. James, Plymouth, and Melody L. Smith and husband Ken, Rochester; four sons, Allen T. Glassburn II and wife Lydia, Rochester, Loid J. Glassburn and wife Marsha, Rochester, Phillip M. Glassburn, Rochester, and David C. Glassburn and wife Kelli, Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and godson, John Shank, South Bend. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Kingdom Hall, Rochester, with Elder Lenon Harris officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the hall.

**George D. Stephen, 82**

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

George D. Stephen 82, of Akron, passed away at 10:40 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006 at Riverview Hospital Emergency Room in Noblesville. He was born on July 24, 1924 in Portland, to Ora A. Stephen and Maple Woods, and on October 30, 1942, Stephen married Anita Grubbs in Redkey, who preceded him in death on October 26, 1995. Stephen and his late wife owned and operated Stephen's Garage in Akron for 40 years, and he was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. The 1942 Governor I.P. Gray High School (Redkey) graduate was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God, as well as a member of the former Akron Masonic Lodge and the current Rochester Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite in South Bend, the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, and the Akron Chamber of Commerce. Stephen served as a Fulton County Democrat County Councilman for 13 years, and was a member of the Akron Lions Club. He was a member of the Henry Township Fire Department for over 50 years, as well as a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association. He received the Akron Community Service Award, and was the Akron 4th of July Parade Marshall. Stephen also was the first recipient of the Fulton County Fireman of the Year award given in 2005 by the Fulton County Firemen's Association. Stephen made it his responsibility to take care of the flowers at entrances to Akron, and was involved in doing many other community service deeds. He is survived by two daughters, Marna Ames and husband Robert, Marian, Illinois, and Mari Griffis and husband Chris, Cicero; son, Mike Stephen and wife Joyce, Akron; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Stephen was preceded in death by his sister, Marianne Carr; and three brothers, Sam, Bill and Bob Stephen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverends Lowell Burrus and Lawrence See officiating. Burial will follow in Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the funeral home, where there will be a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m. There will also be a firemen's service at 8:15 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Lions Club and/or the Henry Township Fire Department.

Wednesday, October 25, 2006 12:13 AM EDT

**Luella Rawles Perry Kitchen, 97**, Wabash and formerly of Wolcottville, died at 9:40 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006, at Wabash County Hospital. She has lived the past 4 1/2 years in Wabash with her daughter, Janis Bailey. She was born Oct. 4, 1909, in Mongo to Squire and Vesta (Meyers) Rawles. She married Herbert W. Kitchen on June 1, 1932, and he died in December of 1988. She graduated from Wolcottville in 1927. She worked at the Wolcottville Library for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Janis Bailey, Wabash, and Judith Rosevear-Pusey, Pocatello, Idaho; three grandchildren, Richard Bailey, Joseph Rosevear and William Rosevear; four great-grandchildren, Joel and Elizabeth Bailey and Lucas and Adriana Rosevear; and two great-great-grandchildren, Chelsea Bailey and Taylor Robbins. She was also preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9, with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the funeral home. Memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:www.youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net)

**Marlin Stacy, 57**, Wabash, died at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Wabash County Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Stacy. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

**Doyle Dean Hoover, 75**, rural North Manchester, died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at his home. He was born July 29, 1931, in Wabash County to Burvia and Mabel (Long) Hoover. He married Bonita "Bonnie" Rogers at the Laketon Evangelical United Brethren Church on Feb. 15, 1953, and she survives. Mr. Hoover was a 1949 graduate of Urbana High School. He was a retired farmer and milked cows for 65 years. He was a member of the North Manchester First Brethren Church, a member and past director of the American Milk Producers Inc. (A.M.P.I.), a member of the Chester Township Farm Bureau, a lifetime member of the Indiana Crop Improvement Association, a member of the Wabash V.F.W. Post 286 and a former member of

Wabash Toastmasters Club. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He is also survived by seven daughters, Cathy (Alan) Pritchard, Columbia City, Carol Jean Hoover, Logansport, Cynthia (Mike) Pyle, Silver Lake,,Beverly (Roger) Sharritt, Fortville, Patty (John) Rathmacher, Story City, Iowa, Janice (Mike) Stilger, Champaign, Ill., and Joyce (Lamar) Young, Indianapolis; a son, William D. (Pennie) Hoosier, Visalia, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; seven sisters, Virgia Schnepf Smith, Urbana, Doris (Robert) Mattern, Wabash, Norma (Marvia) Wilcox, North Manchester, Mary Schenkel, Wabash, Irene (Doc) Donaldson, Wabash, Ethel (Paul) Fogel, Wabash, and Nancy (Max) Neher, Madison; three brothers, Harvey Hoover, Larry (Jane) Hoover and Fred (Mel) Hoover, all of Wabash. Funeral services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash Chapel, 1241 Manchester Ave., at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, with the Rev. Kurt Stout officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the preferred memorials are North Manchester First Brethren Church, Urbana Yoke Parish, Cardinal Center or Wabash Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Mr. Hoover may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

**E. Pauline Bahney, 93**, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, died at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at her residence. She formerly lived in Gilead. She was born July 18, 1913, in Miami County to Henry William and Sarah (Butt) Keim. She married Gerald W. Bahney on Nov. 24, 1933, in Perry Township, Miami County, and he died July 18, 1992.

A homemaker, she was affiliated with Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Miami County, and the Roann Christian Church. She was a charter member of the Perry-Do-Rites Home Ec Club. She is survived by a daughter, Roma (Arnold) VanLue, rural Miami County; a son, William R. (Donna) Bahney, Dallas; three grandchildren, Roland (Sara) VanLue, Kokomo, Lila (Steve) Hammer, North Manchester, and Ben Bahney, Washington, D.C.; two great-grandchildren, Jared (Jessie) VanLue, Vasser, Mich., and Amber Simmons, Raleigh, N.C.; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Smith, North Manchester; 19 nieces and nephews; 42 great-nieces and nephews and 60 great-great-nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Garnet Stevenson and Gayle Hattery, and a brother, Walter Keim.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials are to the donor's choice. A special thank you to all the angels in the Evergreen healthcare area of Peabody Retirement Community for their loving touch during the final months of Mrs. Bahney's life.

**Lois I. Myers, 73**, 215 Willow Way, North Manchester, died at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital. She was born Oct. 25, 1932, in Harrison Township, Elkhart County, to Kenneth E. and Blanche Mildred (Stahley) Michael. She married Charles Myers on Dec. 11, 1965, at the Goshen City Church of the Brethren. and he survives. Mrs. Myers was a graduate of Manchester College, IU-South Bend and Bethany Seminary. She was a member of the West Manchester Church of the Brethren and a former member of the Goshen City Church of the Brethren, where she served as church board chair, witness chair, deacon and choir director. She was assistant chaplain at Timbercrest Retirement Community, chorister and pulpit supply in the North Manchester area, and was involved in the Elkhart County Jail Ministry. She also was involved in the Church of the Brethren Refugee Resettlement Program and sponsored Cambodian and Romanian families. She was an elementary teacher in the Concord schools, Goshen schools, Arlington, Va., and Fairfield schools until her retirement. She also served as Christian education director for York First Church of the Brethren. She is also survived by a daughter, Wendy Myers-Garrett, Bloomington; two grandsons, Ian (Amelia) and Joshua, both of Bloomington; a great-granddaughter, Zoe; and two sisters, Carolyn Michael, Logansport, and Ruth Anne Richter, Ligonier. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn DeVault, on Feb. 4, 1994. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Yoder-Culp Funeral home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with Timothy Yoder officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Heifer Project International or Habitat for Humanity.

Condolences may be sent to [www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com)

Sunday, October 29, 2006 7:11 PM EST

**Charles L. Owens, 82**, North Manchester, died at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born July 6, 1924, in Urbana, Ill., to Luther and Joy (Arnett) Owens, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Owens was a teacher and administrator for 38 years, including Gil Township, Sullivan County, Ind., for seven years, principal and superintendent, Cannelton Schools, Cannelton, Ind. for 18 years. He served as superintendent of Manchester Community Schools from 1974 to 1982. He served as business manager of Manchester Community Schools from 1982 to 1987, when he retired. He served from 1943 to 1946 in the U.S. Army, 102nd Infantry Division, and was awarded the Silver Star Medal. He was a 38-year member of Kiwanis International, a member of Wabash County Retired Teachers Association, member of State of Indiana Retired Teachers Association, member of American Legion Post 286 at North Manchester. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, North Manchester. He married Rosalie Anderson on Aug. 4, 1949. She died May 9, 1996. He married Loretta Klutz on June 27, 1998. She survives. Also surviving are a son, James (Barbara) Owens, Indianapolis; a stepson, Tom (Cheryl) Klutz of North Manchester; a daughter, Mrs. Barry (Susan) Eppley of Wabash; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Greg (Lisa) Carter of North Manchester; a grandson, Joe Eppley, Wabash; and a sister, Mrs. Charles (Coralie) Arnett of Sullivan. A brother and sister preceded him in death. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006, at Oaklawn Cemetery in North Manchester, with the Rev. David Overmyer officiating. Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Condolences may be emailed to the Owens family at [delaughtermckee.com](http://delaughtermckee.com).

Monday, October 30, 2006

**Isa B. "Ike" Cress, 91**, Peru, passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital at 3:45 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2006. She was born on Jan. 15, 1915 in Argos to Peter and Della McGivern See. She married Cecil Cress on June 6, 1937 and he passed away on July 7, 1982.

Cress was retired from American Stationery and was a former Pink Ladies at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Women of the Moose.

Survivors include five children, Charles "Bud" Cress and wife Betty, Conroe, Texas, John J. Cress and wife Pat, South Bend, Jerry Cress, Peru, Carol Snyder and husband Marvin, Brighton, Mich., and Joyce Degunya and husband Bill, Peru; grandchildren Eric Cress, Florida, Darrick Cress, Virginia, Tony Cress, San Diego, Calif., Tracy Cress and wife Camille, Parma Heights, Ohio, John Proctor and wife Jeannie, Virginia, Patrick Proctor, Huntington, Jack Cress and wife Lisa, Peru, Jimmy Proctor, Wabash, Tim Snyder and wife Lisa, Hartland, Mich., James Degunya, Peru, Mark Degunya, Mooresville, Tad Degunya and wife Missy, Wabash, Bryan Cress and wife D'Andrea, Marion, Jeffrey Cress, Peru, Angela Cress, Conroe, Texas, Bridget Rife, Wabash, Beth Ann Beckham and husband Jamie, Florida, Linda Neal and husband David, Michigan, Erin Kocher and husband Craig, Wabash, and Robbie Lomicka, Ontario, Canada; one sister, Ruth Iovino and husband Emanuel, Staten Island, N.Y.; and 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; an infant daughter, Carolyn Sue; a son, James Cress; a great-great grandson, Brennan; two brothers, Calvin and Madison See; and two sisters, Elva Hudson and Mary Baker-Gage.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Shaner officiating.

Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Church of the Nazarene through the funeral home.

Monday, October 30, 2006

**Walter Eugene See, 82**, Kokomo, passed away at 5:32 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 22, 1924 in Miami County to Carl and Averill (Whitehill) See. He married Carolyn Maxine Bernard Aug. 22, 1948 in the home of the late Rev. Clyde Black, Logansport. She survives. See retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after many years as an engineer. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Kokomo and the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine.

Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Earl See and wife Wilma, Chili, and Larry See and wife Janet, Mexico; two sisters, Peggy Kline, Mexico, and Carol Newman, Merrillville; a sister-in-law, Judy F. See; two brothers-in-law, Neil Bernard and wife Mary Lou, Indianapolis, and Jerry Bernard and wife Norma, Carmel; a sister-in-law, Muriel Stephenson and husband Jim, Denver; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Sally Gilbert officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Monday, October 30, 2006

**Virginia A. Bell, 84**, New Albany, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006 at her residence. She was a homemaker, former school teacher and member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in New Albany.

Survivors include five children, Charles Bell Jr., New Albany, John Bell, Frisco, Texas, Christopher Bell, Jeffersonville, Glen Bell, Corydon, and Mary Sue Gorseline, Peru; a brother, Ralph Ashton, Louisville, Ky.; a sister, Mary Bierly, Elizabeth; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Charles Bell Sr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, New Albany. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Catholic Cemetery in Frenchtown. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and after 8 a.m. Tuesday at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Hospice of Southern Indiana.

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

**Walter Eugene See, 82**, Kokomo, passed away at 5:32 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 22, 1924 in Miami County to Carl and Averill (Whitehill) See. He married Carolyn Maxine Bernard Aug. 22, 1948 in the home of the late Rev. Clyde Black, Logansport. She survives. See retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after many years as an engineer. He was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Kokomo and the Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving four years during World War II. Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Earl See and wife Wilma, Chili, and Larry See and wife Janet, Mexico; two sisters, Peggy Kline, Mexico, and Carol Newman, Merrillville; a sister-in-law, Judy E. See; two brothers-in-law, Neil Bernard and wife Mary Lou, Indianapolis, and Jerry Bernard and wife Norma, Carmel; a sister-in-law, Muriel Stephenson and husband Jim, Denver; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Roy See.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Sally Gilbert officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends called Monday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

**Hannah Leah Glassburn, 69**, Rochester, passed away at 6:05 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006 at the Life Care Center in Rochester, where she had resided for two years. She was born on October 24, 1937 in Chicago to Louis and Rose (Miller) Allen, and married Allen T. Glassburn on October 26, 1956 in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death in 2005. Glassburn had lived in Rochester since October 1978 after relocating there from Leiters Ford. She was a homemaker, as well as employed with Dave's Carpet Cleaning. Glassburn was a member of the Jehovah's Congregation, Rochester, and was loved by all who knew her. She knew no strangers and her faith in Jehovah helped her through her illness. Glassburn was truly a great person and Christian.

She is survived by two daughters, Roselyn B. James, Plymouth, and Melody L. Smith and husband Ken, Rochester; four sons, Allen T. Glassburn II and wife Lydia, Rochester, Loid J. Glassburn and wife Marsha, Rochester, Phillip M. Glassburn, Rochester, and David C. Glassburn and wife Kelli, Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and godson, John Shank, South Bend. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Kingdom Hall, Rochester, with Elder Lenon Harris officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the hall.

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

**George D. Stephen 82**, of Akron, passed away at 10:40 a.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006 at Riverview Hospital Emergency Room in Noblesville. He was born on July 24, 1924 in Portland, to Ora A. Stephen and Maple Woods, and on October 30, 1942, Stephen married Anita Grubbs in Redkey, who preceded him in death on October 26, 1995.

Stephen and his late wife owned and operated Stephen's Garage in Akron for 40 years, and he was retired from the U.S. Postal Service. The 1942 Governor I.P. Gray High School (Redkey) graduate was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God, as well as a member of the former Akron Masonic Lodge and the current Rochester Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite in South Bend, the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, and the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen served as a Fulton County Democrat County Councilman for 13 years, and was a member of the Akron Lions Club. He was a member of the Henry Township Fire Department for over 50 years, as well as a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters' Association. He received the Akron Community Service Award, and was the Akron 4th of July Parade Marshall. Stephen also was the first recipient of the Fulton County Fireman of the Year award given in 2005 by the Fulton County Firemen's Association. Stephen made it his responsibility to take care of the flowers at entrances to Akron, and was involved in doing many other community service deeds.

He is survived by two daughters, Marna Ames and husband Robert, Marian, Illinois, and Mari Griffis and husband Chris, Cicero; son, Mike Stephen and wife Joyce, Akron; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Aside from his wife, Stephen was preceded in death by his sister, Marianne Carr; and three brothers, Sam, Bill and Bob Stephen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverends Lowell Burrus and Lawrence See officiating. Burial will follow in Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the funeral home, where there will be a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m. There will also be a firemen's service at 8:15 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Lions Club and/or the Henry Township Fire Department.

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Ernest E. Maiseroulle Sr., 88**, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 29, 1918 in Frontenac, Kan. to Henry J. and Wilhelmina (Steffens) Maiseroulle. He married Opal May Lee, and she preceded him in death March 18, 2003. Maiseroulle was an auto parts salesman and a member of the Masonic Lodge 187 F&AM of Pittsburg, Kan., Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Scott, Kan., Miaza Temple of Pittsburg, Kan., and Arab Patrol of Pittsburg, Kan.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest Maiseroulle Jr. and wife Glenda, Peru, and Charles J. Maiseroulle and wife Diane, Pittsburg, Kan.; five grandchildren, Todd and Sherri Maiseroulle, Jeremy Cox, and Travis and Travar Maiseroulle; four great-grandchildren, Ashlee and TyAnn Gasaway, Caitlyn Maiseroulle and Keagen Cox; and two sisters, Juanita Grubbs, Pittsburg, Kan., and Mary Bell Mitchell, Grove, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Whitney Michelle Carpenter, 16**, Peru, passed away at 9:52 p.m. on Monday, October 30, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Miami County. She was born on April 8, 1990 in Peru to Tracy and Cynthia (Wright) Carpenter. The North Miami High School sophomore was employed at Wendy's in Peru and was taking classes at the Kokomo Country Club. Carpenter attended the Christian Heritage Worship Center, Kokomo, as well as the Heartland Career Center, Wabash. She loved to cook, spend time with her family and friends, and Carpenter loved her dog, Jelly Belly. Carpenter is survived by her parents; sisters, Samantha L. and Ashley N. Carpenter; brother, Richard W. Carpenter, all of Peru; paternal grandmother, Etta Ashe, Galveston; paternal grandfather, Don Ulery, Logansport; paternal great-grandmother, Rosella Ulery, Logansport; maternal grandmother, Debra White, Peru; maternal grandfather, Rick Wright,

Peru; maternal great-grandparents, Thelma and Bob Worden, Denver; maternal great-grandparents, Frank and Dovie Wright, Peru; as well as several aunts; uncles; great-aunts; and great-uncles.

The funeral service will be conducted on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Christian Worship Center, Kokomo, with Pastor Ray Freeman officiating. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church, as well as from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Burial will be at the Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Memorials may be made to the Christian Worship Center, envelopes will be provided at the church. Messages may be e-mailed to the family at [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com). Funeral arrangements are being handled by Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo.

#### Thursday, November 02, 2006

**Jane Eloise (Sibley) Fleming**, age 79, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 at the Aurora Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn. She was born June 9, 1927 in Peru, to parents Henry Edward and Mary Helen (Daniels) Sibley. She graduated from Peru Central High School, and later attended Goodman Theater School of Performing Arts in Chicago. Jane was united in marriage to Kenneth B. Fleming, Jr. on June 6, 1947 in Peru.

Her family was her life. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker for her family. Jane was a room mother, Girl Scout leader, and a volunteer for Lakeland Hospital Women's Auxiliary. She was active in the Fontana Community Church, participated in Belfry Theater Productions, and she loved to cook, bake, play bridge, and sew.

Survivors include her daughters: Cathy Fleming Hester, Mobile, Ala.; Sherry Fleming Kammes, Williams Bay, Wis.; Debby Fleming McPherson and husband David of Madison, Wis.; and Wendy Fleming of Williams Bay, Wis.; 11 grandchildren: (Cathy's children) Christopher Deese and Cheri Deese Zorzoli; (Debby's children) Brian, Adam, Eric and Sarah Martin, Katy, Ian and Rachael McPherson; (Sherry's son) Michael Kammes; seven great-grandchildren, Braeden and Bryce Deese; Joseph and Jane Sibley; Isabella Zorzoli; and Sophia Martin.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Fontana Community Church in Fontana, Wis.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, at the church. Interment will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Logansport at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Toynton Funeral Home of Walworth, Wis. is assisting the family with the arrangements.

#### Friday, November 03, 2006

**Bobby W. "Duke" Windsor, 79**, Kokomo, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, Kokomo.

#### Friday, November 03, 2006

**Jeffrey E. Newport, 48**, Berne, passed away at 8:14 a.m. Thursday, November 2, 2006 his residence.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Yager Kirchhofer Funeral Home, 365 W. Main, Berne.

#### Friday, November 03, 2006

**David J. Proffitt, 83**, Wabash, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., LaFontaine, with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery in LaFontaine. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church Building Fund in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

#### Friday, November 03, 2006

As the Lord dusted the night with his protection and the stars of comfort and peace settle in, the call from labor to rest echo across Tipton County, gently touching God's elect, our beloved, to his promise of eternal life.

**Evelyn F. Cameron, 49**, Kokomo, passed away 12:51 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, 2006, at Tipton Hospital. She was born July 16, 1957 to Ruthie E. and Willie Earl Cameron. Cameron was an auditor at Daimler Chrysler Corp. She was a member of Family Worship Center, Local #685, Alpha Phi Alpha Angels, and Taylor School Systems Parent Teacher Association. She attended Indiana University Bloomington and was a graduate of John Robert Power Modeling School. She was proprietor of Memories Fashion Review, at which time she was featured in "Essence" and "Jet" magazines. She also did photo layouts for Mr. O'Neals Hair Salon, Soul Cola, and Sycamore Fashions, along with other local and regional fashion designers. She was the assistant coach for Carver Community Center Athletic Department, and also an aerobics instructor at the Y.W.C.A.

Survivors include her mother, Ruthie E. Koontz; her stepfather, John W. Koontz; a son, Reomey T. Northington; a brother, Ricardo V. Cameron and wife Amy M.; a stepbrother, John R. Koontz; a sister, Semerial A. Cameron; a godsister, Brianna N. Scott; an aunt, Kathryn Kent, Hillside, N.J.; three nephews, Ricardo, Dreyton and Trevon Cameron; nine cousins, James, Yvonne and Kathryn Destin, John and Brandon Kent, Carolyn, Kim, Katrina and Randy; two very special friends, Kim Moyers and Collette Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by two sons, Brandon and Braxton; her father; a brother, Norman E. Cameron; an aunt, Edna Gatewood; and two grandmothers, Ella Davis and Willie Mae Cameron.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday at Family Worship Center. Entombment will be at Sunset Memory Gardens. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the worship center. Arrangements are entrusted to Bluit & Son Funeral Home, Kokomo.



Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Bobby W. "Duke" Windsor, 79**, Kokomo, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital.

He was born March 9, 1927 in Burlington to Lloyd<sup>1</sup> and Lela (Ridenour) Windsor. On Oct. 12, 1951 in Nead, he married Bettie E. Exmeyer, who survives. Windsor was a 1945 graduate of Butler Township High School in Miami County.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, serving a tour of duty in Korea. He retired from Delco Electronics on Jan. 1, 1993 after 33 years of service in plant security.

Windsor attended Cassville United Methodist Church and was a member of the Cassville Lions Club. Family came first and foremost in his life. He especially enjoyed Indiana basketball at all playing levels.

Surviving besides his wife are one son, Wayne E. Windsor, Cassville; three daughters, Karen E. Windsor, Kokomo, Joyce A. Windsor, Ypsilanti, Mich., and Sandra J. Maine and husband Daniel E., Westfield; six grandchildren, Elton C. Windsor and companion Angel Lamb, Kokomo, Christopher D. Turley and companion Shannon Sasser, Kokomo, Wesley A. Turley and companion Sarah Greene, Ypsilanti, Mich., Annastacia M. Maine, Sinclair E. Maine and Cora F. Maine, all of Westfield; two great-grandchildren, Rian N. Turley and Lillian A. Windsor, both of Kokomo; and one brother, Kenneth Joe Windsor and wife Jeananne, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, William J. Windsor; and one sister, Florence M. Glassburn. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Josh Dittmer officiating.

Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cassville United Methodist Church or to the Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Ross L. Lawson, 69**, Warsaw, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Friday, Nov. 03, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Dec. 29, 1936 in Peru to Lamoin and Ruth (Gehman) Lawson. He married Sharon Lavonne Weaver May 1, 1966, and she survives. Lawson worked as a printer for the Peru Tribune and the Times-Union, Warsaw. He had lived in the Warsaw area for 21 years. He was a member of North Winona Church of the Brethren, Warsaw, and a 1957 Peru High School graduate.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Kevin Lawson and wife Carisa, Columbia City, and Keith Lawson, Fort Wayne; one granddaughter; and one brother, F. Wayne Lawson, Milford. He was preceded in death by both parents and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with Pastor Jim Davis officiating. A graveside service will follow at noon Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, Memorial & Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Papsphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Saturday, November 04, 2006

**Martin Isaac Stout, 37**, Pfafftown, N.C. passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2006. He was born July 4, 1969 in Howard County to Isaac and Rebecca West Stout. Stout was a member of Faith Missionary Alliance. He was a decorated veteran of six years in the U.S. Army, serving in Desert Storm with many honors. Stout was employed with B.E. Aerospace Company for the past 10 years, and considered his co-workers as part of his family. He graduated from North Davidson High School in 1987. Surviving are his wife, Debbie G. Stout, Pfafftown, N.C.; two stepchildren, Wesley and Ashley Hutchins; his parents, Winston-Salem, N.C.; a sister, Maria Kelly and husband David, Marion; three brothers, Matt Stout and wife Cherlene, Winston-Salem, N.C., Mike Stout and wife Kristina, Willowick, Ohio, and Mitchell Stout, Greensboro, N.C.; seven nieces and

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<sup>1</sup> The 1930 US census for Kokomo, Howard, IN shows: Lloyd, 33, b IN, married since the age of 26 to Lela, 22, b IN with children : James, 5; Bobby, 3y1m; Florence, 1y 4m; He was a truck driver for a soft drink manufacturer.

In 1900 US census, Jackson, IN we find him as a child with parents William b Jan 1862 in IN (of parents b in IN/KY), married for 7 y to Melinda H, b in OH in Jan 1867. She's has had 2 children who are both alive in 1900: Wilson H, b Mar 1894 and Lloyd n Dec 1896, IN. William is a farmer

The Indiana Marriage Collection shows:

Name: Molissa Woodmansee

Spouse Name: William A. Windsor

Marriage Date: 17 Aug 1892, Howard

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The 1910 Census shows the family farming in Vernon, Jackson, IN. the wife's name is Melissa – same marriage

The 1870 Census has a Melissa Woodmansee in Richland Twp., Clinton Co, OH, 4, daughter of Wilson Woodmansee and Ann, with siblings: Ellis, 8; Ulysses, 6; Ida, 2; also there lived Thomas, 17 (works on the farm) and Coroline, 9

In 1870, in Jackson Twp, Howard Co, IN there is a William Windsor, 8, living with parents Elmer, 49, farmer b IN and his wife Elizabeth, 34, b IN, and siblings Nancy, 20 (seamstress); Mary C, 19, S?, 13 (works on the farm)

In 1880 in Jackson Twp, Howard, IN, William Windsor is working for James R Nation (farmer)

nephews; his mother-in-law, Irene Hutchins, Winston-Salem, N.C.; his father-in-law, Bobby Hutchins and wife Barbara, Winston-Salem, N.C.; two brothers-in-law, Joseph Bourgeois and wife Renee, Tobaccoville, N.C., and Robert Hutchins, South Carolina; and two sisters-in-law, Nancy Hutchins, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Tammy Bullard, Maxton, N.C.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Faith Missionary Alliance, Winston-Salem, N.C., with Pastors Michael Gates, Carl Miller and Albert Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family received friends Friday at Hayworth-Miller Silas Creek Chapel, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Lillian M. Morton, 98**, Cissna Park, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at the Watseka (Illinois) Rehab and Health Care Center. She was born on February 11, 1908 in Crescent City, Illinois to Edward and Marie (Lehmann) Gocke. On June 18, 1937, she married Aubrey F. Morton in Paxton, and he preceded her in death on January 24, 1986. The homemaker was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park. Morton is survived by one son, James Morton and wife Joan, Cissna Park; one daughter, Sharon Landis and husband Larry, Peru; one brother, Roland Gocken and wife Smoke, Kathleen, Georgia; two sisters, Marie Ohrt, Kankakee, Illinois, and Martha Hougland, Butte, Montana; grandchildren, Lori Sparnicht, Champaign, Illinois, Kari and Bryan Luke, Cissna Park, Jodi and Kevin West, Brownsburg, Jill and Steve Campbell, Kokomo; and eight great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Morton was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; and two sons. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Reverend Carl Janssen officiating. Visitation will be at the church today from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Burial will be at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Cissna Park. Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Iroquois Memorial Hospice, and/or St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru.

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Willodean 'Billie' Niccum, 78**, Wabash, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, November 3, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born on April 18, 1928 to Arthur and Margaret (Guynn) Setty in Peru. Niccum retired from Gen Corp in Wabash in 1990 following 39 years of service. She used to ride motorcycles and enjoyed bowling, crocheting and quilting. She is survived by one son, David Marks, Wabash; two daughters, Linda Correll, and Vicki Siegfried and husband Tim, each of Wabash; two grandsons, Billy Correll, Warsaw, and Michael Siegfried, Wabash; one granddaughter, Sara Siegfried, Wabash; two step-daughters, Vicky Niccum, Indianapolis, and Rachel Anderson and husband Ken, Greenwood; one cousin, Donna Jean Grant, Peru; and one sister-in-law, Arnella Setty, Fort Wayne. Niccum was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Robert Setty. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Marvin Parrish officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Preferred memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. The memorial guestbook for Niccum may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Mabel Flora Anderson, 92**, Kokomo, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2006 in Kokomo. She was born to Howard and Eva Flora on October 24, 1914 in Cass County, and on June 6, 1936 married Thomas V. (Tom) Anderson in Peru, who preceded her in death on September 30, 1997. Anderson attended school in Mexico. Her sweet spirit extended to all with whom she came in contact. Anderson's most characteristic feature was her warm smile and infectious chuckle. She was never heard complaining, criticizing nor denigrating another. Anderson will be missed, but leaves the legacy of a sweet spirit of acceptance. Her life revolved around her son and his family. She spent most of her life in Peru, where she lived for more than 60 years with her husband. They moved to Kokomo in 1997 to be near family. Anderson is survived by one son, Thomas L. (Tom) Anderson and wife Ellen, Kokomo; one grandson, Brett Anderson, East Rutherford, New Jersey; one granddaughter, Tracy Holaday and husband Troy, Muncie; two great-grandsons, Max and Logan Holaday; two sisters, Dorothy Boring, and Mary Ann Moon and husband Charley, Kokomo. Many nieces and nephews remained close to Anderson and supported her through her life. Aside from her beloved husband, Anderson was preceded in death by her parents; an infant sister; and one brother, Harold Flora. The visitation and funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Will Jewsbury officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. with the funeral service to follow. Burial will be at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, Kokomo. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and may be mailed to First Christian Church, 854 N. Malfalfa, 300 West, Kokomo, IN 46901.

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Drucilla Pasley, 97**, Peru, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, November 06, 2006

**Reverend Rudell Sparks, 87**, Peru, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Reverend Rudell Sparks, 87**, Peru, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at his residence. He was born on October 2, 1919 in Powell County, Kentucky to Jephth and Minnie (Townsend) Sparks. On November 19, 1938, he married Eunice (Spencer) Sparks, who survives. Rev. Sparks served in the United States Navy during World War II and was retired from the Peru Foundry. He was also a retired farmer and minister. He pastored at the Christian Pilgrim Church in Peru for 28 years and the Liberty Gospel Mission Church in Amboy for 21 years. Aside from his wife, Rev. Sparks is survived by two daughters, Linda Wright and husband Darrell, Denver, and Martha Howard and husband Jerry, Peru; two sons, James Leo Sparks and wife LuAnn M., Wabash, and John Leon Sparks and wife Judy Gale, Peru; six sisters; one brother; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter; and five brothers. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Arthur Jennings officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Military Rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Beulah M. Vinson, 94**, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, November 6, 2006 at Chase Center, Logansport. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Drucilla Pasley, 97**, Peru, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru following an extended illness. She was born on January 30, 1909 in Estil County, Kentucky to Jesse and Viola (Hatton) Rogers. On June 9, 1927, she married Jesse Pasley, who preceded her in death on October 26, 1986. The homemaker formerly owned and operated Madison Street Market in Peru for several years, and was formerly employed at McLaughlin Manufacturing.

She is survived by one daughter, Maxie Carroll, Salvisa, Kentucky; five grandchildren, David Pasley and wife Michele, John Pasley, Greg Pasley, Rick Stapleton and wife Carol, and Micky Stapleton and wife Kelley; one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Pasley, Peru; six great-grandkids, Zack, Zane, Jessica, David M. Pasley, Brian and Leslie Stapleton; two great-great-grandchildren, Cash Pasley and Diego Pasley. Aside from her husband, Pasley was preceded in death by her parents; son, Herman Pasley; two infant daughters; three brothers; and four sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Cannus Sparks and Paul Lane officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Beulah M. Wykert, 93**, Spring City, Tenn., formerly of Circleville, Kan. and Peru, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2006. She was born Sept. 11, 1913 in Delia, Kan. to Oscar and Effie Chaney Cowger. She had worked at the Slimaker Dress Factory in Holton, Kan. for 24 years. She married David M. Wykert Dec. 15, 1930 in Topeka, Kan. He preceded her in death March 5, 1994. Survivors include two daughters, Lorraine J. Richter and husband John, Circleville, Kan., and Linda G. Smalley and husband Robert, Spring City, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, Alan Shupe. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home, Holton, Kan. Burial will be in Olive Hill Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Circleville Christian Church Building Fund or the Jackson County Friends of Hospice, in care of Mercer Funeral Home, Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mercerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhomes.com).

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Nicholas A. Mummert, 20 days**, Peru, passed away at 5:38 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at St. Vincent's Women's Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 17, 2006 in Indianapolis to Erica Mummert, Peru. Survivors besides his mother include maternal grandparents, Tina and James Stewart, Peru, and Charles and Lori Mummert, Converse; maternal great-grandparents, Sherry Edgar, Bedford, and Esther and Butch Mummert, Flora; five uncles, Mark and Tim Mummert, and Patrick Stewart, all of Peru, Jacob and Colby Mummert, both of Converse; and an aunt, Cassie Mummert, Converse. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Nathan Mummert; and step-maternal great-grandparents, Jack and Dorothy Stewart. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, November 07, 2006

**Albert L. Bowen, 88**, Rochester, passed away at Woodlawn Hospital shortly after admission, following a sudden illness, at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006. He was born on Sept. 6, 1918 in Henry Township of Fulton County, to Nelson and Emma (Nicodemus) Bowen. Bowen was a lifelong resident of Fulton County, and was a member of the Akron High School Class of 1937. On Aug. 30, 1941 in Rochester, he married Esther R. Craig, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 2004.



Bowen had been a farmer, and also had sold petroleum products for the Farm Bureau Coop in Fulton County, and later for Marathon Oil Company, where he became an independent distributor until retiring in 1980. He attended the First Baptist Church in Rochester. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and was an avid reader. His favorite pastime was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He truly loved them all! Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Holloway and husband Paul, Rochester, Joyce Clendenon and husband Bob, Peru, and Cheryl Burns and husband Dan, Wabash; one son, Dawayne Bowen and wife Paulette, Indianapolis; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris Shellenbarger, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three sisters, Mary, Lois and Ruth; and two brothers, Raymond and Paul.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. (S.R. 14 West), Rochester, with the Reverend Junior Bose officiating. Burial will follow at the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one prior to his service on Thursday in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

#### Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**Beulah M. Vinson, 94**, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 at Chase Center, Logansport. She was born Oct. 5, 1912 in Kosciusko County to Henry and Pearl Brooks (Mendenhall) Reed. She married Herschel Townsend in 1930, and he preceded her in death. On June 10, 1950 she married Joseph Vinson, who preceded her in death March 8, 1988.

Vinson was the oldest member of Skinner Worship Chapel in Cass County. Survivors include three sons, Conrad Townsend and wife Josephine, Rochester, Wallace Townsend and wife Carole, Twelve Mile, and Norman Vinson and wife Toni, Pennville; 12 grandchildren, Ryan Townsend and wife Lou Ann, Kewanna, William Bradley Townsend, Paulding, Ohio, Nicholas Townsend and wife Cynthia, Logansport, Tobiah Townsend and wife Tanya, El Cajon, Calif., Andrew Townsend, Logansport, Michelle Herron and husband Robert, Fishers, Mark Townsend and wife Kathy, Rochester, Nancy Townsend, Fort Wayne, Jeffery Vinson, Twelve Mile, Cheryl Vinson, Bennetts Switch, Tara Drumm and husband Jason, Pennville, and Joseph Vinson, Muncie; 18 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Beulah was one of 11 children. Her brothers, Cleve and Leonard Reed, both preceded her in death along with her brother Dale, who was killed during World War II while serving overseas with four of his older brothers.

Her surviving siblings include five brothers and two sisters, Robert Reed, Cincinnati, Ohio, Raymond Reed and wife Jackie, Wabash, Jesse Reed and wife Bess, Wabash, Ronnie Reed and wife Patricia, Columbia City, Fred Reed and wife Mary, Wabash, Ilene Tabler, Logansport, and Bonnie Dale and husband Roger, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastors Tom Robbins and Mike Zell officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

#### Wednesday, November 08, 2006

**L. Esther King, 103**, Century Villa Health Care, Greentown, a longtime Peru resident, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at her residence. She lived at 476 E. Second St. for 70 years before moving to Greentown. She was born April 11, 1903 on the Edwards homestead in Washington Township, Miami County, to Charles E. and Mary Jane (Oyler) Edwards. She was one of five children. She attended Demuth School in Washington Township, Peru public schools and Western Michigan University. She married Cecil V. King July 3, 1924, and he preceded her in death March 12, 1951.

After working as a clerk for 26 years in the Peru clerk-treasurer's office, King retired in 1977 after 26 years. She was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Peru, and an active member of the KJU class there. She also was a member of the Pipe Creek Economic Club, the Miami County Historical Society and the Grandmothers Club. In addition, she served on the Peru Civic Center board for many years and volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor for 20 years.

She enjoyed travel, having traveled a major portion of the U.S., including Hawaii and three trips to Europe. She actively enjoyed gardening, reading, quilting, various forms of needlework, monitoring current events and the political scene as well as visiting with her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Carl E. King and wife Pat, Marion, and Ronald E. King and wife Suzanne, Kokomo; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Roscoe and Ira Edwards; and two sisters, Mary Hartleroad and Helen Borden. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Historical Society and/or First Christian Church.

#### Thursday, November 09, 2006

**Thelma J. Forst, 76**, Peru, passed away at 12:02 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on Aug. 15, 1930 in Huntington to Edward and Ellen Phyllis Sands Collins Myers. She married Porter "Jim" Forst on March 27, 1949 and he survives. Forst was a homemaker and a member of Family Fellowship Church of God. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Gardner, South Bend; two grandchildren, James Gardner and Sheila Moore; a great-grandchild, Jenna Gardner; and two sisters, Gladys Drummond, New Haven, and June Robbins, West Point, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a daughter, Susan Forst. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Family Fellowship Church of God with Pastor Jeff Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to the church.

Friday, November 10, 2006

**Betty J. Shanabarger, 82**, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 15, 1924 in Howard County to Ora D. and Ruth Blanche (Bitner) Lewis. She married Francis Shanabarger Feb. 9, 1941, and he preceded her in death March 2, 1999. Shanabarger was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Dressel, Peru; a son, Jim Shanabarger and wife Nancy, Peru; five grandchildren, Michael Dressel and wife Kim, Peru, Heather Kalb and husband Greg, Missouri, Lea Gyson and husband Shawn, and Beth Shanabarger and husband Jeremy, all of Peru, and Melody Shalander, Nashville, Tenn.; and 11 great-grandchildren; Thaddeus, Abagayle, Elijah, Emily, Erica, Hanna, Joseph, Tyler, Chloe, Braden and Daymon; and a sister, Maxine Lawson, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Bryan Dressel; a sister, Martha Douglas; a brother, Harold Lewis; and a daughter, Diana Shanabarger.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Friday, November 10, 2006

**Wesley Carlton Stuber, 41**, Bunker Hill, passed away on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 in Wichita, Kan. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home in Denver.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Herman Dale Starkey, 83**, Kokomo, passed away on Friday, November 10, 2006 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Larry Paul Reed, 66** of Onward, passed away at 1:03 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home in Rochester.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Harriet L. Dice, 87** of Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. She was born on July 1, 1919 in Miami County, Indiana to Floyd and Mable (Faust) Butt. She graduated from Peru High School in 1937, and on December 21, 1944 she married Elvin N. Dice, who preceded her in death on November 15, 1993. Mrs. Dice and her husband owned and operated Dice's Shell Station in Peru until their retirement in 1978. She was a member of Ruth Chapter #120, Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include a daughter, Crissie A. Dice of Fort Myers; a sister, Cleo Werling, Fort Wayne; a brother, Douglas Butt and wife Doris, of Swan Quarter, N.C.; and a brother-in-law, H. Paul Bullick of Peru.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Alice Robertson and Dorothy Bullick.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Harold Anderson, 63**, Peru, passed away to 10:30 p.m. on November 9, 2006 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on December 3, 1942 in Noblesville to Wayne and Anna Clidence Anderson. He married Peggy Hedrick Anderson on April 4, 1992 and she survives. Anderson as retired from Delco and served in the National Guard. He enjoyed golfing, reading, construction and spending time with family and friends. Survivors include children Kelly Smith and husband Terry, Kempton, Mike Hollarman, Kokomo, and Gina Hollingsworth and husband Mike, North Webster; three grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Lauren Smith and Katelyn Howell; a brother, Ronald Anderson, Kokomo; a sister, Connie Foutch and husband Dale, Lebanon; two nephews, Brett and Marke; and one niece, Lori. He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Anderson.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Juanita E. Hutchens, 75** of Northwest Manor, Indianapolis (formerly of Peru) passed away at 12:05 a.m. on November 10, 2006 at her residence. She was born on December 3, 1930 in Miami County to Frank and Ester M. Ramsey Smith. She married Woodrow Cattin and then Homer "Abe" Hutchens, who are both deceased. She was a retired secretary from the Indiana highway department. Survivors include a son, Leslie Cattin and wife Grace, Kokomo; two daughters, Jayne Pumphrey and husband Stephen, Indianapolis, and Rebecca Scott and husband Russell Dean, Peru; one brother, Richard P. Smith, Williamsburg, Va.; one sister, Wilma Maxine Newby, Kokomo; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one great-

great-grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Patton officiating. Burial will be in Shrock Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**Ponda Bush, 74**, Peru, passed away at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, November 10, 2006 at her residence. She was born on June 1, 1932 in Virginia to Kyle and Nanny Childress Hillman. She married Marion Bush in 1977, and he passed away in 2001.

Bush worked at Bona Vista. Survivors include a son, Bill McQueen and wife Nancy, Peru; two daughters, Cindy Mongosa and husband Mike, Peru, and Martha Ciavardoni and husband Bill, Galveston; and grandchildren Brian Mongosa, Raylyn Miller and Derek Miller. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three sons, James McQueen, David McQueen and Marion Bush Jr.; a brother, Alfred Hillman; and grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel with Pastor Guy Provance officiating and burial to follow. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Sunday, November 12, 2006

**David L. Kelch, 67** of Marion passed away at 1:55 p.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Casey Lloyd Funeral Home, Marion. Visitation will be on Monday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Marion National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials can be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses.

Monday, November 13, 2006

**Irma J. Sparks, 70**, Peru, passed away at 1:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born Feb. 10, 1936 in Santa Fe to Hillard and Hattie (Poor) Walker. She married James H. "Harley" Sparks July 1, 1968, and he preceded her in death Feb. 13, 2003. She married Joseph Peters Oct. 6, 2006, and he survives. Sparks had worked for CR Metals. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Rebecca Phillips and husband Terry, Windfall; three sons, John Goodnight Jr. and wife June, and Lloyd Goodnight and wife Evelyn, all of Peru, and Dennis Goodnight and wife Darcy, Christiansburg, Ohio; a step-son, James H. Sparks and companion Ann Simbeck, Peru; a brother, George Walker, LaFontaine; a sister, Anita Alvarado, Peru; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, a step-son, a step-daughter, two brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Monday, November 13, 2006

**Albert M. "Bud" Pounds, 81**, Peru, passed at 7:02 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru. He was born Dec. 11, 1924 in Washington, Penn. to Albert and Dola (Buchanan) Pounds. He married Helen Yaros May 20, 1944, and she survives. Pounds retired from Brockway Glass, Washington, Penn., after 36 years. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Linda Kirkpatrick and husband Richard, Peru; a brother, Harry Pounds, Kingston, Tenn.; a sister, Louise Jenkins, Washington, Penn.; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and a sister. A private funeral service is planned, but no visitation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, November 13, 2006

**Don W. Hutchison, 76**, Caring Hands, Peru, passed away Sunday, Nov. 12, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, November 13, 2006

**Herman Dale Starkey, 83**, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord Friday, Nov. 10, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born April 23, 1923 in Logansport to Marion I. and Gladys Evelyn (Shope) Starkey. He married Lela J. Aldridge Feb. 21, 1953, and she survives. Starkey graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1942. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942, where he earned his certificate of diesel motor machinist from the Drydock Training Center in Teburon, Calif. He was then put in charge of the motor pool. He served in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and Guam. He retired from American Standard Pottery as a supervisor in 1980. After retiring, he drove a school bus and worked in maintenance at Kokomo Center Schools for 10 years. He also did substitute driving for Taylor High School. Starkey enjoyed bowling, archery, golf, fishing, swimming, traveling and reading. He could often be found reading his Bible or working on a crossword or word search puzzle. He loved to help his neighbors, whether it be by praying for them or helping them with yard work. He also was a member of the Church of God in Peru for 16 years, where he taught Sunday School, was the visitation team leader and a deacon of the church. He had attended First Church of the Nazarene in Kokomo for the past two years. He read his Bible and prayed daily.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Lela Starkey; five daughters, Sharon Stiner and husband Darrell, Kokomo, Pam Artis, Indianapolis, Lola Bowley, Kokomo, Lesa Watkins and husband Charles, Brown County, and Janet Vaught and husband Michael, Kokomo; a sister, Judy Golitko and husband Michael, Bunker Hill; six brothers, Robert Starkey and wife Virginia, Minneapolis, Minn., James Starkey and wife Lois, Swayzee, Morris Starkey and wife Donna, Bunker Hill, Ralph Starkey and

wife Patricia, Alabama, Ronald Starkey and wife Karen, Bunker Hill, and Max Starkey and wife Dana, Peru; 17 grandchildren, Brian Stiner and wife Rebecca, Butavia, Ill., Rodney Stiner, Kokomo, Michelle Slayman and husband Robert, Fishers, Brad Bowley and wife Lisa, Chad Bowley and wife Sonni, Brandon Starkey and wife Andrhea, Crystal Starkey and husband Michael, Shila and Ashley Vaught, all of Kokomo, Jama Winger and husband Chad, Greentown, Tessin Crites, Kokomo, Amanda Porter and husband Jeremy, Sarah Scott and husband Robert, and Billy Watkins, all of Brown County, David Lee and wife Angie, Tamara Lennon and Trey Lee, all of Indianapolis; 33 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and step-mother, Louise Starkey; two brothers, Gene and Sammy; a sister, Margaret; and two granddaughters, Kimberly and Stacey.

The family will receive those wanting to share memories in a celebration of Dale's life from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kokomo. Officiating will be the Rev. Brent Oliver and Rev. David Leeder.

#### Monday, November 13, 2006

**Pauline Kunkle Barnhart, 91**, Peru, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru

#### Monday, November 13, 2006

**Elizabeth Carter, 104**, Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion, passed away at 4:46 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at her residence. She was born April 29, 1902 in Jefferson County, Ohio to Marma Duke and Hannah (Coulson) Hutchinson, and has been a resident of Marion since 1945. She was raised in a Christian home and lived and served the Lord faithfully throughout her lifetime. She was saved at a very young age and later in life felt the call of God to become a missionary. She graduated from Canton Actual Business College, God's Bible School and attended Marion College. She married Dr. Charles W. Carter on June 5, 1928, and he preceded her in death Oct. 21, 1996.

Carter was a longtime member of the Wesleyan Church and was past secretary of the Servicemens Department of the Wesleyan Church for 11 years. She was active in Wesleyan Missions International and served with her husband, Charles, for many years in overseas missions and was a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, for 10 years. Carter was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, secretary, bookkeeper and soprano soloist. In addition, she was a member of College Wesleyan Church and Wesleyan Womens Missionary Society.

Survivors include a son, Norman Lee Carter and wife Rowena, Swayzee; a daughter-in-law, Connie Carter, Muskego, Wis.; six grandchildren, Beth Liebherr and husband Jerry, and David Carter, all of West Bend, Wis., Deborah Jourdan and husband Stephen, Swayzee, Rhonda Barqerstock and husband Rev. Randall Barqerstock, Anderson, Donna Overman and husband Ralph, Peru, and Denise Horner and husband Mark, Converse; three step grandchildren, John Rudolph and wife Jenny, Madison, Wis., Vincent Rudolph and wife Sandra, Boston, Mass., and Sue Cotey and husband Dennis, Muskego, Wis.; and 16 great-grandchildren, step great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a son, Donald Carter.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at College Wesleyan Church, 4001 S. Selby St., Marion, with Dr. Duane Thompson and Chaplain James Luttrell Sr. officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Wesleyan World Missions or College Wesleyan Church. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

#### Monday, November 13, 2006

**Larry Paul Reed, 66**, Onward, passed away at 1:03 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 15, 1939 in Cass County to Harry and Katherine (Benner) Reed. On March 2, 1958 in Cass County, he married Rosalie Unger and she survives. Reed was an engineer with the C & O Railroad, Peru. He was a member of the Onward Christian Church, Onward Volunteer Fire Department and Moose Lodge, Peru. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jeff Reed, Logansport, two daughters, Tammy Richard, Rochester, and Melanie Shepherd and husband Jim, Walton; 10 grandchildren, Aaron Reed and wife Lisa, and Ryan Reed, all of Logansport, Kaara Walker, Fort Wayne, Amber Walker and Brandon Walker, both of Logansport, Indiana, Pfc. Zachary Morris, Baghdad, Iraq, Jacob Morris, Kaylee Morris, Drew Shepherd and Angelina Shepherd, all of Walton; three great-grandchildren, Maddie Walker, Kaelyn Walker and Caedon Walker, all of Logansport; and three sisters, Bonita Bahler, Galveston, Retta and husband Terry Friend, Zanesville, Ohio, and Donna Wecht, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Allen Reed in 1963; his brother, Tom Reed; and his parents. Memorial services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Onward Christian Church, with the Rev. Rod Mason officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Deer Creek Cemetery, Cass County. Memorial contributions may be made to the Onward Christian Church.

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

**Harriet L. Dice, 87**, Fort Myers, Florida, formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. She was born on July 1, 1919 in Miami County, to Floyd and Mable (Faust) Butt. The 1937 graduate of Peru High School married Elvin N. Dice on December 21, 1944. He preceded her in death on November 15, 1993. Dice and her husband owned and operated Dice's Shell Station in Peru until their retirement in 1978. She was a member of Ruth Chapter #120, Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include a daughter, Crissie A. Dice of Fort Myers; a sister, Cleo Werling, Fort Wayne; a brother, Douglas Butt and wife Libby, of Swan Quarter, North Carolina; and a brother-in-law, H. Paul Bullick of Peru.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Alice Robertson and Dorothy Bullick.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

**Clara B. Robinson, 88**, Kokomo, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on June 3, 1918 to Adam F. and Bertha B. (Brush) Kaylor. On March 21, 1935, she married Robert S. Robinson Sr., and he survives. Aside from her husband, Robinson was survived by a son, Robert S. Robinson Jr. and wife Linda, Mexico; grandson, David A. Robinson and wife Tracy, Kirklin; granddaughter, Amber Robinson, Kokomo; four great-grandchildren, Justin Zook, Peru, Emily Robinson, Elise Robinson, and Ethan Robinson, each of Kirklin; two brothers, Leroy Kaylor and wife Linda, Three Rivers, Michigan, and Lloyd Kaylor, Celina, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, with the Reverend Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Swamp College Cemetery, Celina. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. If you would like to offer your condolences online, log on to [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

**Mary L. DeWit, 89**, Peru, passed away at 5:35 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

**Tommy E. Nice, 45**, Indianapolis, formerly of Peru, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2006. A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Condo and Son Funeral Home, Wilkinson. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Wesley Carlton Stuber, 41**, Bunker Hill, passed away on Monday, Nov. 6, 2006 near Wichita, Kan. He was born Feb. 24, 1965 in Kokomo to Billy and Brenda Goin Stuber. He was married to Lisa Parker, and she preceded him in death. Stuber had lived in Indiana, Germany, Illinois and Florida throughout the years. He was a man of many trades, most notably roofing and tree trimming. He was most comfortable when he was outdoors. He loved to fish, camp and joke with the ones he loved. He made everyone laugh and to be in his presence was to be having a good time. Survivors include his father, Billy Stuber, Peru; a grandmother, Violet Stuber, Peru; a son, Talan Stuber, Illinois; a step-daughter, Summer, Illinois; six brothers, Allen Stuber, Bunker Hill, Todd Stuber, Peru, Billy Stuber, Brookston, Richard Howell, Winter Haven, Fla., and Randy Howell and Robert Howell, both of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Vicki Smith, Muncie; and four aunts, Rhette Jackson and husband Jack, Lakeland, Fla., Loretta Loy and husband John, Monticello, Nancy Hostetler and husband Wayne, Bunker Hill, and Connie Wooten, Peru. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henderson and Elmeda Goin and Rev. Vern Stuber; and a sister, Diane Watson.

Private services were held on Saturday, Nov. 11, at First Baptist Church, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Memorial contributions may be delivered to any First Farmers Bank and Trust location or mailed to the funeral home to help with the educational expenses of Wesley's son, Talan. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, handled arrangements and will be accepting online condolences at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Mary Louise "Vianco" DeWit, 89**, passed away at 5:35 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006 at her daughter's residence in Peru. She was born April 27, 1917 in Delphi to William and Margaret "Becker" Vianco. She married her one and only love, G.A. "Bert" DeWit on July 16, 1937 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi. He preceded her in death in May of 1988. DeWit was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church of Peru, the Altar and Rosary Sodality of Monticello, and the Twin Lakes Senior Citizens of Monticello. She also enjoyed watching Prime Time Bowlers of Peru. Survivors include two children, Jerry DeWit and wife Mary, Houston, Texas, and Judy "DeWit" Spohn and husband Jimmy "Pinky," Peru; two sisters, Rose Ann Vianco and Rita Gaunt, Lafayette; 10 grandchildren, James Hannington and wife Letty, Texas, Jerry DeWit Jr. and wife Marie, Kokomo, Michele Stewart and husband Jamie, Denver, Donald Warder, Peru, Edward DeWit and wife Grace, Dawn and Elvis DeWit, all of Baltimore, Md., Shannon Bowers and husband Jay, McGrawsville, Ted Spohn and wife Shelley, Peru, and Denise DeWit, Houston, Texas; 19 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her

parents, husband, an infant son, a sister and a brother. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery in Delphi. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Pauline (Kunkle) Barnhart, 91**, Peru, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Nov. 29, 1914 in Wabash County to Dee and Essie (Loy) Kunkle. She married Clay Barnhart Dec. 24, 1938, and he preceded her in death April 7, 1981. Barnhart was a buyer for the Boston Store until she retired. She was a former member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Peru Elkettes. Survivors include a brother, Robert Kunkle and wife Dorothy, Coca, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Zeke Kunkle; and three sisters, Beatrice Pierce, Ernestine Kunkle and Mildred Kunkle. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

**Diana V. Working, 52**, Peru, passed away at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006 at her daughter's residence in Marion. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Todd Graham officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Thursday, November 16, 2006

**Ethel Lee Cattin, 69**, Macy, went to be with the Lord at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at her residence. She was born April 6, 1937 in Beckley, W.Va., to Jack and Rettie (Berry) Thomas. She married Richard Eugene "Dick" Cattin Dec. 30, 1967 in Peru, and he preceded her in death May 30, 2004. Cattin was a member of the Macy Christian Church, Macy Firefighters Auxiliary and Deedsville Home-Ec Club. She loved to cook, read, garden and spend time with her family. Survivors include seven sons, Dennis Cattin and wife Bev, Macy, Lloyd Lambert, Perrysburg, Allen Lambert and Lenny Lambert, both of Macy, Glen Cattin and wife Karen, Winamac, John Cattin and wife Vanessa, and Larry Cattin, all of Peru; four daughters, Edith Browning, Susan Shambarger and husband Dave, all of Macy, Pam Harper, Winamac, and Debra Yerk, Rochester; two sisters, Libby Toliver, Pataskala, Ohio, and Sadie Baske, Chicago, Ill.; 24 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Connie and Cindy Cattin; a son, Michael Lambert; a brother, John Thomas; and three sisters, Ivalene Mae Bell, Esta Craver and Dore Breden. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road 16, Denver, with the Rev. David Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Macy Christian Church. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

Friday, November 17, 2006

**Sidney D. Smith, 66**, Peru, passed away 6:19 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friday, November 17, 2006

**Judith Fatkin, 62**, Wabash, passed away at 10:18 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at her residence. She was born April 27, 1944 in Peru to Charles Hawkins and Mildred (Hartgrove) Hawkins Little. She married George Fatkin June 13, 1963, and he survives. Fatkin was a homemaker and a member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Rhonda Davis, Cocoa, Fla.; three grandchildren, Leanne Smith, Steven Davis Jr. and Damon Davis; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, David Hawkins and wife Phyllis, Wabash, Charles Hawkins and wife Mary, and Terry Little and wife Wilma Jo, all of Bunker Hill; a sister, Sally Kosanke and husband Byron, Bunker Hill; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Connie Scott and Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be in a family cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Friday, November 17, 2006

**Patrick Joseph Day, 18**, Akron, passed away at 11:06 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Sunday morning. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Tippecanoe Valley High School gymnasium, with Pastors Steve Fleck, Tara Hornbacher and Alan Barton officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and one hour prior to the service at the high school. Memorial contributions may be directed to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 8465 Keystone Crossing, Suite 235, Indianapolis, IN 46240.



Saturday, November 18, 2006

**James Arthur Mills Jr., 67**, Peru, passed away at 8:52 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born April 14, 1939 in Peru to James Arthur and Louise (Mooney) Mills Sr. Mills was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a lifelong Peru resident. He retired from the Wabash City Sewage Plant in February 2006 after 11 years. He also worked for the Norfolk & Western Railroad in Peru for several years. Mills was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge 249 since 1972, an avid reader, enjoyed collecting coins and also liked cars. Survivors include a sister, Evelyn Townsend, San Rafael, Calif.; a brother, John Mills and wife Jane, Peru; two nieces, Annette Mills McCallen and husband Robert, Wabash, and Colleen Townsend, San Rafael, Calif.; and two nephews, Jess E. Townsend Jr., San Rafael, Calif., and Michael Mills, Peru. He was preceded in death by his brother, Terry Mills, who passed away Jan. 10, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Pastor Rebecca Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials may be made to Mooseheart, 155 International Drive, Chicago, IL 60682.

Saturday, November 18, 2006

**Sidney Dwain Smith, 66**, Peru, passed away at 6:19 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006 at his residence. He was born Jan. 20, 1940 in Fisher, Ill. to Sidney Earl and Ida Florence (Brumfield) Smith. His former wife, Judy (Cox) Smith, survives. Survivors besides his former wife include his mother in Longview, Wash.; three children, Richard Dwain Smith and wife Christi, Peru, Sandra Kay Stapleton, Kokomo, and David Neil Smith, Peru; a sister, Marim Rea, Washington; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor John Newman officiating.

Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings may be made to the funeral home.

Saturday, November 18, 2006

**Harriet L. Dice, 87**, Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006. She was born on July 1, 1919 in Miami County to Floyd and Mable (Faust) Butt. The 1937 graduate of Peru High School married Elvin N. Dice on Dec. 21, 1944. He preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1993. Dice and her husband owned and operated Dice's Shell Station in Peru until their retirement in 1978. She was a member of Ruth Chapter #120, Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include a daughter, Crissie A. Dice, Fort Myers, Fla.; a sister, Cleo Werling, Fort Wayne; a brother, Douglas Butt and wife Libby, Swan Quarter, N.C.; and two brothers-in-law, H. Paul Bullick, Peru, and Harold E. Dague, Kokomo. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Alice Robertson and Dorothy Bullick. Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating. Burial followed at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation was after 11 a.m. on Nov. 14 at the funeral home.

Monday, November 20, 2006

**Laudie Lee Russell Gosnell Douglass, 84**, Marion, passed away at 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion, with her family by her side. She was born Aug. 25, 1922 in Fountain Run, Ky. to the late Will and Betty Pedigo Russell. She married Clancy C. Gosnell Sept. 9, 1940, and he preceded her in death Nov. 16, 2005. She married Laurel Douglass Feb. 23, 1974, and he preceded her in death. Douglass was a very loving mother, very thoughtful and cared so much for her family. She also loved to play bingo. Survivors include two daughters, Josephine Kelch, Marion, and Karen Becraft and husband Charles, Kentucky; two sons, Ronnie B. Gosnell and wife Charlene, Royal Center, and Roger Gosnell, Poplar Grove, Ill.; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Rigney, Marion; a son-in-law, Joseph Opp, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Linda Gosnell Maze, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; four sisters; a son, James Gosnell; a daughter, Patricia Opp; and a son-in-law, David Kelch. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jim Clark officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Monday, November 20, 2006

**Mildred Ruth "Milly" McGuire, 88**, Mexico, passed away at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006 at Caring Hands, Peru. She was born Dec. 18, 1917 in Miami County to Chester Miller and Elsie L. Borden Clymer. She married Charles William "Bill" McGuire Feb. 25, 1940 in Delphi, and he preceded her in death Jan. 11, 1994. McGuire, along with her husband, owned and operated McGuire's Grocery in Mexico for many years. She was a member of New Life United Methodist Church and the Macy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. She had attended the Mexico Senior Citizens group for several years. Survivors include two sons, William Lee McGuire and wife Nancy, Mexico, and Michael McGuire and wife Sara, Peru; four grandchildren, Sean McGuire, El Paso, Texas, Erin Norris, Rushville, Bryce McGuire, Fishers, and Carrie McGuire, Peru; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roger Clymer, Ames, Iowa, Ralph Clymer, Peru, one sister, Josephine Kopke, Albuquerque, N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will follow in Crider Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

**Barbara Ann Ooten, 79**, Peru, passed away at 9:29 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

**Carl Frank, 84**, rural Roann, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 at 5:40 p.m. at Wabash Skilled Care Center. He was born in Wabash on April 9, 1922 to Lee and Edna (Stouffer) Frank. On Sept. 12, 1946 he married Hattie Cooksey in Wabash. Frank was a farmer and attended the Paw Paw United Methodist Church in rural Miami County. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fox and coon hunting, and mushroom hunting. Survivors include his wife, Hattie Frank, rural Roann; a daughter, Peggy Davenport and husband Gene, Lafayette; a son, Larry Frank and wife Kathleen, rural Macy; a brother, Wilbur Frank and wife Norma, Wabash; two sisters, Bess Reed and husband Jess, Wabash, and Josephine Siders, North Manchester; five grandchildren, Michael Frank, Columbia, Mo., Jeffrey Frank and wife Carolina, Washington, D.C., Thomas Frank and wife Angie, Plainfield, Ryan Davenport, Lafayette, and Mary Floyd and husband Jason, Peru; and three great-grandchildren, Jack Frank and Eleanor Frank, both of Plainfield, and Nicholas Frank, Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Carl may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Wednesday, November 22, 2006

**Freda Adeline Awker, 90**, Roann, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Nov. 20, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on Sept. 15, 1916 in Wabash County to Mearl and Dessie Zehner Correll. She married Russell Awker in Miami County on March 12, 1936, and he died on Dec. 8, 1978. She was a 1935 graduate of Peru High School and moved to Roann in 1959. Freda loved music - she was a song writer and a poet. She wrote a collection of poems titled "Freda's Philosophies" and wrote the song "Lazy Mississinewa." She was a member of the Roann United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for many years and was also a member of the United Methodist Women. She had been a charter member of the Peru Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by a son, Dick Awker and wife Mary, Tehachapi, Calif.; six daughters, Violet Bacon and husband James, Mexico, Vera Foister and husband Frank, Hartford City, Avis Harris and husband Ronald, Roann, Sharolyn Beeching and husband Dave, Amboy, Carolyn Murgaw and husband Rick, Gas City, and Brenda Awker of Peru; a brother, Brace Correll of Peru; a sister, Ruth Radel, Peru; plus 21 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Awker, who died in 1972; three brothers; one granddaughter; and one sister. Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Grandstaff Hentgen Funeral Home, Roann, with Rev. Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Lisbon Cemetery in Union City. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Freda may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Memorial contributions can be made to Roann United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, November 22, 2006- Thursday, November 23, 2006

**Barbara Ann Ooten, 79**, Peru, passed away at 9:29 a.m. on Nov. 20, 2006 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born on Sept. 29, 1927 in Twelve Mile to Ralph and Dorothy Harbaugh Working. She married Russell Ooten in Dec. 24, 1980 and he survives. Ooten worked at Berkeo Electric. Survivors include a daughter, Pat Williams and husband Bill, Raven, Wash., and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. There is no visitation planned.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Charles E. Bowman, 86**, a native of Peru, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2006. Chuck "Papa" Bowman was a member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 and a lifelong honorary member of the Peru Maennerchor. As a youngster, he worked in the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) in Southern Indiana. He served in the United States Navy as a machinist mate, and after his tour he entered an apprenticeship program at Square D to become a tool and die maker. He later worked for Essex Wire and eventually carried his trade to the Chrysler Corporation, where he retired in 1984. He is preceded in death by his one and only true love, his wife Mary. Following her death in 1997, he moved to New Kent, Virginia, where he lived with his daughter and son-in-law until the end. Papa Bowman "leaves" behind a family tree full of colorful, lively folks who will always cherish his charm, wit and humor. Shaking up the tree are his daughters, Sabra Trueman and Susan Guthrie; son-in-law, Doug Guthrie; grandson, Michael Brown and his wife Kimberly; grandson, David Melendez and his wife Denise and their two children Hannah and Kayla; granddaughter, Lisa Ithal and her husband Don and their three children Brian, Katie and Derek; granddaughter, Mary Ellen Stewart and her husband Johnny and their three children, John, Jamie and Justin; grandson, Trey Guthrie and his wife Donna and their three children, Kathryn, Meagan and Emma; and his sister, Juanita Grimes. He will



also be dearly missed by a lot of birds, squirrels, an occasional stray cat or dog, and countless forest creatures that dropped by to sneak a morsel he had left outside. His life will be celebrated. His life will be remembered. May everyone in Heaven relish his "papa-isms," and whatever he's cooking in the crock pot. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery will be determined at a later date.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Roy Edward Flora**, 87, passed away at 6:48 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 25, 1919 in Peru to Roy and Mary (Sephel) Flora. On January 5, 1938 Flora married Berneice (Keim) Flora, who survives. For 32 years, Flora was the former owner/operator of Clearview Glass Company, now known as Peru Glass and Screen. He served in the United States Army in the Pacific during World War II, and was a member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, as well as a life member of the Peru Maennerchor, Elks Lodge, Peru Moose Lodge, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. Aside from his wife, Flora is survived by one son, Joseph Flora, Indiana; grandchildren, Mark Lefebvre and wife Jean, Liberty Center, Alec Lefebvre and wife Jill, Macy, Shilo Van Dalsen and Amanda Van Dalsen, both of Avilla, Heather Flora, Peru, Jeff Douglass, Kokomo, Erica Flora, South Carolina, and Scott De Vivo, Peru; one brother, Ardean Flora, Logansport; great-grandchildren, Cortnee Marie Lefebvre, Carlee Kay Lefebvre, Megan Marie Lefebvre, Ashley Nicole Lefebvre, Jacek Treyvon Van Dalsen, Destiny Taylor Hypes; three step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; one brother; two sons, Allan Flora and Paul M. Flora; and one daughter, Marie Ellen Van Dalsen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Francis Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 2 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**William 'Bud' Hancock III**, 57, Galveston, went home to be with his Lord at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, November 23, 2006 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on May 7, 1949 in Kokomo to William and Marjorie (Dickason) Hancock II. On December 2, 1989, Hancock married Debbie K. Zeek, who survives. Hancock was a retired school teacher following 13 years at Logansport Schools. He also taught at Clinton Central, Southern Wells and Kokomo schools. The 1968 graduate of Kokomo High School graduated from Ball State University in 1972, where he also earned a master degree in industrial arts, as well as a degree in special education. Hancock was a member of the Salem Christian Church, and his life echoed his faith. He loved the Lord and reading his Bible. He was a member of the National Education Association and the Kokomo Great Banquet Community. Hancock loved his dog, Sebastian, and enjoyed fishing and his grandkids. He was an avid football fan, a great cook, enjoyed coaching football, basketball and baseball, as well as umpired baseball and softball. Aside from his wife, he is survived by his father, who resides in Rochester; children, Michael W. Hancock and wife Becky, Galveston, Kim J. Hancock, Kokomo, Becky M. Loos and husband Aaron, Galveston, Benjamin S. Hancock, Indianapolis, Patrick J. Gunter, Galveston, Danielle Hughes and husband Nathan, Galveston; special sons, Jayme Whitaker, Galveston, and Kelly Hancock, Kokomo; one brother, Jim Hancock, Kokomo; one step-brother, Terry Hancock, Indianapolis; two step-sisters, Adrienne Lamp and husband Larry, Kokomo, and Tammy Gatliff and husband Morris, Kokomo; 12 grandchildren, Logan M. Hancock, Noblesville, Molly McKee and Drew McKee, both of Galveston, Hayden Hancock, Kokomo, Saylem Hancock, Galveston, Peyton Johnson, Kokomo, Dylan Loos and Wyatt Loos, both of Galveston, Justice Gunter and Joey Gunter, both of Peru, Caleb Hughes and Laura Hughes, both of Galveston; several nieces; and nephews; as well as the mother of his children, Leila Cook, Galveston. Hancock was preceded in death by his mother; step-dad, Charlie Wesner; step-mother, Shirley Hancock; step-brother, Scott Hancock; and step-sister, Cathy Hamilton; and his dog, Walter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Upper Deer Creek Church, Galveston, with the Reverend John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at Young America Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville. Online condolences may be sent to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Helen Bernice King**, 93, Akron, passed away at 12:35 p.m. on Friday, November 24, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester. She was born on April 3, 1913 in Miami County to Martin Luther and Rosa (Barnhisel) King. King worked at G.C. Murphy Company and Opal Electric Shop, both in Indianapolis. The 1931 graduate of Gilead High School was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church, and had resided in Akron since 1987. She is survived by one sister, Vada Coplen, Akron; two nieces; and three nephews. King was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Freida Fawley and Beulah Lamb. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverend Don Dexheimer officiating. Burial will be at the Gilead Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 856, Akron, 46910.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Rowland David Garver, 77**, Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2006 at his residence. He was born on September 29, 1929 in Youngstown, Ohio to Robert and Grace (Brown) Garver. In 1972 he married Patricia Ann (Green) Garver, who survives. Garver was retired from Gencorp in Peru, as well as from the United States Air Force, in which he served for 20 years, including in the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, V.F.W. and American Legion. Aside from his wife, Garver is survived by two sons, Michael Garver and wife Dianne, Cairo, Georgia, and Jamie Seitter and wife Rachel, Peru; six daughters, Jane Black and husband Bill, Peru, Kim Brown and husband Rick, Peru, Sharon Cauthen and husband Robert, Lyles, Tennessee, Teresa Cagle, Las Vegas, Melinda Beck, Kokomo, and Manda Sitter-Mathis, Kokomo; one brother, William Garver, Ohio; two sisters, Roberta Lowers and Margaret Coalmer, both of Ohio; 19 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; and two grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Ken Byland officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Dorothy 'Dot' Leta Davis, 55**, Peru, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at her residence. She was born on April 16, 1951 in Huntington to Darel Lee Millican and Carrie Katherine (Bumgardner) Willis. In 1971 she married Alvie Lee Davis, who survives. Davis was a homemaker, who enjoyed bingo, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Aside from her husband, she is survived by one son, James Millican, Peru; two daughters, Brenda Rose, Wabash, and Dorothy Booth, Peru; one brother, Gary Brown, Andrews; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Davis was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Ed Millican; and one daughter, Linda Smith. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Chris Edgington officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Terry L. Walgamuth, 67**, Rochester, passed away at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 at his residence following a two-month illness. He was born on September 17, 1939 in Rochester to Fred and Blanche (Tridle) Walgamuth. On June 19, 1959 he married Judy Rosenbury in Rochester, who survives. Walgamuth lived his entire life in Fulton County, specifically the Akron and Rochester communities. As a teenager and young man, Walgamuth was recognized for showing fine Shetland ponies throughout the United States. In 1958, a proud Flyer, he graduated from Akron High School. Walgamuth worked with his father at Akron Concrete Products, and in 1982 he and his wife purchased the business. Under his leadership, the business diversified and experienced growth. During Walgamuth's tenure, he held industry offices at both the state and national levels. He served as the president of the Wilbert Manufacturer's Association in 1990-91, as well as president of the Indiana Burial Vault Association. In 1990, the business torch was passed onto a third generation. He was a prominent businessman and was community oriented. Walgamuth was an active member of the Akron Chamber of Commerce, serving as past president. He was also active in the Akron 4th of July Committee for a number of years. Walgamuth attended the Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, and was a member of the Manitou V.F.W., LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36, Rochester F.&A.M. #79, and Fraternal Order of the Eagles #852, where as a member, he served as past trustee and worked on the committee as a golf scholarship fundraiser. During the past several years, Walgamuth and his wife wintered in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. On the sparkling shores of the Gulf of Mexico the couple hosted vacation retreats for their children and grandchildren, whom were Walgamuth's greatest passion. During their visits the grandchildren looked forward to 'hitting the links' with Grandpa, as he assisted them with honing their skills in the game of golf. The Walgamuth's looked forward to cheering on their grandsons when they competed on the (Tippecanoe Valley) Viking and (Rochester) Zebra golf teams. The couple also found great joy in attending horse shows, as their granddaughters competed nationally in Western Equitation classes. As the patriarch of the family, Walgamuth will be long remembered as a grandpa who adored his six grandchildren, as well as a dedicated dad to his three children, and a loyal and devoted husband to the love of his life, Judy. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Terri Lynne Johnson and husband Dan, Rochester, and Tamera S. Murphy and husband Jeffery, Akron; one son, Patrick R. Walgamuth and wife Shelly, Akron; six grandchildren, Brianne and Katie Walgamuth, Akron, Ryan and Derek Johnson, Rochester, Joshua and Joseph Murphy, Akron; one brother, Dr. Arden Walgamuth DDS and wife Shirley, North Webster; and canine companion, Sadie. Walgamuth was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverends Lowell Burrus and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday, as well as 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Hope Hospice of Fulton County and/or the Henry Township Volunteer Fireman's Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Online condolences may be sent to [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, November 25, 2006

**Joann Byers, 70**, Twelve Mile, passed away at 7 a.m. on Thursday, November 23, 2006 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at Metea Cemetery, with the Reverend James McCauley officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Monday, November 27, 2006

**Max E. Mills, 58**, formerly of Peru, passed away at 1:47 p.m. on Thursday, November 23, 2006 at the University Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, November 27, 2006

**Clyde Acord, 101**, Kokomo, went home to Heaven in St. Joseph Hospital, surrounded by children and grandchildren. He was born in McLeansboro, Illinois on January 14, 1905. In 1926, his family traveled by horse and wagon from Illinois to Southeast Missouri. There he met his wife of 75 years, Ester (Lewis) Acord, who preceded him in death. They were married on Christmas Eve 1927, riding by horseback to their wedding. After moving to Kansas in 1951, he was employed at Continental Steel until his retirement in 1968. Most of his children were born during the depths of the Great Depression and were raised during the most difficult of times, but he always provided well for his family. He was a man of high moral character who was well respected by everyone who knew him. Acord was an active member of his church most of his life. He was devoted to his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is survived by two daughters, Sylvia Nolley and husband Ed, Peru, and Verlene Rogers, Converse; two sons, William E. Acord and wife Kathy, Waupecong, and Norman Acord and wife Judy, Peru; 14 grandchildren, Larry Nolley and wife Diane, Peru, Richard Nolley and wife Marcie, Kokomo, Jeff Nolley and wife Theresa, Austin, Texas, Sheila Reese and husband Bill, Kokomo, Patricia Acord, Kokomo, Dallas Acord, Kokomo, Chuck Rogers and wife Mary, Delphi, Zandra Keifer and husband Tim, Daytona beach, Florida, Kim Keen and husband Don, Rockford, Illinois, Sherri Brunner and husband Charles, Rockford, Bradley Acord and wife Tammy, Rockford, Jenetta Warhurst and husband Tim, Rockford, Tammy Acord, Syracuse, Leon Acord Los Angeles; and a host of great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Acord was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Clyde Acord Jr.; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo, with grandson Chuck Rogers officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo. Visitation will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the mortuary.

Monday, November 27, 2006

**William B. Elsey, 95**, Peru, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, November 27, 2006

**Charles E. Bowman, 86**, a native of Peru, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2006. Chuck "Papa" Bowman was a member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 and a lifelong honorary member of the Peru Maennerchor. As a youngster, he worked in the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) in Southern Indiana. He served in the United States Navy as a machinist mate, and after his tour he entered an apprenticeship program at Square D to become a tool and die maker. He later worked for Essex Wire and eventually carried his trade to the Chrysler Corporation, where he retired in 1984. He is preceded in death by his one and only true love, his wife Mary. Following her death in 1997, he moved to New Kent, Virginia, where he lived with his daughter and son-in-law until the end. Papa Bowman "leaves" behind a family tree full of colorful, lively folks who will always cherish his charm, wit and humor. Shaking up the tree are his daughters, Sabra Trueman and Susan Guthrie; son-in-law, Doug Guthrie; grandson, Michael Brown and his wife Kimberly; grandson, David Melendez and his wife Denise and their two children Hannah and Kayla; granddaughter, Lisa Ithal and her husband Don and their three children Brian, Katie and Derek; granddaughter, Mary Ellen Stewart and her husband Johnny and their three children, John, Jamie and Justin; grandson, Trey Guthrie and his wife Donna and their three children, Kathryn, Meagan and Emma; and his sister, Juanita Grimes. He will also be dearly missed by a lot of birds, squirrels, an occasional stray cat or dog, and countless forest creatures that dropped by to sneak a morsel he had left outside. His life will be celebrated. His life will be remembered. May everyone in Heaven relish his "papa-isms," and whatever he's cooking in the crock pot. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery will be determined at a later date.

Monday, November 27, 2006

**Barbara Ann Ooten, 79**, Peru, passed away at 9:29 a.m. on Nov. 20, 2006 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born on Sept. 9, 1927 in Twelve Mile to Ralph and Dorothy Harbaugh Working. She married Russell Ooten in Dec. 24, 1980 and he survives. Ooten worked at Berkeo Electric. Survivors include a daughter, Pat Williams and husband Bill, Raven, Wash., and seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. Services were Friday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. There was no visitation planned.

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

**Max E. Mills** passed away Thursday, Nov. 23, 2006 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 58. Born March 15, 1948 in Peru, Indiana to Carl and Betty (Brindle) Mills, he was a 1966 graduate of Peru High School. He joined the United States Navy in July 1967. During his time in Idaho Falls, Idaho he was a nuclear instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit. Mills graduated from the University of Idaho with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, and was commissioned as an Ensign. Prior service including serving aboard the nuclear powered submarine USS Barb, operating in the Pacific. In San Diego, Calif., he

also served as Ship Superintendent of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair, and as the Main Propulsion Assistant and Engineering Officer on the USS New Orleans for two deployments to the Western Pacific. In 1984, Max received his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. From 1984 to 1988 he was the Senior Superintendent for the USS Stonewall Jackson and the USS George Bancroft at the Charleston Naval Shipyard in Charleston, S.C. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander from the United States Navy in 1988, and recently retired as a private engineering consultant. Commendations awarded during his years of service are: National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal (awarded twice), Sea Service Ribbon, Battle Efficiency "E", Navy Achievement Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Commendation. His affiliations include the American Legion, the Moose, and the Elks. Survivors include his former wife, Judith (Blackman) Mills of Peru; two children, Christopher Mills and Patricia Mills, both of South Carolina; two grandchildren, Jason Wingate and Joseph Mills, of South Carolina. Other survivors include three brothers, Kevin (Cindy) Mills, Weatherford, Okla., John (Kim) Mills, Prescott, Ariz.; and Robert (Justice) Mills, Loveland, Colo.; two sisters, Ellen (Owen) Mock, Peru; and Sara Mills, of Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bert Mills.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1818 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Friends may call at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, 4-8 p.m. on Thursday. Military graveside services will be provided by the United States Navy Honor Guard.

#### Tuesday, November 28, 2006

**Paul "George" Guyer Jr., 85**, Peru, passed away at 2:20 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2006 at Kingston Care Center, Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 18, 1921 in Peru to Paul George Guyer Sr. and Nira (Amos) Guyer. He married Marjorie G. McKamey July 3, 1942, and she preceded him in death Sept. 18, 2004. Guyer was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Peru Fire Department. He was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church, the Peru Maennerchor, Moose Lodge, VFW, Peru-Miami Lodge #67, American Legion, Peru Eagles and Peru/Wabash Retired Firemen and Police Association. Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Ann Giver and husband Monty, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Gerri Anne, Lynette, Cinnamon, Ginger, Aaron and Nicole; six brothers, Charles E. Guyer, Kokomo, John R. Guyer and Harvey A. Guyer, both of Peru, Harold E. Guyer, Sun City, Texas, Gerald Guyer and Henry W. Guyer, both of Peru; two sisters, Nada Jean Webster, Peru, and Sharon "Kate" Wheeler, Bossier City, La.; 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister, Helen Young.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Ken Walker and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military services at the cemetery will be by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

#### Tuesday, November 28, 2006

**William B. Elsey, 95**, Peru, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. He was born on Aug. 9, 1911 in Walkerville, Ontario, Canada to William and Laura Isaacs Elsey. On Feb. 14, 1938 he married Martha H. Higden Elsey at the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, and she preceded him in death on May 9, 1999. Elsey owned and operated the Solid Back Brush Machinery Company in Detroit, Mich. and Osgood. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Peru, a former member of the First Presbyterian Church Choir, was librarian for the First Presbyterian Church Choir, and former member of the Ringmasters Barber Shop Chorus. Survivors include his son, Robert Elsey and his wife Judy, Terre Haute; a daughter, Diane Hosfeld and husband Terry, Crown Point; a son-in-law, Wallace Bosse, Peru; nine grandchildren, Robert W. Elsey and wife Rachel, Holly Hudson and husband Steve, Heather Donahue and husband Steve, Kristi Hunter and husband Bob, Karyl Kirk and husband Jim, Kyle Bosse and wife Jennifer, Eugene Hosfeld, Noel Nicholas and husband Joel, and Beth Hosfeld; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; a daughter, Patricia Bosse; one sister and three brothers. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, with the Reverend John E. Hess officiating. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Peru.

#### Wednesday, November 29, 2006-Thursday, November 30, 2006

**Ardis Abel, 92**, Peru, passed away at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, 2006 at her residence. She was born Sept. 10, 1914 in Muncie to Chester and Mary (Gardner) Campbell. She married John P. Abel Aug. 20, 1936, and he preceded her in death Nov. 28, 1992. Abel was a retired operator for Indiana Bell Telephone. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include a son, John P. Abel Jr., Leo; two sons-in-law, Bob Snyder, Michigan, and Kenneth Magers, Peru; 10 grandchildren, Andrea Holloway and husband Scott, Peter Magers and wife Rena, all of Indianapolis, Stephanie Snyder, Michigan, Kimmberly Kokalis, Christopher Abel and Valerie Valentine, all of Texas, Holly Runkle and Cristy Abel, both of Fort Wayne, and Stefanie Abel and Seth Abel, both of Leo; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Nora "Noni" Magers and Lillian Snyder; a grandson, Robbie Snyder; a brother, Richard Campbell; and a sister, Betty Jacobi. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Anderson. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru,

with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church of Helping Hands.

Thursday, November 30, 2006

**Dwight "D" Arthur Fouts, 57**, Bunker Hill, passed away at 8:03 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2006 at Sycamore Village Health Care, Kokomo. He was born Nov. 4, 1949 in Peru to Lewis and Rosalee (Hessong) Fouts. Fouts was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and worked at Fouts Tire, Kokomo. He also was a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren. Survivors include his parents in Peru; a daughter, Katie Rose Fouts, Peru; a brother, Scott Fouts and wife Myra, Dumfries, Va.; and a sister, Linda Klepinger and husband Steve, Rochester. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Les Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Military rites will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Katie Education Fund and/or Miami County Military Rites Tea.

Friday, December 01, 2006

**Geraldine Catherine (Keim) Terrell, 92**, of Franklin, passed away Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at Todd Aiken Healthcare Center in Franklin. She was born March 10, 1914 in Miami County to James E. and Lucy (Whitmyer) Keim. She married Herbert "Bud" Terrell on June 12, 1965 and he preceded her in death in October of 2002. 'Jerry,' as she was known to most of her friends and family, graduated from Sidney High School. After serving in the United States Navy as a pharmacist's mate, she received her degree as a registered nurse at General Hospital, now known as Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis. She served as a private nurse for Mrs. Eli Lilly, and later as an assistant charge nurse at St. Francis Hospital for more than 20 years, retiring in 1979. She was past president of the Women's Small Business Association, and was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. She was a wonderful mother, grandma, friend and aunt.

Survivors include one son, Mark Allen Terrell; one daughter, Margo Stevens and husband Kenny, Franklin; four grandchildren, Melissa, Christy, Shannon, and Matthew; three great-grandchildren, Haley, Jonah and Troy; two nieces, Shelby Sweet, Leo, and Jerilyn Lowe, Macy; and one great-nephew, Aaron C. Masi, Anderson. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, James Eugene Keim.

Visitation will be at the Jessen Funeral Home in Whiteland from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. A graveside service will be held at Enterprise Cemetery in Miami County on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 02, 2006

**Evelyn L. Jones, 90**, Peru, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 3:20 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born April 28, 1916 in Twelve Mile to Ollie M. and Verne Black Jones. Jones graduated from Indiana Central College in 1936 and received her B.S. and master's degree in education from Ball State University. She taught first grade in the Peru school system at South Peru School, retiring in 1978. She attended Twelve Mile United Methodist Church, was a charter member of the Fulton County Order of the Eastern Star #376, and a member of the National Retired Teacher's Association, the Indiana Retired Teacher's Association and the Miami County Retired Teacher's Association.

Survivors include a daughter, Olive Sullivan, Logansport; three nephews, Dale Sullivan and wife Jane, Logansport, Paul Sullivan and friend Nancy, St. Charles, Ill., and Frank Sullivan and wife Linda, Fort Collins, Colo.; a niece, Lois Diehl and husband Tim, San Diego, Calif.; and several great-nieces and -nephews.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

Monday, December 04, 2006

**Duane F. Schrock, 56**, Wabash, formerly of Elwood, passed away Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove, after an extended illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, 415 S. Anderson St., Elwood. Burial will take place in New Lancaster Cemetery west of Elwood. The Elwood VFW Honor Guard Team will conduct military graveside rites at the cemetery Tuesday. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.copherfeslermay.com](http://www.copherfeslermay.com).

Monday, December 04, 2006

**Ernest Dale Prout, 99**, Amboy, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 at his residence. He was born Sept. 17, 1907 in Sherrard, Ill. to John and Elizabeth Hillery Prout. He married Lola M. Springer at Amboy Friends Parsonage on Aug. 2, 1933, and she preceded him in death Feb. 19, 1989. Prout graduated from Jasonville High School, Jasonville, receiving his B.S. in education from Indiana State University in 1929, and his master's degree from Indiana State University in 1933. He taught in Staunton High School, Staunton, from 1929 to 1930, Amboy High School from 1930 to 1941, served as principal of Amboy High School from 1939 to 1941 and then taught social studies and government at Marion High School from 1941 until his retirement in 1963. He was a member of the Amboy Friends Church, where he served in many capacities. He is past president of the Marion Teachers Association and Grant County Teachers Association, was a member of the Converse Masonic



Lodge #601, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Fort Wayne Shriner's Club, the National Retired Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Miami County Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include three grandchildren, Linda Jackson and husband Dennis, Marion, Susan Detamore and husband Harry, and David Sharp and wife Lou Ann, all of Amboy; and four great-grandchildren, Caitlin Sharp, Amy and Mathew Osborne, and Amelia Detamore.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a daughter, Sara Sharp; a brother, Kenneth Prout; and a sister, Treva Lassuy.

A service celebrating the life of E. Dale Prout will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Amboy Friends Church, 112 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Pastor Richard Martens officiating. Burial will take place at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

#### Monday, December 04, 2006

**John J. Hartman, 65**, Akron, passed away at 3:37 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Jan. 26, 1941 in Warsaw to Henry N. and Eva P. (Tucker) Hartman. Hartman was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Vietnam. He also graduated from Akron High School, had been a carpenter, was in the carpenter's union, and was a member of the American Legion Post 36, VFW #1343 and the Eagles #852, all in Rochester. Survivors include his mother in Warsaw; three daughters, a sister, Judy Grigsby and husband Lee, Warsaw; two friends, Dorothy Montague, Akron, and Elsie Kats, Rochester; a niece, Lisa Head and husband Brian, Warsaw; two nephews, Mark Howard and wife Deydra, Warsaw, and Kyle Howard and wife Angie, Akron; and eight great-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his father July 29, 1989.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, with graveside military rites to be conducted by the American Legion and VFW. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Cemetery Association, 205 E. Rochester St., Akron, IN 46910.

#### Monday, December 04, 2006

**Ella Lucille Hoover, 90**, North Manchester, passed away Monday, Dec. 4, 2006. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary. Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

#### Monday, December 04, 2006

**Emery Francis Summers, 70**, Indianapolis, passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 in Indianapolis.

He was born in Wabash County to Oscar and Grace (Robinson) Summers. Summers was a deputy sheriff for Marion County for 32 years. He also was a member of the F.O.P., past member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, attended Clermont Christian Church, Indianapolis, and had been a longtime member of the Center Chapel Brethren Church in Miami County.

Survivors include his wife, Ruthie Layton Summers, Indianapolis; two sons, Kenneth Summers and wife Julie, New Palestine, and Michael Summers and wife Becky, Swayzee; two step-daughters, Melinda A. Creech and husband Ernie, Indianapolis, and Lori Pickens, Indianapolis; two step-sons, Jeffrey Pickens and Larry Brian Pickens and wife Tammy, all of Indianapolis; two brothers, David Summers and wife Connie, Wabash, and Scott Summers and wife Steph, Roann; his mother-in-law, Alice Layton, Indianapolis; two sisters, Joretta Kerschner and husband Paul, North Manchester, and Juanita Mays and husband Rex, Peru; a son-in-law, David Stout; and 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Wayne Dean Summers; a daughter, Diann Grace Summers; and a sister, Annette Stout. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Conkle Speedway Funeral Home, Indianapolis. Burial will be in Lincoln Memory Gardens. Calling will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### Monday, December 04, 2006

**Lavon D. Howard, 98**, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine. Funeral services are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

#### Monday, December 04, 2006

**James V. McKibben Jr., 79**, LaGrange, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the LaGrange First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Memorials may be made to the LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket or the LaGrange First United Methodist Church Music Department. Condolences may be sent to [www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com](http://www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com).

#### Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Kenneth Brewer, 49**, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Thomas "Tom" W. Duncan, 61**, Converse, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at Seton Specialty Hospital, Kokomo. He was born May 3, 1945 in Peru to Francis and Charlotte (Long) Duncan. Duncan was a U.S. Army veteran. He also was a member of the American Legion, Eagles, and Literary Aid Society and enjoyed fishing, gardening and mushroom hunting. Survivors include his mother in Peru; his companion of 24 years, Barbara McMin; three sons, Mike and Kevin Duncan, both of Peru, and Tommy Jo Duncan, Macy; a brother, James Duncan, Walkerton; a sister, Diana Sisk, Peru; six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Larry Gene Duncan. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Beulah Cecelia Smith, 92**, of Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, December 06, 2006

**Lavon D. Howard, 98**, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2006 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center in Lafontaine. She was born September 12, 1908 in Amboy, the daughter of Verne and Edna (Draper) Dailey. On October 9, 1926 she married Dwight Howard in Peru, and he preceded her in death on July 21, 2006. Lavon graduated from Amboy High School in 1926; was a member of the Amboy Friends Church; the Rebecca Lodge of Amboy; the Jackson Township Home Economics Club; and a Homemaker. Survivors include a son, Phillip Howard and his wife Sandra, of Conover, N.C.; grandchildren John Templeton, John Howard, Janet Weicherz and Jennifer Kist; a great-grandson Alex Snyder; a brother Howard Dailey of Delavan, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews. Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Bonnie and husband Robert Douglass; one brother, and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of Lavon D. Howard will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at the Laird Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street in Amboy, with Pastor Richard Martens officiating. Burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call at the funeral home after 9 a.m. on Friday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Amboy Friends Church.

Thursday, December 07, 2006

**Beulah C. Smith, 92**, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at her residence. She was born on February 13, 1914 in Peru to Royce and Bida (Gates) Hall. On April 2, 1938 she married Lewis H. Smith in Wolcott, and he preceded her in death on April 10, 1993. The homemaker was a 1932 graduate of Peru High School, and was a former member of the Elkettes, as well as the Delta Theta Sorority. Smith was an avid bridge player, and a lover of music, especially the 'Big Band' sounds of the 1940s and 50s. She is survived by two sons, Kirk A. Smith and wife Pam, Franklin, Massachusetts, and Stephen E. Smith and wife Suzanne, Wabash; four grandchildren, Shawn Smith and wife Michelle, Boonville, Scott Smith and wife Cindy, Fishers, Jay Smith and wife Laura, Richmond, Virginia, and Leslie Smith, Boston; nine great-grandchildren, Corey Smith, Caitlyn Smith, Chris Smith, Cobin Smith, Parker Smith, Megan Smith, Colin Smith, Brendan Smith, and Dawn Smith; and nephew Brian Eikenberry and wife Della, New Haven. Aside from her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Eikenberry, in 1998. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m., as well as 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

Thursday, December 07, 2006

**Kenneth Lee 'Kenny' Brewer Jr., 49**, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on July 11, 1957 in Shelbyville to Kenneth Lee Brewer Sr. and Esther (Robinson) Brewer, who both survive in North Vernon. On December 31, 1982 he married Vickie (Ridgway) Brewer and she survives. Brewer worked at DaimlerChrysler Corporation in Kokomo. Aside from his wife and parents, he is survived by daughter, Tia Ozminkowski and husband J.D., Havelock, North Carolina; two sons, Tyler Brewer and wife Jami, North Vernon, and Travis Brewer and friend Jessica Schwartz, Peru; two brothers, Brandon Brewer, Indianapolis, and Darrin Brewer, Carmel; one sister, Falcia Brewer, Indianapolis; and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 2 p.m. at the Pickett Funeral Home, North Vernon, with the Reverend Robert Bass officiating. Burial will be at the Vernon Cemetery, North Vernon. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, as well as from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Pickett Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Friday, December 08, 2006

**Rothal W. Sowder, 90**, Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born in Sommerset, Ky. Sowder was a tool and die maker for 70 years. Survivors include his wife, Mary Sowder, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Susan Hull and husband Tim, Indianapolis, and Sally Sowder, Fort Wayne; a son, Richard Sowder, Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his six brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Friday, December 08, 2006

**Marilyn Craft, 82**, Akron, passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006 at the home of her daughter, Carolyn Moon. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

Saturday, December 09, 2006

**Dale E. Ogden, 72**, Peru, passed away at 7:10 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2006 at his residence. He was born on May 5, 1934 in Peru to Sumner and Marie (Greenwald) Ogden. On June 20, 1953, he married Sharron Hudson Ogden in Peru, and she survives. The 1952 graduate of Peru High School attended Indiana University and served in the United States Army, earning a Good Conduct Medal. Ogden was a clerk for the Peru Post Office, retiring in 1995. He attended the Eagles Nest Christian Fellowship Church, and was a 50-year member of the Peru/Miami Masonic Lodge, as well as the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne and the Peru Moose Lodge. Aside from his wife, Ogden is survived by his mother, Marie Fair, Peru; one son, Steven Ogden, Peru; one granddaughter, Paige Marie Ogden, Pittsboro; one sister, Paula Brittain and husband Robert, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; and step-father, David C. Fair. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral, Peru, with Pastor James Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, December 09, 2006

**Marilyn L. Craft, 82**, Akron, passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2006 at the residence of her daughter, Carolyn Moon, in Peru, after suffering from failing health over the past year. She was born on August 22, 1924 in Cass County to Vern M. and Dora E. (Wilson) Dillman. On March 10, 1946, she married Howard A. Craft Jr. in Miami County, and he preceded her in death on December 22, 1999. Craft owned and operated Marilyn's Upholstery Shop for many years, and was a homemaker. The Gilead High School graduate was a member of the Akron Church of God, as well as a member of the Perry Do-Rite club. She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Moon and husband John, Peru, and Dorothy Fouts and husband Howard, Frankfort, Kentucky; one son, David Craft and wife Sharon, Peru; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Joan Landis and husband Richard, Chandler, Arizona, Joyce Marburger and husband Bud, Peru, Carol Ray and husband Bill, Frankfort, Indiana, Janet Gunter and husband Ralph, Rochester, Judy Ladson, Rochester, and Karon Hoover and husband Raymon, Twelve Mile; and one brother, Vern Dillman Jr. and Ann, Mesa, Arizona. Aside from her husband, Craft was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Dale Craft on April 10, 2004; two sisters, Betty Rogers and Letta Goodman; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be conducted from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Monday, December 11, 2006

**Hazel A. Hooten, 88**, Peru, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, December 11, 2006

**Dorothy J. Anderson, 87**, Peru, passed away at 4:35 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**Ted Allen Neff, 71**, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 at his residence. He was born Feb. 14, 1935 in Wabash County to Vaughn and Olive Skillman Neff. On June 6, 1954 at the home of the Rev. Austin Gable near Bunker Hill, he married his high school sweetheart, Beverly Ann Fouts, and she survives. Neff was a 1952 graduate of Chili High School and was a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church. He was a full-time farmer and enjoyed spending time with his family. Survivors besides his wife include his five loving daughters, Jean Lawrence and husband Ken, Logansport, Diane Grimes and husband Howard, Pullman, Wash., Darlene Holiday and husband Roger, Wabash, Nancy Bender and husband Mark, Peru, and Linda Neff, Goshen; nine grandchildren; one brother, Dan Neff, Peru; one sister, Nelda Neff Morris, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Center Chapel First Brethren Church, located at the



intersection of County Road 600 East and 500 North, with the Rev. Al Peck officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Center Chapel.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**George A. Scott, 85**, Monticello, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 at Monticello Assisted Living Health Care, Monticello. He was born Dec. 24, 1920 in Peru to George M. and Opal W. (Hann) Scott. He married Esther (Shultz) Scott in 1946, and she preceded him in death June 11, 2000. Scott was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II. He retired from the post office and was a member of the Peru Maennerchor. Survivors include a son, Benny Scott and wife Kay, Monticello; two daughters, Beth Petri and husband Darrel, and Toni Nevius and husband Simon Burke, all of Bloomington, Ill.; a sister, Norma Gerard, Peru; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and his wife. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Deacon Darrel Petri officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**Hazel A. Hooten, 88**, Peru, passed away at 2:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. She was born Jan. 20, 1918 in Beeson, W.Va., to Lee and Althea (Masten) Lovell. She married Lawrence C. Hooten Oct. 19, 1968, and he preceded her in death May 27, 1995. Hooten retired from Eck Adams in Peru and was a member of the Nazarene Church in Peru. She also enjoyed sewing, and loved making quilts and working with flowers. Survivors include a son, Mike Kunce and wife Carol, Indianapolis; a special dear friend, Lilian Pyclik; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Larry and Richard McKinney; three brothers and six sisters. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call 10:30 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**Dorothy J. Anderson, 87**, Peru, passed away at 4:53 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born Oct. 16, 1919 in Peru to Harry A. and Ellanora Sullivan Cook. She married Herb H. Anderson Aug. 27, 1938 in Peru, and he preceded her in death May 21, 1993. Anderson was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include a brother, Robert W. Cook, Peru; several nieces and nephews, including David Smith, Bunker Hill, and Shirley Craven, Franklin; and several great-nieces and -nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister, Lucille Smith; and two brothers, Kenneth and Paul Cook. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

**Louanna "Lou" Pugh, 73**, Rochester, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006 at Seton Specialty Hospital, Kokomo. She was born June 24, 1933 in Fulton County to Omer and Ida (Huff) Pieratt. On Oct. 13, 1950 she married Thomas Pugh in Miami County. He preceded her in death on May 13, 1999. Mrs. Pugh was a loving mother. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and her beloved Pomeranian, Lady Bug. She had worked as a nurse's aid at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, and had also been a waitress in Rochester. She was a member of the Rochester Church of God. Survivors include three daughters, Anita Whybrew and husband Ronald Sr., Amboy, Karen Ruff and husband Tim of Akron, and Sandy Thomas and husband John, Rochester; eight grandchildren, Tommy Ruff and wife Dedra, Akron, Tina Agnew and husband Jeff, Rochester, Terra Ruff and fiancé, Charlie Miller, Rochester, Ronald Wayne Whybrew Jr. and wife Anna, Amboy; Derek Thomas and wife Christina, Peru, and Jessica Louanna Thomas and fiancé Jason Urbin, Rochester; 10 great-grandchildren, Cory Ruff, Rochester, Makenzi Ruff, Akron, Shayna Agnew, William Edward Ruff, and Zane Ruff, all of Rochester, Brayden Thomas, and Emma Thomas, both of Peru, Ronald Wayne Whybrew III, Amboy, Kaylina Agnew, Rochester, and Caine Stellar, Akron; her aunt, Helen Kelly and husband Van, Rochester; two uncles, Harvey Nickell, Rochester, and Billy R. Nickell and wife Irene, Logansport; a cousin, Freddy Hunter and wife Joann, Bourbon; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Rochester Church of God, with the Reverends Larry Pyeatt and Tim McFarland officiating. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Friends may call today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home in Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

**Harry D. Wilson, 79**, Kokomo, passed away at 1:44 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

**Charles X. McCalla III, M.D.**, 80, Paoli, a Peru native, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at Floyd Memorial Hospital, New Albany. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church of Paoli, with the Rev. Nancy Waters and Randy Coleman officiating. Burial will be in Paoli Community Cemetery, Paoli.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Kemple Funeral Home, Paoli, and from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the church. Masonic services will be conducted at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

**Harry D. Wilson, 79**, Kokomo, passed away at 1:44 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, 210 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Randy Blankenship officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. The Miami County Military Rites Unit will conduct a graveside service. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, December 15, 2006

**Elizabeth Ann Schlinkert Lenich, 86**, formerly of Peru, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

She was born on September 14, 1920 in Centralia, Illinois to Walter Edward and Charlotte Marie Schlinkert. Libby graduated from Centralia High School in 1938, and attended Lindenwood University and the University of Illinois, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, and graduated with a bachelor of science in home economics 1942. Following a brief career in teaching, Libby married Michael Emil Lenich in August of 1947. Her husband's career in the United States Air Force began shortly thereafter and Libby happily began her career as a mother, homemaker, and officer's wife. Mike's career took them to Alaska, Washington, D.C., California, Wyoming, and finally back to the Midwest, as they settled in north-central Indiana, near Peru. She remained in Indiana following Mike's passing in 1987, until she moved to Austin, Texas four years ago to be near family. Libby always loved her role as a homemaker and mother to her two children, Ann and Bob. She was an avid gardener and bridge player. Her garden was always filled with irises, and there was always time to play a hand of cards.

She loved to shop for, and collect antiques, a passion that her husband always encouraged with a smile on his face.

Libby was a member of the Officer's Wife's Club, wherever Mike was stationed, and the protestant women of the chapel. She was also a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and the Eastern Star of Centralia.

Libby leaves to cherish her memory, her sister, Barbara Schlinkert, West Lafayette; daughter, Dr. Ann Lenich Hards and husband Dr. Bob Hards, Denver, Colorado; son, Bob Lenich and wife Jennifer, and grandson, Ian Michael Lenich, all of Austin. She had her 'good buds' sprinkled throughout the country, and the family would love to say a special 'thank you' to Kathy, Sue, Fran, and Nataya, who in close touch even after Libby moved to Austin.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who cared for Libby over the past several years, especially Dr. Allen Sonstein, Dr. Tom Hill, and the wonderful staff at the Summit.

A memorial celebration of Libby's life will be held at St. Theresa's Church on December 27 at 7:30 p.m., with Father Bill Brooks officiating. A small gathering will be held immediately following. Family burial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made on Libby's behalf to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, Austin. Obituary and guestbook online at [wcfish.com](http://wcfish.com).

Saturday, December 16, 2006

**Helen Marie Steele, 76**, Huntington, formerly of Roann, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, 2006 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born March 21, 1930 in Sheldon, Ill. to Jennings and Isalene (Dowling) Wade. She married Robert W. Steele Jan. 31, 1948 in Denver, and he preceded her in death April 14, 2005. Steele was a 1947 graduate of Gilead High School. She worked 17 years at Wabash County Hospital as a ward clerk and nurse's aid. She also worked in home healthcare. She was a member of the Niconza Christian Fellowship of rural Roann. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, especially crocheting afghans and making baby blankets. Survivors include two sons, Larry W. Steele and wife Kathy, LaFontaine, and James A. Steele and Erica M. Alloway, Wabash; two daughters, Sharon D. Steele-Horsley and husband Francis, Huntington, and Carol A. VanMeter and husband Scott, Pierceton; six granddaughters, Michelle Wentz and husband Brent, Frankfort, Germany, Amy Matthews and husband Mike, LaFontaine, Ann Johnson and husband Ted, Huntington, Carla Horsley, Chicago, Ill., Kristy Steele and Dan Stanton, Roann, and Jessie R. VanMeter, Pierceton; two grandsons, Chad Horsley and wife Megan, Bargersville, and Allen Horsley, Huntington; five great-grandchildren, Marcus and Quentin Matthews, LaFontaine, Jason and Jeremy Johnson, Huntington, and Abby Wentz, Frankfort, Germany; one great-great-grandson, Josiah Johnson, Huntington; two sisters, Virginia Daywalt, Huntington, and Lucille Carrothers and husband Luther, Florida; and a brother, Orlan Wade and wife Pam, New York. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Steven Eugene Steele, who passed away in 1973; her granddaughter, Krystal, who passed away Sept. 5; and a brother, Paul Wade.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Phil Medsger officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The preferred memorial is Niconza Christian Fellowship.

Saturday, December 16, 2006

**Russell Edward Lowe, 75**, Russiaville, passed away at 2:10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, after a short battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 12, 1931 in Nead to Guy and Alma (Yoder) Lowe. He married Peggy Ann (Myers) Lowe Sept. 28, 1956 in Peru, and they recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with an open house celebration.

Lowe graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1949 and served in the U.S. Air Force from Jan. 4, 1952 to Dec. 15, 1955. He retired in 1986 from Cabot in Kokomo after more than 30 years of service. He was currently employed with Hoosier Spline and Broach, with nearly 30 years of service. He was a member of the Stellite Quarter Century Club and was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed gardening, camping with his family, working, eating lunch and telling tales with his friends at Hoosier Broach. He especially enjoyed attending his grandchildren's activities. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be missed by all. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Delbert Lowe and wife Patty, Greentown; a daughter, Rhonda Ballee and husband Kenneth, Peru; nine grandchildren, Lindsey Lowe and Adam Powell, both of Kokomo, Leyna Washburn and husband Jason, Chad and Emily Ballee, all of Peru, Zackary and Zoie Lowe, both of Greentown, Kyle Honeas and wife Amber, Virginia, and J.R. and Brady Honeas, both of Greentown; one great-grandchild, Haley Washburn, Peru; special friends, Gary and Cyndy Trent and Cara Herron; three sisters, Dorothy Finster, Bunker Hill, Martha Mohler, Peru, and Betty Finster, Bunker Hill; and two brothers, Don Lowe, Denver, and Carl Lowe, Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Isabelle; and one brother, Delbert.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Steve Bate officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Military honors will be held at the cemetery on Tuesday. Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Messages may be e-mailed to [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).

Saturday, December 16, 2006

**William D. Wyant, 50**, Walton, passed away at 10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2006 at his residence. He was born May 10, 1956 in Peru to William Wyant and Ann (Baker) Wyant. In 1979 he married Inez Solly, who survives. Bill was known to some as "Wild Bill," and to others as "Ol' Skool," but to everyone he was known as a very caring and thoughtful person who always put other people's needs and wants before his own. He retired from Chrysler Corporation in 1991 and then began to pursue his hobbies, which included visiting with friends and family, and having a good laugh, collecting and operating remote control cars and fishing. He was also a proud member of the Walton Sons of the American Legion. When the Lord took him from us, he took a great husband, dad, grandfather, son and one of the most caring people ever put on earth. He will be sadly missed and remain in our thoughts, hearts and prayers forever. Survivors include his wife Inez Wyant, Walton; his father, William Wyant and wife Verlie, of Tillson, N.Y.; two daughters, Margaret Edge and Seneca Wyant, both of Walton; a son, William I.D. Wyant, Walton; three grandchildren, Alana Edge, Stephanie Edge, and Warren Edge; and numerous brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ann Wyant; and a son, Daniel Wood, who passed away in 1996. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with Deacon Juan Rodriguez officiating. Entombment will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be two hours prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to any favorite charity, and condolences may be placed online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

Saturday, December 16, 2006

**William DeWayne Conrad, 96**, Wabash, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Monday, December 18, 2006

**Bonnie Jean Myers, 64**, Denver, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 11, 1942 in White County to Ernest and Florence Winegardner DePoy. She married Robert L. Myers Aug. 18, 1960 in Logansport, and he survives. Myers was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW and Women of the Moose, all of Peru. Survivors besides her husband include four children, Kimala Moss, Twelve Mile, Tony Myers and Tonya Robertson, both of Denver, and Robert Myers Jr. and wife Linnea, Twelve Mile; seven grandchildren, Brooke Hughes, Nicholas Speicher, Travis Speicher, Branden Myers, Meghan Myers, Mariah Moss and Clayton Robertson; two great-grandchildren, Liliana Hughes and Tyler Hughes; two brothers, Ernest Wayne DePoy, Denver, and Joe DePoy, Peru; and a sister, Marilyn Saylor, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Elmer and Larry DePoy. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

Monday, December 18, 2006

**Jayden Marie-Lynn Granstaff**, daughter of Desiree Tolley and Steven Granstaff, Wabash, passed away at 3:32 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Bonnie Jean Myers, 64**, Denver, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 11, 1942 in White County to Ernest and Florence Winegardner DePoy. She married Robert L. Myers Aug. 18, 1960 in Logansport, and he survives. Myers was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, VFW and Women of the Moose, all of Peru. Survivors besides her husband include four children, Kimala Moss, Twelve Mile, Tony Myers and Tonya Robertson, both of Denver, and Robert Myers Jr. and wife Linnea, Twelve Mile; seven grandchildren, Brooke Hughes, Nicholas Speicher, Travis Speicher, Branden Myers, Meghan Myers, Mariah Moss and Clayton Robertson; two great-grandchildren, Liliana Hughes and Tyler Hughes; two brothers, Ernest Wayne DePoy, Denver, and Joe DePoy, Peru; and a sister, Marilyn Saylor, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Elmer and Larry DePoy. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Jayden Marie-Lynn Granstaff**, daughter of Desiree Tolley and Steven Granstaff, Wabash, passed away at 3:32 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Phyllis McCreary Starnier, 91**, formerly of New Waverly, passed away at 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare, LaFontaine. She was born Dec. 5, 1915 in Miami County to Pliny and Nellie (Graft) Hines. On Sept. 5, 1936 she married Jerald McCreary and he preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1975. She then married Lloyd Starnier on Aug. 21, 1978, and he preceded her in death on June 23, 1979. Starnier and her husband Jerry owned and operated Jerry's General Store in New Waverly for several years. She also worked at Senger Dry Goods in Peru. She was a member of McNeely Memorial Church in Lewisburg. Survivors include two daughters, Jane Jaberg and husband John, and Connie Jones and husband Bruce, all of Peru; a son, Jerry J. McCreary and wife Diane, Laurel, Miss.; two sisters, Lucille Dillman, Fort Wayne, and Ruth Zook, Marion; nine grandchildren, Brenda Zell, Angelia Hoover, Bryan Jaberg, Adam Jones, Laura Lee Golder, Chris McCreary, Julie Marchese, Darin McCreary and Jessica McCreary, and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands; a daughter, Kay Schrader; one brother and one sister. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Busta Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m., and after 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Doris M. Richards, 84**, Peru, passed away at 7:55 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born July 24, 1922 in Louisville, Ky. to David M. and Dora Bauer Hagan. She married William Lemoyne Richards Feb. 20, 1945 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and he survives. Richards graduated from Peru High School in 1940. She was employed by Bell Telephone, retiring in 1981. In addition, she was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society, Pioneers of America, Daughters of Isabella and Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, David Richards and wife Beverly, Woodstock, Ga., and James Richards and wife Cheryl, Bellevue, Neb.; a brother, Elmer Hagan and wife Becky, Denver; and four grandchildren, William Richards, Arizona, Michael Richards, Nebraska, Jason Richards, Hawaii, and Amanda McGarity, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, LaVerne Bunnell and Elizabeth Spencer; and two brothers, Earl Hagan and Kenneth Hagan. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**Michael J. Gilgrist, 70**, Indianapolis, passed away at 11:38 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006, at Beverly Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Indianapolis. He was born Aug. 31, 1936 in Beech Grove to Myron F. and Louise (Schroll) Gilgrist. Survivors include two brothers, Phil Gilgrist and wife Nancy, Pensacola, Fla., and John Gilgrist and wife Caren, Indianapolis; one sister, Julie Gunn and husband Bob, Tipton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A private graveside service was held Monday at New London Cemetery near Russiaville. Burial followed in New London Cemetery. No public calling is planned. Online condolences may be made at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com), and arrangements are by Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

**George A. Jackson, 75**, Rochester, passed away at 3:20 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at Life Care Center, Rochester. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may call at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

**Joshua Allen Garrett, 21**, Wabash, passed away at 6:05 p.m. at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Wabash, with the Pastor Kerri McFarland officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. A memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials may be sent to the Wabash Drug Task Force.

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

**JoAnn B. (Gochenour) Kerschner, 69**, passed away at 12:55 a.m. on Sunday, December 17, 2006. She was born in Peru on May 24, 1937 to Orville and Mabel (Harding) Gochenour. The 1955 graduate of Peru High School had resided in Lafayette since 1963 and was a licensed real estate agent for Century 21 and The Bouwkamp Agency prior to her retirement. Kerschner enjoyed reading and bowling, and was an avid crafter, as well as loved bingo. She is survived by one son, John D. Kerschner, Lafayette; two daughters, Terri Jo Kerschner Johnson and husband Ed, Monett, Missouri, and Susan Parmely and husband Bernie, Lafayette; one sister, Evelyn L. Russell and husband James, Peru; and one brother, John D. Gochenour and wife Esther, Rossville. Kerschner was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Steven Kerschner; and two brothers, William Gochenour and Eugene Gochenour. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette, with the Reverend David Lindermer officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Rest Haven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com).

Thursday, December 21, 2006

**Mary Jo Stephenson, 68**, Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Thursday, December 21, 2006

**Mary Lou Palmer, 79**, Peru, passed away at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on October 26, 1927 in Grant County to Wilson and Delores (McGibben) Glassburn. The homemaker is survived by one son, Danny Palmer, Noblesville; one daughter, Linda Palmer, Noblesville; one brother, Willard Glassburn and wife Ruby, Wabash; one step-brother, Max Pickering and wife Mary, Peru; and one grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Randy Myers officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery.

Friday, December 22, 2006

**David Hicks, 28**, Cookville, Tennessee, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friday, December 22, 2006

**Norma J. Bell, 75**, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at her residence in Wabash. She was born on December 25, 1930 in Danville, Illinois to Joseph and Laura (Allen) Moffatt. On May 7, 1954, she married Robert W. Bell, who passed away on May 19, 2006. The homemaker is survived by two sons, David Bell and wife Katrina, Wabash, and Robert A. Bell and wife Vickie, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; one grandson, Anthony Bell, Chippewa Falls; one brother, Charles Moffatt, Kokomo; three sisters, Josephine Helm, Kokomo, Maxine Chumbley, Elwood, and Mary Abel, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Willis, Decatur, Illinois. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, December 22, 2006

**Mary Jo Stephenson, 68**, Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Monday, December 18, 2006 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, following a one-year illness. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on December 30, 2006 at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with the Reverend Scott Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation will be conducted from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home on December 30. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison, Mishawaka, 46545. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Friday, December 22, 2006

**Larry Dean Wagoner, 50**, Rochester, passed away in the evening of Tuesday, December 19, 2006 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, having been in failing health for three weeks. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on December 28 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home on December 28. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Saturday, December 23, 2006

**David RB Hicks, 27**, Cookeville, Tennessee, passed away at his residence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. He was born in Peru on November 8, 1979 to Bunis and Betty Sue (Patrick) Hicks. Hicks was employed at Subway Restaurant in Cookeville. He is survived by five uncles, Benois Hicks and wife Cheryl, Mexico, Landin Hicks and wife Ines, Peru, Melvis Hicks and wife Barbara, Logansport, Grant Hicks and wife Lexine, Peru, and Sam Patrick and wife Stacy, Peru; one great-uncle, Benjamin Back, Peru; four aunts, Della Fershee, Peru, Azaleen Baker and husband Earnest, Artie Hicks, Kentucky, Marilyn (Patrick) Phillips, Cookeville; and several cousins. Hicks was preceded in death by his parents; two uncles; and one aunt. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Paul Lane officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made through the funeral home.

Saturday, December 23, 2006

**Helen M. Zipperian, 84**, of Peru, passed away at 11:17 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2006 at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington. She was born August 15, 1922 in Peru, to Charles L. and Gertrude (Bell) West, and was a 1940 graduate of Peru High School. On June 2, 1946, she married William A. Zipperian, who survives. Zipperian was chapel organist for the Main Street United Methodist Church for 27 years. She also was a tour director with Forlow Travel Company and AAA for several years. She was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. Aside from her husband, Zipperian is survived by one daughter, Candice Kaylor and husband David, Huntington; grandchildren Kari Kaylor of Huntington; and Kylene Jenson and husband Adam, Vincennes. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Mary Oldfather. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, December 26, 2006

**Theresa Ver Bockel Fink, 76**, formerly of Peru, passed away on Friday, December 22, 2006 in Louisville. She had worked in finance with the Civil Service at Grissom Air Force Base for many years. Theresa married her husband, Leo Fink on January 3, 1953, and he preceded her in death on March 20, 1985. Her memory will be cherished by her children, Gary Fink and wife Stacy, Kim Wehr and husband Allen, and Jennifer LaBedz; 10 brothers and sisters, Alice Marx, Agnes Radermakher, Joan Beach, John Ver Bockel and wife Joanne, Mary Ann Ver Bockel, Mary Fassendbender and husband Ken, Jan VanDe Loo and husband Cliff, Carol Liebergen, Clarence Ver Bockel and wife Judy, and Lynn Leurquin and husband Fran; eight grandchildren, Joshua Fink, Ashley Fink, Nicholas LaBedz, Stephanie LaBedz, Michael LaBedz, Benjamin Buffington, Hannah Buffington, and Emily Buffington; and one great-grandson, Dillon Gallahan. Aside from her husband, Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, Kate and Peter Ver Bockel; two brothers, Eugene Ver Bockel and Jerry Ver Bockel; and four brothers-in-law, Ed Marx, Norbert Karner, Cliff Radermakher, and Tom Beach. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tuesday, December 26, 2006

**Madge M. Bowman, 94**, Amboy, passed away at 5:25 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, 2006 at Manor Care, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

**Madge Marie Bowman, 94**, passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2006 surrounded by her family. She was born on August 6, 1912 in Miami County to Bryan and Mabel Jenkins. She married John T. (Johnny) Bowman on June 21, 1941, and he preceded her in death on November 15, 1997. Madge graduated from Clay Township High School in 1931. She was a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church for over 80 years. She had served on many committees at the church, taught Sunday School, was a charter member of Women's Society of Christian Service (now United Methodist Women), and for many years planned the showers and dinners at the church. Madge was a member of the Harrison Homemakers and in the 1960s she cooked at the North Grove School. She was a devoted wife to Johnny and mother to her three daughters. For 65 years Madge lived on the family farm north of Amboy. Her home was a gathering place for many generations of Bowman, Jenkins, Fivecoat, and LeMaster families. Her unselfish love and dedication to her family, her community, and her Lord will be greatly missed. She was a blessing to all who knew her.

Madge is survived by her daughters, Eileen Mawbey and husband Basil, Rochester, Charlotte Overmyer and husband Mike, Muncie, and Phyllis Dingman and her husband John, Danville; her grandchildren, Leah Haak and husband Tim, Zionsville, Lydia Standish and husband Craig, Greentown, Dawn Hein and husband Andy, Highland, Matthew Dingman and wife Laura, Indianapolis, Amy Miller and husband Todd, Kokomo, Christine Farrell and husband Jim, Lake Forest, Illinois; Katie Dingman, Avon, Sarah Overmyer, Wellington, New Zealand, Cary Mawbey and wife Nicole, Kokomo, and Laura Dean and husband Mitch, Indianapolis; 13 great-grandchildren; her sister, Velma Duckwall, Casa Grande, Arizona; her brother, James Bowman and wife Martha, Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Mary Hodson, Marion; numerous cousins; nieces; and nephews.



Aside from her husband, Madge was preceded in death by her parents; and her sister, Betty Brock.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the church. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

**Mary Jo (Herrin) Stephenson, 68**, passed away on Monday, December 18, 2006 from complications of cancer at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on April 28, 1938 in Argos to Iley and Violet (Archambeault) Herrin. She married Don K. Stephenson on August 5, 1961 in Hasting, Michigan, and he preceded her in death on January 2, 1994. Stephenson is survived by one brother, James Herrin, Argos; one sister, Ila Warner, Delton, Michigan; four children, Shane Stephenson, Rochester, Lori Stephenson, Warsaw, Chris Stephenson, North Port, Florida, and Jill Wilhelm, Peru; six grandchildren, Peter Sahaidachny, San Francisco, Michael Grate, Issaquah, Washington, Jasmine Stephenson, Rochester, Keith Stephenson, Rochester, Daley Wilhelm and Riley Wilhelm, both of Peru. Aside from her husband, Stephenson was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, with the Reverend Scott Shepherd officiating. A private family burial will follow the funeral service at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison, Mishawaka, IN 46545. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

Funeral services for **Emma Louise Baer, 94**, Wabash County, will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 27, 2006/Thursday, December 28, 2006

**Larry Dean Wagoner, 50**, of Rochester, passed away on Tuesday, December 1, 2006 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, after being in failing health for three weeks. He was born December 19, 1956 in Peru, to Harold W. and Marilyn Sue (Turnipseed) Wagoner. On February 22, 1976 he married Joyce E. Mathews in Rochester. He lived most of his life in the Rochester area, and was a 1975 graduate of North Miami High School. He also had earned a degree in electrical engineering from Ivy Tech. He was an employee of Rochester Metal Products, and was formerly employed at Lobdell Emery, and Wilson Foods. Wagoner was an IU basketball fan, as well as enjoyed the Pittsburgh Steelers. He collected Harley Davidson memorabilia, and was a member of the Fulton County ABATE. He enjoyed a game of pool, and liked science fiction. He is survived by two daughters, Bethany E. Stephey and husband Zachary, of Indianapolis; Carrie R. Gaines and husband Chad, Rochester; two granddaughters, Emily E. Gaines and Ashley A. Gaines, both of Rochester; a grandson, Logan H. Gaines, Rochester; two brothers: his twin, Terry Gene Wagoner and wife Pat of Peru; Harold Wayne Wagoner II and wife Mary, Logansport; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be conducted on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences and/or donations may be sent to either Carrie Gaines at 800 Pontiac Street, Rochester, IN 46975, or Salty's Tavern at 128 E. 8th St., Rochester, IN 46975 (c/o ABATE). Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Thursday, December 28, 2006

**George A. Smith, 87**, Peru, passed away at his residence at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2006. He was born on December 28, 1918 in Peru to Harry A. and Theresa (Gobat) Smith. On September 4, 1938, he married Pearl I. Boyles, who preceded him in death on April 19, 1966. On June 3, 1967, he married Helen Jones, who preceded him in death on February 24, 1998. Smith was retired from Stella Cheese, as well as the C & O Railroad, in which he worked as a carman. He was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge #249, of which he belonged for 61 years, as well as a member of the First Christian Church, American Legion and V.F.W. Smith served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1945, as well as the Indiana National Guard. He is survived by two sons, Paul G. Smith and wife Theresa, Peru, and Albert M. Smith and wife Sandy, Savannah, Georgia; one daughter, Phyllis McCoy, Peru; one step-daughter, Shirley Friend and husband Donald, Peru; one daughter-in-law, Carran Smith, Millington, Tennessee; three sisters-in-law, Marjorie Reuter, South Bend, Florence Smith, Marion, and Freida Smith, Savannah; one brother-in-law, John A. Broyles, Peru; several nieces; nephews; 10 grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchild; eight step-great-great-grandchildren. Aside from both wives, Smith was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers; and one son, Robert Smith; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Bryan Crampton officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be a Moose Lodge Service at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. There will be a Military Rites Service performed at the memorial park by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorials may be made to the Moose Lodge #249 through the funeral home.

Friday, December 29, 2006

**Hubert 'Huey' Carl Bowman, 77**, Walton, passed away at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at his residence. He was born on May 29, 1929 in Cass County to Samuel Phillip and Mildred (Cart) Bowman. On August 8, 1955 Bowman married Marjorie 'Ducky' Sadler, who preceded him in death on January 6, 2005. Bowman was a retired farmer, as well as worked at the 18th Street Elevator. He was a member of the Walton American Legion Post #418. Bowman had served in the United States Army during World War II. Bowman is survived by one son, Samuel Elvin Bowman and wife Sue, Logansport; two daughters, Lisa Gibbs and husband Rick, Logansport, and Anita Bowman, Williamsburg, Kentucky; one granddaughter, Amanda Shelton and husband Rick, Logansport; twin brother, Herbert Bowman and wife Marianne, New Waverly, five other brothers, William Bowman and wife Mary, Logansport, Ron Bowman, Logansport, Gerald Bowman, New Waverly, Richard Bowman and wife Sondra, Logansport, and Larry Bowman and wife Wilma, Burnettsville; two step-great-grandchildren, Justin Shelton and Matthew Shelton, both of Logansport. Aside from his wife, Bowman was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Marion Bowman, Truman Bowman, Raymond Bowman, Victor Bowman, and John Bowman; and one sister, Janice Holmes. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with Pastor Mike Stow officiating, at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American heart Association and/or the Arbor Day Foundation.



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