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Wanda Burnadea Daub, 80

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 11:47 PM EST

Wanda Burnadea Daub, 80, Rosehaven Care Homes, San Clemente, Calif., passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2005 at her residence after a long illness.

She was born Nov. 11, 1924 in Wabash to Walter Vestel and Tessie May Hawley. She graduated from Peru High School in 1942, and lived in Wabash and North Manchester before moving to California in 1966. She married Arthur Marshall, and he died in World War II. She then married Ralph Daub, and he preceded her in death.

Daub worked for the Huntington Beach Union High School District at various schools primarily as a financial secretary. She finished her career as the personnel manager at the Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union, where she retired in 1985.

She loved to square dance and belonged to several different clubs. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking and traveling throughout the U.S. and camping in a motor home. One of her favorite activities was playing cards and board games with relatives and friends.

Survivors include three sons, Arthur Daub and wife Beverly, Gardnerville, Nev., John Daub, Oceanside, Calif., and Scott Daub and wife Terri, Laguna Hills, Calif.; two sisters, Velma Smith, LaFontaine, and Roberta Martin, Wabash; and six grandchildren, Bradley, Eric, Owen, Andrea, Blake and Heather.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert and Richard Hawley; a sister, Garnet Gibson; two husbands; and a companion, Harley Hillyard.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary, Santa Ana, Calif. Viewing will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer's Association Research, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60601 or call 800-272-3900.

Richard E. Fechtman, 56

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 11:47 PM EST

Richard E. Fechtman, 56, Lexington, Ky., passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005.

He was born in Williamsport to Frederick and Cora Shipp Fechtman.

A graduate of Southport High School in Indianapolis, he received his B.S. degree in economics and finance from Indiana University in 1971, was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and was a standout tennis player. He was a member of the Lutheran faith, an avid reader and enjoyed political analysis. Fechtman was a former stockbroker with Morgan Stanley.

Survivors include a sister, Judith Bakehorn, Lexington, Ky.; a brother, John Frederick Fechtman, Orange County, Calif.; and seven nieces and nephews, Julie Bakehorn and Matthew Fechtman, both of Indianapolis, Jeff Bakehorn, Atlanta, Ga., Jennifer Bakehorn Jepsen, San Diego, Calif., Jill Bakehorn, Lexington, Ky., Mark and Seth Fechtman, both of Orange County, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Concordia Cemetery in Indianapolis. Visitation will be noon till service time at the church. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 416 Pasadena Drive, Lexington, KY 40503. Milward Funeral Directors, Lexington, Ky., handled funeral arrangements.

Clarence E. Berger, 82

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 11:47 PM EST

Clarence E. Berger, 82, Fort Wayne, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 at St. Joseph Medial Center.

He was born March 20, 1922 in Peru to Lloyd Harold and Lillian Gail McClain Berger. He married Betty Lee Miller, and she preceded him in death. He then married Charlotte Uhrick, and she preceded him in death.

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Berger served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and worked as a security guard for Pinkerton Security Company.

Survivors include two daughters, Dana K. Trendle and husband George, and Sandy Lindlag and husband Jim, all of Fort Wayne; a step-son, James F. Bay, Indianapolis; three step-daughters, Karen S. Plemons, Indianapolis, Shelba Jean DeWells, Pierceton, and Gay Lynn Wuthrich, Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a half-brother, Max Berger, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two wives.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel, Fort Wayne, with Pastor David G. Martin officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday. Preferred memorials are to the American Kidney Foundation.

Elizabeth F. Holland, 84

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 11:47 PM EST

Elizabeth F. Holland, 84, Peru, passed away at 6:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born July 21, 1920 in Peru to Nicholas and Angeline Cacciantea Capella. She graduated from Peru High School in 1938, and married John "Pete" Holland Feb. 15, 1947. He preceded her in death April 7, 1978.

Holland retired from the Peru Community Schools Food Service, and was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Survivors include three sisters, Anne Scheuer, Rose Berger and Josephine Brindle and husband Edward, all of Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Jerry E. Holland, on Sept. 15, 1993; and a brother Phillip Capella.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis J. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church.

Lois M. Babbitt, 70

Wednesday, February 23, 2005 11:56 PM EST

Lois M. Babbitt, 70, Amboy, passed away at 2:50 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2005 at Marion General Hospital, Marion.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Davis-Smith Funeral Home, 209 N. Third St., Glenwood, Ark. Burial will be Monday in Palestine Cemetery, Kirby, Ark. Calling will be two hours before the service Monday. Funeral arrangements were handled by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Wilda Kathryn Johnson, 77

Lt. Col. Gordon C. Smith, 70

Friday, February 25, 2005 1:06 AM EST

Lt. Col. Gordon C. Smith, (retired USAF), 70, Valparaiso, formerly of Peru, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005.

He was born March 17, 1934 in Muncie to Virgil and Alta Carter Smith. He graduated from Center High School in 1952. He married Barbara June 14, 1953 at the Normal City EUB Church in Muncie.

Smith received his B.S. degree in agriculture from Purdue University and his M.A. degree in public administration from Ball State University.

He received a commission in the United States Air Force, where he served for more than 25 years. In that time he received numerous awards including the rating of Command Pilot. He served one tour in

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Vietnam, and was the advisor to the reserve unit now stationed at Grissom Air Reserve Base. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he served as branch manager at the Wabash Valley Bank in Bunker Hill.

Smith joined the Peru Rotary Club in 1985 and served on its board of directors from 1990 to 1994. He was president of the club in 1992-1993, then served as the governor's representative until he became the district governor in 1998-1999.

He and his wife moved to Valparaiso in 2002, where he became a member of First United Methodist Church and the Valparaiso Rotary Club.

Survivors besides his wife include three children, Douglas Smith and wife Chong, Michigan City, Ronald Smith and wife Cathy, Downers Grove, Ill., and Diane Dahlgren and husband Brett, Valparaiso; five grandsons, Levi Cowser and Carter Dahlgren, Valparaiso, and Taylor, Zachary and Preston Smith, Downers Grove, Ill; his mother in Muncie; a brother, Wayne, Muncie; and a sister, Virginia Hunter, DeMotte.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be noon Monday at First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Lloyd Miller and the Rev. Dr. John Wolf officiating. Burial with military honors will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hawk Cemetery, Muncie. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

Louis A. Henline, 83

Saturday, February 26, 2005 12:56 AM EST

Louis A. Henline, 83, a former resident of Columbia City, passed away at 6:20 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru, where he had been a resident since April 10, 1998.

He was born Feb. 10, 1922 in Redwood, Calif. to Freeman R. "Pop" and Barbara L. Blanchard Henline. His formative years were spent on the west coast. He completed his education in the state of Washington. On June 8, 1947 he was united in marriage to Juanita L. Becknell Henline. They made their home in Columbia City for 30 years before moving to Lehigh Acres, Fla. They later moved to Three Oaks, Mich. Mrs. Henline preceded him in death Jan. 29, 2004.

Henline retired in 1975 from Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, with 27 years of service. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge #1906.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda K. Hatton, Peru, and Judy A. Walton, Three Oaks, Mich.; two sons, Michael L. Henline and wife Karen, Huntington, and David E. Henline, Jenson Beach, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; a grandson; two brothers, Robert and Clarence; and two sisters, Evelyn and Juanita Carpenter.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Jack Scott of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Rick Herrell, 49

Saturday, February 26, 2005 12:56 AM EST

Rick Herrell, 49, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005 at his home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1955 in Peru to William "Bill" and Barbara Ogle Herrell. He married Cheryl Harkin Herrell Sept. 1, 2001, and she survives.

Herrell worked at VCA Antech Inc. His life centered around his family, he loved animals and was a member of the Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association. Herrell also was involved in the development of "Cass County's Living History Reenact-ment."

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Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jacob and Ben Byers, both of Peru; a daughter, Cherri Byers, Peru; an uncle, William Ogle and wife Shirley, Kokomo; two aunts, Penny Barrows and husband Byron, Hot Springs, Ark., and Addie "Pete" Reed and husband Ron, Peru; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Marvin Lamb officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Mary "Madelyn" Schriver, 79

Monday, February 28, 2005 8:31 PM EST

Mary "Madelyn" Schriver, 79, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:08 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Schriver was born in Bunker Hill on July 30, 1925 to Charles Henry and Mae Forrest (Waisner) Garber. She was retired from Delphi Delco Electronics and was a member of the Bunker Hill First Baptist Church. Schriver was also a member of the Moose Lodge, UAW Union Retired, Ladies Cormack Circle, and Bunker Hill Women's Fire Auxiliary.

She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1943 and enjoyed quilting, playing skip-bo, supporting her town of Bunker Hill, and spending time with family and friends.

Schriver married Chester Evert Schriver, who is deceased, and later married Donald Armstrong, who survives.

Aside from her husband, Schriver is survived by two daughters, Cindy McKee and husband Jim, LeRoy, Ill., and Karen Stantz and husband Dave, Bonaire, Ga.; one brother, Charles 'Pup' Garber and wife Kathleen, Bunker Hill; one brother-in-law, Gene 'Wimpy' Betzner, Bunker Hill; one sister, Devita Ogle, Bunker Hill; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Schriver was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Susie Armstrong; one brother, Lorence Garber; and one sister, Katie Betzner.

Funeral services will be conducted at Bunker Hill First Baptist Church on Monday at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Charles Layne officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bunker Hill First Baptist Church.

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

Betty K. Walsh, 55

Monday, February 28, 2005 8:31 PM EST

Betty K. Walsh, 55, Peru, passed away at 5:53 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Walsh was born on June 25, 1949 in Tell City to Jim and Dorothy (Jones) Nugent, and was a homemaker. She is survived by her boyfriend, Jim Martin; two sons, Jamie Walsh, Texas, and James Walsh, Peru; three daughters, Sabrina Walsh, Peru, Tanya Clark and husband Jim, Peru, and Wendy Walsh, Denver; six grandchildren, Jordan Howard, Kaylynn Clark, Destiny Selleck, Skylar Vance, Gracie Walsh, and Amber Walsh; two brothers, Larry Nugent, Peru, and Ralph Nugent, Dallas; and one sister, Susie Statler, Florida.

Walsh was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

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Marjorie L. Baker, 72

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

Marjorie L. Baker, 72, Peru, passed away at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005 at her residence following an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 1, 1932 in Miami County to William I. and Mary A. Warner Nickels.

Baker retired from United Technologies after 25 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Rita D. Clark, Peru; three sons, William and David A. Baker, both of Peru, and Tom L. Baker, Fenton, Mich.; six sisters, Donna Tyre and Delores Titus, both of Peru, Bonnie Miller, Betty Saunders, Wanda Sue Nickels and Janette Towe, all of Logansport; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard Lee and William Nickels; a sister; and a son, John Baker.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Patton officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Gideons.

Melissa Linn Taylor, 18

Thursday, March 3, 2005 1:41 AM EST

Melissa Linn Taylor, 18, Denver, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2005 in Denver.

She was born on January 17, 1987 in Lafayette to Duane A. and Shanon (Wilson) Taylor.

Melissa was a student at North Miami High School. She was a member of Olive Branch Church of God and the Olive Branch Youth Group 6:28.

She is survived by parents, Duane A. and Shanon Taylor, Denver; one daughter, Kristina Allison Taylor, Denver; one sister, Davyna Taylor, Denver; three brothers, Kevin Taylor, Derik Taylor and Corey Taylor, each of Denver; grandparents, Darrell and Linda Wilson, Monticello; and great-grandparents, Zalo and Glenna Wilson, Muncie.

Funeral services will be held at Olive Branch Church of God on Friday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Allen Barton officiating.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

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

Preferred memorials are to the Trust Fund for Kristina Allison Taylor c/o Lake City Bank, PO Box 610, Akron, IN 46910.

Lorin Deroy Welsh, 98

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:43 AM EST

Lorin Deroy Welsh, 98, West Lafayette, a longtime Williamsport resident, passed away at 3:45 a.m.

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at George Davis Manor, West Lafayette.

He was born in Paris, Ill. on Nov. 6, 1906 to M. A. and Rose (Creed) Welsh. He was a graduate of Ladoga High School and had attended his 78th high school class reunion in 2004. He had attended Manchester College. Lorin lived in Williamsport for 60 years, moving to West Lafayette in 2001 where he was a resident at the GreenTree Assisted Living, University Place, and George Davis Manor. He married L. Maxine Schlosser on March 22, 1941 in Kentland. They had 61 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 2002.

Welsh worked at the A & P Food store, retiring in 1971 after 34 years of service. During those years of service he worked as a manager, assistant manager and department manager in Williamsport, Attica, Brook, Kentland, Greencastle, Lafayette and Danville, Ill. After retiring from the A & P Food store he continued to farm with his brother-in-law, Harold Schlosser, on the Schlosser Family Farm.

He was a devoted and active member of the Williamsport United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities on the administrative board and board of trustees. He also served as a church lay leader. He was a delegate to the North Indiana Annual Conference for 23 years, never missing a vote or session.

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He also taught Sunday School for the youth and adult classes for more than 40 years. Both he and his wife, Maxine, were generous supporters of foreign missions. Lorin was also a past member of Knights of Pythias. He took special pride in his sheep, dog and garden.

Survivors include two daughters, Lorma Rose Hensley and husband Ronald, Paris, Ill., and Tanya Van Hyfte and husband Michael, West Lafayette; two sisters, Mercedes Seaman, Ladoga, and Dorothy German, Crawfordsville; two brothers, Leo Welsh, Covington, and Kenneth Welsh, Peru; a special sister-in-law, Mary Schlosser, Williamsport; three grandchildren, Jennifer Hensley, Noblesville, Jonathan Welsh Hensley, Tuscola, Ill., and Paul Lorin Van Hyfte, Fishers.

Besides his wife he was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois and Jeanne; and three brothers, Everett, Herbert and Harold.

Visitation will be Saturday at the Williamsport United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. Rev. Emmett Ade, pastor, and Rev. Charles Anderson will officiate. Interment will be at West Lebanon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the fund of one's choice. Services entrusted to Grady Funeral Home, Williamsport.

Beatrice L. Gordon, 78

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

Beatrice L. Gordon, 78, Rochester, formerly of Macy, passed away at 3:05 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 at Lifecare Center, where she'd been a patient for the past 2.5 weeks.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Juanita Kuhn officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made out to one's favorite charity.

Wilda Kathryn Johnson, 77

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

Wilda Kathryn Johnson, 77, Macy, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she had resided since November 2004. She had been in failing health about two years.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Tim McFarland officiating. Burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home or one hour prior to the service at the funeral home Wednesday.

Kenneth "K.W." Leazenby, 46

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

Kenneth "K.W." Leazenby, 46, Fort Wayne, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 at Parkview Hospital.

The funeral and visitation was Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Thomas Eggold officiating. Burial was in Grennlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

Maxine Edna Kokta, 82

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:42 AM EST

Maxine Edna Kokta, 82, Kansas City, Mo., passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Park Lawn Funeral Home, Kansas City, Mo. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Everett V. "Abe" Robins, 81

Thursday, March 3, 2005 1:41 AM EST

Everett V. "Abe" Robins, 81, Rochester, passed away at 2:10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at the Americare Living Center, Elkhart.

Robins was born June 17, 1923 in Richland Township to Ray M. and Zella M. Kerschner Robins. He married Norma Lee Bussert Morris on May 19, 1973 in Rochester.

Robins was a 1942 graduate of Deedsville High School and was a carpenter. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

He was a World War II U.S. Marines veteran, where he served in the Marine Force in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Cindy Squires, Macy; two step-daughters, Vicki Meyer and husband Michael, Rochester, and Lisa Wideman and husband Randall, Rochester; two sons, Richard Robins and wife Jane, Denver, and Robert Robins, Macy; four sisters, Roseleen Day, Macy, Ruby Walker and husband Robert, Wabash, Gaythel Boswell, Swayzee, and Lucile Bartlett, Macy; ten grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Janet Robins.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1220 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Rev. Rick Taylor officiating and burial at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1343 will conduct military graveside rites at the cemetery.

Esther M. Dillman, 96

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:43 AM EST

Esther M. Dillman, 96, Twelve Mile, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

She was born Jan. 11, 1909 in Miami County to Ammon and Della Bridenstein DeWald. On Sept. 14, 1927, she married Carl Teel Dillman at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden near Denver. He preceded her in death Jan. 27, 1997.

Dillman was a member of Corinth Brethren Church, Twelve Mile, and the Women's Missionary Society. She also was the last member of the Twelve Mile Grandmother's Club.

Surviving are four sons, Marvin L. Dillman and wife Harriet, Logansport, Ronald L. Dillman and wife Janet, Twelve Mile, Carl Edward Dillman and wife Shirley, Plymouth, and Robert G. Dillman and wife Linda, Logansport; 15 grandchildren, Cathy Gunter, Terry Dillman, Kevin Dillman, Debra Holliman, Dawn Pickens, Dana Dillman, Cindy McIntosh, Jeff Dillman, Brad Dillman, Pam Johnson, Mark Dillman, Lynette Ray, Lisa Montgomery, Leslie Dillman and Lora Redweik; four step-granddaughters, 29 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two grandchildren, Steve Dillman and Tina Dillman; one great-grandson, Klayton Long; two brothers, Elvin DeWald and William DeWald; and a sister, Thelma Brubaker.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Corinth Brethren Church, Twelve Mile with the Rev. Paul Reeder and the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in the Corinth Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 West State Road 16, Denver, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon Society.

Margaret L. Bookmiller Gressley, 69

Saturday, March 5, 2005 12:16 AM EST

Margaret L. Bookmiller Gressley, 69, Fort Wayne, formerly of Red Bridge, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, March 3, 2005 at her residence.

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She was born July 9, 1935 in Bowling Green, Ky. to Herbert and Leana Green White. She married George Bookmiller in 1960, and he preceded her in death.

Gressley retired from General Tire, Wabash, after 14 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Stickney and husband Roy, Fort Wayne; three sons, Jim Davenport, Peru, John Davenport, and Rick Davenport and wife Bea, all of Granite Shoals, Texas; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Karen Kosberg officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family.

William E. Adams, 75

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:26 PM EST

William E. Adams, 75, Miami, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005 at his residence.

He was born June 14, 1929 in Center to Paul and Mary R. (McCauley) Adams. He married Patricia Rusert Adams on June 9, 1984 in Peru. She survives.

Adams retired from Haynes-International in 1980 after 30 years of service in management. He then obtained his real estate license, and was associated with and a president of the Howard County Board of Realtors for 15 years.

He served in the U.S. Army and Air Force during World War II, and was a member of the Bass Anglers Fishing Club. He was an avid fisherman. He was also an instructor for the kids fishing clinic in Kokomo for many years.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Regina Bryant, Kokomo, and Melanie Adams, Dayton, Ohio; a step-son, Richard Gasaway, Bunker Hill; a step-daughter, Laura Handy and husband Sam, Macy; three grandsons, Brandon Irvin, Quinton Bryant and wife Jennifer, and Nathan Vega and wife Kim; a great-grandson, Cooper Bryant; three step-grandchildren, Dennis Gasaway and Michael and Elizabeth Morier; two foster grandchildren, Ana and Leo; two brothers, John C. Adams and wife Sue, Burlington, and Richard Adams and wife Eva, Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Jane Blevins, Katy, Texas; a half-sister, Kay Richardson, Greentown; two special girls, Buttercup and Peggy Sue; and a special fishing friend, Douglas Yoder.

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

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. There is no visitation or services. Memorial contributions can be made to Howard Regional Health System Community Oncology Center, 3500 S. LaFountain St., Kokomo, IN 46904-9011. Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo, is handling the arrangements.

Charles "Charley" E. Hunt, 53

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:42 PM EST

Charles "Charley" E. Hunt, 53, formerly of Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19, 2005 at Wichita Veterans Hospital, Wichita, Kan.

He was born May 5, 1951 in Warsaw to Kenneth David and Mary Marshall Hunt. He married Violet Sears Dec. 31, 1975, and she survives.

Hunt was a Vietnam War veteran, serving with the U.S. Army.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Vicki Hunt, Peru, Patricia Hunt and Mary Hunt, both of Logansport; a son, Charles Hunt, Logansport; three grandchildren; four brothers, Michael Hunt, Peru, Jim Hunt, Warner Robins, Ga., John Hunt, Tipton, and Paul Hunt, Kokomo; three sisters, Lisa Jameson and Kathy Hunt, both of Peru, and Barbara Hunt, Maine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Marion National Cemetery-VAMC, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion. His remains were cremated.

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Iva M. Merritt, 82

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:42 PM EST

Iva M. Merritt, 82, Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2005 at Caring Hands, Grissom Air Reserve Base.

She was born April 9, 1923 in Little Rock, Ark.

Merritt was a resident of Peru for almost 50 years and worked some outside the home. Delivering papers with her husband, Richard, was the most enjoyable job.

She also was a member of the First Assembly of God in Peru for over 40 years.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Ken James and wife Arlene, Wenatchee, Wash; a daughter, Arlene Breeden and husband Mike, Monmouth, Ore.; a grandson, Bradley Fleming, Peru; and two sisters-in-law, Bettie Shivley, Marion, and Dee Hoover, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two daughters, Alice Rarick, Pennsylvania, and Shirley Trent, Converse.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God Church, 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Mary E. Opp, 84

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:34 AM EST

Mary E. Opp, 84, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born March 28, 1920 in Miami County to Edward V. and Etta M. Grant Myers. She married Joseph V. Opp June 25, 1940, and he preceded her in death May 31, 1991.

Opp was a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Joseph L. Opp and wife Patricia, Terry Opp and wife Colleen, Ricky Opp and wife Peggy, and Larry Opp and wife Rhonda, all of Peru; four daughters, Barb Mosley and husband A.J., Kay Jones and husband Bob, Jeannie Hughes and husband Charles, all of Peru, and Connie Bloomfield and husband Kelly, Bunker Hill; two nephews; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; a daughter, Marlene Turnpaugh; an infant brother; her twin sister, Helen Haines; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.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 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at the funeral home.

Elizabeth Brooke Rader, 1

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:33 AM EST

Elizabeth Brooke Rader, 1, Norman, Okla., passed away Saturday, March 5, 2005 in Norman, Okla.

She was born Aug. 19, 2003 in Norman, Okla. to Benjamin Cole Broudy and Ashley Nicole Rader.

She loved to play with her sister and family, and was very affectionate, very active and enjoyed the park.

Survivors include her parents; her sister, Nikki Rader, at home; her maternal grandfather, Jerry Rader, Norman, Okla.; her maternal grandmother, Debra Rader and Rod Clouse, Prague, Okla.; her paternal grandmother, Treva Broudy, Macomb, Okla.; her paternal great-grandmother, Densy McKenzie, Watonga, Okla.; her aunt, Christy Fuller and husband Robert, Pauls Valley, Okla.; her paternal great-grandmother, Myrtie Broudy, Norman, Okla.; her uncle, Joe Broudy and Christina Fallwell, Norman, Okla.; two cousins, Austin Ingram and Korie Fuller, Pauls Valley, Okla.; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rader and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Starr; and her paternal grandfather, Kenneth Broudy.

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Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Havenbrook Funeral Home Chapel, Norman, Okla. with Rev. Sunny Stuart officiating. Interment will be at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman, Okla. Pallbearers will be Chris Durham, Ryan Bennett, Robert Fuller and Joe Broudy.

A memorial fund has been established at I.B.C. Bank, 2403 W. Main St., Norman, Okla. 73072. Send condolences online at www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com/obituaries.html

Glenn F. Coleman, 55

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:33 AM EST

Glenn F. Coleman, 55, Peru, passed away at 3:58 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1949 in Harriman, Tenn. to John F. and Mable Blair Coleman.

Coleman had been the store manager at the Peru Kmart store since 2001. He started working part-time at the Peru Kmart while serving in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Grissom Air Force Base in 1979. He had worked there ever since.

He received numerous customer care awards.

Coleman was also involved in the Salvation Army, the March of Dimes and the Red Cross.

Survivors include three goddaughters, Stephanie Bach, Mary Ann Cozine and JoAnna Buga; four brothers, Wayne Coleman, Harriman, Tenn., Douglass Coleman, Knoxville, Tenn., Don F. Coleman, Naperville, Ill., and Charles A. Coleman, Columbus, Ohio; and one sister, Jeryl Coleman, Morgantown, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank Coleman.

Services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Kyker Funeral Home, Harriman, Tenn., with burial at Roane Memorial Gardens, Harriman, Tenn. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made through Kmart or the funeral home to the March of Dimes.

Mary R. Range Geiselman, 69

Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:37 AM EST

Mary R. Range Geiselman, 69, Peru, passed away at 5:35 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Howard Regional Health Care, Kokomo.

She was born Aug. 18, 1935 in Elizabethton, Tenn. to Hugh E. and Marcella Shouse Range. She graduated from Elizabethton High School in 1953, and was married to Don R. Geiselman Dec. 4, 1955 in the First Baptist Church parsonage by Dr. Gary Albritton. He survives.

Geiselman was a homemaker, mother, grandmother and worked as a secretary at South Peru Elementary School from 1971 to 2005.

Survivors besides her husband include her mother in Peru; two sons, Don Geiselman Jr. and Charles Geiselman, both of Peru; a daughter, Dottie Thompson and husband Jay, Indianapolis; a daughter-in-law, Tamara Geiselman, Peru; two grandsons, Jordan Charles Geiselman and Justin Albert Geiselman, both of Peru; and a sister, Dorothy Range, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her father and three brothers, Albert, Robert and Ernest Range.

A graveside funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with the Rev. David Henry officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Stanley Glen Vrem, 58

Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:37 AM EST

Stanley Glen Vrem, 58, Wabash, passed away at 9:57 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 23, 1946 in Devils Lake, N.D. to Orris and Elva Saunders Vrem. He married Anita Banister at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wabash July 6, 1973. She survives.

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Vrem attended Lincolnville United Methodist Church, was a member of the National Rifle Association, Quail Unlimited and Wabash Wildlife Association and was a skeet and trap shooter with the Wabash Izaak Walton League. He lived in Wabash County since 1991 and was in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Kara Vrem, Winona Lake, and Teresa Vrem, Wabash; a sister, Cheryl Donahue and husband Cornell, Pekin, N.D.; and a brother, Mark Vrem and wife Jeanne, West Fargo, N.C.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with the Rev. Melissa Rice officiating. Burial will be follow at Center Grove Cemetery, Lincolnville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Lincolnville United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book may be signed online at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Byron B. Wilson, 85

Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:43 PM EST

Byron B. Wilson, 85, Peru, passed away at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor after an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 1, 1920 in Cass County to Joseph F. and Mary Irma Lockwood Wilson. He married Mary C. Shrock Dec. 11, 1938, and she survives.

Wilson retired from Sears and the Miami County Highway Department. He also was a former warrant officer for the National Guard. In addition, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, the Amateur Radio Club, the Miami County Historical Society, Miami County Civil Defense, and a former member of the Washington Township Advisory Board.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Pajic and husband Slobodan, Paris, France, and Patricia Day and husband Kenneth, Aurora; and three grandchildren, Cathy Day, Christy Roy and Kenneth Scott Day.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors J. Robert Clark and Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Amateur Club and/or Parkview United Methodist Church.

Richard "Dick" William Nance, 80

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:54 AM EST

Richard "Dick" William Nance, 80, Peru, passed away at 4:08 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 13, 1924 in West Point to Carl and Leona Coffman Nance. On Oct. 20, 1944, he married Frances Helen Haskin in Lafayette, who preceded in death on April 8, 2004.

Nance graduated from Wolcott High School in 1945, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3790.

He retired in 1985 from the C&O Railroad after 30 years of service.

Survivors include one son, Dick Nance and wife Cheryl, Logansport; one daughter, Donna Scott, New Waverly; two sisters, Delores Pullen, Washington, and Beverly Howard, Lafayette; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Scott Ellison officiating. Burial with full military graveside rites will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:54 AM EST

Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70, Peru, passed away at 9:05 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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Salvador Delgado, 38

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

Salvador Delgado, 38, Logansport, formerly of Nebraska and Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at his residence in Logansport.

No funeral or visitation is planned. Private services will be held in Texas. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, handled local arrangements.

Lucille Personett, 94

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

Lucille Personett, 94, Macy, passed away at 3:40 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She was born Dec. 23, 1910 in Miami County to Harry and Ada Fishley Runkle. She married Lawrence I. Personett Dec. 5, 1930 in Rochester, and he preceded her in death in August 1979.

Personett was a homemaker and a member of Gilead United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women at the church.

Survivors include two daughters, Marie Nickels and husband Lloyd, Peru, and Mary Ann Kuhn and husband Jerry, Macy; three sons, Earl Personett and wife Ruby, Yuma, Ariz., Harold Personett and wife June, Macy, and Donald Personett and wife Jean, Akron; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, David Personett.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Macy Christian Church Ladies Aid.

Mary Ruth "Ruthie" Dennison, 64

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

Mary Ruth "Ruthie" Dennison, 64, Converse, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005 at her residence.

She was born Sept. 17, 1940 in Miami County to Dean and Irene Dangerfield Fansler. She attended Converse High School, and married Earl Dennison in October 1961. He survives.

Dennison was a community resident sponsor for the V.A. for 35 years, enjoyed gardening, working in her home and was an Elvis collector. In addition, she was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors besides her husband in Marion include a son, Tim Dennison and wife Michelle, Peru; two brothers, James Fansler, Kokomo, and Glen "Willie" Fansler, Converse; a sister, Shirley Kelly and husband Delmar, Alexandria; and a sister-in-law, Leeanna Fansler, Greentown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joe and Gene Fansler; and a sister, Norma Kelly. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Pastor Steven McPeek officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lawrence D. Randall, 59

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

Lawrence D. Randall, 59, Angola, passed away Friday, March 11, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born May 16, 1945 in Hillsdale, Mich. to Lawrence M. and Delma Hinkle Randall. He married Deanna Smith Randall June 15, 1974, and she survives.

Randall graduated from Hillsdale High School and Western Michigan University, and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Viet Nam War. He also was plant controller at Hillsdale Tool, Hillsdale, Mich. and Hamilton, and attended Pleasantview Church of Christ, Angola. Randall and his wife are owners of Throop Florist, Angola.

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Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jeffrey George and wife Lisa, Wayne, N.J., and Christopher George and wife Patty, Pompton Lake, N.J.; a brother, Douglas Randall, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a sister, Dena Morrison, Osseo, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Trevor, Zachary, Kayleigh, Derek and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pleasantview Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Poole officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Hillsdale, Mich.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Jerry L. Wright, 58

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

Jerry L. Wright, 58, North Manchester, passed away at 4 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

He was born Nov. 29, 1946 in Rochester to Richard V. and Mary A. Ogle Wright. He married Glenna E. Graybill March 23, 2001, and she survives.

Wright graduated from North Miami High School in 1964, and from Sam's Technical Institute, which is now ITT in Indianapolis, in 1966, receiving an associate's degree in tool engineering. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, and was a tooling engineer at Controls, North Manchester, from 1983 to 1996. Later he was administrator of Moose lodges in Huntington, North Manchester, Greenwood and Plymouth, and was a Moose Lodge member since 1979.

In addition, he was a member of the First Brethren Church, North Manchester, and an avid golfer.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Greg Wright, Indianapolis; a daughter, Mindy Flora and husband Shane, North Manchester; two step-daughters, Sandi Fruitt, North Manchester, and Cindy R. Dyson and husband Aaron, Wabash; a brother, Richard Wright and wife Patricia, Lafayette; a sister, Connie Judy, Peru; three grandchildren, Stephanie and Brian Wright, both of Indianapolis, and Dellynn Benton, North Manchester; and three step-grandchildren, Kristopher Fruitt, North Manchester, and Colton and Connor Ringel, both of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, James Wright.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Brethren Church, North Manchester, with Pastor Kurt Stout officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel, 1401 SR 114 W., and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church. Memorials may be made to First Brethren Church, 407 N. Sycamore St., North Manchester, IN 46962.

James Randolph Lozier, 46

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

James Randolph Lozier, 46, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. Randy, who was also known as 'Ace,' was born on August 20, 1958 in Warsaw to James Leroy and June Elizabeth (Starner) Lozier. The family moved from Claypool to the Peru area in 1963.

Randy was a 1976 graduate of Maconaquah High School and was employed as a maintenance supervisor for Sturgis Iron and Metal Co., Inc. in Peru.

He shared a love of racing with his dad, and they raced stock cars and go-karts at the Bunker Hill Speedway and other tracks in the area. Randy was the 1998 Bunker Hill Speedway track champion. We will always remember the racing days. Randy also enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, traveling to Florida for Daytona Bike Week, fishing, working on cars, NASCAR, and spending time with family and friends.

Randy is survived by one sister, Barbara E. Page and husband Sheldon, Holt, Mich.; three nieces, Ronda C. Page, Lansing, Mich., Jennifer L. Knight and husband Matthew, Mountain Home, Id., and Kelly M. Page, Elmhurst, Ill.; many cousins and friends; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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A celebration of Randy's life will be conducted on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at noon at the Firemen's Building, located at the end of Arthur Street on Pike Lake, Warsaw. Please join us as we come together to remember Randy and share a meal in his honor.

Cremation has taken place. The family is being served by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorial donations may be made to the Ruth Lilly Hospice of Clarian, c/o Methodist Health Foundation, 1800 N. Capitol Ave., P.O. Box 7168, Indianapolis, 46207-7168.

Ralph D. Watkins, 87

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

Ralph D. Watkins, 87, Danville, Ill., passed away at 11:57 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at Provena United Samaritan Medical Center, Danville.

He was born on January 6, 1918 in Decatur, Ill. to Ernest and Lella Watkins. Watkins retired from Norfolk and Western Railroad, Peru, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He is survived by his former wife, Martha Jane Watkins; one sister, Erna Murray, Washington, D.C.; three sons, Noble Watkins and wife Melissa, Deerfield, Fla., Ralph Watkins, Jr., and Mark J. Watkins and wife Therese, each of Peru; four daughters, Glenda Hoffman and husband Ron, Key West, Fla., Lisa Wagner and husband Steven, Peru, Linda Saylor and husband Terry, Bunker Hill, and Cinda Elrod and husband Glen, Brandon Suffolk, England; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; one sister; an infant daughter; and an infant grandson.

Funeral services were conducted in Danville on March 7, 2005.

James E. Hibbard, 56

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

James E. Hibbard, 56, Macy, passed away at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Hibbard was born on December 11, 1948 in Connersville to Richard and Georgia (Wyatt) Korba.

He was awarded a Purple Heart for being wounded while serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam in 1970.

Hibbard is survived by his mother, who resides in Peru; one daughter, Jamie Hibbard, Ft. Wayne; one brother, Harold Hibbard, Twelve Mile; one sister, Sherry Jones, Lagro; and two nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ina Sue Hibbard.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Joseph L. Elmore, 63

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

Joseph L. Elmore, 63, Peru, passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Elmore was born on December 25, 1941 in Holy Cross, Ky. to Frank and Crozier (Cecil) Elmore. He married Mary Arlene (Hicks) Elmore in Holy Cross on September 19, 1964.

He served as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 until retirement in 1980.

Following his retirement, Elmore served as the Peru-Miami County zoning administrator from 1981 to 1990 and again from 1995 to 2003. Elmore also served as the manager of the Peru License Branch from 1990 to 1995.

Elmore was president-elect of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, and was a member of the American Legion Glen Owens Post #14, Miami County VFW Post 2067, the Peru Maennerchor and St. Charles Catholic Church. He was a graduate of Ball State University, where he earned a B.S. in political science. While

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serving in the U.S. Air Force, Elmore was awarded three Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Cheryl Giannuzzi and husband John, Noblesville; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Teague and husband Randy, Jessica Giannuzzi and Jennifer Giannuzzi; three great-grandchildren, Brianna Brabham, Lizzey Light and Justin Teague; two brothers, Donnie Elmore and wife Michelle, New Haven, Ky.; Estil Elmore and wife Marilyn, Fern Creek, Ky.; four sisters, Louise Hicks, Holy Cross, Geraldine Fogle and husband Avon, Holy Cross, Gondola Miles and husband Werner, Bardstown, Ky., and Theresa Raley and husband Sam, Lebanon Junction, Ky.

Elmore was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at noon today at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Military graveside services will be conducted by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or the St. Charles Catholic Church.

Jonathan Robert Cepican, 23

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:16 AM EST

Jonathan Robert Cepican, 23, Gaston, passed away at 11:38 a.m. Sunday, March 13, 2005 at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1981 in Scottsdale, Ariz. to Jerry M. and Janice Scroggins Cepican.

Survivors include his mother in Vancouver, Wash.; his brother, Jerry Cepican, Vancouver, Wash.; and his grandparents, Bob and Helen Scroggins, Columbus, and Elsie Cepican, Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry M. Cepican.

A memorial service will be held in Vancouver at a later date. The arrangements were handled by Myers Funeral Service-Reed and Jewell Chapel, Columbus. Memorials may be made to Hickory Creek Development Center, c/o Christopher Reno, 502 N. Madison St., Gaston, IN 47342.

Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:16 AM EST

Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70, Peru, passed away at 9:05 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born on June 10, 1934 in Washington, Pa. to Theodore and Mary Vitteck Meeks. He then married Sandra Perry on Sept. 15, 1961 and she survives.

Meeks retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years, and also retired from Peru Community Schools. He was a member of Zion Chapel Church, the American Legion and Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed all sports, gardening, bowling, fishing, playing cards, good food, but most of all spending time with children, family and friends.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Michael Meeks and wife Lori, Peru, and Jay Paul Meeks and wife Rita, Jacksonville, Fla.; three daughters, Debora Scott and husband Sid, Orlando Fla., Jenny Cook, and Teresah Campos and husband Paul, all of Peru; a brother, Ted Meeks, Florida; 10 grandchildren, Robert Oppito, Kayla and Brianna Meeks, Robert and Desire' Cook, Derek Baker, Michael and Heather Meeks, and Chris and Tiffany Meeks; and two sisters, Mildred Baloukas, Washington, Pa., and Helen Gamrat.

He was preceded in death by both parents and one sister, Shirley Meeks.

The funeral will be at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, on Thursday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Rod Correll and Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery,

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Cass County. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Gideons. There also will be a military committal service.

LaVerne E. Martin, 86

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:15 AM EST

LaVerne E. Martin, 86, Peru, passed away at 1:12 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Billie M. Powell, 81

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

Billie M. Powell, 81, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

She was born on May 11, 1923 in Miami County to Weldon H. and Bernice Lowry Turner. She graduated from Peru High School in 1941, and married Gerald L.

Powell at First Presbyterian Church, Peru, on July 12, 1952. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1996.

Powell was a homemaker and a member of First Presbyterian Church, Peru, Tri Kappa Sorority, Peru, Peru Elkettes and the Miami County Republican Women.

Survivors include a son, Barton Powell and wife Jami, Peru; a step-son, Max E. Powell and wife Barbara, Bellefontaine, Ohio; a sister, Mary Jane Wilson, Kokomo; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a step-son, Jerry R. Powell, and three sisters.

The funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess and Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or to the Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame Fund

LaVerne E. Martin, 86

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

LaVerne E. Martin, 86, Peru, passed away at 1:12 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 10, 1918 in Valparaiso to Philip and Lida Benham Hayes.

She married Leslie E. Martin Dec. 12, 1936, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1981.

Martin worked in the laundry department of Dukes Memorial Hospital and also was a homemaker. She was a member of First Christian Church, Peru.

Survivors include two daughters, Phyllis Anderson and Patricia "Pat"

Huddleston, both of Peru; two sons, Paul Martin and wife Elizabeth, Kokomo, and Douglas Martin, Niles, Ill.; three brothers, Grant and Robert Hayes, both of LaCrosse, and DeWight Hayes, Columbus; four sisters, Marie Dewey and Inez Jenks, both of Michigan City, Eunice Trumbo, Goldendale, Wash., and Edith Pratt, Wenatchee, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by both parents; one son, Chester Martin; four brothers and one sister.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the Rev. George McCarty and the Rev. Jeremy Boszor officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, Peru.

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Betty Ann McCutcheon Kleiman, 63

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

Betty Ann McCutcheon Kleiman, 63, Greenfield, passed away at 6:58 a.m.

Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born March 31, 1941 in Miami County to William and Julia Ann Hedges McCutcheon. She attended school in Jefferson Township in Miami County, and graduated from Bowling Green High School in Indiana.

Kleiman was the custodian at New Palestine High School, and a member of Brandywine Community Church, Greenfield.

Survivors include a son, Anthony Kleiman, Greenfield; a daughter, Michelle Shephard, Philadelphia; two grandchildren, Alexys and Douglas; a brother, Rodney McCutcheon, Marion; and two sisters, Avis Click Glassburn, Denver, and Mary Howard, Atwater, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, James, Wilfred and Charles McCutcheon; and one sister, Edith Gambee.

The funeral service was Monday at Hendryx Funeral Home, Indianapolis, with the Rev. Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with graveside services by the Rev. Tony Winter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Charles C. Havens, 82

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

Charles C. Havens, 82, Fairmount, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:57 p.m. Monday, March 14, 2005 at his daughter's residence. He had lived in Peru most of his life.

He was born Sept. 16, 1922 in Fairmount to Charles and Anna Earhart Havens.

He married Orvilla Votra, and she preceded him in death in 1982.

Havens retired from Square D in Peru after 38 years, and was a World War II Navy veteran, serving on the USS Burns ship.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a life member of the Moose, Eagles, Literary Aid, VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include two sons, Danny Havens, Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Charles C.

Havens and wife Jody, Panama City, Fla.; two daughters, Sherry Havens, Peru, and Tayna Gardner and husband Rick, Fairmount; eight grandchildren, Chad, Toby, Brandon, Chad, Jeremy, Jesse, Jim and Brandon; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; a daughter, Cathy Havens; a son, Francis Havens; a brother, John M. Havens; and two sisters, Edith Tharp and Estella Havens.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. There will be a Masonic service at the funeral home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ina Mae Miller, 88

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

Ina Mae Miller, 88, Peru, passed away at 3:25 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru.

She was born in Las Vegas, N.M. on Nov. 2, 1916 to George and Estell Wedell Bryan.

She married Robert "Bob" Miller on Jan. 17, 1946, and he survives.

Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Christian Science Church, the Order of the Amaranth Lodge and Eastern Star. She also enjoyed playing music and loved animals.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Charles Miller, Denver; a daughter, Georgeanna Williams, Peru; a granddaughter, Amy Sofianos; and two great-grandchildren, Alec and Isabella Sofianos.

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

The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Wanda J. Murphy Albert

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

Wanda J. Murphy Albert, 82, Attica, passed away at the home of her son in Lafayette on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 3:15 a.m.

She was born in Jefferson Township, Newton County, on May 31, 1922 to Leroy and Rachel Wareford Murphy. She graduated from A.J. Kent High School in Kentland in 1940, and later was a graduate of Martin University, where she received her certificate to become a hairdresser.

Albert has lived in Attica since 1951 and moved to her son's home in Lafayette in January 2004. On March 15, 1951, she married Warren L. Albert in Lafayette. He preceded her in death Dec. 1, 2001. She formerly owned beauty shops in both Lafayette and Attica. She was a member of the Attica First United Methodist Church, Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority of Attica and Fountain County Home Economics Club. She had formerly been active in the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations, and she enjoyed shopping at flea markets and had operated antique booths at Mansfield during the Covered Bridge Festivals. Surviving are a son, Mark Albert and wife Kathleen, Lafayette; a daughter, Tammi Acree and husband Eddie, Peru; a sister, Mildred Perkins, Elizaville; and seven grandchildren, Lorin and Preston Acree, Aaron, Mattea, Trinity, Thaddeus and Malachi Albert. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Thursday at 11 a.m., with Pastor G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Attica. Friends may call at the the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Attica First United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society or the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Online condolences to the family may be made at www.mausfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Lee McGuire, 81

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

Virginia Lee McGuire, 81, Denver, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at her residence. She was born on February 6, 1924 in Miami County to Glen E. and Sadie A. (Jones) Shoemaker. She married Dean H. McGuire on February 26, 1946 at the home of the late Reverend C. F. Golden near Denver.

Virginia was a very talented woman and enjoyed playing the piano and organ, especially for her church, the Chili Baptist Church, for which she was a member for over 20 years. She was also an avid bingo player, and enjoyed collecting antiques.

She is survived her husband; one brother, Gene Shoemaker, Fishers; three nieces, Elaine Powell, Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Jan Haas, Warsaw, and Sue Garber, Zionsville; and three nephews, Rich and Jim Shoemaker, both of Ft. Wayne, and Jason Shoemaker, Syracuse.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Rosanna Shoemaker; and two brothers, Byron and Jack Shoemaker.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Reverends Gene Personett and Bill Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chili Baptist Church.

Herbert Raymond Myers, 65

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

Herbert Raymond Myers, 65, passed away at 11:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on August 31, 1939 in Peru to Raymond A. and Elizabeth (Bullick)

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Myers. Myers married Marjorie (Stout) Myers on December 4, 1976. He was a retired farmer and member of the Morning Star Church, Kokomo. He served in the U.S. Army.

Myers is survived by his wife; three children, Anna 'LuAnn' Lugo and fiancé Joel Beery, Warsaw, Janett Goodman, Peru, and Jimmy Goodman and wife Laura, Peru; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Marvin Lamb officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Myers family.

Elizabeth 'Beth' Miller, 94

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

Elizabeth 'Beth' Miller, 94, passed away at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, LaFontaine, following an extended illness.

She was born on December 20, 1911 in Miami County to Earl D. and Flora (Miller) Fisher.

Miller was a 1927 graduate of Chili High School and 1932 graduate of Manchester College.

She married Leonard L. Miller on May 1, 1937.

Miller was a retired elementary school teacher following 40 years of service at schools in Peru, Wabash and Miami County. Miller was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, and charter member of the Bible Baptist Church in Peru.

She is survived by two sisters, Helen Davis, Bethany, Mo., and Kathryn Tjart, Anderson; several nieces and nephews.

Miller was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers, Norman, Lenard, Owen, and Elton Fisher; and one sister, Irma Snavelly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. Don Worch and Pastor Jim Butler officiating.

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

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bible Baptist Church.

Marion McAlpin, 46

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

Marion McAlpin, 46, Empire, Colo., passed away on Monday, March 21, 2005 at his home in Empire, Colo. He was born on Nov. 15, 1958 in Auburn to Ed McAlpin and Betty McEntarfer McAlpin. He was a painter at Indian Springs Resort, Idaho Springs, Colo., a member of Teamsters Union and a 1978 graduate of Dekalb High School.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Ed and Joan McAlpin, Fort Wayne; his mother, Betty McEntarfer McAlpin, Peru; two brothers, Bill McAlpin, Bunker Hill, and David McAlpin and wife Mary, Auburn; a sister, Dianne and husband Rev. Kenneth Walker, Peru; and four nieces and nephews, Matt McAlpin, James, Amanda and Dylan Walker.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Bashor Children's Home, Goshen.

V. Willadean Helvey, 87

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

V. Willadean Helvey, 87, Life Care Center, Rochester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 4:35 p.m.

Sunday, March 20, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

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She was born on April 18, 1917 in Miami County to Frank Whisler and Alma Berger. She married Maurice "Pete" Helvey on May 14, 1938 in Akron, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 2000. Helvey was a homemaker and a member of Akron Church of God and the Stringtown Friends Club. Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Brown and husband Gary, Shepherd, Mich.; two sons, Max Helvey and wife Alice, Kerners, N.C., and Dennis Helvey and wife Connie, South Whitley; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Frye, Galion, Ohio, and Norma Eryie and husband Pat, Lakeland, Fla.

Other than her husband she was preceded in death by one son, Stanley Helvey.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Church of God or Hope Hospice.

Billy Joe "BJ" Adkins, 75

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

Billy Joe "BJ" Adkins, 75, Sebring, Fla., formerly of New Albany, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2005 in Sebring, Fla.

He was a native of Lakin, Kan. and was CEO and chairman of the board at Regional Federal Bank, New Albany, from 1963 to 1992. He was a 1950 graduate of Ball State University and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Adkins was a member of St. John United Presbyterian Church in New Albany, Golf Hammock Country Club, Kiwanis, Shriners, a 32nd Degree Mason and a life member of the Elks. He loved playing golf until his health no longer allowed him to do so.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Donnalou Adkins, Sebring, Fla.; a son, Kirk Adkins and wife Victoria, London, England; three grandchildren, York, Tate and Elena, London, England; a sister, Mona Costello and husband David, Logansport; a brother, Bob Adkins and wife Carolyn, Tell City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Wanda Adkins; and a son, Mark.

Funeral services and interment will be private. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the 1119 E. Market St. chapel at Seabrook Dieckmann & Naville Funeral Homes, New Albany. Memorial contributions may be made to Mark Adkins Sportsmanship Award, c/o New Albany Youth Baseball, P.O. Box 564, New Albany, IN 47151-0564.

Jimmie "Pete" Worden, 61

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 11:29 PM EST

Jimmie "Pete" Worden, 61, Peru, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at his residence.

He was born July 25, 1943 in Kokomo to Clarence and Margaret Jones Worden.

Survivors include two daughters, Tonya Otis and husband Daniel, and Shelley Wyatt and husband Paul, all of Peru; four brothers, Bob Worden and wife Thelma, Denver, Jack Worden and wife Irene, Carl Worden and George Worden, all of Peru; a sister, Jennie Lewis; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Clarence "Bill" Worden; and one sister, Mary Wingard.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Les Cooper officiating.

Nancy E. Birchfield, 85

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

Nancy E. Birchfield, 85, Peru, passed away at 3:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born June 28, 1919 in Clark County, Ky. to Everett and Frankie Mae Talbott Wolfe. She married Arthur Birchfield in 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1988.

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Birchfield attended First Assembly of God in Peru and was a member of the V.F.W. and the Eagles auxiliaries in Peru. She was retired from United Technologies in Peru.

Survivors include a son, Charles Mitchell Birchfield and wife Diane, Peru; nine grandchildren, Robert A. Birchfield, Everett D. Birchfield, Charles Mitchell Birchfield Jr., Charlene M. Brown, Tammy M. Stamper, Renda Sue Loetz, Heidi Lynn Hill, Marillo Melee Wiley and Mildred Elizabeth Birchfield; a special friend for many years, Buddy Kerns; two sisters, Dorothy Campbell, Clinton Township, Mich., and Louise Roberts, Muncie; one brother, Floyd Wolfe and wife Catherine, Peru; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four brothers, Robert, Chester, Harry and Henry Wolfe.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Winchester Cemetery, Winchester, Ky., with the Rev. Joseph Girdler officiating. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Sylvia M. Jones, 96

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

Sylvia M. Jones, 96, Peru, passed away at 3:22 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

LaVerne "Nana" Perzo, 81

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

LaVerne "Nana" Perzo, 81, Lowell, passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

She was a graduate of Horace Mann High School, Gary, and Gary Methodist Nursing School. She was a retired registered nurse, and worked for 23 years at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Dyer.

Perzo was a member of Tri Kappa and the Red Hat Society in Lowell.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Perzo and wife Nancy, Bloomington, Ill.; one daughter, Luan Brown and husband Ron, Lowell; two grandchildren, Megan Brown Thomas and husband Nathan, Lowell, and Ryan Brown, a sophomore at Purdue University; one brother, Jim Allison and wife Linda, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; and one sister, Marjorie.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sheets Funeral Home, 604 E. Commercial Ave., Lowell, with Pastor Jeff Newton officiating. A private family burial will be at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Gary. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309, or the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

George Richard Cumberland, 81

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

George Richard Cumberland, 81, Warsaw, passed away at 1:25 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla. He was a lifetime area resident and had wintered in Bradenton, Fla. for the last 18 years.

He was born on Jan. 13, 1924 in Miami County to Walter and Blanche Hanson Cumberland. He married Dorothy E. Walters on Nov. 3, 1946 in Van Wert, Ohio, and she survives.

He was a traffic coordinator for RR Donneley & Sons in Warsaw, where he worked 24 years; he also was a farmer, a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Warsaw; the Warsaw Kiwanis where he had been past president and was very active; the Masonic Lodge # 73, Warsaw; and a 1942 Beaver Dam High School graduate who attended every alumni banquet.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Diane K. Cumberland, Houston, Texas, and Brenda Deardorff, Warsaw; three grandchildren, Kristin Silveus and husband Tyson, Warsaw, Kelly Michell and husband Don, Fort Wayne, and Derrick Deardorff, West Lafayette; three great-grandchildren, Caden

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Silveus and Weber and Emma Michell; one sister, Mary Horn and husband Eldon, Warsaw; and one brother, Loren Cumberland and wife Betty, Claypool.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth and Evelyn Cumberland; and six brothers, Paul, Walter, Vernon, Eldon, Frank and Warren Cumberland.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the Rev. David Overmyer officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, Kosciusko County Hospice or Riley Hospital for Children.

Lucille M. Hoagland, 91

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

Lucille M. Hoagland, 91, Mexico, passed away at 7:37 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1914 in Peru to Walter E. and Goldie Miller. She married Harry D. Hoagland in Peru on May 23, 1936, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 1996.

Hoagland graduated from Peru High School and Ball State University. She taught third grade at St. Charles Catholic School from 1960 until her retirement in 1977. In addition, she was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar & Rosary Society and was a lifelong resident of Miami County.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph Hoagland and wife Teresa, Texas, and James W. Hoagland, Ohio; three daughters, Martha L. Flach and husband William, Ohio, Mary V. Bowman and husband Bill, Indiana, and Jane A. Rosemarin and husband Dick, Florida; one sister, Martha Lynch, Massachusetts; one brother, John A. Miller, Indiana; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren on the way.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Pauline M. Swoverland, 86

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

Pauline M. Swoverland, 86, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Arcola United Methodist Church, 11311 Arcola Road, Fort Wayne, where friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Graveside committal services will be at 3 p.m.

Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Preferred memorials are to Arcola United Methodist Church. Arrangements were handled by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Ronald F. 'Ron' Ward, 71

Monday, March 28, 2005 8:44 PM EST

Ronald F. 'Ron' Ward, 71, Peru, passed away at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at his residence.

Ward was born on February 18, 1934 in Seneca Falls, N.Y. to Raymond and Virdie (Stahl) Ward. He married Shirley Pittman on June 27, 1956.

Ward was a graduate of Romulus (N.Y.) High School and a retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant after 24 years of service. Ward was also retired from Delco Electronics, Kokomo, and has been a real estate agent since 1987. His interests included woodworking and antiques, including antique John Deere tractors.

Ward is survived by two daughters, Kathryn MacDonald and husband James, Wabash; and Karen Springer and husband Duane, Ft. Wayne; one son, Michael Ward and wife Missy, Niceville, Fla.; seven

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grandchildren, Matthew, Kate and Sarah MacDonald, Josh and Austin Springer, McKenzie and Mason Ward; one brother, Gerald Ward, Oregon; one sister, Barbara Ward, Endicott, N.Y.

A private family service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, with the Reverend James MacDonald officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, to the Turnstone Center for Disabled Children and Adults, Ft. Wayne.

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Robert W. Dotterer, 82

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:14 AM EST

Robert W. Dotterer, 82, Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Logansport, passed away Monday, March 28, 2005 in Florida. He was born on December 5, 1922 in Peru to Rex and Edna Hazel Wilson Dotterer. Dotterer married Nellie (Frushour) Dotterer on October 25, 1947 in Cass County.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in World War II. Dotterer retired as a tool engineer from the General Tire and Rubber Company, and was a member of the Calvary Christian Church, Logansport, and an associate member of the Central Christian Church, Bradenton. He was a member of the Peru-Miami Lodge #67, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Logansport, the Sahib Shrine, Sarasota, Fla. and Federated Crafts, Clearwater, Fla.

Dotterer is survived by his wife; one daughter, Ann Melinda Dotterer, Ellenton, Fla.; two sisters, Helen J. Dotterer and Ruth E. Briner, both of Peru; and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by both parents.

There will be visitation and funeral service at the Central Christian Church on Wednesday. Visitation will also be held on Monday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Reverends Doug Mankell officiating funeral services at 2:30 p.m.

Fisher Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Interment will be in the Spring Creek Cemetery, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manasota ARC, 3659 Cortez Road, Suite 110, Bradenton, Fla. 34210.

James Edward Gannon, 74

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:14 AM EST

James Edward Gannon, 74, formerly of Bunker Hill, went to be with the Lord at 10:10 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2005 at the home of his daughter in Lapel.

He was born on September 23, 1930 in Woodbury, Tenn. to James Ogan and Mary Lilly (Jones) Gannon.

He married Martha J. Todd Gannon on December 24, 1954 in Woodbury.

Gannon retired from American Standard in 1985 after 21 years service. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954.

He was a member of the Mt. Zion Free Methodist Church and enjoyed wood working and coon hunting.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Lowe and husband Mark, Lapel, and Glenda Phillips and husband Richard, Luttral, Tenn.; two sons, Jimmy Gannon, Terre Haute, and James Lawton and wife Paris Gannon, Coatesville; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and three brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., with the Reverends Richard Wrightsman and Russell Veldman officiating.

Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Dawn Maxine Austin, 75

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

Dawn Maxine Austin, 75, Roann, passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 9:08 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on July 26, 1929 in Sioux Falls, S.D. to Orie and Augusta (Jibbons) Luther. She married Bud Austin in 1951, and he passed away on Feb. 28, 1998.

Austin was a graduate of Sioux High School in Sioux Falls, S.D., and attended Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. She spent the winter months in Okechobee, Fla., and enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Vicki and husband Johnny Erickson, and Shelly and husband Larry Garcia, all of Okechobee, Fla., and Susie and husband Ike Denton, Roann; three sons, Richard Lee Austin and wife Nancy, Timothy Austin and wife Robin, all of Marion, and Robert Dean Austin and wife Jeanene, Van Buren; one brother, Robert Luther and wife Lorna, Sioux Falls, S.D.; one sister-in-law, Dolly Luther, Sioux Falls, S.D.; 43 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother; and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, Roann, Thursday at 11 a.m. with John Leinbaugh officiating.

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

Preferred memorials are to the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

Richard E. Reed, 77

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

Richard E. Reed, 77, Kokomo, passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born on March 12, 1928 to Leo J. and Nellie Reed. Reed married Rosida (Shoemaker) Reed on September 18, 1949 in Denver, and she survives in Kokomo.

Reed farmed in his early years, before working for Delco Electronics, where he retired following 28 years service. He served in the U.S. Army and was a 35-year-member of Gideons International. He also belonged to the American Legion, NRA, Bon Air Church of the Nazarene, and was a founding member of the First Brethren Church in Kokomo.

He is survived by wife; two sons, Kent R. Reed and wife April, Galveston, and Jack L. Reed and wife Christie, Kokomo; one daughter, Jill E. and husband John K. Daugherty, Peru; a foreign exchange son, Leo Moron; 14 grandchildren, Jackie and Jason Huffer, Jeremy Reed, Tyler Reed, Delton Reed, Kaysey Reed, Rebecca Reed, Nick Reed, Amy Reed, Janson Golightly, Darian Golightly, Justin Engle, Janel Engle and Elizabeth Daugherty; three great-grandchildren, William, Austyn and Devon Huffer; his twin sister, Ruth Blair, Peru; and one sister-in-law, Elizabeth Reed, West Virginia.

Reed was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, John.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Friday at Bon Air Church of the Nazarene, 2419 N. Locke, Kokomo, with the Reverend Dennis Riggs officiating.

Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, and also one hour prior to service at the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International.

Ralph D. Myers, 83

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

Ralph D. Myers, 83, Peru, passed away at 10:40 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

He was born on November 29, 1921 in Miami County to D. Emerson and Susie (Hartleroad) Myers.

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Myers was a lifetime member of the Literary Aid Society and Eagles Lodge, Peru.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews; one sister, Louise Hentgen and husband Bill, Peru; and one sister-in-law, Bertha Myers, Peru and Dana Pointe, Calif.

Myers was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dean and Raymond Myers; and one sister, Anna Mae Myers.

Funeral services will be on Thursday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at Metzger Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Corinne Caster, 89

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:58 AM EST

Corinne Caster, 89, Cocoa Beach, Fla., formally of Peru, passed away on Feb. 22, 2005 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. She was born July 1, 1915 in Peru to Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Hayworth.

She is survived by her brother, Jack Hayworth, Peru.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her sister, Betty Grove; her brother, Arthur Jr.; and her husband Don Caster.

Interment of her ashes will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be given to the St. Johns Lutheran Church, Peru.

J. William "Bill" Norris, 75

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:58 AM EST

J. William "Bill" Norris, 75, Fishers, passed away March 29, 2005.

He was born Sept. 7, 1929 in Amboy to Paul B. and Pauline (Parson) Norris. He received his undergraduate degree from Manchester College, North Manchester, in 1951, and his master's degree in finance from Indiana University in 1952.

For 42 years he held various positions at John Nuveen & Company in Chicago. In 1987 he became a chartered financial analyst.

Norris had a passion for gardening and was a Conner Prairie Gardens volunteer. He was a Manchester College trustee, a member of Golden K Kiwanis, Carmel; Indianapolis Symphonic Choir; and Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder, Stephen Minister and choir member. His love of God and music continue to live through his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Conkling) Norris; two daughters, Elizabeth Dawn Hill and husband Dan, Centerville, Ohio, Rachel Faudree and husband Bari, Fishers; a son, David William Norris and wife Kimberly, Fishers; a brother, John R. Norris, Amboy; and eight grandchildren, Rebecca, Melissa, Joshua and Kristina Faudree, Jonathan Anderson, Matthew, Daniel and Sarah Norris.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Martha Sue Stanley.

Visitation will be Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. There will be a celebration of life service Friday at 3 p.m. at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 1605 E. 106th St., Indianapolis, with visitation one hour before. Graveside services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Indiana or American Friends Services.

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Robert "Bob" Sutton, 72

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

Robert "Bob" Sutton, 72, Deedsville, passed away at 4:18 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born August 13, 1932 in Fulton County to Henry and Edith (Zeider) Sutton. He married Alice "Bettie" Sutton in Peru and she preceded him in death on July 13, 2004.

Sutton was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He enjoyed visiting and talking to people and spending time with and seeing his family, greeting them with his traditional "OHHONAU!" He also loved his job delivering the Wabash Plain Dealer, which he did with his wife for several years. He loved listening to music, watching Spongebob Square Pants and watching the South Bend news.

Sutton is survived by five children, Dennis Sutton, Deedsville, Robert Sutton Jr., North Manchester, Linda Marlow, New Castle, Jody See, DeLong, and Kathy Enyeart, Deedsville; one sister, Betty Devins, Danville, Illinois; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and the family cat, Miss Kitty.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Deedsville United Methodist Church with Pastor Ron Vititoe officiating.

Burial will follow in the Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

James Larry Sandefur, 61

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

James Larry Sandefur, 61, Logansport, passed away at 12:20 a.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Rev. Milford Smith officiating.

Burial will be at the Metea Cemetery, Metea.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

John C. Tillett, 79

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

John C. Tillett, 79, Peru, passed away at 3:12 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center. He was born April 10, 1925 in Miami County to Paul and Mabel (Miller) Tillett. He married June Banks October 11, 1956, and she passed away in April 1966.

The 1943 graduate of Peru High School was a retired farmer, and he served in the National Guard.

Tillett is survived by two children, Jeff Tillett, Peru and Jane Williams and husband Andy, Greentown; three grandchildren, Stephen, Shannon and Matthew Williams; and one sister, Judith Phelps, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Warren K. Purcell officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

George A. Langer, 78

Monday, April 4, 2005 12:55 AM EDT

George A. Langer, 78, of Peru, IN, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005 at his residence. He was born in Peru, IN May 26, 1926, the son of Joseph and Mary Ann Welsh Langer. He married Charlotte Meischke in the St. Charles Catholic Church on September 29, 1948 and she preceded him in death May 4, 2003.

He was a 1944 graduate of Peru High School and served as an Airplane Crew Chief in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. His decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, the Army of Occupation of Japan Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

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He was employed as an Engineer on the C & O Railroad for 39 years retiring in 1986. He served as a member of the Peru City Council from 1960 to 1964. George was Past Commander of Peru American Legion Glen Owens Post 14. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, a life member of the Peru Maennerchor, a member of the United Trainmen Union and served as UTU Local Chairman for 17 years. He is survived by sons Dwight Langer and his wife Donna of The Dalles, OR and Geoffrey "Jeep" Langer and his wife Wendy of Peru, a daughter Michelle Dawalt and her husband Todd of Peru. A granddaughter Andrea Rose Langer of Peru and a grandson Joseph Langer of Elmerdorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, AK also survive. In addition to his wife, Charlotte, he was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Joseph Langer and a grandson David Langer.

He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 7, 2005, with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, IN. There will be a prayer service at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Labre Indian School or the St. Charles Catholic Church.

Kathryn K. Barr, 60

Monday, April 4, 2005 12:55 AM EDT

Kathryn K. Barr, 60, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005 at her residence following an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 28, 1944 in Miami County to John and Myrtle Marie Poor Black.

Barr worked at Woodcrest Manufacturing in Peru for 17 years. Her hobbies were playing bingo and crocheting.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Barr, Elwood; a daughter, Lori Barr, Kokomo; three grandchildren, Willie and Wesley Barr, both of Kokomo, and Jacob Barr, Peru; two brothers, Richard Black and wife Debbie, and Tom Black and wife Margie, all of Peru; and four sisters, Carol Savoie, Marilyn Hoff and husband Robert, and Betty Hiers and husband Jerry, all of Peru, and Helen Moore and husband Donnie, Frankfort.

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

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday 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 9 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thelma E. Lees, 86

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

Thelma E. Lees, 86, Peru, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born July 20, 1918 in Miami County to Frank and Dora Easter Cress. She married Millard A. Lees in 1938, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

She was formerly employed at Gateway School, Peru, and was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, Oakdale Homemic Club and the Grandmothers Club

Survivors include a son, William A. Lees, Peru; two daughters, Carmen Wren, Peru, and Renee Edinger and husband Tom, Surprise, Ariz.; a sister, Marjorie Pickens, South Bend; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Alan Lees; three brothers, Carl, Roger and Wayne Cress; and a sister, Arlene Binkerd.

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The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Skinner Chapel Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakdale Baptist Church.

Charles F. Hale, 75

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

Charles F. Hale, 75, Peru, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. A private funeral service is planned, but there will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monyeen M. Davenport, 81

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

Monyeen M. Davenport, 81, LaFontaine, passed away at 4:45 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center.

She was born May 15, 1923 in Miami County to Lamoine and Isabelle Binkard Johnson. She married Galen O. Davenport Sept. 23, 1944, and he survives.

Davenport worked at the Wabash Plain Dealer, at the shirtshed in Wabash and was a colorist for a photographer. She also was a member of the Navy Waves, the Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Somerset, formerly Mississinewa Home Economics, Eastern Star in Converse and several art clubs; taught all children's Sunday School classes at Woodlawn Methodist; and enjoyed gardening and oil painting.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Rita Looker and husband Harry, Clarksburg, W. Va., and Ruth Ann Pilgrim and husband Steven, Wabash; two brothers, Jack Johnson and wife Becky, Peru, and Richard Johnson, Converse; five grandchildren, Valerie Blurton, Boyds, Mass., Michael Looker, Cumberland, Mass., Matthew Looker, Elsmere, Ky., Lisa Laskowski, South Bend, and Emily Boardman, Indianapolis; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marcia Serra; and a grandson, Jeffrey Looker. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., LaFontaine, with Don Miller officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center Good Shepherd Wing in care of the funeral home.

Donald J. Bolinger, 80

Thursday, April 7, 2005 1:32 AM EDT

Donald J. Bolinger, 80, Kokomo, passed away Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at his home.

He was born April 9, 1924 in Clay Township, Kokomo, to Victor C. Bolinger and Corrine Coulter Bolinger. He graduated from Clay Township High School, and then attended Indiana University at Bloomington where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Indiana University School of Law. While at Indiana University he served on the Board of Acons, the Pershing Rifles and as Senior Class President.

Bolinger moved back to Kokomo in 1947 and began the practice of law, which he continued for 57 years. The law firm he started continues on with his partners, Donald J. Bolinger II and Matthew M. Golitko. He was appointed to fill the vacant city judge position in 1950, then successfully ran for election as a Democrat for three terms, leaving the bench in 1963.

He was known as a zealous advocate for his clients and distinguished himself as one of the top family law attorneys in the state.

Bolinger's success as a lawyer led to a diverse array of investment and business ventures taking him from the oil fields of Texas and Illinois to Bavaria and many points in between the two. Despite these successes, his first love was the practice of law.

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He is survived by a sister, Eleanor B. Schneider; a son, Donald J. Bolinger II and his wife, Leslie V. Bolinger; a grandson, Donald J. "Bo" Bolinger III; a step-son, Dr. Robert Leffert Jr. and his wife, Connie Leffert; a step-daughter, Debra Dagwell, and her husband, David Dagwell; three step-grandsons, Dr. Robert Leffert III, Dr. John Keary Leffert and Zachary Shuck; and three step-granddaughters, Heather Leffert, Dee Ann (Dagwell) Benson and Stacia (Dagwell) Hamsho.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Betty J. Overton Bolinger.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with Father Richard Lightsey officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Cora L. Hawley, 86

Thursday, April 7, 2005 1:32 AM EDT

Cora L. Hawley, 86, Peru, was called home to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at approximately 7:35 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She will be sadly missed by her many friends and family.

She was born July 15, 1918 in Wabash County to Barton and Rhoda Draper Eckelbarger. She married Robert L. Hawley Feb. 14, 1937, and he preceded her in death Feb. 19, 1989.

Hawley was a licensed practical nurse at Dukes Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1988. She also was a member of First Church of Christ, the Women of the Moose and a former member of the Eastern Star. Her hobbies included playing bingo and euchre.

Survivors include three sons, Robert E. Hawley and wife Jo, Gary Hawley and wife Vicky, and Walter Hawley and wife Carolyn, all of Peru; seven grandchildren, Suzy and husband Tom, Chad and wife Katrina, Gary and wife Brenda, Dennis and wife Patty, Melissa and husband Gerald, and Janet and Angela; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a sister, Elnora Brooks; and two brothers, Ovid and Clarence Eckelbarger.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bob Damron officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of Christ.

M. Janit (Warder) Qualio, 88

Friday, April 8, 2005 1:25 AM EDT

M. Janit (Warder) Qualio, 88, Lafayette, passed away at 11:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at the residence of her daughter, Roseanna Hatke, Lafayette.

She was born Jan. 31, 1917 in Tipton. She moved to Peru as a child and had resided in Lafayette since 1958. She married John M. Qualio Sr. in Peru in 1949, and he preceded her in death March 23, 2004.

Mrs. Qualio was a member of St. Mary Cathedral, the Rosary and Altar Society and Ladies Charity.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Powers and husband Bill, and Roseanna Hatke and husband Gene, all of Lafayette; one son, John M. Qualio Jr. and wife Cathy, Lafayette; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a son, Phillip W. Qualio.

Friends may call at St. Mary's Cathedral from 9 until funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, with Father Ambrose Ziegler officiating. Interment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Friends may best express sympathy with memorials to Lafayette Central Catholic Jr. Sr. High School or St. Elizabeth Hospice. Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Velma Rautenkranz, 89

Friday, April 8, 2005 1:25 AM EDT

Velma Rautenkranz, 89, Coweta, Okla., formerly of Mexico, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at her granddaughter's residence in Broken Arrow, Okla.

She was born Sept. 2, 1915 in Peru to Thaddeus H. and Amy C. York Hopper.

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She married Carl Rautenkranz Oct. 21, 1950 at First Christian Church, Peru, and he preceded her in death July 5, 1978.

Rautenkranz graduated from Peru High School, was a retired beautician and dog groomer and a member of First Christian Church, Peru. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ, loved animals and supported and worked with the Humane Society in Oklahoma.

Survivors include a step-son, A. Dean Rautenkranz, Naples, Fla.; a step-daughter, Julia Hines, Athens, Ga.; a granddaughter, Cynthia Powell and husband David, Broken Arrow, Okla.; and two great-grandchildren, Jason and Kara Powell, Broken Arrow, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Marie Matthews Taylor, on Jan. 20, 2005; a brother, Alva M. Hopper; and a sister, Bernice Mohr.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Larry E. Vinopal, 64

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Larry E. Vinopal, 64, Peru, passed away at 5:39 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 23, 1940 in Grove City, Penn. to Harold and Betty Atkinson Vinopal. He married Roberta Vinopal June 20, 1964, and she survives.

Vinopal was retired from the U.S. Air Force, and worked in maintenance at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. He also enjoyed horses and motorcycles, and collecting John Deere tractors.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Michele Marshall and husband Bo, Peru; a son, Michael "Mike" Vinopal, Peru; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Austin and Abigail Vinopal, Katlain Ramer, Megan, Marissa and Mason Marshall; a brother, Donny Vinopal, Titusville, Penn.; and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Bob Damron officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. A military service also is planned.

Wilma J. Butler Horton, 72

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Wilma J. Butler Horton, 72, Peru, passed away 3:01 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born Feb. 14, 1933 in Saint Helens, Ky. to Taylor and Gladys Stacey Butler.

Horton retired from retail sales, and served in the U.S. Army. She also enjoyed watching Kentucky basketball and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Coleman and Vickie Workman, Bobbi Kern and husband Terry, and Jill Wilson, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Mikhail, Taylor, Dustin, Leandra, Kegan and Karhli; three brothers, Donnie, Harold and Charles Butler, all of Kentucky; and four sisters, Carla Roysdon and Irene Repasy, both of South Carolina, Jenny Craig, Colorado, and Janice Shuler, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; a son, Perry; a daughter, Janna Kay; and a grandchild, Megan.

A private family service is planned, but there will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Dorothy Ann Becker Boatz, 89

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Dorothy Ann Becker Boatz, 89, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2005 at the North Ridge Care Center in New Hope, Minn.

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She was born Dec. 25, 1915 in Toledo, Ohio to Fred Becker and Rose (Heitzman) Becker. She attended St. Charles School in Peru, and upon graduation worked for a law firm from 1934 until 1946. On Aug. 10, 1946, she married Robert "Bob" M. Boatz, and they resided in Agate, N.D. where Bob was a grain buyer. In 1951, they moved to Humboldt, Minn. where they raised a family of seven children. In 1969, they moved to Underwood, N.D. and in 1980 they retired to Bismarck, N.D. Bob preceded her in death in 1990, shortly after which Dottie moved to Minnesota.

Dottie will be remembered for her humorous stories which were published in several newspapers and magazines. As an octogenarian, she wrote for the magazine "Going Places" which most often featured her family and friends. Her favorite pastimes included Scrabble games, rummage sales, corresponding with friends and family, and family gatherings as well as her writing. Dottie took special pride in her family, friendships, community and church. She appreciated the inherent goodness of people and embraced good old-fashioned values of strong moral and work ethics, family closeness, and awareness of others' needs. She will be remembered as a person of great compassion and love for family, friends, and community.

Dottie is survived by three sons, Robert Boatz Jr. and wife Margie, St. Joseph, Minn., Dave Boatz, Fargo, N.D., and Jerry Boatz and wife Tammy, California City, Calif.; three daughters, Mary Motschenbacher and husband Roger, Fargo, N.D., Beth Aldinger, Rogers, Minn., and Sue Williams and husband Danny, Seguin, Texas; a sister, Mary E. Diver, Indianapolis; a brother, Jim Becker and wife Bev, Las Vegas, Nev.; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sons, John and Steve.

Funeral services will be at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Bismarck, N.D. today at 10:30 a.m. A prayer and remembrance service were held at Eastgate Funeral Home, Bismarck, Sunday.

Kathryn Ann Cain, 88

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Kathryn Ann Cain, 88, Logansport, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10, 2005 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She was born Dec. 23, 1916 in Miami County to Clarence and Ethel Lesh Comerford.

Cain retired as a secretary from Elco International of Logansport, formerly KLK Company. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School and Fort Wayne Business College, and was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Business and Professional Women and the Rose Club of Logansport.

Survivors include two daughters, Madonna Peterson, Logansport, and Judith Wise, North Manchester; a son, Patrick J. Cain and wife Deborah, Maineville, Ohio; one brother, J. Paul Comerford and wife Mary Lou, Peru; a sister, Sister Jane Ann Comerford (St. Joseph Order, Tipton), Clarksville; six grandchildren, Bob Peterson, Michael, David and Brian Cain, Natasha Wiegand and Jon Hullinger; and four great-grandchildren, Erin Cain, Logan and Lauren Wiegand, and Starr Hullinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Richard, John and William Comerford; and one sister, Mary Comerford Quinn.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport. Sister Jane Ann Comerford will lead a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Marocco Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport. Arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Mary L. Wilson, 85

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Mary L. Wilson, 85, Peru, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. She was born Jan. 4, 1920 in Peru to Wilbur and Rosa P. Locke Hutchison. She married Earl F. Wilson Nov. 2, 1938, and he preceded her in death.

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Wilson was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the First Christian Church, Eagles Auxiliary and the Eastern Star. She also was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Survivors include two daughters, Rosellen "Rosie" Carriger, and Kay Workman and husband Richard, all of Peru; a son, Larry Wilson, Kingsland, Texas; nine grandchildren, Ted A. Moon, Noblesville, Debbie Turner, Diana and Dawn Workman and Chad Moon, all of Peru, Jim Moon, Gas City, Jason Wilson, Houston, Texas, Heather Hodges, Havelock, N.C., and Hayli Wilson, Kingsland, Texas; seven great-grandchildren; a brother Wilbur J. Hutchison, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and a sister. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Hands Health Care Activity Department.

Mary E. Kunkle, 82

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Mary E. Kunkle, 82, Peru, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Monday, April 11, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine.

She was born Aug. 21, 1922 in Peru to Boyd and Lula Ebey. She married Walden "Wally" Kunkle in 1941, and he preceded her in death in 1963.

Kunkle retired from Sengers Dry Goods, Peru, and she was a homemaker. She also was a Peru High School graduate, a former pink lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital, and a member of the Elkettes and Women of the Moose.

Survivors include a son, David Kunkle and wife Carol, Peru; a grandson, Boyd Kunkle and wife Melissa, Kokomo; three great-granddaughters, Payton, Caitlyn and Madelyn; a sister-in-law, Geraldine Kunkle, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Bruce; and two sisters, Lillian Henderson and Helen Donaldson.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Dave Cornelius officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Cedric W. Radel, 79

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Cedric W. Radel, 79, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, passed away at 12:55 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2005 at his residence.

He was born July 3, 1924 in Peru to Joseph and Zora A. Laudenschlager Radel.

Radel was self-employed, and a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include a brother, Joseph "Doc" Radel, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a sister-in-law, Ruth Radel, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Wayne Radel.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, with the Rev. George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until time of service at the cemetery chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Jerry W. Cassel, 74

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 1:38 AM EDT

Jerry W. Cassel, 74, formerly of Warsaw, Leesburg, and Ft. Wayne, passed away at 7 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005 at his residence.

He was born in Peru on June 1, 1930 to John W. and Pauline (Seigfried) Cassel. Cassel married Mary Lou Howard and she survives.

He retired in 2004 from Instant Copy, and had formerly had been a manager for Kroger Company, and had worked for GTI in Leesburg.

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Cassel served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of Life Bridge Church, KYIND-VIA deCristo, Brethren Way of Christ, Faith Quest and Illinois Way of Christ. "Jerry was a Spiritual Father for many people."

Besides his wife he is survived by his children; daughters, Tonya Hernandez, Houston, Hope Jeffers, Bloomington, Zoyia Hernandez, New Jersey, Maria Hernandez, California, and Kimberly Clark, North Manchester; sons, Marco Alexzondra, Sawyer, Mich., Greg Cassel, Ft. Wayne, Jeff Cassel, Ft. Wayne, Phil Howard, Lumberton, Mass., and Tony Cassel, New Haven; 25 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Bob Cassel, Peru.

Celebration of Life Service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Life Bridge Church with the Reverend Bill Campbell and the Reverend Robin Howard officiating. Visitation will be one hour before service at the church.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Life Bridge Church.

Arrangements were handled by Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Ft. Wayne.

Carl W. Coppernoll, 87

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 1:38 AM EDT

Carl W. Coppernoll, 87, Peru, passed away at 5:20 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home following an extended illness.

He was born on January 1, 1918 in Toledo to Orton and Mary Coppernoll.

Coppernoll married Marjorie Hand on September 30, 1944, and he retired following 32 years of service as a C & O Railroad conductor.

He was a life member of the Moose Lodge, as well as the Eagles Auxiliary.

Coppernoll is survived by his wife; two sons, Richard E. Cress, Jr. and wife Dawn, Peru, and David Coppernoll and wife Chris, Peru; one daughter, Mary Alice Green, Peru; one brother, Wesley Coppernoll, Logansport; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel on Friday at 11 a.m., with Pastor George Dinkel officiating.

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

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

Cluster R. Daine, 95

Thursday, April 14, 2005 12:01 AM EDT

Cluster R. Daine, 95, South Bend, passed away at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend following a nine-day illness.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Akron Cemetery, Akron, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Foster & Good Funeral Homes Inc., Rochester, handled the arrangements.

Ruth A. Beauchamp, 84

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

Ruth A. Beauchamp, 84, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born November 7, 1921 in Peru to Karl Koontz and Mary E. (Murphy) Koontz Lantz. She married Joseph L. Beauchamp on December 9, 1942.

Beauchamp was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and was the wife of a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

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She is survived by one son, Joseph Beauchamp, Georgia; three daughters, Barbara Rusert, Peru, Mary Riedle, Conway, Ark. and Judith Doud, South Haven, Mich.; one sister, Helen Kihm, Zanesville, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and one brother, George Koontz.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastors Kenneth Greenwald and Robert Koch officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation is from 10 a.m. until time of service on Monday at St. John's.

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Mary Christine 'Chris' Waters, 49

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

Mary Christine "Chris" Waters, 49, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:13 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2005 at her home.

Memorial services will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Days of Grace Fellowship, Morton, Ill.

Cremation has been accorded.

Arrangements are by the Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, Pekin Chapel.

Robert W. Steele, 80

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

Robert W. Steele, 80, Roann, passed away at 1:48 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2005 at Wabash County Hospital.

He was born on January 10, 1925 in Roann to Elmer and Elise (Martin) Steele.

Steele married Helen M. Steele on January 31, 1948 in Denver.

He retired from General Tire and Rubber Company in 1983, and was a member of the Niconza Christian Fellowship Church, the Roann American Legion, and the Wabash V.F.W. Steele served in the U.S. Army in the Phillipines during the Pacific theatre.

Steele is survived by his wife; two sons, Larry W. Steele and wife Kathy, LaFontaine, and James A. Steele and wife Jenny, Roann; two daughters, Sharon D. Horsley and husband Francis, Huntington, and Carol A. VanMeter and husband Scott, Pierceton; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Wentz and husband Brent, Indianapolis, Amy Matthews and husband Mike, LaFontaine, Chad Matthew Horsley and wife Megan, Bargsville, Jessie R. VanMeter, Pierceton, Kristy Steele, and Krystal Steele, both of Wabash, Allen Horsley, Huntington, Ann Johnson and husband Ted, Huntington, Carla Horsley, Chicago, Shaunte Owens, Austin Owens, and Danielle Owens, each of Roann; two great-grandchildren, Marcus Matthews, LaFontaine, and Abby Wentz, Indianapolis; two sisters, Dorothy Grey, and Betty Bonewitz and husband Lawrence, each of North Manchester; four brothers, Raymond Steele and wife Marcia, Wabash, Harley Steele and wife Lou, North Liberty, William Steele and wife Becky, and Richard Steele and wife Diane, each of North Manchester.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Steven Steele; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service Roann Chapel, with Phil Medsger officiating.

Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

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

Preferred memorials are the American Heart Association, Niconza Christian Fellowship Church or the Wabash County Cancer Society.

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Dewitt Lee "Bud" Stafford, 75

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

Dewitt Lee "Bud" Stafford, 75, Akron, passed away at 10:34 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus and Rev. Lawrence See officiating.

Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

Visitation and a Masonic Lodge service were Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Daniel E. Holland Jr., 57

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

Daniel E. Holland Jr., 57, Montpelier, Ohio, formerly of Peru, passed away Oct. 13, 2004 at Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Montpelier, Ohio.

He was the son of Daniel and Zelma Holland, father of Dwight, Suzette, Dawn and Danny Jr., and brother of Tim Holland.

There will be a graveside dedication at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery.

James Harrison Goodwin, 79

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

James Harrison Goodwin, 79, Independence, Mo., formerly of Indiana, passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005 at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo.

Military graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday at Pleasantview Cemetery, New Goshen. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Deloris E. Heavilon, 77

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

Deloris E. Heavilon, 77, passed away at 11:11 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005 at Wesley Manor where she had lived since December 2003.

She was born Aug. 23, 1927 in Clinton County to Ivan and Mary Mobley Gould. She married James Heavilon on Aug. 25, 1946 in Frankfort, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1994.

Heavilon was a graduate of Jefferson High School, Clinton County. She worked at P.R. Mallory for 27 years, retiring in September 1992. She was a member of Jefferson United Methodist Church, past matron of Jefferson Eastern Star #592 and served as pink lady volunteer at Clinton County Hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Terry Heavilon, Peru, and Larry Heavilon, Indianapolis; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Goodwin Funeral Home, Frankfort, with the Rev. Alan Downing officiating.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Jefferson United Methodist Church or Wesley Manor with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at goodwinfuneralhome.com.

Franklin Edward Pennington, 26

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:02 PM EDT

Franklin Edward Pennington, 26, rural Wabash, passed away at 12:40 p.m. in Wabash as a result of an auto accident on Friday, April 15, 2005.

He was born on September 18, 1978 in Wabash to Scott and Vicki L. (Powers) Pennington.

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Pennington was a 1997 Northfield High School graduate, and worked as a maintenance superintendent at Alumnitech in Wabash. He attended Wabash Freewill Baptist Church and loved his family, enjoyed horses and his Harley-Davidson.

Pennington married Jamie Holman in Wabash on May 19, 2001.

He is survived by his parents; wife; one daughter, Emily Michelle Pennington; one son, Izaak Franklin Pennington, both of Wabash; two brothers, Scott Pennington, Jr. and wife Amy, Wabash, and Douglas Lee Pennington and wife Brandi, North Manchester; four nieces, Cortney L. Pennington, Wabash, Ashlynn R. Pennington, North Manchester, Kayleigh J. Holman, and Faith E. Holman, both of Martinton, Ill.; two nephews, Zachery Scott Pennington, Wabash, and Cayden L. Pennington, North Manchester; grandparents, Lois and Willard Chain, Wabash, and grandfather, Charles Powers, Wabash.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Reverends Ron Lane and Cledies Holbrook officiating.

Burial will be at Speicher Cemetery, Urbana.

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

The memorial guestbook may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

Preferred memorials are to Franklin's children, Emily and Izaak.

Leo Fouts, 93

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Leo Fouts, 93, Peru, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at the Hospice Home, Ft. Wayne.

He was born in Deer Creek on October 9, 1911 to Frank and Effie (Mummert) Fouts.

Fouts married Blanche Marie Cattin on November 26, 1954. He was a self-employed carpenter, and a member of the Center Chapel United Brethren Church. His hobbies included fishing and crocheting, especially afghan's.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by three sons, Michael Fouts and wife Patti, Ft. Wayne, Robert Fouts and wife Kathy, Sun Lakes, Arizona, and Wayne Fouts and wife Gisele, Fountain Valley, California; one brother, Richard Fouts, Kokomo; 21 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two step-daughters.

Fouts was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one daughter, Linda Kay; two sisters; and six brothers.

Funeral services will be on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Al Peck officiating. Burial will be at the Roann Community Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lion's Club Eye Bank and/or the Northeastern Indiana Hospice.

Steven 'Steve' P. Jaberg, 32

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Steven 'Steve' P. Jaberg, 32, Peru, passed away at 9:51 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005 at his residence.

He was born in Kokomo on January 24, 1973 as the much-loved son of Don and Judy (Arland) Jaberg. Jaberg graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1992 and was self-employed as a carpet installer for 13 years.

He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, and loved his family and friends very much. Jaberg was a member of the Elk's Lodge, was an avid NASCAR fan, and loved boating, photographing sunrises and sunsets, especially in Florida, and playing cards.

Jaberg is survived by his parents; grandmother, Margaret E. Jaberg; nephew, Jacob Jaberg; niece, Grace Jaberg; girlfriend, Stacy Pattison and son Jared, all of Peru; uncle, John Arland and wife Susie, Greenfield; aunt Pat Barron and husband John, Peru; aunt Marilyn Boswell and husband Bob, Chili; three brothers, Michael Jaberg and wife Stacey, Peru; Matthew Jaberg and fiance Tory See, Colorado, and Robert Jaberg and companion Jaci Cain, and children Mercedes and Maci, Peru; cousins, David, Andy,

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Tom, Drew, Brian, Brenda, Laura Lee, Susan, Paula, Barbara, Julie, David, Bill, Richard, Mark, Susan, and Marsha.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, George W. Jaberg; grandparents, Bill and Wave Arland; uncle, Bill Arland; aunt, Frances McVety; and niece, Alexis Jaberg.

Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Church on Wednesday at 10:30 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. today at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

A prayer service will be at the funeral home at 4 p.m. today.

Memorials may be made to Children Learning Disability of Miami County.

Sarah M. Hostetler, 88

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Sarah M. Hostetler, 88, Peru, passed away at 4:23 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

She was born in Carroll County on March 31, 1917 to John R. and Mary H. (Bosh) Brant. She married Russell 'Milton' Hostetler on December 8, 1945 and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church, and served in the U.S. Navy at the Navy Air Station at Bunker Hill from 1943 to 1945.

Hostetler is survived by one son, Larry Hostetler, Peru; one grandson, Larry Hostetler II, Peru; one granddaughter, Darlene Kelly and husband Patrick, Kokomo; and one great-grandson, Xen R. Kelly.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Shirley; three sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at Peru Grace Brethren Church on Wednesday at 1 p.m. with Pastors David Jodry, Ron Bowland and Jeff Patton officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Peru Grace Brethren Church.

Betty P. Black, 77

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Betty P. Black, 77, Peru, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005 at SR 124 and Old SR 15 in Wabash County after an auto accident.

She was born Nov. 25, 1927 in Lafayette to Fred W. and Catherine Burton Leill. She married James F. Black Sr. Sept. 7, 1943, and he preceded her in death March 30, 1992.

Black retired as an executive secretary of the Peru Circus City Festival after 18 years. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru.

Survivors include a son, James F. Black Jr., Peru; six daughters, Beverly Welke Starbuck and husband Dane, Carmel, Mona Donat and husband Gregory, Lafayette, Vickie Otiker Datzman and husband Steve, Key West, Fla., Cindy Wilson and husband Allie Ray, Jacqueline Darnell, all of Peru, and Tamara Bontrager, Fishers; a special companion, Oliver Lambert, Bluffton; a brother, Dr. William Leill, Laingsburg, Mich.; two sisters, Patricia Campbell and Carolyn Azbell, both of Peru; 15 grandchildren, Chelle Pfiffner, Chad Welke, Wende Westhoff, Maureen Leif, Betsy and Asa Donat, Eli and Leon Black, Hans, Fritz and Heidi Otiker, Christopher Endsley, Heather Sites and Emily and Casey Darnell; four step-grandchildren, Jesse Wilson, Jeff Rose, Heather Birner and Alex Datzman; and great-grandchildren, Jonathon and Kiley Pfiffner, Tage Welke, Guy, Augusta and Pierre Westhoff, Addison and Gabrielle Leif, Brayden Endsley and Chloey Darnell; and step-great-grandchildren, Michael Dickerhoff, Brent, Sadie and Allie Wilson, and Ryan, Brianna and Erika Rose.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Francis Kilcline and Rev. David Hellmann officiating.

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Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Jean L. Schaller, 81

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Jean L. Schaller, 81, passed away Friday, April 15, 2005 at Hospice Home in Ft. Wayne.

She was born in Peru, on December 6, 1923 to George and Lois (Kline) Rhineberger. She was a homemaker and was involved with the American Legion Auxiliary #160, Roanoke; bowling league, Ft. Wayne, and Columbia City Eagles.

She is survived by her daughters, Valerie Schaller, Rhododendron, Oregon and Sharon Foss, Schererville; six grandchildren, Amy Penn, Melissa Penn, Rochelle Riffle, Jonelle Ward, Jason Schaller and Jessica Schaller; three great-grandchildren, Colton, Kirsten and Madison Penn; and her sister, Evelyn Adkins, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard Schaller in 2002; two brothers; and one sister.

Services were held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

Opal Applegate, 81

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Opal Applegate, 81, St. George, Utah, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2005.

She was born on July 5, 1923 in Wabash to Lonie and Callie Paralee Clemons Garner.

She married Merritt Leon Applegate on March 2, 1946 in New Waverly. Their marriage was solemnized on October 10, 1952 in the Mesa, Arizona Temple.

Applegate grew up in Peru and moved to St. George in 1974. She was an active member of the LDS church serving as Young Women's president, Relief Society instructor, Stake Missionary, Gospel Doctrine teacher and enjoyed genealogy. She was also a volunteer at Dixie Regional Medical Center as a Pink Lady. She loved to cook.

Applegate is survived by her children, Pamela Fowler and husband Cleon, St. George, Craig Applegate and wife Rosamond, Santa Clara, Utah, Brett Applegate and wife Sydney, Mesa, and Kirk Applegate and wife Suzanne, South Jordan, Utah; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lonie Kent Garner, Indiana.

The family wishes to say "thank you" to the Applegate Hospice and Home Health Care.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Bloomington LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 200 West Brigham Rd., St. George.

Visitation was on Monday and again today from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Metcalf Mortuary.

Interment will be in the Tonaquint Cemetery under the direction of Metcalf Mortuary.

Condolences may be sent through the Metcalf web site at www.metcalfmortuary.com.

Esther V. Jones, 88

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

Esther V. Jones, 88, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at St. Ann's Hospital, Westerville, Ohio.

She was born in Peru on February 25, 1917 to Horace and Mina (Young) Bell. She married Tom Jones on April 25, 1942.

Jones was retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Company since 1978, was a member of the First Brethren Church and the Telephone Pioneers Club.

She is survived by one son, Thomas R. Jones and wife Cynthia, Columbus, Ohio; two granddaughters, Dawn E. Ford and husband Greg, Columbus, and Jennifer Henton and husband Bret, Indianapolis; one step-grandson, Matthew Rittenhouse; one step-granddaughter, Sara Rittenhouse, both of Columbus; one great-grandson, Gage Porterfield.

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Jones was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Lenard Bell; five sisters, Georgia Bell, Dorothy Bell, Alice Bell, Florence Sholty, and Nancy Leonard.

Funeral services will be on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Lorie Keck officiating.

Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery.

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

James Michael "Mike" Monahan, 80

Thursday, April 21, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

James Michael "Mike" Monahan, 80, Logansport, passed away at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 18, 1924 in Peru to Martin A. and Edna Kipfer Monahan. He married Margaret J. Beck on May 29, 1954 at St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Logansport, and she preceded him in death on March 24, 1998.

Monahan retired after 40 years of employment at Rockwell Standard. For 20 years he owned and operated the A&W Root Beer stand on South Cicott Street in Logansport, later renamed the Curv-Inn.

He was a longtime member of the Logansport Eagles Lodge, where he was worthy president for two terms. He also served as chaplain and in various other capacities over the years. In addition, he was a member of All Saints Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. In earlier years he had been a member of the Elks and Jaycees and was active in the Red Cross blood drive programs.

Survivors include a son, Mick Monahan and wife Rainy, Peru; a grandson, Jeremy Luke; two nieces; one nephew; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; three step-grandchildren, Frank Fouch Jr., Hope Gardner and Paula Cripe; six step-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Mary Beck, Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife he was preceded in death by a brother, Martin Eugene Monahan.

The funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at All Saints Catholic Church, Logansport, with Father Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. An Eagles service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Nellie M. Manry, 78

Thursday, April 21, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

Nellie M. Manry, 78, Miller's Merry Manor, passed away at 9:29 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born Aug. 3, 1926 in Peru to John W. and Nellie M. Snyder Hudson.

Manry retired from American Stationery.

Survivors include a daughter, Michelle Hays and husband Douglas, Peru; two grandchildren, Jennifer Warr and husband Gabe, Peru, and Jared Dirrim, Logansport; a great-granddaughter, Alexis Warr, Peru; and a sister, Eileen Day, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, John, William, Joseph and Edmond Hudson; and two sisters, Mary Thorpe and Margaret Hudson.

The funeral will be at 10 a.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 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Robert D. Swinford, 73

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

Robert D. Swinford, 73, Peru, passed away at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

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

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Marjorie E. Johnson Miller, 81

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

Marjorie E. Johnson Miller, 81, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born Oct. 13, 1923 in North Manchester to George and Carrie Winter Correll. She married Donald L. Johnson, and he preceded her in death. She then married Ronald Miller, and he preceded her in death.

Miller retired from United Technology, and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Peru.

Survivors include two daughters, Lona Mae Turner and husband Weldon, and Risa Nance, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Kimberly Denniston, David and John L. Turner, Kristi Brown, Melody Bennett and Richie Nance; a brother, Gene Correll, Peru; a sister, Mary Betty See, Georgia; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters and a great-grandchild.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Mary A. Haworth, 95

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

Mary A. Haworth, 95, passed away at 7:22 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005, at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru, where she had resided since April 2002.

She was born in Kokomo July 24, 1909 to Edward Paul and Arminta Henry Garrison. She married Clarkson Ward Haworth on Dec. 24, 1927, and he preceded her in death on July 9, 1992.

During her lifetime she resided in Clinton County, Howard County and Miami County. Before retiring she worked at the Peru Extension Office in Miami County for ten years, and assisted 4-H participants.

A member of the Erie United Methodist Church, she was active as a Sunday School teacher for many years. She was past president of the Peru Women's Literary Club, past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club and was named Miami County Business Woman of the Year in 1961.

Survivors include a niece, E. Jane Norris and husband C. Richard, rural Spencer; two great-nephews, John and Matthew Norris; and a great-niece, Lucy Short.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Earl Garrison; and a sister, Huldah Jane Garrison.

Following cremation she will be interred with her beloved husband after a family graveside service at New London Cemetery, Howard County. Graveside services will be May 2 at 3:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, to the Miami County 4-H.

Caterina Giovanna Zanin Koenes, 67

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

Caterina Giovanna Zanin Koenes, 67, Harlan, returned to her heavenly father on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Nov. 25, 1937 in Sacile, Italy to Giovanni and Maria Zandona Zanin.

Koenes retired in 2002 from Maconaquah High School, where she touched the lives of many teachers and students.

She is survived by five loving children, Giovanna Kays, Grabill, Robert Koenes, Walton Beach, Fla., Michael Koenes, Denver, Colo., Steven Koenes, Fort Wayne, and Brian Koenes, Cincinnati, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters of 10 siblings, Luigina Cowie, Merced, Calif., and Angelia Brown, Brownsmill, N.J.; as well as a host of loving friends.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Saturday, and 6 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be

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at the Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Robert D. Swinford, 73

Saturday, April 23, 2005 1:12 AM EDT

Robert D. Swinford, 73, Peru, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 4:05 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by his loving family following a four-year battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 30, 1931 in Marion to Denzil L. and Katherine Howard Swinford. He married Margaret Eisenman Swinford in the First Christian Church, Peru, on March 14, 1952, and she survives. Bob graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1949, and served in the U.S. Navy. His military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He served as a letter carrier with the Postal Service in Peru from 1956 until his retirement in October 1986; he also owned and operated Bob's Mini Warehouses. He and his wife Margaret owned and operated the Sonshine Christian Book and Music Center in Peru from 1982 until 1997.

Bob was a lifelong resident of the Peru and Miami County area; he and his wife, Margaret, lovingly raised two wonderful daughters. Bob had a huge heart and a great sense of humor. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a very active member of Parkview United Methodist Church. He had been active in the Habitat for Humanity of Howard County and served on the Board of Directors of the Oakwood Park Foundation and the Living Water Christian Book Store, Kokomo.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret; two daughters, Peggy Olson and husband Craig, and Susie Hubler and husband Charlie, all of Peru; a brother-in-law, Marion Means, Logansport, a niece, Becky Tomes and husband Tony, Wilmington, N.C.; and a nephew, Dick Means and wife Jane, Orlando, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Swinford; and a sister-in-law, Annabelle Means.

A service celebrating the life of Robert D. Swinford will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 Ind. 19 South, with Pastor Kenneth Walker and Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating; burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, and at the church one hour before the service Monday. Memorial donations may be made to Parkview UMC, Relay for Life or The Bridge.

Thursday afternoon the Lord said, "Bob, receive your rest," and he was gathered to his heavenly home.

Ercell H. Sagester, 95

Monday, April 25, 2005 7:10 PM EDT

Ercell H. Sagester, 95, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:10 p.m. on Friday, April 22, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, of natural causes.

She was born on August 4, 1909 in Cass County to Elmer and Sarah Rose (Sullivan) Robbins, and married Charles J. Sagester on July 12, 1930.

Sagester was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, Women's Missionary Society of the Church, and served as church deacon.

She is survived by her sister, Opal Hendrickson and husband Ray, Elkhart; nieces, Linda Pownall and husband Wayne, Peru, Lisa Hardwick, Peru, and Pat Arthur, Ft. Wayne; nephew, Mick Taylor, Twelve Mile; several great-nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Sagester was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Raymond Robbins; and one sister, Marilyn Taylor.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Robert Adelsperger officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Peru.

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Dr. Russell A. Eckert, 80

Monday, April 25, 2005 7:10 PM EDT

Dr. Russell A. Eckert, 80, Logansport, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

He was born on March 19, 1925 in Cincinnati to Russell Webster and Ivy Mae (Buchtman) Eckert.

Dr. Eckert married Norma Lee Walker on November 7, 1947 in Indianapolis.

He was a Logansport resident since 1955, and was retired from Associated Radio-logists. During his career he served as a physician for the U.S. Navy - attached to the U.S. Marines, and with hospitals serving Cincinnati, Chicago, Marion, Logansport, Peru, Monticello, Rochester, Winamac, and Bunker Hill/Grissom Air Reserve Base.

Dr. Eckert was certified by the American Board of Radiology, and was a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, American College of Radiology, Indiana Roentgen Society, and Chicago Roentgen Society.

The graduate of Thomas Carr Howe High School, Indianapolis, was a double track student and graduated from both Indiana University and Indiana University School of Medicine in 1947. He served a residency of radiology at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Dr. Eckert was a member of the Irvington Masonic Lodge, Indianapolis Scottish Rite, and the Indianapolis Murat Temple. He was a U.S. Navy veteran having served during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3790, the American Legion Post 60, and the Logansport Elks.

Dr. Eckert enjoyed meeting people and exploring places with his wife and children, exhibiting the propensity throughout his life to learn as much as he could and to prejudge no one. He never pretended to be anything or anyone he wasn't, and yet was reluctant to accept accolades for his accomplishments. His family loves him dearly and respects him absolutely.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Todd E. Eckert, Indianapolis, and Scott R. Eckert and wife Nancy, Portland, Oregon; daughter, Cynthia L. Hansen and husband Niels, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; three grandchildren, Emily L. Hansen, Mechanicsburg, Caitlin C. Hansen, East Lansing, Michigan, and Karsten E. Hansen, Mechanicsburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Drew Walker Eckert, who passed away on June 23, 1979.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 11 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Logansport, with the Reverend Father Frank King officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Visitation will be today at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Drew Walker Eckert Memorial Chapel, c/o Logansport Memorial Hospital, 1101 Michigan Avenue, Logansport, 46947.

Aaron David Black, 33

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

Aaron David Black, 33, Salem, Va., formerly of Peru, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1971 in Peru to Wayne A. and Linda Washburn Black.

Black was valedictorian of Peru High School in 1989, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Purdue University in 1995 with a degree in health promotion and athletic training. He was employed as an athletic trainer at the Roanoke Athletic Club and Franklin County, Va. high school.

He also enjoyed mountain bike riding, horseback riding and living in the mountains of Virginia.

Survivors include his parents, Fred and Linda Whicker, Tipton, Wayne and Berta Black, and George Beresh, all of Peru; a daughter, Ashley Kayanne Black, Peru; a brother, Adam Black and wife Cindy, Longview, Texas; a niece, Alexandra Black; a nephew, Kyle Black; maternal grandparents, Jack and

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Eileen Washburn, Rochester; and paternal grandparents, Carl Black, Kokomo, Lucille Huddleston and Gertrud Thurston, both of Peru.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home

Teresa Durkes Knotts, 53

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

Teresa Durkes Knotts, 53, Peru, passed away at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born June 24, 1951 in Muncie to Clyde E. and Essie Marie Hancock Stiles. She married Gary L. Durkes Sept. 18, 1977 at First Baptist Church, and he preceded her in death May 8, 1994. She then married Anthony A. Knotts July 7, 2001 at First Baptist Church, and he preceded her in death July 21, 2003.

Knotts graduated from Muncie Southside High School in 1969, and Ball State University in 1973, receiving her master's degree from Ball State in 1988. She taught English at North Miami High School and was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, the National Council of Teachers of English, Indiana Council of Teachers of English, County Friends Extension Homemakers Club, Indiana Farmers Union, Indiana Farm Bureau and North Miami Education Association.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Durkes, Peru, Marcus Knotts and wife Jackie, Indianapolis, and Kristopher Knotts and wife Christina, Whitestown; a daughter, Stephanie Knotts-Wagner and husband Tait, Darlington; a mother-in-law, Georgia Durkes, Peru; and a granddaughter, Lehna Marie Wagner. She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Peru, with Pastors Robert Adelsperger and Curryanne Hostetler officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to First Baptist Memorial Scholarship Fund or Miami County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Ruby I. Cox, 83

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

Ruby I. Cox, 83, Peru, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor.

She was born Sept. 26, 1921 in Miami County to Merl C. and Dessie Zehner Correll. She married Walter B. Cox in 1951, and he preceded her in death Nov. 13, 1978.

Cox was a homemaker and a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include a daughter, Jeanne Cox, Alabama; a grandson, Tim Allen, Alabama; two granddaughters, Teresa Green, Tennessee, and Tammy Hall and husband Jim, Peru; a brother, Brace "Brady" Correll and wife Phyllis, Peru; two sisters, Freda Awker and Ruth Radel, both of Peru; two sisters-in-law, Florence and Louise Correll, both of Peru; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Orlie "Bud" Correll and Donald C. Correll.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Criders Chapel Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Fines Franklin Ashlock 70

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

Fines Franklin Ashlock 70, Frankfort, passed away at 2:37 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005 at Milner Nursing Home, Rossville.

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He was born Nov. 7, 1935 in Tompkinsville, Ky. to Walton Marion and Mattie Lucille Cable Ashlock. He married Bonnie Cooper-Curnutt, but they divorced. He then married Alice Copeland, and she preceded him in death Jan. 14, 1999.

Ashlock had worked at Peru City Power & Light from March 10, 1968 to Feb. 20, 1998 when he retired. He had lived in Frankfort until 1968 when he moved to Peru, and lived in Peru until a year ago when he moved back to Frankfort. Ashlock did farm work for several years around Clinton County, and had worked for Frankfort Rendering Co. before moving to Peru.

Survivors include a son, Junior Ashlock and wife Mary, Frankfort; four sisters, Dorothy Rader and husband Jake, Monticello, Olene Anderson, Galaton, Tenn., Evadean Bellamy and husband Bert, Clay County, and Virginia Lovingood, North Carolina; two brothers, Roy Ashlock and wife Margaret, Frankfort, and Tom Black and wife Marge, Peru; two grandchildren, Todd Ashlock and Christy Hall, both of Frankfort; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a brother, Lawrence Ashlock.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. today at Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with a committal service in the chapel at 2:30 p.m.

Online condolences may be directed to www.gendafuneralhome.com.

Robert L. Gable, 82

Wednesday, April 27, 2005 1:06 AM EDT

Robert L. Gable, 82, South Bend, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on July 19, 1922 in Peru to Walter and Idella (Working) Gable. He married Elsa E. Griebbling in Peru on July 1, 1947, and she preceded him in death on December 18, 1971. Gable later married E.

Elva Bagnara Carlson on October 27, 1972 in Mishawaka, and she survives.

Gable served in World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard from October 1942 to February 1946, and in the U.S. Naval Service during the Korean Conflict from September 1950 to May 1954.

He started working for Indiana Bell, now SBC, in Peru in 1947 prior to transferring to South Bend in 1949. Gable retired on April 26, 1982 as a service supervisor with 33 years and 11 months service.

He was a member of SBC Telecom Pioneers and former member of South Bend Elks B.O.P.E. #235, U.S. Navy Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Gable was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church, South Bend.

Aside from his wife Gable is survived by two sons, Steven R. Gable M.D. and wife Patricia, South Bend, and Kurt A. Carlson and wife Sonya, Mishawaka; one daughter, Julie Englert and husband Michael, M.D., South Bend; nine grandchildren; Andrew S. Gable and fiancée Nicole Slack, Margaret A. Gable, John R. Gable, Emily E. Englert, Jacqueline A. Englert, Kate M. Englert, Marc A. Carlson, Jessica E. Carlson, Jonathan McCray; two great-grandchildren, Alexis M. Carlson and Payton A. McCray; one sister, Charlene Hattery and husband Charles, Peru; one brother, Richard A. Gable and wife Delora, Peru; a sister-in-law, Joan Griebbling Simons, Peru; a brother-in-law, Eugene J. Bagnara and wife Hazel, South Bend; many nieces and nephews; and a special pet, "Mattie."

He was preceded in death by his parents in 1957; his first wife, Elsa E. Griebbling; and a sister, Dorothy H. Gable on March 10, 2002.

Visitation was April 21 at St. Joseph Funeral Home, South Bend, where a Rosary was prayed at 3:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was April 22 at St. Jude Catholic Church, with the Reverend Derrick Sneyd, officiating.

Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

A special "Thank You" to all of the people at the hospice for their generosity and kindness.

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Loretta A. "Ret" Long, 68

Thursday, April 28, 2005 1:17 AM EDT

Loretta A. "Ret" Long, 68, Carmel, passed away in her home surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.

She was born Feb. 6, 1937 in Bunker Hill to John J. and Rosemary (Mylet) Comerford. "Ret" was a 1955 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and class president.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and a member of Carmel United Methodist Church for 33 years. "Ret" enjoyed many aspects of life, including planting flowers, tending to her yard, cheering hardily for her Pacers and Colts, and spending holidays and special times with her family. Her greatest thrill was attending her grandchildren's sporting events. "Nana's" hugs and smiles will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jim J. Long; four daughters, Paige N. McClure and husband Jerry, Kimberly A. Land and husband Bruce, Julie A. Janssen and husband Mike and Christie L. Blanton and husband David; a son, Jim J. Long Jr.; two sisters, Connie Kelly and Nancy Youngblood and husband Kenny; two brothers, John Comerford and wife Nancy, and Nick Comerford and wife Sandy; and her 17 grandchildren, who were the light of her life, Jonathan, Jason and Megan McClure, Jim III, Nicholas and Allison Long, Chelsea, Caitlin, McKenzie and Madison Land, Ashley, Jessica, Michael and Jenna Janssen, Amanda, Andrew and Joshua Blanton.

We will celebrate her life Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carmel United Methodist Church, where friends may visit with family Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. in the church parlor. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent's Foundation, Oncology Center. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center-Carmel, www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Mary Helen Miller, 80

Friday, April 29, 2005 12:16 AM EDT

Mary Helen Miller, 80, Kokomo, passed away at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born November 7, 1924 in Fairmount Township to Clinton and Florence (Dome) Duling. Miller graduated from Fairmount High School in 1942, and married Albert E. Miller Oct. 7, 1944 in Miami County. He preceded her in death on August 21, 2001.

Miller worked for J.C. Penney Co. in Kokomo, retiring in 1986. She also worked at Freshens Yogurt, and Fannie May Candy Company.

She also was a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, McGrawsville; American Cancer Society; McGrawsville Women's Fellowship; Our Father's Library; Clay Homecraft; and Body Unlimited Fitness Center. In addition, Miller was an avid walker and fund-raiser and enjoyed crossword puzzles.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Miller, Chicago, Carol Schneider and husband Donald, Westport, Conn., Marcia Miller-Wood and husband David, and Bonnie Miller, all of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Logan Wood and Suzannah Schneider; two sisters, Mae Gossett and Linda Marley, both of Fairmount; two brothers, Don Duling, Sun City, Fla., and Fred Duling, Fairmount.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, with Pastors Greg Hiatt and Kenny Cole officiating.

Burial will be in Clymer Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston.

Memorials may be made to McGrawsville United Methodist Church and the American Cancer Society.

Charles E. 'Bud' McKinley, 76

Sunday, May 1, 2005 5:26 PM EDT

Charles E. 'Bud' McKinley, 76, Peru, passed away at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

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He was born January 15, 1929 in Peru to Joseph McKinley and Florence Ester Bowman McKinley. McKinley married Norma Bowman in 1946, and she passed away in 1997. He later married Carolyn Carson Thomas in 2003, and she survives.

McKinley was a member of the First Church of Christ, and was self-employed as a shoe salesman in Ely, Minn.

he is survived by his wife; one son, Donald McKinley and wife Jennifer, Peru; one daughter, Jeanine Grant and husband Kenneth, Indianapolis; a daughter-in-law, Jeananne McKinley, Logansport; five grandchildren, Jason, Jonathan, Joshua and Duke McKinley and Janel Little; four great-grandchildren, Braxton, Marlana, Kayla and Madisyn; and one brother, Larry McKinley, Islamorada, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his first wife; one son, Patrick McKinley; his parents; and one brother, William McKinley.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastors Lorie Keck and Jim Thomas officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Frederick Behny, 61

Sunday, May 1, 2005 5:26 PM EDT

Frederick Behny, 61, Wabash, passed away on Thursday at 12:09 p.m. at the Americare Living Center, Wabash.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at McDonald Funeral Home Eddingfield Chapel, Wabash.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Beatrice Pratt, 67

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

Beatrice Pratt, 67, Denver, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005 at her residence following an extended illness.

She was born March 22, 1938 in Jackson, Ky. to Seldon and Belle Johnson Thorpe. She married Kenneth N. Pratt Jan. 12, 1956, and he survives.

Pratt was a homemaker.

Survivors besides her husband include three sons, Kenny S. Pratt and wife Debbie, Ball Knob, Ark., William J. Pratt, and Robert E. Pratt and wife Lori, all of Denver; a brother, Erb J. Thorpe and wife Shirley, New Jersey; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John R. Hartleroad, 78

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

John R. Hartleroad, 78, Logansport, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born March 5, 1927 in Miami County to Fred and Mary Elizabeth Edwards Hartleroad. He married Ellen Morris Hartleroad May 25, 1996, and she survives.

Hartleroad was a retired insurance agent, and a member of Logansport Church of the Brethren.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Steve Hartleroad, Columbia City, John Phillip Hartleroad, Bloomington, and John Richard Hartleroad and wife Judy, Galesburg, Ill.; a daughter, Patsy Batosky and

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husband William, Glen Burnte, Md.; a brother, Robert Hartleroad, Peru; a sister, Opal Mills and husband Ray, Frankfort; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth Hartleroad.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Logansport Church of the Brethren, 2405 Shadowlawn Drive, Logansport, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, and from 9 a.m. until time of service at the church Tuesday.

Kathleen J. West, 56

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

Kathleen J. West, 56, Peru, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, after an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 4, 1948 in Ipswich, England to Albert and Dora Davey. She married Donald L. West Aug. 21, 1965, and he survives.

West retired from the Cafeteria Department at Peru Community Schools after several years where she was known as the lunch lady. She was avid bingo player, enjoyed watching Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts and loved the outdoors.

Survivors besides her husband include her step-mother, Ida Davey, Ipswich, England; two sons, Steve West and wife Trish, and Bobby West and wife Susie, all of Peru; four grandchildren, Heather, Ryan, Jessi and Vickie West; three nieces, Kelly, Michelle and Karla; three nephews, Jami, Adam and Wayne; a brother, Johnny Davey and wife Mavis, Ipswich, England; a brother-in-law, John West and wife Robin, Anderson; and a sister, Elaine Tilley and husband Martin, Paighton, England.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bud Sparks officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the West family.

Neil Delos Howay, 60

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

Neil Delos Howay, 60, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:02 a.m. Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born March 17, 1945 in St. Louis, Mo. to Delos and Orlean Meinershagen Howay. He married Jane Renbarger Aug. 4, 1967, and she survives.

Howay retired from Chrysler Corporation in 1997 from the Skilled Trade Department after 34 years. He also was a member of Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and a life member of the National Rifle Association. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, motorcycles, guns, gunsmithing, being outdoors, vacationing out west in Wyoming and the Dakotas, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Dean A. Howay and wife Jennifer, Bettendorf, Iowa, Brian P. Howay and wife Carol, Galveston, and Patrick E. Howay and fiancée Courtney Webster, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Zakkary, Austin and Brooke; two sisters, Linda Brubaker and husband Dean, Bunker Hill, and Judy Bumgardner and husband Bill, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Masonic lodge service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge.

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Virginia M. Ranke, 87

Tuesday, May 3, 2005 1:23 AM EDT

Virginia M. Ranke, 87, Logansport, passed away at 9:02 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 2005 at Chase Center, Logansport.

She was born April 18, 1918 in Wabash to LaVon and Rose Schmidt Vrooman. She married Jack A. Ranke April 6, 1940 in Peru, and he preceded her in death Dec. 8, 2000.

Ranke retired from WSAL Radio as an accountant. She had done accounting for Oscar Beasey, while he was Logansport mayor. She and her husband volunteered doing office book work at the former Market Street United Methodist Church, where they had been active members for many years until retirement. They had also been very active in the youth program at the church. Mrs. Ranke also was a member of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse.

An excellent seamstress, she loved to crochet and knit, and also loved fishing, doing jigsaw puzzles and playing bingo and cards.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosalie Arnold and husband Tom, and Vonette Dee Bishop and husband Tom, all of Logansport; two brothers, William Vrooman and wife Betty, and Richard Vrooman and wife Jean, all of Peru; a sister, Dorothy Horton and husband Bill, Wabash; five grandchildren, Todd Arnold and wife Tisha, Shaun Arnold, all of Kokomo, Heather Johnson and husband Tom, Greentown, Mindy Selvio and husband Mark, Logansport, and Shelly Hogan and husband David, Fishers; six great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Elliot Arnold, Jack Johnson, Austin, Alexa and Audra Hogan; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Arthur Vrooman.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Carrie M. Sagarsee, 82

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

Carrie M. Sagarsee, 82, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru.

She was born May 4, 1922 in Lexington, Ky. to Lloyd Walker and Molly Radcliff Griffith. She married Thomas Taylor, and he preceded her in death. She then married Richard Sagarsee, and they divorced. Sagarsee retired from Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, from the Housekeeping Department. She attend the First Assembly of God and the Church of God.

Survivors include four sons, Alvin Taylor and wife Patricia, Logansport, Thomas Taylor, Mississippi, Howard Taylor and wife Carole, California, and Ernie Taylor and wife Pam, Peru; two daughters, Rita Baker, and Donnya Sagarsee Boyd and husband David, all of Peru; a sister, Alline Curtis, Kentucky; 58 grandchildren; and 76 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sons, two daughters, six brothers and six sisters.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at First Assembly of God, 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, with Bryan Maggart and Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the church. Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Frederick Gordon Seibold, 76

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

Frederick Gordon Seibold, 76, rural Roann, passed away at 6:16 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Aug. 14, 1928 in Peru to Joseph and Ada Jacobs Seibold. He graduated from Laketon High School in 1947, and married Donna Siegfred in Laketon March 20, 1948. She survives.

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Seibold was a retired farmer and also worked at General Tire in Wabash for 25 years. In addition, he was a past member of the North Manchester Moose Lodge.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Frederick D. Seibold, Roann; a grandson, Aaron Seibold, Roann; a granddaughter, Kim Seibold, North Manchester; a great-grandson, Justin Scott, Roann; and a great-granddaughter, Kylie Seibold, Roann.

He was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Edward, who died in 1964; three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association. The memorial guest book may be signed online at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Rosa Kemp, 90

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

Rosa Kemp, 90, Kokomo, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2005 at Waterford Place Nursing Center, Kokomo.

She was born May 5, 1914 in Daviess County to Jacob L. and Rosa Richer Graber. She married Silas Kemp June 18, 1931, and he preceded her in death March 12, 1980.

Kemp was a homemaker and an ordained minister of Assembly of God in Morgantown and Noblesville. She also was a member of First Assembly of God, Kokomo.

Survivors include a son, Samuel Kemp and wife Gay, Franklin; three daughters, Catherine Yoder and husband Robert, Shipshewanna, Rosanna Smelser and husband Kenneth, Peru, and Fannie Marie Harvey and husband Don, Kokomo; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Fannie Graber, Odon.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Katie Graber; and two brothers, Johnnie and Jacob R. Graber.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Poindexter-Hall & McClure/Odon Chapel, with Jarvis Hochstetler and Rebecca Smelser officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday.

Babette K. Newhouse, 61

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Babette K. Newhouse, 61, Peru, passed away at 7:28 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005 at her residence due to complications from a cardiac arrest.

She was born May 22, 1943 in Peru to Robert and Aves Haas Kramer. She married Chris Newhouse Aug. 11, 1963, and he survives.

Newhouse was a Peru Township Trustee and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors besides her husband include four daughters, Heidi Love and husband Jeff, Dayton, Ohio, Gretchen Berns and husband Jim, LaCrosse, Wis., Ingrid Gross and husband Dave, Peru, and Brita Miller and husband Matt, Fishers; three sons, Peter Newhouse and wife Shawn, Grand Haven, Mich., Micah Newhouse and wife Kerry, Memphis, Tenn., and Jabin Newhouse and wife Ann; Columbia, S.C.; 11 grandchildren, Joshua and Julia Love, Megan, Isaak and Sophia Newhouse, Savannah, Ava Catherine and Noah Newhouse, Kierstyn and Austin Gross, and Carson Miller; three sisters, Connie Hoppes and husband Robert, Rochester, Roberta Wiesjahn and husband Don, Plainfield, and Louise Comerford and husband Jim, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastors Kenneth Greenwald and Ron DeGraaff officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Birthright of Peru Inc., 65 W. Sixth St., Peru, or Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 548, Wabash, IN 46992.

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Earl "Van" Van Baalen, 87

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Earl "Van" Van Baalen, 87, Peru, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru.

He was born Dec. 16, 1917 in Miami County to Irving and Frances Fershee Van Baalen. He married his loving wife of 64 years Betty Van Baalen on Sept. 29, 1940, and she survives.

Van Baalen enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He retired from the Peru Post Office and Carriger Realty, and was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Kathy Sparks and husband Danny, and Connie Hutchison and husband Don, all of Peru; Martha and Larry Hensell and their families, Peru, whom he treated like family; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services are planned at Ever-Rest Cemetery Chapel, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thomas O. Hobbs, 69

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Thomas O. Hobbs, 69, Elwood, went to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 21, 1935 in Elwood to John O. and Nola Mock Hobbs. He lived in Elwood all his life. He married Carol A. Golden Hobbs May 30, 1954, and she survives.

Hobbs graduated from Elwood High School in 1953, and served in the Korean War with the U.S. Navy. He retired from Delco-Remy, formerly of Anderson, as a plant protection officer in 1993 after 25 years. He also was a member of the Elwood VFW Post 5782, Alexandria Church of God, and enjoyed winters in Ruskin, Fla. In addition, he had a love for singing and his many grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Melanie Longworth and husband Michael, Kokomo, Kathy Pittenger and husband Mark, Muncie, and Lisa Weatherford and husband Sam, Terre Haute; two sons, Tony Hobbs and wife Paula, Amboy, and Andy Hobbs and wife Lisa, Peru; 17 grandchildren, Tiffany and Rich Boruff, Nick and Jamie Longworth, Julie and David Dafforn, Natalie Pittenger, Steve, Chris, Jennelle, Carol and Scotty Weatherford, Emilie, Erik, Drew, Valerie and Krista Hobbs; three great-grandchildren, Taylor and Cole Boruff, and Jenna Longworth; three sisters, Dolores Tubbs, Virginia Beach, Va., Bertha Hall, Anderson, and Rhetta Beeman, Elwood; three brothers, George Hobbs, Logansport, Dick and Dallas Hobbs, both of Elwood; his in-laws, Phyllis Jones, Fremont, Imogene and Elmer Baugher, Naomi and Bob McCurdy, Jeanette and Ted Poole, all of Anderson, Joan Golden, Melbourne, Fla., and Ron and Darlene Garner, Alexandria; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and James Hobbs; and two sisters, Donna McSkilli and Olive Hobbs.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Alexandria Church of God, 302 N. West St., Alexandria, with the Rev. Jan Hobbs and Rev. John Albright officiating. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery, Alexandria. The Elwood VFW Post 5782 will conduct graveside military honors. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Owens Funeral Home, Alexandria, or after 9 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at owensmemorialservices.com.

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Herman W. Butt, 81

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Herman W. Butt, 81, Speedway, formerly of Peru, passed away Monday, May 2, 2005.

No funeral services are planned. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Conkle Funeral Home, Speedway. Memorial contributions may be made to the Huntington's Disease Foundation.

Nelle Arlington Lougheed, 86

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Nelle Arlington Lougheed, 86, Bryan, Ohio, passed away at 2:35 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2005 at Community Hospital & Wellness Center, Bryan, Ohio.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with Pastor Don Harris officiating. Interment will be in Columbia Cemetery, Edon, Ohio. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International.

Lawrence William "Larry" Caine, 70

Friday, May 6, 2005 6:26 PM EDT

Lawrence William "Larry" Caine, 70, passed away at 3:40 a.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born April 18, 1935 in Pontiac, Mich. to George and Viola Hammil Caine. He married Dolores F. Krawczyk Caine on Feb. 13, 1960.

Caine was retired from the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the VFW and a member of Chapel of Praise Church, Peru.

Survivors include five children, Kimberly Jo "Kim" Allen and husband Dennis, Bunker Hill, Lawrence W. "Larry" Caine Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., Dallas Galbrath, Roanoke, Kay F. Robertson, Peru and Paul E. Galbrath Jr. and wife Debbie, Peru; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents, his wife, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor David Ross officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Phillip Michael Hoagland, 62

Sunday, May 8, 2005 5:04 PM EDT

Phillip Michael Hoagland, 62, Kokomo, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at his home.

He was born May 20, 1942 in Galveston to Glenn and Cora Ethel Burger Chaplin. He married Rita Miller Hoagland June 10, 1962, and she survives.

He retired from Haynes International in 2003 after 42 years of service.

He was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School, and an elder and deacon at Main Street Christian Church, Russiaville. He was also a member of the Quarter Century Club.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Robin Hoagland, El Dorado Hills, California, Deborah Viars and husband Tom of Chatsworth, Georgia, and Leslie Edgecomb and husband Anthony, Avon; six grandchildren, Blake Banks, Haley Hoagland, Alexandra Edgecomb, Jessie Hoagland, Jarrett Hughes and Andrew Edgecomb; three sisters, Donna Howell and husband Harold, Bunker Hill, Marcia Nunn and husband Rotan, Peru and Sue Pierce, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Celebration of Life service will be conducted Monday at 6 p.m. at Main Street Christian Church, 220 W. Main St., Russiaville with the Reverend Tom Cox officiating.

The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall after the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Main Street Christian Church, the American Cancer Society or Guardian Angel Hospice.

Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville is handling the arrangements.

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Carolyn Benedict, 63

Sunday, May 8, 2005 5:04 PM EDT

Carolyn S. Benedict, 64, Peru, died following an automobile accident at 9:20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

She was born May 13, 1941 in Flora to Raymond and Helen May Siple Ensinger. She married Jim Benedict March 10, 1963, and he survives.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, where she was active in the Rebekah Group. She also participated in mailing the Soaring Spirit Church letter out.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, John Benedict and wife Susan, Peru, and Ralph Benedict, Lafayette; one granddaughter, Sarah Benedict; one brother, Jerry Ensinger, Flora; and one sister, Barbara Schultz, Kokomo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Sharon R. Davison.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church.

Two-year-old girl drowns in pool

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 1:01 PM EDT

Tribune Staff Report

A two-year-old Kokomo girl drowned in a pool in southern Miami County Sunday.

Alexis J. Kepner, 2, Kokomo, passed away at approximately 5:55 p.m. Sunday, according to an Indiana State Police press release. She drowned in an above-ground residential swimming pool at 4354 W. SR 18. The girl was with her mother, Monica L. Kepner, visiting friends at 4354 West SR 18 in Miami County, the press release stated. Several adults were with small children at the front of the residence. Monica Kepner noticed her daughter, Alexis, was missing and located her in the pool at the rear of the residence. Galveston Fire and Rescue responded to the home and transported Alexis to Howard Regional Hospital in Kokomo, where she was later pronounced dead. The death is still under investigation and an autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Howard W. Simpson, 86

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

Howard W. Simpson, 86, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 7, 1919 in Howard County to James and Nola Rash Simpson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and married Florence Krile in February 1963. She survives.

Simpson retired from Freeman's in Peru, and was a member of the Literary Aid Society.

Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Carroll and Ivan Simpson, both of Kokomo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-daughter, Judith Orpurt.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from noon until time of service Tuesday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

John Anthony Shanabarger, 69

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

John Anthony Shanabarger, 69, Wabash, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at his residence following a lengthy illness.

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He was born Sept. 20, 1935 in Chicago, Ill. to John L. and Esther Finnegan Shanabarger. He married Shirley Ann Bakehorn on her birthday, March 13, 1955 in Wabash at St. Bernard Catholic Rectory. She survives.

Shanabarger graduated from Peru High School in 1954. He was a tool maker at C.P.C., formerly Fisher Body, a division of General Motors in Marion, retiring in 1993 after 35 1/2 years. He was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Wabash Knights of Columbus since 1972, and Wabash Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 83, and served in the Indiana National Guard. He loved fishing, ice fishing, woodworking, golf, his family and visiting friends.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Sherry Marie Shanabarger and husband Joaquin Sanchez, Seattle, Wash., and Lisa Diane Shanabarger, Wabash; a son, John Daniel Shanabarger and wife Peggy, Fort Wayne; a grandson, Anthony Michael Shanabarger, Wabash; three granddaughters, Rachel Jane, Mary Grace and Ann Marie Shanabarger, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Louise Cochran, Sallis, Miss.; and a brother, Frances Shanabarger and wife Joyce, Kokomo.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and William Shanabarger.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Bernard Church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with Father Paul Cochran, John's nephew, and Father Don Sextus officiating. Burial will follow at Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Manchester Avenue Chapel, Wabash. A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to St. Bernard Catholic Church. The memorial guest book may be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Arla Jean Riddle, 61

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

Arla Jean Riddle, 61, Peru, passed away at 8:08 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born June 23, 1943 in Morgan County, Ky. to Darris and Emma Whitt Whitt. She married Melvin K. Riddle Sept. 25, 1963, and he survives.

Riddle was a homemaker and former school bus driver for Maconaquah School Corporation. She also was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother in Morehead, Ky.; three daughters, Darla Waychoff, Delavan, Wis., Dena Gillmore and husband Rodney, Claude, Texas, and Jill Eskew and husband Tom, Kodiak, Alaska; two sons, Darrell Riddle and wife Debbie, Greenwood, and Jeff Riddle and wife Marilyn, Hollister, Calif.; two sisters, June Erisman and husband Jack, Springdale, Ark., and Ruby Link, Fairborn, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father, a grandson and a sister.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors J. Robert Clark and Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mitchell Jay Copeland, 63

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Mitchell Jay Copeland, 63, Cutler, passed away at 8:40 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1942 to Linal and Erba Townsend Copeland. On Dec. 19, 1964 he married Donna Glassburn, and she survives.

Copeland worked at Chrysler Automotive for 37 years before retiring in April 2004. He was a member of Circus Model Builders and The White Tops, and often had his hand-crafted circus wagons displayed in the Peru Circus. He loved woodworking, restoring antique furniture, going to the flea market and gardening, especially making spices from his peppers. He also liked photography and magic, was an avid animal lover and loved apple dumplings.

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Survivors besides his wife of 40 years include two daughters, Traci Copeland, Kokomo, and Kimberly Corcoran, Logansport; a son Mitchell Copeland, Kokomo; five grandchildren, Joe Sexton, Emily and Alex Copeland, David and Robert Corcoran; a brother, Leon Copeland, Peru; and two sisters, Beatrice Dillman, Churubusco, and Wilma Neaville, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with the Pastor Curt Brincefield officiating. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 2097 W. Alto Road, Kokomo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at www.mem.com.

Rex W. Hahn, 69

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Rex W. Hahn, 69, Grass Valley, Calif., passed away Saturday, May 7, 2005.

He was the son of the late Kenneth and Mildred Hahn of Amboy.

A graduate of Clay Township High School, he received a B.S. in electrical engineering from Purdue University and an M.A. in computer science from San Jose State.

Before retiring in 1991 from Lockheed Aircraft in Sunnyvale, Calif., Hahn designed and tested missiles for the government's Star Wars Program.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta; four daughters, Sherry DeGregorio, San Jose, Calif., Christine Antonelli, Auburn, Wash., Kathy Strahlendorf, Pollock Pines, Calif., and Vicky Brodt, Berkley, Calif.; a sister, Nancy Morgan, Columbia, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ronald L. Blackman, 69

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Ronald L. Blackman, 69, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005 at his Loon Lake home near Columbia City.

He was born July 15, 1935 in Peru to Francis and Chloe Mae Thomas Blackman. His formative years were spent in Peru, and following his graduation from Peru High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea near the demilitarized zone.

On June 6, 1954, he married Patricia Guinn and following his discharge from military duty, they moved to Chicago, where he was studying to be a draftsman and also sold electrical supplies. Later he enrolled in the school of cosmetology and earned his degree.

In 1962, they returned to Peru, where he opened Mr. Ron's Town & Country Salon and later opened a second salon in Kokomo. Mrs. Blackman preceded him in death in October 1971.

In 1980, he and several business partners founded the Masters of Cosmetology College in 1980. In 1987, he moved to Fort Wayne and in 2000 to Loon Lake.

On April 1, 2001 he married Kaydean Sheets, and they bought out the other partners' interests and continued to own and operate the cosmetology college, which has over 100 students.

Blackman was a founding member of the Ole Olsen Civic Theater in Peru, was an actor and director in many of the productions at the theater. He also was the first member inducted into the Ole Olsen Hall of Fame.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Valerie Witt and husband Ron, Martinsville; two sons, Greg Blackman and wife Brooke, and Jeremy Blackman, all of Fort Wayne; three step-daughters, Kim Hamm and husband Rick, LaFontaine, Kari Freshour and husband Slade, Columbia City, and Karman Whiteneck and husband Brian, Warsaw; 10 grandchildren; his mother, Chloe Mae Gambie, Peru; two brothers, Kenneth Blackman, Fulton, and Robert Blackman, Peru; and three sisters, Sharon Dowell, Kentucky, Karen Foreman, Peru, and Sally Chalos, Tennessee.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Phil Black officiating. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Ole Olsen Memorial Theater.

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Maynard DeWayne 'Pete' Myers, 70

Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Maynard DeWayne 'Pete' Myers, 70, Peru, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 4:35 a.m. at the VA Hospital, Marion.

He was born December 15, 1934 in Peru, to Vernon Wilbur and Esther Fern (Ream) Myers.

Myers graduated from Peru High School in 1952, and was a member of the Peru Circus Hall of Fame, the Moose Lodge and served in the U.S. Air Force. He loved to golf, enjoyed vacationing on cruise ships, liked talking to people and was a friend to all.

He is survived by three brothers, Melvin Myers, Peru, Elvin Myers and wife Dorothy, Peru, and Delmar Myers and wife Sandy, North Manchester; a sister, Fayette and husband Bill McClain, New Waverly; six nephews, Danny Myers and wife Beth, Peru, Phillip Myers and wife Allison, Denver, Alan Myers, Pine Island, Minn., Jerry McClain and wife Lola, Lafayette, Terry McClain, and Cliff McClain and wife Kim, both of Logansport; six nieces, Elizabeth Baines and husband Dennis, Lafayette, Ruth Huff and husband David, Logansport, Nancy Mason and husband Mark, Raleigh N.C., Kimberly Myers, Fort Wayne, Reja Enyart and companion Kerry Townsend, Peru, Roberta Charters and husband David, Lafayette; and special friend, David Spearin, Peru.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Maynard may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Memorials can be made to the International Circus Hall of Fame.

Robert 'Bob' Hartgrove, 79

Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Robert 'Bob' Hartgrove, 79, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:42 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 20, 1925 in Miami County to William Thomas and Maudie May (Jackson) Hartgrove, and married Sandra (Ramer) Hartgrove.

The disabled veteran attended the Free Will Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammara Studebaker and husband Mike, Bunker Hill; three grandchildren, Scott, Chris and Cindy Studebaker; and two sisters, Maxine Locke, Bunker Hill and Bertha Garbert, Peru.

He was preceded by death by his parents; wife; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to time of service on Friday.

Arrangements are being handled by the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

Anna Lee Flynn, 68

Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Anna Lee Flynn, 68, Peru, passed away at 5:55 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born August 30, 1936 in Pulaski County, Ky., to Charles and Ollie (Tucker) Flynn.

She was retired from Square D, was a life member of the VFW auxiliary and a member of the Eagles auxiliary. Flynn was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Chester Flynn, and Bobby J. Flynn, both of Kentucky; and one sister, Lenna Walden, Missouri.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating.

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

Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be a VFW auxiliary service Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Sandra K. "Sandy" Clingaman, 58

Friday, May 13, 2005 5:57 PM EDT

Sandra K. "Sandy" Clingaman, 58, Peru, passed away 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 5, 1947 in Peru to Vernon and Betty Myers Gochenour, and married Ronald E. Clingaman on June 27, 1965. He preceded her in death. She was engaged to be married to Adelard Fluette, Peru. He survives.

Clingaman worked at Wal-Mart in Logansport. She was also a manager at McClure's, Peru. She was a member of the Moose and American Legion.

Survivors include her fiancée; mother; daughter, Kelly Clingaman and fiancée Matthew Pearce, Peru; a brother, Jerry Gochenour and wife Ruth, Peru; and two sisters, Karen Sims and husband Richard, Peru and Debra Cline and husband Tom, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her husband; father; and one brother.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Rod Correll and George Dinkel officiating.

Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

Effie Jo Gibbs, 52

Friday, May 13, 2005 5:57 PM EDT

Effie Jo Gibbs, 52, Middletown, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Effie Jo was born in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on November 8, 1952 to Evalee Smith Gibbs and Kelly Gibbs. She was raised in the Vancleve, Kentucky area and attended Breathitt High School. She married Charly McQuinn in Cincinnati in 1970. They divorced and he preceded her in death in 1998.

Effie Jo was a member of Carlisle Community Church, Carlisle, Ohio. She was a homemaker for several years, and was later employed by the Carlisle Restaurant. She was known for her compassion, and enjoyed helping people and spending time with her grandchildren.

Gibbs is survived by two daughters, Tammy Spencer and husband Leonard, Middletown and Tish Soldi and husband Jay, Peru; four sisters, Anna Belle Gillum and husband Robert, West Union, Ohio, Bonnie Smith and husband Doug, Middletown, Vonda Sue Stidham and husband Larry, Peru, and Nancy Lee Wills and husband David, Lebanon; four brothers, Jonnie Gibbs and wife Lucille, Jackson, Kentucky, Perry Gibbs and wife Jamie, Peru, Claude Gibbs and wife Barbara, Peru and Herbert Gibbs and wife Oge, Monroe, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Nathan and Mason Spencer, Middletown, Spencer, Sebastian and Phoebe Jo Soldi, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Gibbs; a sister, Ruby Mae Gibbs; and a grandson, Tyler McQuinn.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Deaton Funeral Home, Jackson, Kentucky.

Visitation will be at the funeral home Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Marie Navarro Hill, 79

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Marie Navarro Hill

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother has returned to her heavenly home to be with the Lord at 4:20 a.m. on May 12, 2005 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Hill was born in Laredo, Texas on September, 18 1925 to Concepcion Navarro. She was married to the late George Edward Hill Sr. in 1942.

Hill moved to Indiana in 1990 after retiring from Richlein Laundry in Phoenix, where she worked as a floor supervisor. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, watching old movies and working in the flower garden and with indoor plants.

Hill was preceded in death by her husband, George E. Hill Sr.; one infant daughter, San Juanita Raigola; sister, Mary Lou Rodriguez; and mother, Concepcion Navarro.

She is survived by nine children, George E. Hill Jr., Tacoma, Washington, Isaac M. Hill, Anchorage, Michael L. Hill, Peoria, Arizona, Theodore J. Hill, Colorado Springs, Martimiano Singleterry, Arizona, Patrick Lee King, Mesa, Arizona, Bonnie E. Cano, Salt Lake City, Mary M. Ridenour, Logansport and Delores P. Morales, Phoenix; 22 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, May 19 at Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary in Phoenix, Arizona.

Burial services will be at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix.

Teresa M. Arrick, 92

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Teresa M. Arrick, 92, Peru, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2005.

Arrick was born in Peru on June 14, 1912 to Guy and Minnie Clem Comerford. She was a 1930 graduate of Clay Township High School, and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Arrick was a homemaker for several years, and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, the Daughters of Isabella, and the Butler Happy Homemakers for over 70 years.

She is survived by one son, Patrick Arrick and wife Bonnie, Peru; one daughter, Rita Neibert and husband Joseph, Lamar, Colorado; five grandchildren, Alicia Arrick, Nashville, Christopher Arrick, Greenville, South Carolina, Michael Neibert, Norfolk, Virginia, Jeffery Neibert, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado and Mark Neibert, Golden, Colorado; five great-grandchildren, Corlynn Neibert, Marcus Neibert, Sarah Neibert, Michael Neibert and Annie Neibert; and one great-great-grandson.

Arrick was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers; and one sister.

Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

There will also be a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or to Caring Hands.

Louis Henry Arwood, 86

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Louis Henry Arwood, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2005 following an extended illness at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Arwood was born on January 13, 1919 in Mexico to Joe and Rilda (Dilts) Arwood, and married Irene Katherine Fitzgerald on September 6, 1941. He was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

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He is survived by three sons, William Arwood and wife Carolyn, Kirtland, Ohio, Lee Arwood and wife Beth, Wabash, and Mark Arwood and wife Jan, Hilliard, Ohio; one daughter, Dianna Wilson and husband, Sam, Peru; and one sister, Helen Walden, Peru; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Arwood was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Leonard, Robert, Joe, Richard, and John Arwood.

Funeral services will be conducted at Parkview United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday with Pastors Ken Walker and J. Robert Clark officiating.

Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Montana J. Selleck, 14

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Montana J. Selleck, 14, Peru, passed away at 7:54 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005 at his residence.

The North Miami Junior High School eighth grader was born on February 10, 1991 in Peru to Michael L. Selleck and Kathleen A. (Reed) Fisher, both of Peru. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cars, and riding dirt bikes.

Selleck is survived by his parents; step-mother, Lisa Selleck; step-father, Rex Fisher; paternal grandparents, Fred and Connie Selleck, and Joe and Eva Olivarez, each of Peru; several aunts; uncles; and cousins; nieces and nephews, Brendan Tracy, Briona Cline, and Riley Patrick; brothers, Eric Pitts and Philip Burgus, both of Peru; sisters, Heather Hill, Tavon Cline, Jessica Patrick, each of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Margaret Reed.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

S. Jeanne Fuller, 64

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

S. Jeanne Fuller, 64, Peru, passed away at 10:41 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 27, 1940 in Lagrange County to Jerome and Lillian (Stropagel) Parks, and married Marion T. Fuller on September 29, 1958 in Elkhart.

Fuller retired following a career as a nurse's aide both at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, and Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She attended Zion Chapel, Peru.

She is survived by two sons, Lance Fuller, Three Rivers, Michigan, and D. Lynn 'Beave' Fuller and wife Carrie, Denver; two daughters, Donna Walter and husband Richard, and Bonnie Gibbs, each of Peru; 11 grandchildren, Heather, Jeff, Gabe, Ryne, Dew, and L-Train Fuller, and Sean and Sara Jones, Mrs. Shane (Samantha) Malott, Jeremy and Steven Harshman; one great-grandson, Dominick Jones; one brother, Mickey Parks and wife Marcinda; one brother-in-law, Ronald Coulter, Elkhart; and one sister-in-law, Betty Kuehm, Memphis.

Fuller was preceded in death by her husband.

Graveside services will be conducted on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Chili Cemetery with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

There will be no visitation.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

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Larry G. Chilcutt, 59

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 2:46 PM EDT

Larry G. Chilcutt, 59, Bunker Hill, passed away on May 14, 2005 at 11:11 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Chilcutt was born on April 24, 1946 in Peru, to Revoe and Maxine Chilcutt. He married Susan Miller on November 10, 1971.

Chilcutt was a Vietnam veteran and served in the U.S. Army from March 2, 1966 to February 14, 1968. Chilcutt retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo, where he was a national salvage manager. He also helped Matt and Jeff at MC Contracting and Laycock Auction Service.

Chilcutt was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church.

His hobbies included fishing, watching NASCAR, motorcycles, working outdoors in his yard and spending time with his granddaughter Brooklynn. He was also a member of the Kokomo Euchre Club.

He is survived by a son, Matthew Chilcutt, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Nancy Lewis, Kokomo; a granddaughter, Brooklynn Lewis; father-in-law, Richard Miller and his wife Carolyn; mother-in-law Mary Helen Dockum and her husband Don, Dunnellon, Florida; brother, Tom Chilcutt and his wife Marie, Peru; two brothers-in-law, John Miller and his wife Rose Marie, Orlando, and Jim Miller and his wife Shirley; sister, Linda Hare, Peru; and half-sister Debbie Massey and her husband Jeff, Greentown. Chilcutt was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday at 11 a.m. with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

There will be a military committal service at his burial site at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will take place on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to his granddaughter Brooklynn's trust fund.

Mary Ann Miller, 55

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Mary Ann Miller, 55, Lafayette, passed away at 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at her home.

She was born March 3, 1950 in Rochester. She married Michael L. "Mick" Miller on September 5, 1970 in Perrysburg, and he survives.

She worked for 21 years in banking, most recently as assistant vice-president of Fifth-Third Bank before leaving three years ago. She was a member of First Assembly of God, a member of the American Banking Association, and served on the board of directors for New Directions.

Survivors other than her husband include one son, Bryan Miller and wife Talia, Lafayette; one daughter, Dawn Miller, Avon; two brothers, Bob Southerland and wife Vicki of Sarasota, Florida, and Rick Southerland and wife Tracey of Minneapolis; her mother, Doris Fouts, Kokomo; one step-sister, Marilyn Galloway, Kokomo; and step-brother, Jim Galloway and wife Theresa, Bemidji, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hugh Wibel; and a half-brother, Jeffrey Wibel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at First Assembly of God, Lafayette with Pastor Greg Hackett officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at First Assembly of God, Lafayette. Memorials may be made to Together in the Harvest Ministries, Dallas. Arrangements are being handled by Soller-Baker Funeral Home, Lafayette.

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Barbara A. Helvie, 73

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Barbara A. Helvie, 73, Peru, died Sunday, May 15, 2005 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Center, Fort Wayne. She was born December 17, 1931 in Peru to Everett and Ruth Stevens. Her first marriage was to George Eckelbarger, and her second marriage was to James Jackson Helvie, who preceded her in death. Helvie was a former resident of Huntington and had lived in Peru for the past 30 years.

Survivors include four sons, Reverend Richard Eckelbarger, Crosswell, Michigan, Don Eckelbarger, Rockford, Illinois, John Eckelbarger, Huntington and Jim Helvie, Fort Wayne; one daughter, Jackie Brodrick, Huntington; one brother, Ed Stevens, Peru; four sisters, Susie Fisher, Anderson, Connie Smith, Peru, Bonnie Friend, Colorado Springs, and Jo Lemon, East China, Michigan; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Her body was cremated and graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Community Baptist Church, 5501 E. Peck Road, Crosswell, Michigan.

Michael P. Warnock, 59

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Michael P. Warnock, 59, rural Wabash, passed away Monday, May 16, 2005 at 9:30 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital.

He was born November 11, 1945 in Portland to Dale Perry and Hazel Matilda (Stoner) Warnock.

Warnock married B. Faye Arthur in Fort Wayne on February 2, 1989. He was a long-time plant manager at Gaunt and Son Asphalt, Wabash.

Warnock was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and a member of the Wabash Fraternal Order of the Eagles #549. He served in the Indiana National Guard two years and was a die-hard Indiana University fan.

He is survived by wife; three sons, Chad Warnock, South Bend, Robbie Warnock and wife Jill, Ashburn, Va. and Tyler Warnock and wife Rebecca, Noblesville; one step-daughter, Rayna Larrowe and husband Shawn, Wabash; two step-sons, Anthony Johnson and wife Rhiannon, Indianapolis and Daniel Johnson, Indianapolis; three sisters, Dixie May, Mavis Phillips and husband Jim, and Ann Gillespie and husband Larry, all of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Alyssa Faith Warnock, Noblesville, Dalton Johnson, Colin Michael Larrowe and Allison Larrowe, all of Wabash, Dale Johnson, Mikey Linville, Jr., Isiah Brant and Tyler Brant, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave.

Wabash, on Thursday at 2 p.m. with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating.

Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Ruth Ann Rademaker, 78

Friday, May 20, 2005 12:21 PM EDT

Ruth Ann Rademaker, 78, Peru, passed away at 11:43 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at her residence following an extended illness. She was born on January 3, 1927 in Peru to August and Dorothy (Schmidt) Rasmussen, and married Robert J. Rademaker in 1948. Rademaker was a retired bookkeeper from Construction Products Corporation, Indianapolis, as well as Central Murphy Furniture Store, Peru. The 1945 Peru High School graduate was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Peru, and the Gamma Nu Sorority. She is survived by two sons, Kim Rademaker, Indianapolis, and Robert J. Rademaker and wife Sandy, Ocala, Florida; two brothers, Dutch Rasmussen and wife JoAnn, and Eugene Rasmussen and wife Marceline, each of Peru; and one sister, Maxine Perry and husband James, Detroit. Rademaker was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru on Saturday at 11 a.m. with James Perry and Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County.

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Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Celia 'Jean' Wiggins, 72

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Celia 'Jean' Wiggins, 72, Logansport, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 11:31 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born December 1, 1932 in Georgetown, Kentucky to George and Lucille (Cook) Gray, and married Leroy Wiggins at Onward Christian Church on July 23, 1950.

Wiggins was retired from civil service, and was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband; four children, Yvetta Mae Sims and husband Mike, Logansport, Samuel Lee Wiggins and wife Linda, York Haven, Pennsylvania, Leroy Edward Wiggins, Logansport and Joseph Albert Wiggins, Logansport; three brothers, George, Larry and Jerry Gray, all of Cynthiana, Kentucky; one sister, Sadie Petters, Georgetown; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 11 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Rod Mason officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to Onward Christian Church.

Charles E. Bunnell, 84

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Charles E. Bunnell, 84, Peru, passed away at 7:55 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born November 27, 1920 in Peru to Charles A. and Emma Kemps Bunnell, and married LaVerne M. Hagan in the St. Charles Catholic Church on

November 19, 1946. She preceded him in death on December 11, 1985.

Bunnell graduated from Peru High School in 1938, and served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

His decorations include the EAME Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He worked as a crew dispatcher in the C&O Railroad office in Peru for more than 45 years. He was a life-long Peru and Miami County resident, and he and his wife LaVerne lovingly raised two wonderful children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. Bunnell also was a member of the Peru Glen Owens American Legion Post #14 and the Miami County VFW Post #2067. He served as an officer in the local Brotherhood of Railway, Airline and Steamship Clerks. Bunnell was a lover of animals and rescuer of stray cats. He thoroughly enjoyed gardening and raising flowers, and was an avid angler, along with being an enthusiastic Indiana University basketball fan and Notre Dame football fan.

He is survived by a son, Charles A. Bunnell and wife Linda, Lafayette; a daughter, Cathy Converse and husband Thomas, Peru; four grandchildren, Susanne Spence, Tanya Ramey, Kristen Milroy and Katrina Milroy; four great-grandchildren, Zachary Ramey, Alexander Ramey, Matthew Ramey and Elise Spence; and a sister, Eunice Gilbert, Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

There will be a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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Paul D. Rollins, 65

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:33 PM EDT

Paul D. Rollins, 65, Fowlerton, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Marion General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, with the Reverend Gleason Hackett officiating.

Interment will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Madison-Grant United School Corporation c/o Paul Rollins Memorial Scholarship Fund, 11580 S. E. 00 West, Fairmount, IN 46928.

Condolences may be sent to www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

Wendell R. Moon, 84

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:33 PM EDT

Wendell R. Moon, 84, Twelve Mile, passed away at 5:19 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

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

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75, Mentone, passed away at 11:25 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at his residence following an extended illness.

Dickerhoff was born on August 29, 1929 in Silver Lake to Devon Dickerhoff and Helen Opple, and he married Iris V. Jones on March 1, 1952.

Dickerhoff lived in the area his entire life, and was the owner of Dickerhoff Trucking, specializing in long distance livestock hauling. He was co-founder of TTP, Inc. in Pierceton, and was a lifelong farmer and cattleman. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church, as well as the Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge in Warsaw. Dickerhoff was a member of the John Purdue Club, and was a Loyal Tippecanoe Valley Viking fan.

Dickerhoff was a veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the American Legion Post 49.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Amy Dickerhoff, Mentone, and Alicia Cervenka and husband Dean, Lafayette; two sons, Don A. Dickerhoff, Warsaw, and Doug R. Dickerhoff and wife Kelly, Warsaw; six grandchildren, Calan and Danika Cervenka, Emma and Dan Dickerhoff, Tanner and Addie Dickerhoff; and one sister, Virginia Heisler and husband Carl, Claypool.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Dan Dickerhoff, who passed away in 1963.

Funeral services will be conducted at King Memorial Home, Mentone, on Monday at 10:30 a.m., with the Reverends Doris Smith and Don Poyser officiating.

Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday at King Memorial Home from 2 to 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to either the American Heart Association, the Mentone United Methodist Church or the Kosciusko County Hospice.

C. Robert "Bob" Elrod, 75

Tuesday, May 24, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

C. Robert "Bob" Elrod, 75, Wabash, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on February 8, 1930 in Indianapolis to Merritt T. and Roxie Anna (Hendrick) Elrod, and married Jean Hollingworth in 1951, who passed away in 1952. Elrod later married Helen Cleaver on October 17, 1954 in Pymont.

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Elrod was a 1948 graduate of Franklin Central High School, and was a charter life underwriter (CLU). He was the agency manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Wabash from 1965 until his retirement in 1992. Prior to moving to Wabash in January of 1965, he was a Farm Bureau Insurance agent in Marion County for 10 years. Elrod was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ and past elder and deacon of the church. He was a member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club, serving as secretary for 20 years, and also as a lieutenant governor. Elrod was also a George F. Hixson Fellow. He was a member of the Gideons International, and the Wabash Hanna Masonic Lodge, and served as a past president of the Wabash County Farm Bureau Insurance, Inc. He also was a member of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, past president of the Salamonie Life Underwriters Association, member of the Indiana State Association of Indiana Insurance and Financial Advisors, and past state president and recipient of Hoosier Life Underwriters. Elrod was named Governor of Farm Bureau Insurance, which honors the highest producing agency manager in the state of Indiana.

Elrod was a cook and mess Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and in 1952 participated in an atomic bomb test at Camp Desert in Rock, Colorado. He loved to golf and was a charter member of Rod's Discount Golf Vacations.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Elrod, Wabash; a son, Mark R. Elrod and wife Margo, Peru; two daughters, Robin D. Klare and Brenda K. Hegel and husband Rod, each of Wabash; five granddaughters, Mia Elrod, Peru, and Erica Hegel, Whitney Klare, Christy Hegel, and Hannah Klare, each of Wabash; two grandsons, Mason Elrod, Peru, and Brady Sorrell, Wabash; two great-grandsons, Zyan and Xander; and a brother, Wilburn Elrod and wife Jeanette, Terre Haute.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash, with John Leinbaugh officiating.

Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., as well as one hour prior to services at the church.

The memorial guest book for Bob may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com

Preferred memorials may be made to Gideons International.

Arthur D. "Duffy" Landgrave, 82

Tuesday, May 24, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Arthur D. "Duffy" Landgrave, 82, Peru, passed away at 6:25 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

The lifelong Peru resident was born on October 24, 1922 to Daniel and Beulah (Kester) Landgrave in Peru, and was a retired supervisor from Square D Company, where he worked for 45 years.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, and served on the U.S.S. Lark Ship in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Landgrave is survived by one daughter, Lisa K. Penrod and husband Michael, Peru; two grandchildren, Alisha and Tabitha Phillips; two brothers, Harold Landgrave, Kokomo, and Cecil Landgrave, Fort Wayne; and one sister, Harriet Moore, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Roy Landgrave and Clarence Landgrave.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, Peru, with the Reverend John Thomas officiating.

No visitation is scheduled. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Ruth Gordon, 97

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Ruth Gordon, 97, Wabash, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:16 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2005 at Bickford Cottage, Wabash. She was born May 17, 1908 in Peru to James H. and Mina (Alley) Kilgore.

She married Harold Gordon on December 26, 1931. Gordon was retired from Vickery Tape Co. and was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church. Survivors include many friends including special

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friends Frank Ulerick, Miami County, and Mildred Jacoby, Wabash. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother and father. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Chapel with Pastor Ken Walker and Chaplin Terry Canfield officiating and burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of service Thursday at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bickford Cottage, Wabash.

James Rex Hodson, 55

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:49 AM EDT

James Rex Hodson, 55, Wabash, passed away at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Aug. 3 I, 1949 in Peru to Jonathan Hodson and Marie (Fear) Raines.

Hodson started working for Marsh Inc. in October 1966, and was comanager of LoBill Foods in Wabash.

He was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, and the Wabash Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved woodworking.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Raines, Marion; two daughters, Nikki Hodson and Jennifer Swafford and husband Ryan, all of Marion; a son, James A. Hodson, Marion; three grandchildren, Jordan Hodson, Haley and Rilynn Swafford, all of Marion; three sisters, Arliss Richardson and husband Howard, Converse, Nellie Ragan, Peru, and Kitty Dearing, Oscado, Mich.; three brothers, Larry Hodson, Danny Hodson and wife Becky, all of Kokomo, and Paul Hodson, Peru; a half-sister, Waunitta Winters, Peru; and a special friend, Dorothy Newcomer, Roann.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Janet Hodson, Berniece and Thelma Small, and Peggy Teel.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241

Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will follow at Converse Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8

p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

The memorial guest book for James may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Lois M. Childers, 69

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:49 AM EDT

Lois M. Childers, 69, Peru, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born April 28, 1936 in Jackson, Ky. to Ova and Allie Mae Minton Moore. She married Frank J. Childers on Nov. 3, 1958, and he preceded her in death July 24, 1984.

Childers was a homemaker and attended First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include a son, Samual Childers and wife Amber, Peru; a daughter, Debra Kemp and husband Charles, Peru; three brothers, Boyd Moore and wife Virginia, Waterloo, Robert Moore, Peru, and Jesse Moore, Charleston, W. Va.; two sisters, Lula Bellamy and husband Lester, Trenton, Ohio, and Marsha Moore, Peru; eight grandchildren, John Childers, Michael Childers, Richard Childers, Marketa Childers, Brian Childers, Pharyn Childers, Nicholas Childers and Samual Childers II; and one great-grandson, Caiden Scott Childers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a son, Jeffrey Childers, on Jan. 26, 2001.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with Pastor Ronald Shaner officiating. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Jerry L. Crockett, 61

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:45 AM EDT

Jerry L. Crockett, 61, Peru, was called home to be with the Lord at 11:57 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He will be sadly missed by his family, church family and friends.

He was born September 3, 1943 in Marion to Gilbert and Evadna (McNeely) Crockett. He married Karen Ulery on October 19, 1963, she survives.

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Crockett was a 1962 Graduate of Peru High School and was retired from Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo. He was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren and his hobbies included collecting John Deere Tractors, model trains, wood working and collected Coke-a-Cola paraphernalia.

Survivors other than his wife include two daughters, Beth Ann Silveus and husband Tony, Warsaw, and Jerri Ann Kirk, Peru; five grandchildren, Troy and Lindsey Stapleton and Andrew, Austin and Adam Kirk; a sister, Betty Lou Gordon and husband Bob, Van Wert, Ohio; extended family includes Troy, Leslie and Madison Stapleton and members of the Peru Church of the Brethren. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Peru Church of the Brethren, 134 E. Fifth St., Peru, with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating and burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren.

Nancy K. Kimmel, 69

Saturday, May 28, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

Nancy K. Kimmel, 69, Amboy, passed away at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Phillip C. VanBaalen, 69

Saturday, May 28, 2005 1:06 AM EDT

Phillip C. VanBaalen, 69, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born December 3, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio, to DeWald and Daisy (Reeser) VanBaalen, and married his high school sweetheart, Nelda (Linden) VanBaalen in Logansport on October 23, 1955.

Phil graduated from Logansport High School in 1955, and he and his wife owned and operated Van's Sporting Goods in Peru from 1972 to 1996. He was a deputy inspector for Weights and Measures for the State of Indiana for Miami and Wabash Counties from 1997 to 2004.

Phil and his wife Nelda lovingly raised four children. A man of great integrity, he was an active member of the Peru community, and has served as President of the Peru Little League, the Peru Softball Association and the Peru/Miami County Chamber of Commerce. He was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather who enjoyed spending time and doing activities with his grandsons. While Phil was known for his commitment to sports on the local level, he loved all sports and was an avid fan. Next to spending time with his grandchildren, there was nothing Phil enjoyed more than being in his workshop and making special gifts for those he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Nelda VanBaalen, Peru; a daughter, Tammy VanBaalen, Fort Wayne; three sons, Jeffrey VanBaalen and wife Sherry, Largo, Florida, David VanBaalen and wife Trish, Peru, and Phillip VanBaalen and wife Stephanie, Peru; a brother, Richard VanBaalen and wife Alice, Lakeland, Florida; four grandchildren, Travis, Benjamin, Jacob and Joseph VanBaalen, two step-grandchildren, Tina McGrady and Joanie Knauff; and five step-great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating the life of Phillip C. VanBaalen will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, 6910 N 1050 E, Cass County (1 1/2 miles West of US 31 on Indiana State Road 16), with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, and at the church one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

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James Lee "Killer" McCoy, 67

Monday, May 30, 2005 1:12 AM EDT

James Lee McCoy, 67, Peru, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at approximately 7:42 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

He was born April 4, 1938 in Kokomo to John McCoy and Freida Hogg Smith.

McCoy had worked for Eck Adams and the Roxie Theatre, and was a landscaper at Cooks Nursery.

Survivors include his mother, Freida Hogg Smith, Savannah, Ga.; a niece/caregiver, Rose Sorenson, Peru; a special friend, Paula Cook Frischman, Peru; four brothers, Bob McCoy, Mulberry, Fla., David McCoy, Warsaw, Larry McCoy, Illinois; and Frederick Smith, Peru; five sisters, Judith Solomon, Orangeburg, S.C., Patsy Turner, Amboy, Sandra Smith, Savannah, Ga., Gloria Briggs, Longmont, Colo., and Donna Burch, Pacific Junction, Iowa; 58 nieces and nephews; one uncle; four aunts and 10 cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father; his step-father, Harry Smith; a sister, Nancy May Fleenor; and three brothers, Robert Michael McCoy, John McCoy and Richard McCoy.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. There will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Donald E. Kunkle, 82

Tuesday, May 31, 2005 6:15 PM EDT

Donald E. Kunkle, 82, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru. He was born in Bunker Hill on July 28, 1922 to Elmo and Grace (Beck) Kunkle, and was an engineer for Beloit Corporation.

Kunkle married Caroline Gordon in August of 1948, and she passed away on January 1, 2002. He served as a pilot in the United States Army and Air Force during World War II, reaching the rank of lieutenant. He is survived by two sons, Steven Kunkle, Camarillo, California, and Jeffrey Kunkle, Beloit, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Jeffrey, and Jamie; and three sisters, Rheua Stouder, Indianapolis, Cleo Hammond, Peru, and Betty Johnson, Houston.

A private funeral service will be conducted with the Dukes Memorial Hospital chaplain officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

There is no visitation scheduled.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Dukes Memorial Hospital.

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

Carl R. "Dick" Weinke, 83

Tuesday, May 31, 2005 6:15 PM EDT

Carl R. "Dick" Weinke, 83, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born in Peru on August 14, 1921 to Carl and Velma (Wolfe) Weinke, and married Julia Caldwell on November 1, 1953 at the Oakdale Baptist Church.

The lifelong Peru resident retired from Square D Company on December 31, 1986, and attended Oakdale Baptist Church. He was a 1938 Peru High School graduate, and served in the United States Army in the South Pacific during World War II from November 29, 1944 to October 25, 1946.

Weinke served on the Peru School Board from July 1, 1964 to January 1, 1968; the Peru Common Council from January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1979, including as chairman from 1972 to 1979; as interim mayor during May 1978; as Washington Township trustee from 1985 to 1987; and as city engineer/building inspector from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1991. Weinke very much enjoyed playing golf in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife; one son, David Weinke and wife Cynthia, Plano, Texas; three daughters, JoAnne Joyce and husband Robert, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Melanie Bellock and husband George,

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Warrenville, Illinois, and Stacey Mannies and husband Gary, Carmel; and one brother, Kenneth Weinke and wife Dorothy, California; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Dr. Robert Stuck 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 Oakdale Baptist Church.

There will be a military committal service at the cemetery.

Russel E. Miller, 76

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Russel E. Miller, 76, Peru, passed away at 3:07 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Miller was born in Miami County on December 1, 1928 to Roy and Agnes (Fewell) Miller, and resided in Miami County his entire life. He married Joan Browning on June 5, 1949, and she passed away on September 22, 2000. Miller later married Wanda McKinley Allen on April 29, 2001 and she survives. He was a farmer and former school bus driver for Maconaquah Schools, as well as a rural mail carrier. Miller was a member of the College Corner Brethren Church, and was a 1946 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. He formerly served on the Miami County 4-H Fair Board.

He is survived by his second wife, Wanda McKinley Allen; one son, Ronnie Miller and wife Angie, Peru; one daughter, Diane Wildermuth and husband Mark, Akron; five grandchildren, Rod Miller, Scott Miller, John Wildermuth and wife Heather, Jim Wildermuth and wife Stacie, and David Wildermuth and wife Amy; three great-grandchildren, Clay Wildermuth, Lincoln Wildermuth and Grant Wildermuth; step-children, Lalon Allen and wife Tammy, Roxy Roser and husband Tony, each of Lagro, Lisa Paxton and husband Brent, Silver Lake, and Janet Chamberlain and husband Brian, Urbana; step-grandchildren, Tiffany Roser, Amelia Roser, Erica Allen, Morgan Allen, and Levi Allen, Kate Myers, Garrett Paxton, and Russ Paxton, Travis Chamberlain and Tanner Chamberlain; and one sister, Joy Boswell and husband Ronnie, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Joan (Browning) Miller; and two brothers, Lawrence Miller and Gerald Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. James Black officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Research fund and/or the College Corner Brethren Church.

Thelma V. Whitney, 83

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Thelma V. Whitney, 83, Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005 at her residence.

She was born May 6, 1922 in Greenville, S.C. to Hozell and Neola Kay Martin.

Whitney was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Lee Whitney, Charleston, S.C., and Don Whitney and wife Jane, Roann; two daughters, Sheila Appling, Portland, Oreg., and Diana Arnold and husband Mike, Peru; two brothers, Ray and Randy Martin, both of Greenville, S.C.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, a grandson and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Gough officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Charles V. Ice, 87

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Charles V. Ice, 87, Peru, passed away at 9:17 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Sept. 27, 1917 in St. Marys, Ohio to Elmer O. and Clara Metherd Ice. He married Maryhelen Riley Sept. 28, 1940, and she survives.

Ice was a U.S. Army/Air Force veteran, serving in World War II in the European Theatre of operations. He was a flight engineer on the B-24 bombers and in the 454th Bombardment Group.

He also retired from quality control at Fisher Body in 1982, farmed, was a member of Chili United Methodist Church and served on the North Miami School Board.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Steven Ice and wife Sharon, Peru; three grandchildren, Angela Blanford and husband Richard, Plainfield, Craig Conrad and wife Kathy, Warsaw, and Andrea Wilkison and husband Chad, Peru; and three great-grandchildren, Alec Blanford, James Wilkison and Derek Grahl. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merle Ice; a sister, Melba Ward, and a daughter, Connie Conrad.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church through the funeral home.

Ada "June" Neely, 76

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Ada "June" Neely, 76, Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 22, 1928 in Miami County to Paul E. and Ada M. Jeffers Banner. She married Ernest L. Abbott, and he preceded her in death. She then married A.H. "Bid" Neely, and he preceded her in death.

Neely was a nurse's aide and did private home health care. Survivors include four sons, Danny Abbott and wife Rosellen, Dennis Abbott and wife Wendy, Jeffrey Abbott and wife Teresa, all of Peru, and Robert Abbott, Johnson City, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Friday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Mabel L. McKinney, 101

Thursday, June 2, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Mabel L. McKinney, 101, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:20 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at Oakbrook Village, Huntington, after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 23, 1904 in Peru to John and Mary Mullett Hiers.

She was retired from the Log Cabin Restaurant, Peru, and was a member of First Assembly of God Church, Peru.

She published three books in the National Library of Poetry and a few other poems on poetry.com. She was crowned the senior queen of Peru and Huntington, was grand marshal of the Peru parade, volunteered for the Green Thumbs and played in the YMCA Kitchen Band. In addition, she was a flapperette, and on her 100th birthday she did a few steps of the Charleston.

Survivors include a son-in-law, George Lease, Andrews; six grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and 20 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, six sisters, three daughters, two sons, one granddaughter, one great-grandson and one great-great grandson.

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A memorial service will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at First Assembly of God, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Albert J. Otto, 80

Thursday, June 2, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Albert J. Otto, 80, Bunker Hill, passed away at 3:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Oct. 11, 1924 in Arthur, Ill. to Jerry S. and Elizabeth Mast Otto. He married Mattie Helmuth Otto on Aug. 29, 1944 in Arthur, Ill., and she survives.

Otto was a retired Miami County farmer and a member of Bethany Fellowship Church.

Survivors other than his wife include two sons, Calvin Otto and wife Jean, Sarasota, Fla., and Linnford Otto and wife Marietta, North Adams, Mich.; four daughters, Mary Bontrager and husband Dale, Fort Wayne, Barbara Lataillade and husband Patrick, Haiti, Arlene Tschiegg and husband William, Bunker Hill, and Edith Miller and husband Sam, Huntington; four brothers, Freeman Otto and wife Mary, Simon Otto and wife Edna, all of Kokomo, Fred Otto and wife Martha, Humboldt, Ill., and Jerry Otto, Arcola, Ill.; a sister, Verna Chupp and husband Melvin, Arcola, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Martha Otto, Humboldt, Ill.; 19 grandchildren, Douglas and Dawn Bontrager, Craig and Cristal Bontrager, Rachel Lataillade, Agape Lataillade, Vicki and Marcus Freeland, Brian Miller, Lynette Miller, James and Kathy Otto, Carrie Otto, Crystle Otto, Jonathon Otto, Adam Otto, J.J. Otto, Jodi Otto and Matthew Otto; and eight great-grandchildren, Meckaila Bontrager, Moriah Bontrager, Josiah Bontrager, Noah Bontrager, Jedediah Bontrager, Taylor Bontrager, Tori Bontrager and Blake Bontrager.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Otto; and three brothers, Henry, Edward and Alvin Otto. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bethany Fellowship School, 5169 N. 600 E. in Howard County, with Marvin Beachy, Darlton Bontrager and Ronald Graber officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Miami County.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and after 9 a.m. Friday at the school.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Living Word Ministry where Barbara and Patrick Lataillade are missionaries in Haiti.

Clarence Edward "Ed" Edgington, 74

Friday, June 3, 2005 12:48 AM EDT

Clarence Edward "Ed" Edgington, 74, Mifflintown, Pennsylvania, passed away on May 29, 2005 at his home. He was born November 21, 1930 in Marion to the late Leroy and Mary Esta Edgington.

Edgington was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean Conflict. He worked for Tropicana in Florida several years before retiring and moving to Juniata County, Pennsylvania. He was active as an umpire for Little League Baseball and slow-pitch softball, and was the caretaker for the Tuscarora ball field in Mifflin. He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Bruce Edgington and wife Pat, Peru and Mark Edgington and wife Laura, Sarasota, Florida; three sisters, Francis Bailey, Richmond, Helen Kemp, Winterhaven, Florida and Mae Cardeno, Vallejo, California; his companion, Ronda Bierma; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ray, Homer, Bill, Charles and Leroy Jr.

Funeral services were conducted at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, N. Third St., Mifflintown.

Internment was in the Westminster Presbyterian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Tuscarora Softball Association, in care of Marty Dreibelbis, RR 4 Box 4712, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

Rebecca Diane Stein

Saturday, June 4, 2005 1:29 AM EDT

Rebecca Diane Stein, 52, Kodak, Tenn., passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

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Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mildred Josephine Webster, 87

Monday, June 6, 2005 7:04 PM EDT

Mildred Josephine Webster, 87, Peru, passed away at 8:53 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

She was born on September 2, 1917 in Jasper County to William P. and Olive Lenora (Austin) Madary, and married Berton O. Webster on May 1, 1936. The couple's life-long friends, Mr. and Mrs. James Stringer, were the attendees at the ceremony.

Webster graduated from Peru High School in 1935, and worked as a bookkeeper at the original Montgomery Ward store. Displaying her business acumen, she later became part of the executive secretary team of Lee Manufacturing Company. When Lee switched owners to Einer Eck, Webster was asked to set up offices for Smiley Building Company of Highway 31. She retired from that business when her son opened Webster's Florist. She also owned and operated Jo's Catering and Cakes, which specialized in wedding cakes and receptions. When the floral business moved to Peru and Rochester, she and Berton started the Turquoise Nook in Peru.

A lady of impeccable taste, she and her husband traveled extensively each year, visiting the Indian reservations in the West, and in Mexico, making jewelry selections for their store.

Webster is survived by one son, Jerry O. Webster, and his business partner, David L. Baird, Peru; a sister-in-law, Carol Madary Needham, Kokomo; a niece, Jean Albers and her husband Daniel, Peru; and two nephews, John Keith and his wife Vicki, Kenosha, and William P. Madary III, Indianapolis.

She was a member of Psi Iota Xi sorority and Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and was a former member of First Baptist Church, Peru.

Following the death of her husband in 1987, Webster moved to Anniston, Alabama, and just recently returned to the Peru area, residing at Caring Hands.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kevin Palmer and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Earl Lester Moore, 83

Tuesday, June 7, 2005 12:45 AM EDT

Earl Lester Moore, 83, Macy, passed away at 9:14 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2005 at his residence after several years of illness.

He was born April 29, 1922 in Akron to Frank R. and Nellie May Hartman Moore. He was a lifelong resident of the Akron area. He married Lauretta Lee Landis May 9, 1945 in Fulton, and she survives.

Moore worked for 20 years at Warner Brooder in North Manchester, and was a farmer.

Survivors besides his wife in Akron include three sons, Gary L. Moore and wife Sherri, Smithfield, Va., Jerry E. Moore, Gilead, and Terry L. Moore and wife Julie, Akron; a daughter-in-law, Carol S. Moore, Peru; a granddaughter, Amanda Kay Moore, Smithfield, Va.; six grandsons, Adam Lee Moore, Smithfield, Va., Brandon Eugene and Kevin Alan, both of Peru, Joshua Allen, Christopher Earl and Jordan Michael, all of Gilead; a sister, Pauline Stanley, Koontz Lake; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Merel Moore, who passed away in 1939, and Alfred Moore, who passed away in 1991; and three sisters, Marie Berger, who passed away at in 1991, Alice Steininger, who passed away in 1998, and Rose Marberger, who passed away in 2000.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Foster & Good Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4

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and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Donations can be made to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Mable Stanfield Govea, 87

Tuesday, June 7, 2005 12:45 AM EDT

Mable Stanfield Govea, 87, Apache Junction, Ariz., formerly of Peru, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2005 in Apache Junction, Ariz. Survivors include her husband, Antony Govea, Apache Junction, Ariz.; a brother, Howard Stanfield and wife Peggy, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar R. and Ura M. Stanfield; a son, Howard Rose; and a sister, Elenora Bennett. Funeral services are pending at Rees Funeral Home, Portage.

Robert G. Hahn, 89

Wednesday, June 8, 2005 1:04 AM EDT

Robert G. Hahn, 89, Peru, passed away at 2:20 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2005 at Century Villa Health Care Center, Greentown.

He was born June 2, 1916 in Miami County to Frank R. and Ethel Overman Hahn. He married Miriam "Betty" Haines on February 21, 1941 at Santa Fe United Methodist Church, and she survives.

Hahn was a longtime leader in Butler Township 4-H Club and a longtime member of the Butler Township Advisory Board. He was a retired Miami County farmer and a 1934 Butler Township High School graduate. He was also a member of Santa Fe United Methodist Church.

Survivors other than his wife include two sons, Frank Robert Hahn, Evansville, and Boyd Hahn and wife Cathy, Peru; one daughter, Jo Ann Hahn, Carefree, Ariz.; and three grandchildren, Robert N. Hahn, Peru, Karen Hahn, Bloomington, and Daniel Robert Merker, Overland Park, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Verl Hahn and Kenneth Hahn; and two sisters, Verna Blackman and Lois Stites. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Rev. Thomas Daugherty officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Santa Fe United Methodist Church, Miami County 4-H Scholarship Fund or to Bona Vista of Peru.

A testament to the respect in which he was held by his family is the fact that the first born son in each family was named after Robert.

Paul E. White, 50

Wednesday, June 8, 2005 1:04 AM EDT

Paul E. White, 50, Peru, passed away at 7:06 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 9, 1954 in Logan, W. Va., to Carl White and Mae (Maynard) Kubas. He married Cindy (Harshman) White on June 14, 1975, and she survives.

White was employed at Square D and was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed Harley-Davidsons and spending time with his granddaughters and family.

Survivors other than his wife include his mother, Mae Kubas, Logan, W. Va.; two sons, Brock White, Peru, and Aaron White, Indianapolis; two granddaughters, Jayda White and Logan White, both of Peru; two brothers, Richard White and Carl White, both of Logan, W. Va.; and one sister, Barbara White, Jensen Beach, Fla. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Derrick Lee officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Marguerite Elizabeth Barnes, 89

Thursday, June 9, 2005 1:24 AM EDT

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Marguerite Elizabeth Barnes, 89, Macy, passed away at her daughter's residence in Rochester at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

She was born on July 1, 1915 in Centralia, Ill., to Walter Levi and Ella Marguerite (Shanholtzer) Barton. On Feb. 25, 1939 in Hickory, Ky. she married E. Gordon Barnes. He preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1992. Barnes was a homemaker and in her early years attended the Methodist Church, where she was active as a Sunday school teacher. Recently she attended the Fellowship Baptist Church, Winamac, and enjoyed country music, family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Jenny Cox and husband Dale, Rochester, and Margo Provo, Macy; a son, Gale J. Barnes and wife Nancy, Oxford, Conn.; an ex-son-in-law, James Provo, Macy; eight grandchildren, Michael Cox and wife Susan, Elgin, S.C., Tony Cox and wife Astrid, Germany, Matt Cox and wife Laurie, Andy Cox, all of Rochester, Molly Ann Latta and husband Tim, Urbana, Ohio, Jacob Barnes, Nicholas Barnes and Diana Brannen, all of Oxford, Conn.; 13 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Barnes was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Reverend Don Bixby officiating. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to Woodlawn Home Health Care.

Mabel E. Govea, 87

Friday, June 10, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Mabel E. Govea, 87, Apache Junction, Arizona, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at her home.

She was born on August 9, 1917 in Winamac to Oscar R. and Ura M. (Fitz) Stanfield.

Govea moved to Arizona in 1983 after living in Portage and Peru. She was a previous member of the Women of the Moose of Peru and the Methodist Church of Peru.

Mabel is survived by her husband, Antonio; five step-children, Patricia Govea, California, Daniel Govea, East Chicago, Edwardo Govea and wife Elsa, Corpus Christi, Texas, Arthur Govea and wife Isabel, Hobart and Loudres Ramos and husband Alfredo, Hobart; eight step-grandchildren and one brother, Howard Stanfield and wife Peggy, Peru. She was preceded in death by her son, Howard L. Rose, a sister, Elanora Bennet and a niece, Sharon Rose.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Ave., Portage, with Mr. John Berlin officiating. Burial will be at Ridgelawn Cemetery, Gary. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Donna Kay (Sackett) Smith, 52

Saturday, June 11, 2005 1:35 AM EDT

Donna Kay (Sackett) Smith, 52, Baxter, Tenn. passed away Thursday, June 9, 2005 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the chapel of Baxter Funeral Home, Baxter, Tenn., with Brother Donald Widener officiating. Burial will take place at New Home Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to the time of service Sunday.

Memorial contributions can be made to Cookeville Regional Cancer Care Fund, Att. Lisa Bagci, 145 W. Fourth St., Cookeville, TN 38501 or an organization of the donor's choice.

Juanita M. Brown, 81

Wednesday, June 15, 2005 12:59 AM EDT

Juanita M. Brown, 81, Peru, passed away at 1:59 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born on May 19, 1924 in Zoe, Kentucky to Ollie and Etta Morefield Johnson. She married Robert W. Brownie Brown on January 16, 1943. He passed away March 25, 1996.

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Brown was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Survivors include four children, Flint Brown, South Bend, Kathleen Weeks Holy, Peru, Mary Etta Sumpter and husband Bobby, Ocala, Florida, and Martha Jordan and husband Robert, Perris, California; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Berg, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the Reverend Francis Kilcline officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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

Nancy L. Metzger, 61

Thursday, June 16, 2005 1:32 AM EDT

Nancy L. Metzger, 61, Peru, passed away at 2:40 p.m. on Sunday, June 12 2005 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center following an extended illness.

She was born February 28, 1944 in Peru to Vernon and Marianne Smith Myers.

The 1962 Peru High School graduate was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren, and Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Fulton, Bunker Hill and Lisa Richard, Peru; four grandchildren, Lyndsay and Christian Fulton and Joshua and Brynna Richard; one niece, Betsy Hanzelin and husband Rick, Homewood, Illinois; two great-nieces, Emma and Grace Hanzelin, Homewood, Illinois, a nephew, Christopher Nelson, Lincoln Park, Illinois; a great-nephew, Constantine Nelson, Lincoln Park, Illinois; and one sister Judith Nelson and husband Craig, Flossmoor, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home today at 7:05 p.m. with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating.

Visitation will be today at the funeral home from 4 p.m. to time of service. There will be a Psi Iota Xi service at the funeral home at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Indiana Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 7301 Georgetown Rd Ste. 122, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Freddie Thomas Ogle, 73

Thursday, June 16, 2005 1:43 AM EDT

Freddie Thomas Ogle, 73, Akron, passed away unexpectedly at 9:25 p.m. Monday, June 13, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room.

He was born May 7, 1932 in Denver to Earl Ogle and Irene Dillard. He married Janet S. Benedict on December 4, 1954 in Denver, and she survives.

Ogle was co-owner of Ogle's Standard Station in Akron for over 30 years and was manager of Franger Gas in Akron for 12 years. He attended the Akron Church of God, was a former member of the Honda Goldwing club in Warsaw and was the Henry Township Trustee for several years. He farmed and did heating and air conditioning work, was a substitute mail carrier for several years and was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. He graduated from Akron High School in 1950, where he was a yearbook photographer. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, going out to eat with friends and caring for his orchard and garden.

Survivors other than his wife include one daughter, Christa Holloway and husband Tom, Akron; two sons, Michael Ogle and David Ogle and wife Teresa, all of Akron; four grandchildren, Brandt and Samantha Holloway, Angela Ogle and Luke Ogle; one brother, Robert Ogle and wife Ellen, New Haven; one aunt, Elnora Krieg, Akron; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Akron Church of God, with Pastors Terry Canfield and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will take place at Akron Cemetery with graveside military rites being conducted by the American Legion and V.F.W. of Rochester.

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Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Church of God.

Raymond Flook, 72

Friday, June 17, 2005 11:17 PM EDT

Raymond Flook, 72, Peru, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005 at the Columbus Regional Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Raymond C. Flook, 72

Monday, June 20, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Raymond C. Flook, 72, Peru, passed away at 6:50 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2005 at Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus.

He was born April 22, 1933 in Denver to Ray and Lucille Cole Flook. He married Edith E. Pace Groleau in 1952, and she survives. He then married Lois A. Gambrell Flook Aug. 24, 1973, and she preceded him in death Feb. 21, 1998.

Flook retired from the U.S. Army/Air Force in 1969, and served during the Korean Conflict.

He was a sanitarian for Miami County from 1972 to 1998, and manager of Bill Monroe Music, Park and Campground, Bean Blossom. He also was a fireman with the Fruitdale Volunteer Fire Company, and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Gilead, VFW in Peru, American Legion in Wabash, Indiana Environmental Healthcare Association and Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors include two sons, Gary R. Flook and wife Linda, Peru, and Robert C. Flook and wife Kathleen, Rochester; four daughters, Mitzi D. Anderson and husband Andy, Columbus, Ga., Karen M. Lewis, Indianapolis, Valerie L. Tolley and husband Duane, and Amy R. Flook, all of Peru; 12 grandchildren, Lacy, Billy and Justin Anderson, Brian Flook, W.P. and Jeff Wolfe, Steve Howell, Jeremy, Jacob and Jichaela Flook, Toni Hoover and Samantha Tolley; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Annetta Hartzler Robinette and Sharon Ballee, both of Wabash, and Janice Bahney, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Julie Ann Flook; and a sister, Carolyn Baker.

The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rick Tolley officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to Columbus Regional Hospital.

There will be an additional memorial service at 2 p.m. June 25 at the Bill Monroe Memorial Music Park and Campground, 5163 SR 135 N., Bean Blossom.

Kathryn E. Osborne, 80

Monday, June 20, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Kathryn E. Osborne, 80, Peru, passed away at 1:23 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

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

Homer L. Carr, 84

Monday, June 20, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Homer L. Carr, 84, Rochester, passed away at 10:49 a.m. Saturday, June 18, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery, West Third Street, with military rites conducted by the American Legion and VFW, both of Rochester. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge of Rochester.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Historical Society or the donor's choice. Envelopes available at the funeral home.

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Kathryn E. Osborne, 80

Tuesday, June 21, 2005 6:50 PM EDT

Kathryn E. Osborne, 80, Peru, passed away at 1:23 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center.

She was born November 2, 1924 in Woodson, Illinois to Claud Dewey and Helen Megginson.

Osborne was a hostess at Gallahan's Restaurant and a member of Parkview United Methodist Church, Peru.

Survivors include one daughter, Kerrie Schoettmer and husband Matthew, Peru; a step-father, Marvin Doss, Peru; nine grandchildren, Kameron Wernz, Kaleb Schoettmer, Christian Schoettmer, Hannah Schoettmer, Michael Willingham, Kelley Estep, Kayla Eastmond, Thomas Ishee and Kathryn Ishee; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Kenneth Megginson and wife Anita, Murrayville, Illinois, and Norman Megginson, Arizona; and one sister, Betty Overturff, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Karen Ishee; and one brother, Everette Megginson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating.

Burial will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert M. Schram, 85

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 1:11 AM EDT

Robert M. Schram, 85, Tipton, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2005 at Tipton Hospital.

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

Theresa Gail Cunningham, 55

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 1:11 AM EDT

Theresa Gail (Ransom) Cunningham, 55, went home to the Lord on June 16, 2005.

Born on Nov. 6, 1949 in Detroit, Mich., Gail and her family moved to Florida when she was very young.

She grew up in Cocoa Beach during the height of the "space race," and when surfing was gaining popularity. She graduated from Cocoa Beach High School in 1967, and attended Brevard Junior College. Gail married Michael Cunningham in Cocoa Beach on Dec. 3, 1983. Gail and Michael met while working for the city of Cape Canaveral, where they both became volunteer firefighters. Michael was an Air Force officer and together they lived in Europe, traveling to Germany, France, Italy, Austria and Czechoslovakia, before retiring in Peru.

In 1993, with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, the support of family and friends, Gail began a cancer battle of 12 long years. During this time, Gail and Michael hosted ten high school foreign exchange students. Gail loved life and the Lord Jesus Christ. Her attitude was shown in her many friendships that she made so easily. Her love of family and friends was expressed by her open-minded willingness to talk about anything and everything. She was a great Mom and mentor to students from all over the world. Gail loved working with the kids and watching them grow. Through all the ups and downs, Gail stayed busy. She loved gardening, crochet, genealogy, cooking, computers, dining out and kitties. She loved her Callie, Choo-Choo and Scooter.

Gail is survived by her husband, Michael Cunningham; her mother and father, Patricia and Carl Ransom, Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and a brother, Kim Ransom, Oviedo, Fla.

She was predeceased by her natural father, Steve Slatina, an uncle; Phillip Slatina; and her grandmother, Helen "Hado" Pope-Whitely, in 2004.

Gail is already missed by her many family and friends, and knowing Gail - she is already feeling better and new, visiting old family and friends in a new home built just for her. What a reunion that will be when we can all be together again! Praise the Lord.

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A Memorial celebration will be held at Eagles Nest Christian Fellowship, 2345 Randolph St., Peru (Grissom Aeroplex), by Pastor Jim Thomas on Thursday at 6 p.m. Donations may be made to the ENCF Church Library. Come and celebrate her new life.

Janet Louise Horner, 68

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 10:50 PM EDT

Janet Louise Horner, 68, Peru, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born April 16, 1937 in Miami County to Glen and Amy Townsend Sutton. She married Paul Edward Horner Dec. 27, 1937 in Peru, and he survives.

Horner was employed as a secretary at Cole and Kubesch in Peru for over 14 years, and she was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Paul David Horner and wife Merry, and Alan Horner, all of Indianapolis; and two grandsons, Scott and Sean, both of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jerry Sutton.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mexico Baptist Church, with Pastor Gary Colby officiating. Burial will be private. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

Harold Casper, 92

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 10:51 PM EDT

Harold Casper, 92, Huntington, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 15, 1912 in Huntington County to Charles and Edith Dillman Casper. He married Mary Margaret Scher on Sept. 14, 1940 in Huntington, and she survives.

Casper was a 1932 graduate of Huntington High School. Prior to his retirement in 1976 he was a conductor for the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad for 35 years. He also was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, a life member of the Elks Lodge #805 and the Knights of Columbus. In addition, he was a member of United Transportation.

Survivors other than his wife include two sons, Thomas J. Casper, Peru, and Jerry Allen Casper, Gardner, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Verna Sunderman and Mary Sours; and one brother, Eugene Casper.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with the Rev. Gary Sigler officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Mary Catholic Church. Online condolences can be sent to mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

Virgil "Paul" Gordon, 83

Friday, June 24, 2005 1:10 AM EDT

Virgil "Paul" Gordon, 83, Rochester, passed away at 1:10 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He was born April 12, 1922 in Kewanna to Eugene and Maude (Robbins) Gordon. He married Betty Castle on Nov. 20, 1943, in San Diego, Calif., and she survives.

Gordon retired from the Rochester Water Works as superintendent. He was a member of the Rochester Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, American Legion and Moose Lodge, and had attended the First Christian

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Church. He was a U.S. Marine paratrooper during World War II. He also enjoyed gardening and working on his lawn.

Survivors other than his wife include a sister, Donna Williams, Rochester; two brothers, Robert "Bob" Gordon and wife Roseann, Walton, and Russell Gordon and wife Roberta, New Waverly; and several nieces and nephews.

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

No funeral service or visitation will be observed. Burial will take place in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements

Bonnie Summers, 82

Friday, June 24, 2005 11:02 PM EDT

Bonnie Summers, 82, Rochester, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she was a resident since April 1. She had been in failing health since December.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the First Christian Church Building Fund in Rochester.

Allen T. Glassburn, 70

Monday, June 27, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

Allen T. Glassburn, 70, Monterey, passed away 1:24 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Culver Bible Church, Culver, with the Rev. Daniel Huhn officiating. Interment will be private. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via www.bonine-odom.com. Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Archie V. Sawyer Jr., 83

Wednesday, June 29, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Archie V. Sawyer Jr., 83, Russiaville, went to be with his Lord and Saviour at 9:10 a.m. Monday, June 27, 2005 at Windsor Estates Health Center, Kokomo.

He was born Sept. 12, 1921 in Peru to Catherine Brewer and Archie V. Sawyer Sr. He married Muriel E. "Betty" Gidley July 11, 1942, and she preceded him in death May 19, 1994.

Sawyer was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He also was a retired plumber, a member of the Moose and Eagles Lodge in Peru, the Elks Lodge in Indio, Calif., and the VFW. In addition, his hobbies included stock car racing, fishing and camping.

Survivors include a son, Archie "Tom" Sawyer III, Sharpsville; a daughter, Marsha Nunnally, Russiaville; two granddaughters, Kathy Davis and husband Greg, Russiaville, and Saraya Davis and husband Tim, Normanda; two grandsons, Tim A. Sawyer IV Abrams, Indianapolis, and Brent Williams, West Palm Beach, Fla.; four great-grandchildren, Zachary, Cole and Lydia Davis, and Sarah Abrams; a brother, Don Sawyer, Kokomo; and two sisters, Lorraine Jones, Peru, and Margaret Zerung, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters, Alice Downing and Doris Jean Sawyer; and two brothers, Jackie Wayne Sawyer and Virgil Sawyer.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Max Widdup officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent by e-mail to rayneeyes@yahoo.com.

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Milton Edgar Garrison, 80

Thursday, June 30, 2005 1:28 AM EDT

Milton Edgar Garrison, 80, Peru, passed away at 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at his home. He lived in Peru since December 1999, coming from rural Wabash where he lived several years.

He was born April 10, 1925 in Huntington County to Walter Lee and Bertha Hull Garrison. He married Phyllis J. Cocklin, and she preceded him death Nov. 5, 1972. He then married Anna Katherine Hoagland Oct. 28, 1967 in Rochester, and she survives.

Garrison retired from General Tire in Wabash in 1983 after 33.5 years. He was a member of the Wabash Christian Heritage Church.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Angela Dawn Pearson and husband Robert, Huntington; a son, Robin Arthur Garrison and wife Kathleen A., Auburn; a brother, Charles Garrison and wife Patricia, Huntington; three step-daughters, Kim Raderstorf and husband Jay, Macy, Paula Isley and husband Earl, Peru, and Christine Whitney, Roann; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife; a son, Phillip Garrison; a grandson, Ian Raderstorf; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The online memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Robert Miller Schram, 83

Thursday, June 30, 2005 1:29 AM EDT

Robert Miller Schram, 83, Tipton, went to be with the Lord on Monday June 20, 2005.

He was born Dec. 4, 1921 to Mabel and Emil Schram. He married Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Myers on June 4, 1942, and she predeceased him. Bob was blessed to meet and marry Elizabeth Ann (Ibby Ann) Kurtz in 1977. They celebrated their 28th anniversary in January, and created a loving blended family.

Bob had the unforgettable experience in the '30s to be a senate page. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942, was stationed in Brazil with the Air Ship Unit and his active duty ended in November 1945. He retired to the Naval Reserve at the rank of commander in 1961.

In Peru he had a number of responsibilities. In 1959 he joined the Peru Trust Company, now known as Wells Fargo Bank, where he was president and chairman from 1966 until his retirement in 1987, was vice chairman of the Indiana Port Commission 1961/1983, was president of the Indiana Bankers Association in 1966 and a member of Indiana State Fair Board 1947/1950. Bob was presented the Silver Beaver Award for his excellent leadership with the Boy Scouts in 1977, was Peru Man of the Year in 1955 and was made Sagamore of the Wabash three times. After his retirement, he served as the first chairman of the Tipton County Foundation.

Survivors besides his wife include his three children, Tom Schram and wife Betsy, David Schram and wife Carol, and Mary Elizabeth Schram; two stepsons, Dr. Bob Kurtz and wife Charla, and Mike Kurtz and wife Rose; two brothers, Jim Schram and wife Sue, and Dan Schram and wife Sandy; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and five nephews.

He was a remarkable man and touched many lives for which the family gives thanks. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation can be given to either the Tipton County Foundation for the Ibby Ann and Robert Schram Educational Fund, The Boy Scouts of America Sagamore Council or Kemp United Methodist Church, Tipton.

Calling will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. July 5 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. The memorial service will July 6 at the First Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m., with graveside committal service immediately following. A reception will be held at The Siding after the graveside service.

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Jay A. Aikman, 53

Thursday, June 30, 2005 1:28 AM EDT

Jay A. Aikman, 53, Rensselaer, passed away Monday, June 27, 2005 at the Rensselaer Care Center.

He was born May 10, 1952 in Peru to Lamoine C. and Dorthy Delphena (Murphy) Aikman.

Aikman had resided in Rensselaer for 2.5 years, moving from Elkhart. He was raised in Peru, graduated from Peru High School with the class of 1970 and attended Ball State University, Muncie. He was a machinist at B & K Steel Company for eight years. He also was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include Sharon K. (Caldwell) Travis, with whom he made his home; three daughters, Tiffany E. Aikman, Kokomo, Tisha J. Aikman, Bunker Hill, and Hope Staddon and husband Cory, Rensselaer; two sons, Sean D. Miley and wife Lee Marie, Bryan, Ohio, and Steve Travis, Rensselaer; two brothers, Jerry Aikman, Peru, and Mike Aikman, Kokomo; two sisters, Sue Warner, and Judy Smiley and husband Garry, all of Peru; seven nieces; two nephews; three grandsons and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at the Faith Community Church, Grissom Aeroplex, at a later date. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The Jackson Funeral Chapel, Rensselaer, is handling the arrangements.

Clara M. Davidson, 83

Friday, July 1, 2005 12:21 AM EDT

Clara M. Davidson, 83, Peru, passed away at 1:57 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo.

She was born on May 17, 1922 in Evansville to Oscar Frank and Elizabeth (Bradley) Wagner, and married Oscar Davidson in Miami, Florida on September 3, 1952. He passed away April 5, 1966.

Davidson was an LPN and retired from the Marion Veteran's Hospital in 1992. She graduated from Evansville Central High School, and from the Kokomo School of Nursing. Davidson was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by one son, David Davidson, Mishawaka; one daughter, Maria Rupert, Indianapolis; two sisters, Dorothy Boots and Ruth Wilhoite, both of Evansville; five grandchildren, Robert Davidson, Jack Davidson, Jason Dacons, Andrea Dacons and Jarod Dacons; and eight great-grandchildren, Lillian Davidson, Milo Davidson, Uriah Taylor, Kameron Dacons, Audreona Dacons, Shailynn Dacons, Jarah Dacon and Amora Dacons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Russell Wagner; and one sister, Rose Edith Sitzman.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Willard O. Peterson, 61

Saturday, July 2, 2005 2:59 AM EDT

Willard O. Peterson, 61, Mexico, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at his residence.

He was born April 12, 1944 in Iola, Wisconsin to William and Marie (Casey) Peterson, and married Vicki J. Hetzner Peterson on May 14, 2005, and she survives.

Peterson was a member of the First Brethren Church of Mexico.

He is survived by his wife; eight sisters, Elivera Walker, Red Wing, Minnesota, Jeanette Glodowski, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Joan Johnston, Willow Springs, Missouri, Lois Marotz, Larsen, Wisconsin,

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Alice Maggio, Linda Peterson and Carol Weinmann, each of Waupaca, Wisconsin, and Marlene Germundson, Chaska, Minnesota.

A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday at 4 p.m. at the home of Jo and Cindy Fisher, 555 West and 300 North, Peru, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

James "Jim" F. Shrock, 80

Thursday, July 07, 2005

James "Jim" F. Shrock, 80, Kokomo, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2005 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown.

He was born May 16, 1925 north of Plevna to Harry B. and Ella Sommers Shrock. He married Annabelle Mishler Shrock July 6, 1946 at Converse Methodist Church, and she survives.

Shrock graduated from Greentown High School in 1944, and served for two years in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Aleutian Islands. He also was owner and operator of Plevna Implement Company from 1945 to 2001. He was a member of the Greentown Masonic Service F & AM 341 for 50 years, a member of the Greentown Order of the Eastern Star, past president of Shrock Cemetery Association, past member of the Indiana Implement Dealer Association and past member of the Dealer Advisory Association. In addition, he enjoyed golf and fishing.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Bruce Shrock and wife Paula, Brad Shrock and wife Mary, and Bill Shrock and wife Kathy, all of Greentown; a brother, Kenneth Shrock, Kokomo; two sisters, Pauline Miller and husband Henry, and Miriam Haun, all of Kokomo; six grandchildren, Gayle Lessman and husband Ryan, Denver, Colo., Trent and Marissa Shrock, Drew Shrock and fiancée Alyssa Seagraves, Kyle Shrock and fiancée Cami Hensler, all of Greentown, and Kent Shrock and wife Kristin, Fishers.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church, Greentown, with the Rev. Michael Goodspeed officiating. Burial will be in Shrock Cemetery, Kokomo, with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 317. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Cancer Research Foundation, with envelopes available at the viewing and service. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, Greentown.

Ruby P. Davis, 94

Thursday, July 07, 2005

Ruby P. Davis, 94, Wabash, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Monday, July 4, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Nov. 7, 1910 in Converse to Charles Albert and Elizabeth Ellen (Clem) White. She married Robert P. Davis on March 21, 1933 in Indianapolis; he passed away April 21, 1995.

Davis was a homemaker.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Montgomery and husband Larry, Peru; a son, Robert L. Davis and wife Claudia, Goldsboro, N.C.; two grandsons, Michael Montgomery, Kokomo, and Reid A. Davis and wife April, Apex, N.C.; four granddaughters, Lisa Partlow and husband Tim, Covington, Ga., Megan Davis, Goldsboro, N.C., Dawn Saunders and Amy Wall and husband Bill, all of Huntington; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, one daughter, one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Friday, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews.

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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

Preferred memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

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Wilma M. Snyder, 91

Thursday, July 07, 2005

Wilma M. Snyder, 91, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 7 a.m. Sunday, July 3, 2005 at her son Ronald's residence in Leeds, Ala.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor William S. Allison officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Friends may call after 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Robert A. Johnson, 54

Friday, July 08, 2005

Robert A. Johnson, 54, Peru, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Monday, July 4, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Aug. 18, 1950 in Kokomo to Clara M. (Kingery) Johnson and Robert F. Johnson. He married Sherry M. (Swisher) Johnson Aug. 21, 1971 in Kokomo, and she survives.

Johnson had worked for Turner-Powell Manufacturing, Kolux Manufacturing, Chrysler Corporation and Kingston Products. He attended Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors other than his wife include two sons, James Johnson, Michigan City, and Jason Johnson, Kokomo; one step-son, Brian Collins, Kokomo; nine grandchildren, Joseph Garrett, Blake, Britny and Blane Johnson, all of Peru, Amber, Chelsea and Sidney Collins, and Ashley Gonzales, all of Kokomo, and a special grandson Mr. Johnson nicknamed "Sucky Bear" is Brennen Callis, Peru; and one sister, Diana Riley Gruel, Tipton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, Brandon Biehle; and a brother, Jack Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ellers Mortuary, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Mike Zell officiating. Burial will take place at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

Ardith D. Powell, 73

Saturday, July 09, 2005

Ardith D. Powell, 73, Lafayette, passed away at 9:25 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette.

He was born Aug. 10, 1931 in Landess to Arthur and Edna Powell. He married Barbara A. Gibson June 15, 1957 in Marion, and she survives.

Powell graduated from Marion High School, and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1951 to 1955 in Okinawa. He also lived in Peru prior to moving to Lafayette in 1989.

He was a sales representative for Bell Fiber, Marion, for 35 years. In addition, he was a member of St. James Lutheran Church and the American Legion in Delphi. He enjoyed clocks, making stained glass projects, rebuilding antique cars and was team dad for his grandchildren's basketball teams at his church.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Kim Phillippi Thomas and husband Brad, Carrollton, Texas; two grandchildren, Adam and Andrew Phillippi; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Kelsey, Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sondra Bragg.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Soller-Baker Funeral Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Blvd., Lafayette, with Pastor David French officiating. Interment will be in Grant Memorial Cemetery, Marion.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. James Basketball Camp.

Connie S. Mills, 52

Saturday, July 09, 2005

Connie S. Mills, 52, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

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She was born Dec. 9, 1952 in Peru to Norman T. and Velma E. Fauss Pyeritz. She married Robert L. Mills April 27, 1985, and he survives.

Mills was a homemaker, attended St. John's Lutheran Church and belonged to the following auxiliaries: Eagles, Moose and VFW lodges. She also was a regular at TOPS meetings.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Shawna Sutero and husband Robert, and Dera Shuler, all of Peru; a son, Corey Pyeritz, Peru; a brother, Mark A. Pyeritz and wife Barbara, Peru; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Teddy Pyeritz.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and/or American Lung Association.

Joyce C. McGowan, 60

Saturday, July 09, 2005

Joyce C. McGowan, 60, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Monday July 4, 2005 at her residence.

She was born January 1, 1945 in Mount Greenwood, Ill. to Donavin and Helen Berry Winchell. She married Jack McGowan Jr. on March 8, 2003, and he survives.

McGowan was employed at Kmart and attended Main Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors other than her husband include one son, Steven Westcott and wife Karen, Chicago, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Catie McGowan, Peru; one stepson, Jack Durand, Peru; and two sisters, Norma Smojie and husband Miran, Curtis, Wis., and Myrla Johnson and husband Lloyd, Crown Point.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In keeping with her wishes, Joyce has been cremated and there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Pearl E. Langdon, 84

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Pearl E. Langdon, 84, Peru, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born on March 31, 1921 in Wilburton, Oklahoma to Louis and Maudie (Edge) Gothard, and married David H. Langdon on June 28, 1941. He is deceased.

Langdon was retired from Civil Service at Grissom Air Force Base, and was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Kenneth H. Langdon and wife Linda, Reno, Nevada, and Jack A. Langdon, Palm Coast, Florida; one grandson, Jeffrey Langdon and wife Tiajuana, North Carolina; three great-grandchildren, Emily Langdon, Alyssa Langdon, Joshua Langdon; one brother, Barner Gothard, Peru; and one sister, Jennie Newby, Peru.

Langdon was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers; and two sisters.

A graveside service will be conducted today at 1 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Dr. Reverend Robert Hammond officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakdale Baptist Church Building Fund.

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

Arthur I. Gothard, 94

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Arthur I. Gothard, 94, Lafayette, passed away Friday, July 8, 2005 at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born Oct. 13, 1910 in Ragland, Ala. to William and Mautie Edge Gothard. His first marriage was to Isabel Babcock on May 5, 1934. She passed away on Dec. 31, 1983. He then married Harriett Haines on Nov. 10, 1984, and she survives.

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Gothard had worked as a salesman for Korschot Heating and Air and had also been employed by Vierk Supply. He was a member of Crestview United Brethren Church, West Lafayette Lodge 492 F&AM, BPOE 143, Elks Lodge 143 and the High 12 Club 698.

Survivors other than his wife include one son, James Gothard and wife Suzie, Lafayette; three stepdaughters, Patricia Baker and husband Harold, Mishawaka, Jane Ober and husband Andy, Kokomo, and Beverly Ann Hamilton and husband Chase, San Francisco, Calif.; one brother, Barney Gothard, Peru; one sister, Jennie Lou Newby, Peru; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Jean Mannies; one brother, Alton Gothard; two sisters, Elsie Hight and Pearl Langdon; and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette. Burial will take place at Spring Vale Cemetery.

Eugene S. "Gene" Csabi, 72

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Eugene S. "Gene" Csabi, 72, Peru, passed away at 2:07 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru, surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born April 27, 1932 in South Bend to Stephan and Alice Kmitta Csabi. He graduated from Washington High School in South Bend, and married Vicki Jo Miller Csabi April 30, 1965 in Peru. She preceded him in death July 10, 2001.

Csabi was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from AT & T. He also was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, Peru Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, the American Legion, a life member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a former associate member of the Indiana Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his daughter, Elena Victoria Csabi, Peru; a sister, Alice M. Mead, Mishawaka; a sister-in-law, Carol Ranalli and husband David, Lafayette; and a brother-in-law, James R. Miller and wife Kathy, Logansport.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Opal Irene Schmidt, 92

Thursday, July 14, 2005

Opal Irene Schmidt, 92, Peru, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Hickory Creek, Peru, following an extended illness.

She was born on July 20, 1912 in Miami County to Harlan Puterbaugh and Faye (Parr) Puterbaugh. She married Fred E. Schmidt on Jan. 23, 1942, and he preceded her in death May 5, 1971.

Schmidt was a homemaker, and lived in Miami County all her life.

Survivors include a cousin, Anna Faye Wimmer, Amboy; several nieces and two nephews.

Schmidt was preceded in death by her husband, parents and five brothers, Floyd, Victor, Orville, Lyman and Rob Puterbaugh.

A graveside service will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

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

Doris E. Wendt, 86

Saturday, July 16, 2005

Doris E. Wendt, 86, North Manchester, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Wabash Skilled Care Center.

She was born Nov. 3, 1918 in Zanesville to Otis J. and Leona Fern Preskey Line. She married John H. Wendt on Sept. 29, 1940. He preceded her in death on March 5, 1993.

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Wendt was an artist and designed and made ceramic inserts for the St. Clair Glass Co. of Elwood for more than 25 years. She was also a substitute teacher at Peru High School. She graduated from Fort Wayne Southside High School and Fort Wayne Art School, and was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. She was a member of Ruth Chapter #120 OES, the Women's Literary Club, Indiana Paperweight Collectors Association, Miami County Symphony Unit and a charter member of the Miami Arts Guild.

Survivors include four sons, Jere A. Wendt and Pam, Lakeville, John D. Wendt and Donna, Lagro, Michael L. Wendt and Donna, Wabash, and Randy J. Wendt and Jill, Wabash; seven grandchildren, Clark Wendt, Wendy Denney, Mark Wendt, Denise Wendt, Steve Wendt, Amy Wendt and Kelsey Wendt; and one step granddaughter, Kandi Brandt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Gerald Line and Jack Line; and one sister, Kathleen Carvin.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Douglas A. York, 61

Saturday, July 16, 2005

Douglas A. York, 61, Fort Wayne, passed away at 3:57 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. He had been hospitalized for one day after a three-year illness.

He was born May 9, 1944 in Burbank, Calif. to John Walter and Virginia Pike York. He graduated from Akron High School in 1963, and married Linda L. Crockett June 30, 1968 in Akron. She survives. York had been in the computer business, and was a member of Akron United Methodist Church. In addition, he was a grandson of D.A. Pike.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Dana A. York, McNeil, Miss.; his father in Akron; a sister, Pamela Y. Melcher, Akron; a brother-in-law, Jack Fetrow and wife Shirley, North Manchester; and two granddaughters, Kayla and Leah York.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Akron United Methodist Church, with Pastor Kent Harting officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society of Allen County. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.

Gene Moss, 64

Saturday, July 16, 2005

Gene Moss, 64, Logansport, passed away at 9:48 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at Mount Pleasant Community Hospital, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

He was born May 2, 1941 in Miami County to Carl David and Zella Ulerick Moss. He graduated from Metea High School in 1959, and married Carol I. Williamson June 19, 1960 in Metea. She survives. Moss was owner/operator of Moss Fertilizer Service Inc., Twelve Mile. He also was a member of American Legion Post 60, Elks Lodge 66, Rochester Moose Lodge and past president of the Indiana Plant Food Association. He enjoyed flying, playing golf and running the family business.

Survivors besides his wife and mother in Logansport include three sons, Steve Moss, and Curt Moss and wife Karen, all of Twelve Mile, and Brad Moss and wife Teresa, Battleground; a sister, Betty Klein and husband Dick, Logansport; a brother, Dick Moss and wife Jan, Peru; nine grandchildren, Brandon and Mariah Moss, Brooke Hughes, Kyle and Kendra Huff, Sarah Moss, Kelsey and Corey Moss and Matt Bohm; and two great-grandchildren, Lili and Tyler Hughes.

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Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in Metea Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Angela K. Filback, 45

Saturday, July 16, 2005

Angela K. Filback, 45, Kokomo, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Jones Funeral Chapel, Morgantown, Ky. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, assisted locally.

Robert J. Mathes, 76

Monday, July 18, 2005

Robert J. Mathes, 76, formerly of Peru, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at Lakeview Hospital, Mandeville, Louisiana.

Mathes served in the United States Army Signal Corps, and following his military service worked as a reporter/photographer for the Peru Daily Tribune.

He was instrumental in the founding of the Circus City Festival in Peru.

Funeral services will be at Harry McKneely and Son Funeral Home, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, today at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be today at the funeral home at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131 Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Blythe Y. Harshman, 91

Monday, July 18, 2005

Blythe Y. Harshman, 91, Keystone, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

Her son Robert Harshman survives in Peru.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Sonlight Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Robert Picket and Rev. Tom Bradley officiating.

Friends may call from noon to 8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sonlight Wesleyan Church.

Dora M. Quinn, 69

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Dora M. Quinn, 69, Walton, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2005 at the residence of her daughter, Ruth Kelley, Ligonier.

She was born on January 25, 1936 in Willow Creek to George Russell and Helen Ruth (Bouvie) Hess, and married Albert F. Quinn on October 16, 1954 in Smithville, West Virginia. He preceded his wife in death on March 22, 2005.

Quinn was a homemaker and served as a PFC in the United States Marine Corps.

She was a member of the Onward Christian Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Walton, Gay Niters Home Economics Club, Moose Lodge Auxiliary, Logansport, American Legion, Walton, and was especially loved by her children and grandchildren.

Quinn is survived by two sons, George Quinn and wife Jennifer, Walton, and Bill Quinn, Hendersonville, Tennessee; three daughters, Helen Hernandez and husband Alejandro, Young America, Ruth Kelley and husband Ryan, Ligonier, and Linda Shay and husband Bob, Silver Lake; grandchildren, Megan Quinn and husband Joe Watson, Galveston; Timothy Quinn and Tiffany Quinn, Taylor Michigan; Danielle Koors and Caleb Koors, Young America; Damon Kelley and Kara Kelley, Ligonier; Adam Shay, Silver Lake; Dalton Quinn and Lindsay Quinn, Hendersonville; and great-granddaughter, Grace Madison.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Edwin Hess; and granddaughter, Casey Quinn.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Onward Christian Church, with the Reverend Rod Mason officiating.

Burial will be at Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward.

Visitation will be today at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home chapel, Walton, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Eastern Star services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Onward Christian Church.

Brian D. Bosley, 40

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

Brian D. Bosley, 40, Peru, passed away at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on March 26, 1965 in Wyoming, Michigan to Dwayne R. and Judy (Jordan) Bosley, and married Sharon Fumis Bosley in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on March 25, 2000.

Bosley was a 1983 graduate of Pickford (Michigan) High School, and worked as a carpenter. He was a United States Army veteran.

Bosley is survived by his wife; children, Melanie Jean Bosley, Sault Ste. Marie, Paige Anne Bosley, Sault Ste. Marie, and Ann-Marie Peer, Sault Ste. Marie; grandmother, Margaret Jordan, Sault Ste. Marie; step-children, Morgan Peterson, Peru, Carolyn Bishop, Peru, and Michael Bishop, Peru; mother and step-father, Judy and Frank Causley, Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Anita Graves and husband Wayne, Burnips, Michigan, Sheri Lemstra and husband Barry, Peru, and Marge Bosley, Alabama; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dennis and Julie Day, Peru; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jaune Day and wife Karen, Peru; nephews, Christopher, Tyler and Jeremy; and nieces, Amanda, Becky and Jalyn.

He was preceded in death by his father; and three grandparents.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Burial will be at North Raber Cemetery, Raber, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bosley family through the funeral home.

Roy H. Pier, 87

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

We as a family are celebrating the life of Roy H. Pier, 87, as he ascended to glory. He graduated to glory at 6:20 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2005 at his home (1542 W. 400 South, Peru), which was less than a mile from his birthplace.

Pier was born in Miami County on December 29, 1917 to Clarence and Grace (Engel) Pier, and resided in this county his entire life.

The 1936 graduate of Bunker Hill High School married Patricia Ann Erwin on November 2, 1952. Pier's memberships included Miami Fellowship of Praise Church, the Moose Lodge, Peru, and Plumber/Steamfitters Local 440 Union.

Pier was retired from Quality Plumbing and Heating.

He served in the United States Army during World War II, and his hobbies included fishing, golfing, gardening, shuffle board, card games, a challenge, and spending his deep love with his family and friends.

Pier is survived by his wife; two daughters, Patti Lynn Grube and husband Paul, Rochester, and Connie Rockwell, Indianapolis; four sons, Allen Pier and wife Jeannie, Peru, Dale Pier and wife Dara, Bunker Hill, Mark Pier and wife Carol, Peru, and Randy Pier and wife Teresa, Peru; two brothers, Donald Pier, Peru, and Robert Pier and wife Marlene, Peru; grandchildren, Jeff Grube, Gary Grube, Shawn Grube, Melissa Pier, Jimmy Pier, Sean Morr, Brad Pier, Stacy Nichols, Candace Rockwell, Rachel Sutton, and Grace Pier; great-grandchildren, Brad Grube, Ashlin Grube, Sophie Grube, and Lincoln Sutton; several nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Henry Pier, Ellis Pier, Joe Pier, and Wilbur Pier; and six sisters, Irene Graft, Sylvia Jones, Gladys White, Dorothy Wolf, Wanita Pier, and Mary Lucille Pier.

Funeral services will be conducted at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with Brother Steve Bluse and brother Mark Chase officiating.

Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Miami County.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Hospice and Home Health Care and/or the American Diabetes Association.

Cheryl Lynn Hall, 48

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Cheryl Lynn Hall, 48, Peru, passed away at 11:34 a.m. Sunday, July 17, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 10, 1956 to Beckom and Anita Holt Campbell. She graduated from Haworth High School in 1974, and married Barry Hall April 14, 1990 in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Hall worked for Delco in Kokomo and GM Metal Fabrication in Marion. She also was a member of Calvary Temple, Peru, and loved to travel, camp and spend time with her grandchildren.

Survivors besides her husband include her father and step-mother, Beckom Campbell and wife Serena, Kokomo; a daughter, Kelley Wolfe and husband Jason, Martinsville; two sons, Nicklas Bunch and wife Christina, Peru, and Denver Bunch, Kokomo; two step-sons, Barry K. Hall and wife Beverly, South Bend, and Brian Hall, Albany; a step-daughter, Tracy Haynes and husband Anthony, Liberty Township, Ohio; two step-brothers, Barry L. Roach and fiancée Loretta Huffman, Marion, and Leslie Roach, Kokomo; a step-sister, Lisa Weatherall and husband Ed, Bloomington; four grandchildren, Sydney Roselynn and Delaney Grace Wolfe, and Alexis Deanna and Crystal Marie Bunch; nine step-grandchildren, Barry Andrew, Sarah Elizabeth, Jessica Faye, Adam Craig and Zachary Philip Hall, and Brooke Ashley, Brett Anthony, Bailey Alyse and Blake Allen Haynes; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 1993 and her grandmother, Dorothy Williams.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mitchel Leigh Sharp, 22

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

Mitchel Leigh Sharp, 22, arrived as a gift from God to Dick and Sara Sharp on Jan. 18, 1983 and has gone to be with God at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 as the result of an automobile accident.

Mitchel was born in Peru and lived here his entire life.

He was a 2001 graduate of Peru High School, and was preparing to attend Lincoln Technical Institute, Indianapolis in August. Mitchel was a kind and loving person who always told his family he loved them and hugged and kissed them.

Survivors other than his parents include his sister, Megan Anne Sharp, Peru; his Grandpa, Richard S. Sharp, Peru; his Grammy and Grampa Elmer and Barbara Lemon, Peru; aunts and uncles, Dale and Doreen Eldridge, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Paul and Ann Florence, Frankfort, Matt and Anita Lemon, East China, Michigan, and Debbie Frissell, Noblesville; cousins, Jared and Beth Florence, Lathan, Cathy, Savannah and Victoria Florence, Monique, Al and Cole Cunningham, Arianne Lemon, Andy and Abby Eldridge and Kristen, Scotty and Katie Frissell; his ever-loving cat, Maron, and his loving dog, Rylei; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by Grandma Carolyn Sharp; an aunt, Vicci Florence; and a cousin, Luke Eldridge.

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A memorial service will be held Thursday at 4 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating.

Mitchel's ashes will be spread at his favorite fishing spot in Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Little League.

David "Dave" Gene Alspaugh, 55

Saturday, July 23, 2005

David "Dave" Gene Alspaugh, 55, Galena, Ill, passed away at 10:07 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born March 11, 1950 in Peru to Donald and Norma Wolf Alspaugh. He married Patricia "Pat" Routt Alspaugh of Macy June 14, 1970 in Peru, and she survives.

Alspaugh graduated from Maconaquah High School and Tulane University, New Orleans, La., where he received a B.S. in engineering. He worked at Bodine Electric Company, Chicago, Ill., for the past 11 years where he was vice president of manufacturing. He attended Elizabeth Methodist Church, Elizabeth, Ill., and was a member of the Society of Electrical Engineers, the Tulane Greenwave Club, APICS American Production and Inventory Control Society and National Fishing Lure Collectors Club. In addition, he enjoyed golfing, fishing and collecting fishing lures and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors besides his parents in Peru and wife include a son, Jason Phillip Alspaugh and wife Julie, Odessa, Mo.; a daughter, Shannon Leigh Alspaugh and fiance Aaron Spaid, Bloomington, Ill.; a granddaughter, Lillian Skyler Alspaugh; a grandson, Breven Joseph Harden; a brother Mark A. Alspaugh and wife Karen, Littleton, Colo.; and a sister, Kay E. Ridenour and husband Jim, Mishawaka.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Nancy Carol (Yager) Ames, 67

Saturday, July 23, 2005

Nancy Carol (Yager) Ames, 67, Eugene, Oregon, formerly of Peru, passed away July 13, 2005.

She was born January 14, 1938 in Tipton to Margaret Pieczschala. She married Deverl Ames in 1956. Ames attended high school in LaPorte and is a former resident of Ohio and Colorado. She was a homemaker and mother of two, who enjoyed cooking and counseling youth and had a wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include one daughter, Wendy Ames, Cincinnati; one son, Wayde Ames and wife Beth, Peru; two brothers and two sisters of Indiana and Florida and two grandchildren, Toraja Ames, Cincinnati and Justin Ames, Peru.

Funeral services were held Monday.

Arrangements were by Musgrove Family Mortuary, Eugene.

James V. Wright, 48

Saturday, July 23, 2005

James V. Wright, 48, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005 at Mississinewa Lake in Wabash County.

He was born July 4, 1957 in Prestonburg, Ky. to Hodley and Nellie Birchfield Wright.

Wright was self-employed.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Wright and Tabatha Tharp, both of Peru; five sons, James Wright, Peru, Hodley Ben Wright, J.J. Wright, Steven Wright and Charles Wright, all of Georgia; a brother, David Wall, Peru; four grandchildren, Chloa, Noah, Jamie and Emma Wright; four sisters, Barbara Hicks and husband Melvis, Logansport, Bonnie Davidson, Wabash, and Lynn Babb and Kathy Wright, both of Peru; and eight nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. The eight honorary pallbearers will be Butch and Steven Hicks, David "Bub" Wright, Billy Davis, Matt Turley, Steve Campbell, Kenny Arwood and Stevie Beacraft.

Rosanna R. Garrett, 83

Saturday, July 23, 2005

Rosanna R. Garrett, 83, Peru, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 5, 1921 in Peru to John and Minnie Garske Durkes. She married David E. Garrett on Jan. 14, 1945 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 1999.

Garrett was a graduate of Peru High School and the executive secretary to the principal at Peru High School for 45 years until she retired in 1982. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was affiliated with the YMCA, Lutheran Missionary League, Rachel Circle of St. John's Church, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Ladies of the Moose and Ladies of the Elks. She was an avid swimmer at the YMCA and a bridge enthusiast who enjoyed playing with her friends.

Survivors include one daughter, Cheryl McKee and husband Kirk, Tulsa, Okla.; one son, John Garrett and wife Kay, Rochester; two grandchildren, David Secrest and wife Jenne, and James K. Secrest III and wife Tara; and three great-grandchildren, Jake, Josh and Kylie Secrest.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother, Robert Durkes.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. July 30 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will take place at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

No visitation is scheduled.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church or the Southern Care Hospice.

Michael Reed, 48

Monday, July 25, 2005

Michael Reed, 48, Worthington, Ky., passed away Saturday, July 23, 2005 at the home of Donny and Tammy Vallance surrounded by family and friends following an extended illness.

He was born May 28, 1957 in Wabash to the late John E. and Joann Davisson Reed.

Reed was a brakeman for CSX, a member of the American Legion Post 325 in Flatwoods, Ky., and attended Russell Christian Church.

Survivors include a sister, Ann E. Banton and husband Phillip, Fishers; a step-mother, Libby Walker Reed, Kenova, W.Va.; a step-brother, Terry Walker; two nephews, Matthew and Scott Banton; a niece, Katherine Banton; and a host of family and friends.

A memorial service will be performed at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Carman Funeral Home, Flatwoods, Ky., by the Rev. Mark McKinney. Interment will be at Bellefonte Memorial Gardens, Flatwoods, Ky. Friends may call from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Marie Hayes, 85

Monday, July 25, 2005

Marie Hayes, 85, Flora, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 2005 at St. Elizabeth HealthCare, Delphi. She was a lifetime resident of Flora.

She was born Jan. 18, 1920 in Monroe Township, Carroll County, to Roy and Edna Meador Eller. She graduated from Flora High School in 1938, and married Elmer H. Hayes Oct. 9, 1940 in Flora. He preceded her in death Nov. 3, 1999.

Hayes was a homemaker, attended Grace Brethren Church in Flora and enjoyed camping.

Survivors include four sons, Joe G. Hayes and wife Susan, Logansport, John H. Hayes and wife Ruby, Bringham, Jeff M. Hayes and wife Sandra, and Jack L. Hayes and wife Mary, all of Flora; six grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-granddaughters and five great-grandsons.

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She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, her parents and two brothers, Harold and Basil Eller. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora, with Pastor David Rosner officiating. Burial will be in Musselman Cemetery, Camden. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Lily May Stark, 77

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Lily May Stark, 77, Peru, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2005 in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Riverview Wesleyan Church, Logansport, with the Rev. Jack Andrews officiating. Interment will follow in Ever Rest Memorial Park. Friends will be received 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent's Pet Therapy Program. This program provided great comfort for Stark in her final days.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

Dorothy Ellen Reffitt, 89

Tuesday, July 26, 2005

Dorothy Ellen Reffitt, 89, Rochester, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She was born March 22, 1916 in Alphoretta, Ky. to Tommy and Mary Tussey Stephens. She married Clyde Reffitt June 22, 1935 in Risner, Ky., and he preceded her in death Feb. 22, 1985.

Reffitt was a member of the Baptist Church. She retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, to resume as a housekeeper.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Lou Bradley, Denver; four sons, Harold and Clifford Reffitt, both of Rochester, J.T. Reffitt, Portage, and Larry Dean Reffitt, Macy; 10 grandsons, Marcus James, Harold Wade, Carl Edward, Billy Joe, Donald James, Brandon and Clayton Reffitt, Douglas Lee, Mike and Glenn Bradley; seven granddaughters, Lisa Ann Simpson, Connie Ellen Tyler, Lugina Benner, Shannon K. White, Jaclyn Shoppa, Deanna Lynn Reffitt and Glenda Mills; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Alvie Ousley, Prestonburg, Ky.; and two brothers, Ruben and Edgar Stephens, both of Prestonburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Clyde Hershel Reffitt; three grandchildren, Jamie Theresa, Stephanie Jo and Cody S. Reffitt; a sister, Alice Prater; and four brothers, Rufus, Sam, Darb and Curt Stephens.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Gene Ousley officiating. Burial will be in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Thomas W. Grose, 86

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Thomas W. Grose, 86, Rochester, formerly of Peru, passed away at 3:43 p.m. Monday, July 25, 2005 at his residence following an extended illness.

He was born Oct. 22, 1918 in Peru to Walter D. and Mary Elizabeth Surber Grose. He married M. Jane Young on March 15, 1952, and she preceded him in death March 28, 2003.

Grose was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star.

He retired as assistant general manager/supervisor for the C/O Railroad in Cincinnati, Ohio. He also was a member of the Peru Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, Murat Shrine in Indianapolis and Bass Masters Association, and enjoyed fishing.

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Survivors include a daughter, Jan Lee Ginther and husband Tom, Rochester; a niece, Mary Jane Hoffman, New Jersey; a nephew, Jeff Schmidt, Indiana; and a cousin, Hazel Shrader, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Max R. Shafer, 69

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Max R. Shafer, 69, Marion, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:44 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005 at Marion General Hospital, Marion.

He was born July 22, 1936 in Peru to Chester and Myra M. Cattin Shafer.

Survivors include a brother, Dale "Red" Shafer, Nyona Lake; a sister, Betty Haines, South Bend; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Herbert; and two infant brothers.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Shrock Cemetery, Miami County, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Agnes J. "Aggie" (Smith) Dowell, 66

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Agnes J. "Aggie" (Smith) Dowell, 66, Madison, passed away at 10:24 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2005 at University Louisville Hospital, Louisville, Ky., after suffering with illness since Saturday.

She was born July 31, 1938 in Scott County to Raymond Lee and Goldie Bridgewater Smith. She married Albert Lee Dowell Aug. 11, 1956, and he survives.

Dowell had resided in the Jefferson County area since 1940. She was a 1956 graduate of Hanover High School, a member of the Hanover United Methodist Church and attended the North Madison Christian Church. She was employed for 20 years with the Anderson Elementary School in the cafeteria. She loved to bake, cook and working in her yard.

Survivors other than her husband include two sons, James Victor Dowell, Columbia, Tenn., and Jon Vincent Dowell and wife Kristine, Peru; three grandchildren, Josh Duggett, Ali and Grant Dowell; two brothers, Marvin Smith, Hanover, and Harold Smith, Seymour; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Donald Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Morgan-Webster-Nay Funeral Home, 325 Demaree Drive, Madison, with Brother Bob Hicks officiating. Burial will take place at Fairmount Cemetery, Madison. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. slow time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart and Stroke Association or Anderson Elementary. Contribution cards are available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site guest book at www.morganwebsternay.com.

Jerry Wayne Otto, 56

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Jerry Wayne Otto, 56, Kokomo, passed away at 7 p.m. Monday, July 25, 2005 in DeMotte.

He was born May 14, 1949 in Kokomo to Edward and Laura Gingerich Otto.

Otto was a 1968 graduate of Maconaquah High School. He retired from Chrysler Corp. in 2002 after 31 years of service. He was a member of Howard-Miami Mennonite Church who loved to travel and never knew a stranger.

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Survivors include two brothers, Kenneth Otto and wife Judy, and Ron Otto and wife Sherry, all of Kokomo; several nieces and nephews, Jerri and Rand Dozier, Brian Otto, Michael Otto and J.R. Otto; and a great-niece, Claire Dozier.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, with Pastor Lee Miller officiating. Internment of ashes will take place at a later time in Christner Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Howard-Miami Church. Arrangements are by Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, Greentown.

Alex Tate Hawkins, 2

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Alex Tate Hawkins, 2, Russiaville, became an angel to be with Jesus at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2005 after a drowning accident. He passed away in the Howard Regional Health Systems emergency room.

He was born Sept. 8, 2002 in Kokomo to Kurt M. and Susan Gustin Hawkins.

He liked the cartoons Scooby Doo and Elmo, and was full of charm, smiling all the time.

Survivors besides his parents include a sister, Megan Ruth Ann Hawkins, at home; four grandparents, George and Alexia Hawkins, Russiaville, and John and Linda Gustin, Peru; five great-grandparents, Ruth Hawkins and Eva McHale, both of Kokomo, Erma Rookstool, Centerville, Ohio, Keith Rookstool, Bradenton, Fla., and Charles Gustin, Dublin, Ohio; six aunts and uncles, Chris and Santana Hawkins, Burt and Stacy Hawkins, and Alyssa Hawkins, all of Russiaville, and Katie Gustin, West Carrollton, Ohio; eight great-aunts and -uncles, Susan Gustin, Dublin, Ohio, Mike and Paulette Bauer, Salisbury, Md., Lois and Ray Berg, Crown Point, Kevin and Kim Rookstool, and Linda Rookstool, all of Beaver Creek, Ohio; and nine cousins who will sadly miss their playmate, William, Hannah, Ashley, Emily, Angel, Jaxon and Victoria Hawkins, and Leah and Rachael Rookstool.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with Pastor Justin Webber officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Raymond R. Butzin, 77

Thursday, July 28, 2005

Raymond R. Butzin, 77, Rochester, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

He was born Nov. 14, 1927 in Peru to Paul and Mollie Wilson Butzin.

Butzin graduated from Peru High School, and served in the U.S. Army in 1946 during World War II. He retired from Olin Corp., Mexico, and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru.

Survivors include three nephews, Bill Butzin and wife Diane, and Rick Butzin and wife Pam, all of Peru, and Ron Butzin and wife Linda, St. Peters, Mo.; and extended family members David A. Carr and Andrea and Mark Shufelt and their children Alyssa, Allyson and Mark II, all of Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Butzin.

A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Donald Linn, 69

Friday, July 29, 2005

Donald Linn, 69, Mexico, passed away at 6:40 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2005 at Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C.

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

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Phyllis Jean Miley "Maconaquah," 76

Friday, July 29, 2005

Phyllis Jean Miley "Maconaquah," 76, Wabash, passed away at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at her daughter's residence in New Haven.

She was born June 25, 1929 in Wabash County to David W. and Lillie Marks Bundy. She married Merrit W.J. Miley Feb. 18, 1961 at the Wabash Christian Church. He preceded her in death April 26, 1988.

Miley was a member of Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church. "Maconaquah" was the last princess of the Miami Nation of Indians where she served as secretary to the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana, Inc. She had worked for General Tire, US Gypsum, Dana Corporation and retired from Wabash County Hospital in 1983, where she had been a nursing assistant since 1973.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Gene Wampler and wife Rebecca, Bourbon, and David E. Wampler, Wabash; a daughter, Shirley Ulery and husband Alan, New Haven; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating, followed by tribal ceremonies officiated by Wop-Shing of the Miami Nation.

Burial will follow at Frances Slocum Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church or Parkview Hospice, Fort Wayne. The memorial guest book may be signed online at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jacquelin S. Smith, 45

Friday, July 29, 2005

Jacquelin S. Smith, 45, Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 at her residence.

A military graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

John A. Hawley, 84

Friday, July 29, 2005

John A. Hawley, 84, Audubon, Pa., formerly of Norristown, Pa., passed away Friday, July 22, 2005 at Montgomery Hospital.

He was born Dec. 5, 1920 in Peru to Grace Armitage Hawley and Harvey Hawley. He married Emmajean Britton in Peru on Nov. 1, 1947, and she survives.

Hawley graduated from Peru High School in 1938 and received a civil engineering degree from Purdue University in 1942. During World War II, he served as a 2nd Lt. 349th Engineer Construction Battalion, Corps of Engineers. His entire professional career was with the New York Central, Penn Central and Conrail railroads. After his retirement, he continued working as a consultant for a New York City engineering firm. One of his final projects during this time was reconfiguring the Penn Central tracks beneath Penn Station in New York City.

Survivors other than his wife include two daughters, Kimberly Cooper and husband Mark, Gurnee, Ill., and Lynn Grainger and husband David, Fairview Park, Ohio; three grandchildren, Kelly Cooper-Chu and husband Kai, Lane Cooper and Nathan Grainger and wife Jennifer; and one sister, Virginia Currey and husband Robert, Granger.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, John David Grainger.

Memorial services and visitation were held Tuesday, July 26, at Volpe Funeral Home, East Norristown, Pa. Interment will occur in Peru at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

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Larry G. Sharp, 61

Monday, August 01, 2005

Larry G. Sharp, 61, Peru, passed away at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Carmel.

He was born Feb. 16, 1944 in Peru to Joseph W. and Ruth Rinker Sharp. He graduated from Peru High School in 1962, and married Diana Gilbert Sharp April 23, 1966 at St. John's Lutheran Church. She survives.

Sharp was a salesman for Eckrich Meat Company, Peru, from 1967 to 1986, and also worked for the Miami County Highway Department. In addition, he was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Peru Maennerchor, was an avid gardener, enjoyed pheasant hunting, had a passion for farming and enjoyed helping his granddaughter, Stephanie, with her 4-H projects.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Brian Sharp and wife Janell, Marion, and James Sharp and wife Jill, Peru; five grandchildren, Stephanie Sharp-Austin, and Sarah, Cade, Keaton and Kianna Sharp; his mother-in-law, Eva Gilbert, Peru; and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Sharp, Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jo Ellen Wells on March 8, 1970, and Jane Haskett on May 10, 2003; and two brothers, J. Daniel Sharp on Dec. 12, 1975, and Richard Sharp on Nov. 11, 1986.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Mark Bardsley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Donald "Pete" Linn, 69

Monday, August 01, 2005

Donald "Pete" Linn, 69, Peru, passed away at 6:40 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2005 at the Medical Center of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936 in Winamac to Williston and Gladys Stanfield Linn. He married Sharon Winer Linn June 22, 1961 at EUB Church, Peru, and she survives.

Linn graduated from Chili High School and Western New Mexico State University. He was the safety administrator for Daimler Chrysler Transmission Plant, Kokomo, until his retirement in 2000.

He and his wife Sharon lovingly raised four children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the New Life United Methodist Church, serving as a trustee, an active member of the Mexico community, where he was a charter member of the Mexico Lions Club, a Mexico Little League coach, sexton of Greenlawn Cemetery, and Jefferson Township trustee for 32 years. He also was a member of the Miami County 4-H board of directors, a 4-H leader eight years and a member of the Miami County Community Foundation board of directors. He was president of the Western New Mexico State University Alumni Association and was honored by the university Oct. 13, 2001 as an outstanding alumni ambassador. He was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather who enjoyed spending time and doing activities with his grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jeff Linn and wife Dena, Peru, and Greg Linn and wife Mindy, Mexico; a daughter, Terri Eisenmenger and husband Dennis, Chili; seven grandchildren, Brittany Linn, Hilary and Sydney Eisenmenger, and Carly, Tyler, Avery and Trevor Linn; two brothers, Wayne Linn, Mexico, and Walter Linn and wife Heidi, Warsaw; and a sister, Ancile Overmyer and husband Sam, Wakarusa.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jay Linn in 1989; a brother, Dayne Linn; and two sisters, Mary Phillipy and Marjorie Linn.

A service celebrating the life of Donald "Pete" Linn will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the New Life United Methodist Church, corner of U.S. 31 and Miami County Road 400 North, with Pastors Rob Baszner and Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, to Western New Mexico State University Alumni Association or New Life United Methodist Church.

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Abigail Marie Reed, infant

Monday, August 01, 2005

Abigail Marie Reed, infant, great-granddaughter of Obie and Martha Oulsey, Peru, passed away Saturday, July 30, 2005. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel. Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Rosanna R. Garrett, 83

Monday, August 01, 2005

Rosanna R. Garrett, 83, Peru, passed away at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, July 21, 2005 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will take place at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Church or Southern Care Hospice.

William (Glen) Drechsler, 76

Tuesday, August 02, 2005

William (Glen) Drechsler, 76, passed away on Friday, July 26, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Drechsler, who was head of the Peru YMCA from 1935-1961; mother, Alice Perry; and wife Betty.

Drechsler is survived by five children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made in Glen's name to Peru Community School/Tiger Pride Scholarship.

Arrangements are by Family Funeral Care, Oviedo, Florida.

Elizabeth (Fisher) Musto

Wednesday, August 03, 2005

A memorial service for Elizabeth (Fisher) Musto will be conducted on Saturday at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel at 10 a.m. Elizabeth passed away on May 11, 2005 at her residence in Arizona.

She was the wife of Sam Musto, who preceded her in death, and both were Peru natives.

Anyone who wishes to attend is very welcome.

James Russell Crodian, 82

Thursday, August 04, 2005

James Russell Crodian, 82, Indianapolis, passed away August 2, 2005.

He was born March 28, 1923 in Bainbridge, Ind., to Jesse P. and Beulah LeClaire Hall Crodian. He married Patricia Starbird on February 17, 1951, she survives.

Jim graduated from Peru High School and Indiana University, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served his country as a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during WWII. Mr. Crodian retired from Standard Register in 1988, after 30 years of service.

Survivors other than his wife include his daughter, Marty S. Clark; one son, John B. Crodian and wife Monica; four grandchildren, Zachary J. and Kyle M. Clark, Caitlin L. and Courtney L. Crodian; two great-grandchildren, Jaiden K. and Cameron T. Clark.

Memorial visitation will be held Friday, August 5 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers - Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd.

The Crodian Family would especially like to thank Jim's nurse Vicki from Miller's Merry Manor, and the staff of Odyssey Hospice, including Jolene and Kittie, for their attentive care.

Rosemary "Rosie" Dawald, 77

Thursday, August 04, 2005

Rosemary "Rosie" Dawald, 77, Rochester and formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:36 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday at

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Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with Bishop Joseph Hintz conducting and President William Tincher officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Association.

Eugene S. "Gene" Csabi, 72

Friday, August 05, 2005

Eugene S. "Gene" Csabi, 72, Peru passed away at 2:07 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2005.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Billy E. Pearson, 74

Tuesday, August 09, 2005

Billy E. Pearson, 74, Kokomo, passed away at noon Monday, Aug. 8, 2005 at his residence.

He was born Oct. 3, 1930 in Goshen to Elmer and Tivola Glassburn Pearson. He married Wilma Nancy Lees Pearson May 23, 1951, and she survives.

Pearson served in the U.S. Army as a medic in Japan and Korea. He received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Japan Clasp and Oak Leaf Cluster.

He retired from Continental Steel Mill, and was a member of the Bunker Hill VFW Post 1122, the Peru VFW Post 2067 and Trinity Wesleyan Church, Kokomo.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, John Edward Pearson and wife Mary, Kokomo, and Todd Eric Pearson and wife Teresa, Amboy; a daughter, Linda Shively and husband Rodger, Bunker Hill; two sisters, Ruthanna Birnell, Peru, and Janet Guy and husband Coleman, Bunker Hill; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Billy E. Pearson Jr. and Pamela Jean; two brothers, Kenneth and Tommy Pearson; a great-grandson, Wilson Rhum; and two nieces, Candy and Shelly Pearson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Wesleyan Church, 1128 S. Purdum St., Kokomo, with Pastor Ron Hurlocker officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with military honors. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice, Kokomo.

David Kline, 51

Tuesday, August 09, 2005

David Kline, 51, formerly of Peru, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2005 at Bloomington Hospital.

He was born on December 13, 1953 in Peru to Robert E. and Marlene Kline.

Kline was a 1972 graduate of North Miami High School, and worked as a construction worker and truck driver.

He is survived by his parents, Mexico; son, Tyler Kline, Freedom; two daughters, Erica Kline, Peru, and Christina Kline, Florida; two sisters, Theresa Hight and husband Alan, Peru, and Annette Raider and husband, Fred, Denver; three nephews, Tim Hight and Christopher Hight, Peru and Ryan Raider, Denver; two nieces, Alicia Fuller, Rochester and Ashley Hight, Peru; one great-niece, Elly Fuller, Rochester.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at West and Parrish and Pedigo Funeral Home, Spencer.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

There will be a memorial graveside service in Mexico at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.westparrishpedigo.com.

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Tuesday, August 09, 2005

Freda L. Berglan, 94, Amboy, passed away at 8:46 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

She was born in Wabash County on April 26, 1911 to Lloyd and Elmyra (Shambaugh) Speicher, and married Harry F. Berglan on June 8, 1928. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1968.

Berglan was a homemaker, and member of the Amboy United Methodist Church; was past Worthy Matron of the Converse chapter 334 Order of Eastern Star; United Methodist Women; and Past Worthy Matron Club.

She is survived by two sons, Harry Berglan and wife Phyllis, and Merval L. Berglan, each of Peru; daughter, Jane Ann and husband George Troyer, Kokomo; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, James Alan Berglan, Lavita Berglan, Charles Fisher, Jill Fisher, and Barry J. Berglan, each of Peru, Thomas Berglan, Karen Berglan, both of Amboy, Cary Lee Berglan, Teresa Berglan, both of Marion, Linda Kay Shafer, Greg Shafer, both of Swayzee, Jerry Troyer, Sherrie Troyer, both of Forest, Jeffrey Troyer, Jennifer Troyer, both of Kokomo, Joseph Troyer, Kate Troyer, both of Chicago; two brothers, Hirmon Speicher, and Meredith Speicher, both of Wabash.

Berglan was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Harold E. Berglan; infant daughter, Marlee Kaye Berglan; brother, Lawrence Speicher; three sisters, Lavon Stout, Louise Templin, and Nelda Pence. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating.

Burial will be Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be on Tuesday at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Amboy United Methodist Church.

Laverne Fout Stewart, 87

Tuesday, August 09, 2005

Laverne Fout Stewart, 87, formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:25 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2005 at Manor Care Health Care facility.

He was born on July 14, 1918 to Elmer S. and Margaret Anna (Lee) Stewart in Indianapolis, and married Ellen Garber on July 29, 1950 at the Onward Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on August 21, 1996.

Stewart was a 1935 graduate of Arsenal Tech High School and a 1954 graduate of Indiana University, with a bachelor of science degree. He was employed as an engineer at Delco Electronics from September 1, 1956 until his retirement on April 1, 1982.

He served as a radio repairman in the United States Army during World War II. Stewart served in campaigns in Tunisia, Naples, and Rome. He was awarded the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the American Defense Medal, and the Good Conduct Ribbon.

Stewart was a member of the Temple Baptist Church and the National Rifle Association. He was a Hamm radio operator, and enjoyed flying, as he was a private pilot.

He is survived by one sister, Martha A. Flannery, Indianapolis; two brothers-in-law, J.O. Garber and wife Joan, Orval Garber and wife Helen, each of Peru; and one niece, Dr. Joan Stewart, Virginia Beach. He was also blessed with many great nieces and nephews, and many great-great nieces and nephews.

Stewart was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one brother, Paul E. Stewart; and one niece, Marilyn Stewart-Sparks.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Temple Baptist Church, Kokomo, with Dr. Mike Holloway officiating.

Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, with military honors provided by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Kokomo.

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Lenard "George" Graves, 79

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Lenard "George" Graves, 79, Peru, passed away at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Graves was born December 6, 1925 to George and Ophia May (Eckelbarger) Graves in Peru. He married Betty (Rader) Graves July 11, 1946, and she survives.

Graves was self-employed and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Dennis Graves, Peru, Michael "Mike" Graves and his wife Cindy, Macy, and Rick Graves and his companion Diane, Peru; a brother, Jo Turner, Peru; a sister, Jeannette McTigrit, Peru; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graves was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

There will be no visitation. He will have a graveside service at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, on Thursday at 10 a.m., which will be officiated by Pastor Chris Beal. Burial will be Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Graves family.

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Miriam I. 'Betty' Hahn, 88

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Miriam I. 'Betty' Hahn, 88, Peru, passed away at 9:34 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005 at Century Villa Health Care Center, Greentown.

She was born on July 7, 1917 in Amboy to Harvey and Mary (Pearson) Haines, and married Robert G. Hahn at the Santa Fe United Methodist Church on February 21, 1941. He preceded his wife in death on June 6, 2005.

Hahn was a 1934 graduate of Amboy High School and was a member of the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, and Santa Fe United Methodist Women.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Hahn is survived by two sons, Frank Robert Hahn, Evansville, and Boyd Hahn and wife Cathy, Peru; a daughter, JoAnn Hahn, Carefree, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Robert N. Hahn, Peru, Daniel Robert Merker, Overland Park, Kan., and Karen Hahn, Bloomington; and three sisters, Grace Haines, Marion, Pauline Flockencier, Marion, and Lucile Hodson, Rossville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, John Haines; and two sisters, Dorothy Corwin and Margaret Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with the Reverend Tom Daugherty officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the Santa Fe United Methodist Church or Gateway Bona Vista in Peru.

Kenneth F. Smith, 60

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Kenneth F. Smith, 60, Galveston, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2005 at his residence. He was born on August 6, 1945 to Thomas A. and Elvia M. (Colley) Smith, and married Janet S. (Loy) Smith in Kokomo on January 5, 1968.

Smith retired from DaimlerChrysler in 2001 after 35 years service in Department 19 as a truck driver. He was a member of the Christian Bible Fellowship Church, Galveston Lions Club, Howard Masonic Lodge #93 F. and A.M., UAW #685, where he was active with the UAW election committee and recreation committee.

He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed football, reading and most importantly his grandchildren.

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Smith is survived by his wife; a son, Aaron Smith and wife Bonnie, Galveston; two grandchildren, Matthew and Alexis Smith, Galveston; two brothers, Hubert Smith and wife Nell, Clinton, Arkansas, and John Smith, Kokomo; three sisters, Sylvia Miller and husband Carl, Kokomo, Sue Dale and husband Larry, Kokomo, and Uleda Bogue and husband Wayne, Russiaville; his father-in-law, John H. Loy, Galveston; 16 nieces; seven nephews; and many other family members.

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

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, with Pastor Wayne Bogue officiating.

Burial will be at Galveston Cemetery.

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

Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Jason Nolan Pratt, 29

Wednesday, August 10, 2005

Jason Nolan Pratt, 29, Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Peru, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 6, 2005.

He was born on June 15, 1976 in Peru to Kenny Pratt and Saundra Wolf Dale.

Pratt is survived by his father, Kenny Pratt and wife Deborah, Bald Knob, Ark.; his mother, Saundra Dale and husband Jeff, Zanesville, Ohio; three sisters, Heather Pratt, Zanesville, Ohio, Aubrey Pratt, Lodi, Calif., and Sassy Curry; two brothers, Jonathon Nice, Camp Lejune, N.C., and Jeff Dale, Jr.; two nieces, Kayla and Corinn; two nephews, Cordell and Carson; grandfather Kenny Pratt, Denver; grandparents Bill and Jean Dale, Zanesville, Ohio; two uncles, Robert Pratt and wife Lori, and Jeff Pratt, all of Denver; two cousins, Robert Pratt, Jr. and Nathan Pratt, all of Denver; along with a host of special friends, Dusty, Joey, Jason, Jason, and Jeremiah Stark, Ben, Walt and Jennifer Truex.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Beatrice Pratt.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Roller-Daniel Funeral Home with interment following at Roosevelt Cemetery.

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

To sign the online guest register, visit www.rollerfuneralhomes.com.

Mary J. Schache, 87

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Mary J. Schache, 87, Logansport, passed away at 7:36 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2005 at the Logansport Memorial Hospital.

She was born May 22, 1918 in Peru to Perry Demuth and Susie (Ort) Demuth. Schache was married to Billie D. Schache, Sr. in Peru on August 24, 1940, he survives.

Schache had been a cashier for Standard Supermarket, and attended the Logansport Church of Christ.

Survivors other than her husband include one daughter, Shirley Kistler and husband George, Logansport; two sons, Billie Schache, Jr. and wife Joy, Indianapolis, and Donald Schache and wife Linda, Walton; two sisters, Betty Lee Dorsam, Peru, and Esther Demuth, Peru; three grandsons, Josh Schache, Peru, Aaron Kistler, Dallas, Texas, and Matthew Kistler, Dallas, Texas; and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and four sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today at Fisher Funeral Chapel with the Reverend Jeff Strite officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Logansport Church of Christ Building Fund.

Hazel June Stout, 85

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Hazel June Stout, 85, rural Roann, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005 at her home.

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She was born June 1, 1920 in Cass County to Jasper and Fannie (Hudson) Coblentz. She married Paul Stout on Feb. 25, 1940 in Peru, and he survives.

Stout was a member of the 1939 graduating class of Bunker Hill High School and a self-employed tax preparer.

Survivors besides her husband include six sons, Daniel P. Stout, Roann, Donald E. Stout, Wabash, David A. Stout, Peru, Duane E. Stout and wife Karen, Roann, Dennis R. Stout, Roann, and Douglas J. Stout, Peru; one daughter, Caroline Hawk and husband John, Denver; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Matthew and Jeremy Stout; and her sister, Bessie May Ditto, who died in 1974.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann Chapel, on Monday at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Mays Cemetery, Onward. Friends may call 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Hazel may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Bonnie Hornbuckle, 70

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Bonnie Hornbuckle, 70, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2005 at the home of her daughter Karleen.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the Marion National Cemetery.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Joyce Ann Fenstermaker, 72

Saturday, August 13, 2005

Joyce Ann Fenstermaker, 72, Macy, passed away at 4:10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. Jim Miller officiating. Burial will take place at Bond Cemetery, Miami County.

Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Max E. Miller, 61

Tuesday, August 16, 2005

Max E. Miller, 61, Winchester, passed away Thursday, August 11, 2005 at his home.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Walker Funeral Home in Winchester with Pastor Dave Hummel officiating. Burial will be at the Fountain Park Cemetery, Winchester.

Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. There will be a Masonic service at 6 p.m., following the calling.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital - Chicago or Shriner's Children's Hospital - Cincinnati, Office of Development, International Shrine Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607-1460.

Virginia Lee Stahl, 74

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Virginia Lee Stahl, 74, Macy, passed away at 4:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2005 shortly after admission at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born March 4, 1931 in Peru to Kenneth and Vivian Shafer Turnipseed. She had resided in the same home since 1951 in Macy, coming from the Peru community.

She married Raymond L. Stahl Nov. 13, 1949 in Peru, and he preceded her in death Dec. 19, 1999.

Stahl was a homemaker and a member of Macy United Methodist Church.

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Survivors include two sons, Gary L. Stahl and wife Vicki, Kokomo, and Jeffery A. Stahl, Kansas City, Kan.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Ardith Books, Norfolk, Neb., Alice Graf, Wabash, Marilyn Sue Wagoner and husband Harold, Macy, and Barbara Turnipseed, Muncie; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a daughter, Amy L. Conwell on April 19, 1993; two sisters, Doris M. Gibson and Dorothy Stahl; and two brothers, Dean and Gene Turnipseed.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. A gathering will be held for family and friends from 9 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

Roland E. "Sam" Bowman, 82

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Roland E. "Sam" Bowman, 82, Wabash, formerly of Somerset, passed away at 1:49 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005 at Wabash County Hospital.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somer-set, with David Phillips officiating.

McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, Wabash, is handling arrangements.

Mary L. Waite, 95

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Mary L. Waite, 95, Peru, passed away at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center.

She was born June 30, 1910 in Marion to Charles W. and Daisy Shropshire Brant. She married Richard S. Waite on March 9, 1935 in Mishawaka, he preceded her in death on July 1, 1986.

Waite was a 1928 graduate of Peru High School. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and recently had been attending Main Street United Methodist. She was a news correspondent for the Logansport Press and Pharos Tribune, Kokomo Tribune, Marion Chronicle, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette and the Indianapolis News. She also served as news editor for WARU - Peru and was records clerk for the Peru Police Department. She was a lifetime member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, former member of Peru Plan Commission, member of Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Phi Delta Auxiliary and Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Survivors include one daughter, Dixie Larson and husband Robert, Peru; two grandchildren, Ingrid Kuepper and husband Michael, Peru, and Jan Larson and wife Diane, New Palestine; four great-grandchildren, Alex and Andrew Kuepper, and Brant and Emily Larson.

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

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating.

Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Salvation Army.

Patricia Sue Reidy, 74

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Patricia Sue Reidy, 74, Hartford City, passed away at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005 at St. Vincent's Hospice, Indianapolis, after complications from cancer.

A funeral Mass will be held at an 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 209 South Spring St., Hartford City, with Father Robert Moran officiating. Burial will take place at Hartford City Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

A Christian Wake will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Memorial contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219 or the donor's choice.

Retired 1st Sgt. Francis Lou Miller, 72

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Retired 1st Sgt. Francis Lou Miller, 72, Pensacola, Fla., passed away Friday, Aug. 5, 2005 at Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Fla.

He was born Sept. 16, 1932 in Peru to Frances Eva Hogentogler and Ralph Lloyd Miller.

Miller retired after 23 years of service in the U.S. Army, including tours of duty in Southeast Asia. He attended Peru High School and would have graduated with the class of 1950, but got a GED instead.

Survivors include five children, Mary Zuendt and husband Douglas, Asheville, N.C., Lana Miller, Spirit Lake, Idaho, Eric Miller, Wesley Miller and wife Wanda, all of Peru, and Lloyd Miller, Fulton; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ever-Rest Cemetery, Logansport.

William E. "Taco" Prys, 57

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

William E. "Taco" Prys, 57, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:36 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005 at St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

He was born Feb. 2, 1948 in Grand Rapids, Mich. to Eugene and Joan Phillips Prys. He married Janie Bishir Dec. 27, 1999, she survives.

Prys was a graduate of Grand Haven High School, Grand Haven, Mich. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, hunting and fishing. He was employed in the special paint department at Square D Company and was a life member of two different Harley Owners Group (HOG) chapters.

Survivors other than his wife include his mother, Joan Prys, Michigan; two sons, Jason Prys, Peru, and Steven Prys, Connecticut; one daughter, Jessica Prys, Peru; two step-daughters, Adrienne Smith and Olivia Smith, both of Marion; one granddaughter, Molly Prys; one grandson, Andrew Lee; one brother, Jerry Prys and wife Sue, Michigan; two sisters, Pat De Haan and husband Carson, and Eva Van Dyke and husband Jeff, all of Michigan; six step-grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Robert M. Miller, 85

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Robert M. Miller, 85, Venice, Fla., passed away on Monday, Aug. 15, 2005.

He was born on July 6, 1920 in Indianapolis, and came to Venice from Peru in 1979.

He was employed in the parts department at Matthews Curry Ford in Nokomis until he retired in 1993. He was a deacon and usher at First Baptist Church in Venice, a member of the American Legion Post #159 and the Venice Elks Club. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving family members include his wife of 63 years, Betty Jayne Miller, Venice; and a daughter Carmen M. Lovett and husband Jonathan, Somers, N.Y.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Venice, Fla.

Memorial donations can be made to First Baptist Church of Venice, 312 W. Miami Ave., Venice, FL 34285.

Farley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Barbara A. "Bobbie" Powell, 71

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Barbara A. "Bobbie" Powell, 71, Lafayette, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005 at her residence.

She was born March 4, 1934, in Marion to Charles H. and Kathleen F. Kemmer Gibson. She married Ardith D. Powell on June 15, 1957 in Marion. He preceded her in death on July 6, 2005.

Powell lived in Lafayette since October 1989 after moving from Peru. She was a housewife who enjoyed crafts, painting sweatshirts and knitting. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Lafayette, where she was active in the Life Light Bible Study.

Survivors include one daughter, Kim Thomas and husband Brad, Carrollton, Texas; one sister, Marilyn Kelsey, Indianapolis; and two grandsons, Andrew and Adam Phillippi.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, with Pastor David French officiating. Burial will take place with a 2 p.m. graveside service Friday at Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Lutheran School Library, 800 Cincinnati St., Lafayette, IN 47904.

Clara Weideman Miller, 78

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Clara Weideman Miller, 78, Denver, Colo., passed away on Friday Aug. 12, 2005.

She was born May 2, 1927 in Miami County to Carroll and Fern Tull Weideman. She married John Miller in July 1945, and he survives.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Julie and Gloria (Mike), five grandchildren, Kelly, Larry (Wendy), Dale, Annette (Michael) and Chad; and one great-grandchild, Rachele, all of Colorado; four brothers, Ralph, Jack (Kay) and Robert Weideman (Marthagene) of Peru, and William Weideman, Kokomo; four sisters, Alice Long, New Waverly, AnnaBelle Heltsley, Peru, Jane Frye (Max), Carey, Ohio, and Martha Love, Chili; and a sister-in-law, Rosalie Weideman, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Warren and Harry Weideman; and three sisters Primrose Weideman, June Hight and Esther Hodson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary, Littleton, Colo.

Larry G. Sausaman, 57

Thursday, August 18, 2005

Larry G. Sausaman, 57, Mexico, formerly of Akron, passed away at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005 in Peru.

He was born July 21, 1948 in Rochester to Robert and Elizabeth (McHatton) Sausaman. He married Margery Slisher Main May 21, 1983 at Macy Christian Church, Macy. She survives.

Sausaman was a 1966 graduate of Akron High School, attended Vincennes University and had been in the U.S. Air Force Reserves. He had been a U.S. Mail letter carrier for the Peru Post Office, retiring Dec. 31, 2004.

He was a member of the Macy Christian Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher, a volunteer with Rainbow Christian Camp, Converse, was active with missions at the American Indian Christian Missions, Showlow, Ariz., and was a licensed pilot. In addition, he enjoyed being with his children, grandchildren, people, woodworking, flying, music, singing and making and playing dulcimers.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Michelle Dillon and husband Bryan, Wabash, and Konnie Scott and husband Kevin, Rochester; three sons, Troy Sausaman, Peru, Clint Sausaman, West Lafayette, and Kristopher Main and wife Terri, Delphi; 10 grandchildren, Raymond Sausaman, Peru, Danielle, Allyson and Andrew Dillon, Wabash, Skyler and Lillian Scott, Rochester, Steven, Ashlyn and

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Kayla Main, Delphi, and Sandi Landrum, Denver; two brothers, Steve Sausaman and wife Nancy, Warsaw, and Robert Sausaman and wife Sherry, Columbia City; a sister, Mary Stutzman and husband Randy, Mentone; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Macy Christian Church, with the Rev. David Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy, where military graveside services will be conducted. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Macy Christian Church or the Rainbow Christian Camp, Converse. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Charles "Charlie" Edward Hattery, 85

Friday, August 19, 2005

Charles "Charlie" Edward Hattery, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 14, 1920 in Deedsville to Clarence E. and Ethel Waymire Hattery. He married Charlene Gable Hattery June 7, 1942, and she survives.

Hattery graduated from Macy High School in 1938, and attended Manchester College. He worked as a city chemist for Peru Utilities from 1942 to 1984, and was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Carol A. Zumwalt and husband the Rev. Larry Zumwalt, and Jodi Kotterman, all of Peru; and four grandchildren, Kimberly A. and Rachel R. Zumwalt, and Nathan C. and Sarah J. Kotterman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Linda Hattery.

A private graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with the Rev. Steven Ailes officiating. A Victory Celebration of Charlie's life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Pauline E. Schmidt, 91

Friday, August 19, 2005

Pauline E. Schmidt, 91, Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born March 28, 1914 in Cass County to Delbert and Grace Seward Burrous. She married Otto C. Schmidt, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

Schmidt was a homemaker for most of her life, however she retired from J.C. Penney and had worked at Senger Dry Goods and Fabrific. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She always enjoyed sewing, reading and visiting with her friends and family.

Survivors include a son, Enno Schmidt and wife Janet, Wabash; three daughters, Katrina Sue Bengé and husband Skip, Deedsville, Christina Milner and husband Paul, Brownsburg, and Linda McCuiston and companion Bob Eakes, New Orleans, La.; a brother, Walter Burrous and wife Carolyn, Wabash; six grandchildren, Daryl Bengé, Darlene Graber, Karen Mullins, Diann DeVivo, Brad Schmidt and Becky Bolinger; 10 great-grandchildren, Luke Bengé, Leslie Beddonner, Nickki Wallace, Kyle, Grace and Gabrielle DeVivo, Andrew and Tracy Bolinger, and Kristan and Brandon Schmidt; and three great-great-grandchildren, Shelby and Holly Bengé, and Aurora Bolinger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and six brothers, Arthur, Harold, John, Robert, Thomas and George.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

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David Kline, 51

Friday, August 19, 2005

David Kline, 51, formerly of Mexico, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005 at Bloomington Hospital. He was born on Dec. 13, 1953 in Peru to Robert E. and Marlene Kline.

Kline was a 1972 graduate of North Miami High School, and worked as a construction worker and truck driver.

He is survived by his parents in Mexico; a son, Tyler Kline, Freedom; two daughters, Erica Kline, Peru, and Christina Kline, Florida; two sisters, Theresa Hight and husband Alan, Peru, and Annette Raider and husband, Fred, Denver; three nephews, Tim Hight and Christopher Hight, Peru, and Ryan Raider, Denver; two nieces, Alicia Fuller, Rochester, and Ashley Hight, Peru; and one great-niece, Elly Fuller, Rochester. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Stuck officiating.

Local arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Nancy Bluse, 74

Friday, August 19, 2005

Nancy Bluse, 74, Byron, Ga., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005.

She was born in New York, and was a retired bookkeeper and homemaker. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, and her beloved pets.

Survivors include her husband, James Bluse, Byron, Ga.; and children, Nancie and Dave Masters, and Debbie and Don Meck, all of Bonaire, Ga.; Stephen and Betty Jo Bluse, Miami; Kim and Blair Bennett of Powder Springs, Ga., and Jim and Stacy Bluse, Bethlehem, Ga.; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Byron Baptist Church. Rooks Funeral Home, Byron, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

Rachel Iona Davis, 81

Saturday, August 20, 2005

Rachel Iona Davis, 81, formerly of Peru, passed away on July 26, 2005.

A memorial service was held on July 29 at Palmetto Palms Club House in Florida. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Memorial donations may be made to Hop Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Alma Lavonne Hoover, 100

Monday, August 22, 2005

Alma Lavonne Hoover, 100, Rochester, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

She was born on December 21, 1904 in Onward to Orville and Maude Snell, and married Orval Wayne Hoover in Twelve Mile on September 19, 1926.

Hoover was a homemaker and 50-year member of the Eastern Star, as well as a member of the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church, where she was the oldest member.

She is survived by one daughter, Rosalee Ratliff, Lizton; three sons, Sam Hoover, Plymouth, Ross Alan Hoover, Tomahawk, Wisconsin, and Raymon Hoover, Twelve Mile; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

Visitation is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church.

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Richard Dillman, 74

Tuesday, August 23, 2005

Richard Dillman, 74, Muncie, passed away at at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

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

Sidney A. Zerbe, 64

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Sidney A. Zerbe, 64, Dallas, Oregon, a loving husband, father, "Pa" and friend, passed away on August 19, 2005 in Salem, Oregon

He was born May 30, 1941 in Peru to Kenneth and Helen Zerbe. He married Joanne Edwards in 1964 and moved to Oregon in 1971.

Zerbe enjoyed reading and spending time with his wife, daughters, and his much-loved grandchildren, who called him Pa.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne, Dallas; two daughters and son-in-laws, Michelle and David of Tualatin, Oregon, and Heather and Matthew of Oregon City, Oregon; four grandchildren, Ethan, Haylen, Evret and Jack; one sister, Joyce Saalfrank, Fort Wayne; two aunts, Rosella "Rosie" Marshal and Joan Bargerhuff; one uncle, Ernie Zerbe; and numerous cousins.

No services will be held at his request.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, N.W. Area Office, 2325 Oakmont Way #200, Eugene OR 97401, or the Gideon Bible.

Arrangements are by Virgel T. Golden Funeral Service, Salem.

Walter H. Cotner, 89

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Walter H Cotner, 89, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2005 in Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Richard L. Dillman, 74

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Richard L. Dillman, 74, Muncie, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 5:37 a.m. on Sunday, August 21, 2005 at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie.

He was born September 16, 1932 in Miami County to Orville and Lucille (Plank) Dillman.

Dillman was a retired lab technician at Ball Memorial Hospital, and was formerly employed at the Wabash Railroad Hospital, Peru.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, a graduate of Mexico High School and was raised in Miami County.

He had previously raised and shown both hounds and poodles, being active in the local kennel clubs in Delaware County. He very much enjoyed people and spent his leisure time with his many friends in the Muncie area and relatives in Peru. Dining out and attending area festivals and parades were a few of his favorite past times. Dillman especially enjoyed band competitions and often attended them locally and at the State Fair.

Survivors include two brothers, Myron Dillman and wife Sharon, Peru, and Gerald Dillman, Lafayette; one sister, Jeanna Culp, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Dallas and Kenneth Dillman.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eden United Church of Christ, 11205 N. Indiana 3, Muncie, and from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Love offerings for the family may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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Marjorie Clark, 79

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Marjorie "Margie" Clark, 79, Peru, passed away at 8:55 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2005 at her residence following a brief illness.

Clark was born February 6, 1926 in Sydney, Australia to William and Marjorie Irene (Wooby) Allner. She married Ralph J. Clark on March 22, 1945 in Lidcombe, New South Wales, Australia. He passed away March 10, 1999.

Clark was a homemaker, and she attended the Salvation Army Church and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Glen Owens Post 14.

Survivors include three children, Eric Clark and wife Joyce, Peru, Gloria Hetzner and husband John, Kokomo, and Rachel Heiber and husband Edward, Peru; 10 grandchildren, Ian James Clark, David Hetzner, Matthew Hetzner, Amy Clark, Eric Clark, Mandy Thibeault, Molly Thibeault and Tyler Heiber, Kacia Smith and Lee Smith; seven great-grandchildren, Alexander Clark, Corbin James Hetzner, Hannah Grace Hetzner, Logan Neal Hetzner, Garrett Cole Hetzner, Matthew Luke Hetzner and Cameron James Wiles; one sister, Gloria Doreen Follers, Toronto, New South Wales, Australia; one niece, Maggie Lappin; and one great niece, Peipa Lappin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one niece, Gina Young.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Following the visitation, Clark will be cremated and in keeping with her wishes her cremains will be returned to her native Australia.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

John Thomas Gardner, 69

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

John Thomas Gardner, 69, formerly of Miami County, passed away due to natural causes Sunday, August 21, 2005 at his residence in Carlisle.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Redmans Cemetery in Warren. Arrangements are being handled by Stout and Son Funeral Home in Russiaville.

Walter H. Cotner, 89

Thursday, August 25, 2005

Walter H. Cotner, 89, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at the home of his great-granddaughter, Brandi Mathis.

He was born July 4, 1916 in Cass County to Charles E. and Tiney Marchand Cotner. He married Emma Sizemore Cotner Oct. 11, 1947 in Peru, and she preceded him in death Feb. 13, 1998.

Cotner was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving the EAME Theater Ribbon, Air Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Ribbon and World War II Victory Medal.

He was employed for 24 years with the U.S. Post Office, retiring in 1984, and was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru.

Survivors include his son-in-law, Anthony Nero, Peru; grandchildren, Jane and H.R. Ansari, John and Eileen Nero, Mike Nero, Tony and Dawn Nero and Kevin Harris; great-grandchildren, Brandi and Dave Mathis, Tonia Byrd, Bobby and Jessica Ansari, Jason and Autumn Nero, Shine Ansari, Amanda and Ashton Gee, Angie Nero and Acacia Nero; 10 great-great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Rollie Sizemore, Pine Knot, Ky.; and a sister-in-law, Eva Cipponeri, Farmington Hills, Mich.

He was preceded in death by twin daughters, June Nero and Phyllis Harris; grandchildren, Laura Nero and Eric Harris; three great-great-grandchildren and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Oakdale Baptist Church, 348 Chili Ave., Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to

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8 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or Oakdale Baptist Church.

Jeffrey Bostic, 53

Saturday, August 27, 2005

Jeffrey Bostic, 53, South Bend, passed away Monday, Aug. 22, 2005 at his home.

He was born Dec. 30, 1951 in Peru to Ray H. and Frances E. Long Bostic.

Bostic was formerly employed as a brakeman/conductor for 30 years with South Shore Train Line.

He was a very loving father and grandfather. In addition, he was a member of The Benders Band, formerly known as the Kinetics, and liked to shoot pool, dance, go fishing and loved the outdoors.

Survivors include two daughters, Francine Benedict and husband Tim, Denver, and Kimberly Bostic, Michigan City; a son, James Cattin, Macy; four grandchildren, Shoun, Breanna, Brandon and Dalton Ray Kahn, Michigan City; three sisters, Judy Russell and husband Jim, Peru, Jean Irvine and husband Larry, Kingston, Idaho, and Jerri Teibel and husband Bob, St. John; two brothers, John Bostic and wife Loretta, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jay Bostic, Abbeville, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will take place at a later date. Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be offered to U.S. Fund for UNICEF, 333 E. 38th St., Sixth Floor, New York, NY 10016.

Lee Isaac Morris, 88

Saturday, August 27, 2005

Lee Isaac Morris, 88, Logansport, went to be with the Lord at 3:04 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

He was born Sept. 11, 1916 in Cass County to Isaac LeRoy and Jennie Edith Reeser Morris. He and his wife Marjorie E. Taylor Morris celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary May 22, and they were married in Logansport on that date in 1938.

On July 15, 1943, Morris went work for the Logansport Police Department as a patrolman for 6.5 years, was a detective sergeant for six years, was chief of police from 1956 to 1964 and was Mount Hope Cemetery sexton from 1968 to 1980.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 71, Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police and Police League of Indiana. He was a former member of the Third Street United Methodist Church for 60 years, where he was head usher for 40 years and served on several church boards and taught Sunday school. He was formerly the Democratic precinct committeeman and was very active in the Democratic Party. In addition, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family and wintering in Florida.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Connie Lee Graf and husband Dick, and Nancy Linn Beachler and husband John, all of Logansport; a granddaughter, Beth Brown and husband Nathan, Evansville; three grandsons, David Lee Beachler and wife Elizabeth, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kevin Graf and wife Stephanie, Monroe, Ohio, and Mark Graf and wife Bev, Logansport; four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Kristen and Cameron Graf, and Wyatt Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Dorothy Leffert, Maxine Burns, Betty Sims, Patty Peterson and Mary Ann Morris; and three brothers, Bert, George and Paul Morris.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church, Logansport, with the Rev. Bill Shannon officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, and one hour prior to services at the church Monday. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church.

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Rev. C. Samuel Overmyer, 87

Saturday, August 27, 2005

Rev. C. Samuel Overmyer, 87, Wakarusa, formerly of Lake Bruce and the Burton area of Fulton County, passed away at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. He had been in declining health for one year.

He was born Aug. 12, 1918 in Fulton County near Lake Bruce to the Rev. Lloyd W. and Nora J.

Woodcox Overmyer. He married Ancile F. Linn July 11, 1938 in Rochester, and she survives.

Overmyer was a pastor for 52 years, having served in congregations in the Dunlap, Nappanee, Urbana, Peru, Waterloo, Bremen, South Whitley, Burton and Richland Center United Methodist Churches.

He received a bachelor of arts degree from North Central, Naperville, Ill., a bachelor of divinity from Evangelical Seminary, Naperville, Ill., a master of arts and master of divinity from Winona Lake School of Theology, Chicago, Ill. He was very active and involved with outdoor and youth ministries in the United Methodist Church.

In addition, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Wabash, Bremen, Waterloo and Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Martha Ann Frain and husband Richard "Dick," The Villages, Fla., Mary Ann Spranger and husband Gerald, Zionsville, and Marcia Parsons and husband David, Goshen; seven grandchildren, Rick Frain, Wake Forest, N.C., Ronda Koffenhoffer, Columbus, Ohio, Kimberly Whitlock, Fishers, Trisha Barnowski, Wellington, Fla., Sara E. Parsons, Oak Park, Ill., and Rachel and Julia Parsons, both of Goshen; eight great-grandchildren, Jessica and Jack Whitlock, Fishers, Kayla, Kyle and Will Barnowski, Wellington, Fla., Hannah and Noah Frain, Wake Forest, N.C., and Lydia Koppenhoffer, Columbus, Ohio; and four brothers, Devon Overmyer, Kewanna, the Rev. Kenneth Overmyer, Shipshewana, and Lawrence and Donald Overmyer, both of Kewanna.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Pam Kling officiating. Burial will be in Bruce Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Foundation and Outdoor Ministries of the North Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Charles L. Fissel, 57

Monday, August 29, 2005

Charles L. Fissel, 57, Logansport, passed away unexpectedly at 8:08 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005 at Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

He was born March 18, 1948 in Logansport to Harlin and Margaret Roland Fissel. He married Nora L. Cunningham April 20, 1980 in Logansport, and she survives.

Fissel most recently had been very active in youth baseball. Years earlier, when his sons played soccer he was active in youth soccer. A sports enthusiast at heart, he was a big fan of the Chicago Cubs, Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Bears.

He also was a factory worker for Trelleborg Automotive, Peru.

Survivors include his wife in Logansport; his father and step-mother, Harlin and Lois Fissel, Jupiter, Fla.; his mother, Margaret Roland, Logansport; two sons, Heath Stoner, Logansport, and Travis Fissel, serving with the U.S. Air Force at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; two granddaughters, Alitza and Adriana Stoner, both of Logansport; four sisters, Mary Fissel, Logansport, Susan Bowman, Galveston, Doris Hall, Rochester, and Lois Smith, Alderwood Manor, Wash.; three step-sisters, Sheryl and Shirley Selleck, both of Logansport, and Sharon Wood, Florida; and one step-brother, Bill Harris, Logansport.

He was preceded in death by a step-brother, Mike Harris.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. William "Art" Maloney officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American

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Diabetes Association. To send online condolences and view a memorial tribute, visit www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Kay F. Mughmaw, 67

Monday, August 29, 2005

Kay F. Mughmaw, 67, Peru, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005 at her residence. She was born Jan. 18, 1938 in Peru to Ralph and Stella Eldridge Hull. She married Richard W. Harris May 29, 1956, and he preceded her in death Sept. 24, 1973. She then married Richard L. Mughmaw Oct. 5, 1974, and he survives.

Mughmaw retired from Sears in Port Charlotte, Fla., graduated from Peru High School in 1956 and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru.

Survivors besides her husband include four daughters, Kathleen Harris, Columbus, Ohio, Maureen Pickett and husband Larry, Kokomo, Monica Pickett and husband Gary, Bunker Hill, and Dr. Vicki Keedy and husband David, Nashville, Tenn.; two sons, Jeffery Harris and wife Teresa, Fort Wayne, and Matthew Harris and wife Lori, Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, William, Danial, Laken and Benjamin Harris, and Jennifer, Amy, Jarred, Heath, Jordan and Joshua Pickett; a brother, Harold Hull and wife Monique, Tennessee and Florida; two sisters, Joann Powell and Carole Luft, both of Florida; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Herbert Hull; and two sisters, Norma Gallagher and Betty Crume.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, with a prayer service scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Second Annual Lungs for Life 5K scheduled Sept. 24.

Charles Richard Rizzo, 71

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

Charles Richard Rizzo, 71, Hospice House, Hutchinson, Kan., passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005 at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Cross Catholic Church, with Father Joseph Eckberg presiding. Burial will follow at Penwell-Gabel's Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kan.

Visitation will be from 1 to 9 p.m. Wednesday with the family present at Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory, 300 E. 30th Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67502. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Reno County in care of the funeral home. Personal condolences may be made at www.PenwellGabel.com.

Rodney Dean Glassburn, 47

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

Rodney Dean Glassburn, 47, Wabash, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2005 at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Linda Sue Swetnam, 66

Thursday, September 01, 2005

Linda Sue Swetnam, 66, Peru, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005 at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, with the Rev. Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Gas City. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Skinner's Chapel, 6910 N. County Road 1050 E., Denver, IN 46926. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

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Francis W. Hileman, 84

Thursday, September 01, 2005

Francis W. Hileman, 84, Peru, passed away at 11:52 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005 as his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Ethan G. Astrup, six weeks old

Thursday, September 01, 2005

Ethan G. Astrup, six weeks old, Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005 at his home. He was born July 17, 2005 in Indianapolis to Jamison L. and Stephany N. Melling Astrup, Peru.

Survivors other than his parents include a brother, Leif Astrup, and a twin bother, Hayden Astrup, both of Peru; and four grandparents, Nancy Melling, Steve and Brenda Constable, all of Peru, and Steve Melling, Fishers.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thomas F. McBride Jr., 77

Thursday, September 01, 2005

Thomas F. McBride Jr., 77, formerly of Peru, passed away Friday, Aug. 19, 2005 in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born April 1, 1928 in Peru to Thomas F. and Polly McBride.

McBride attended Purdue University, University of Maryland and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and obtained bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and military science, and a master's degree in engineering management.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army. As a recruit he attended OCS and other service schools including Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. He served in the infantry, Signal Corp, Ordinance Special Weapons, Air Defense Artillery Armored and Air Mobile units.

McBride served in the office of assistant Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, the JCS National Security Agency, and formed and commanded a joint technical task force. He was decorated with the Army Commendation Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. He served in Arabia, Korea and Viet Nam and various places in the U.S. He served 30 years in the Army and retired in 1980 as a Colonel.

Surviving are a daughter, Gail Pontius and husband Gary, Noblesville; a son, Dr. Thomas J. McBride and wife Deborah, Valrico, Fla.; three grandchildren, Katie, Nicholas and Christopher McBride, Valrico, Fla., a niece, Denise Yater and husband Tracy, Peru; a brother-in-law, Murray Hamman and wife Pat, Peru; and a former wife, Betty A. Thoennes McBride, Sun City, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Todd; and a sister Jeanne Hamman.

Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru, handled local arrangements.

Francis W. Hileman, 84

Friday, September 02, 2005

Francis W. Hileman, 84, Peru, passed away at 4:52 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 24, 1920 in Peru to Chester and Phebe Cook Hileman. He married Betty J. Wolfe Hileman July 28, 1943, and she survives.

Hileman was a retired rural postal carrier and farmer, and a member of Erie United Methodist Church. Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Dean and Robert Hileman, both of Peru; two sisters, Mary Richter, Peru, and Maxine Garber, Columbus; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a son, David Hileman.

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Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Shrock Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Edith F. (Olsen) Powell, 88

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

Edith F. (Olsen) Powell, 88, Akron, passed away at 1 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2005 at her residence.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Foster and Good Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverend Terry Canfield officiating.

Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery.

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

Phyllis Jean Kelley, 70

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

Phyllis Jean Kelley, 70, formerly of Peru, passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2005 at her residence in Greenwood.

She was born on August 1, 1935 in Peru to Willard H. and Hazel Marie (Burkholder) Smith, and married Robert Kelley, who preceded her in death.

Kelley graduated from Peru High School and was employed at the Bill Burkman Insurance Agency in Indianapolis. She was a member of Southport United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one sister, Dorothy Livengood, Indianapolis; one brother, Richard Smith, Peru; several nieces and nephews; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Kelley was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Doris Totten; and two brothers, Eugene Smith and Edward Smith.

A funeral service will be conducted on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

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

Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Elva Triplett, 79

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

Elva Triplett, 79, Peru, passed away at 3:15 a.m. on Monday, September 5, 2005 at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on December 2, 1925 in Paintsville, Kentucky to Jay and Rosie Hale, and married Kenneth L. Triplett on December 5, 1945 in West Virginia. He preceded her in death on April 14, 1989.

Triplett was a homemaker and member of First Assembly of God.

She is survived by five daughters, Barbara Kauffman, Peru, Billie Childers, Peru, Brenda Childers, Peru, Patricia Reeves, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Debra Roy, Collinsville, Illinois; two sons, Charles Triplett, Peru, and Joe Triplett, Wheeling, West Virginia; four sisters, Lulabell Sester, West Virginia, Gladys Staton, West Virginia, Mildred Goodwin, Peru, and Emma Berkheiser, Peru; and Clyde Hale, Peru; 21 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Triplett was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Eddie Ray Triplett; two brothers, Joe Hale and Roby Jay Hale; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

A graveside service will be conducted at Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington, West Virginia at 11 a.m. on Friday.

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

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Mary Jane Etherington, 84

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

Mary Jane Etherington, 84, Howard and Miami counties, went home to be with the Lord at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 5, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Miami County.

She was born on June 3, 1921 in Howard County to John Mark and Vergie Opal (Murphy) Etherington. She enjoyed puzzles, latch and plastic crafts, bingo, television and especially loved Mickey Mouse.

Etherington is survived by two brothers, Conrad Etherington and wife Norma, Warren, and Larry Etherington and wife Norma, Bringham; four sisters, Sue Shepherd, Russiaville, Roberta Lineback, Russiaville, Elaine Quinn and husband Tim, Camden, Sandy Alspaugh and husband Rod, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant sister, Linda Lou Etherington; sister, Marjorie Dyer; and brother, John Etherington.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Galveston Cemetery, with Ray Maggard officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Caring Hands Health Care Center in Miami County.

Maurine M. Wagner, 98

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

Maurine M. Wagner, 98, Peru, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born May 27, 1907 in Silver Lake to John E. and Ella Stickel Wagner.

Wagner was at 1925 graduate of Peru High School, received her B.S. degree from Manchester College and her master's degree from Ball State University. She also attended Indiana University at Bloomington, and Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

She was a retired school teacher, teaching in Peru and Miami County schools from 1925 to 1935. From 1935 to 1961 she taught in the Hammond city school system. From 1961 to 1973 she taught grade school music in Peru elementary schools.

Her memberships included the National Teachers Association, Indiana State Teachers Association, Local Retired Teachers Association, Womens Literary Club, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and Sigma Delta Phi Sorority.

Wagner published two books which are in the Peru library: "A Calendar of Poetry" and "Tell Me a Story - Sing Me A Song." Awards were listed in "Indiana Authors & Their Books." She also published three poems and four songs.

In addition, she was a longtime member of First Christian Church, where she taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir for many years.

Survivors include a sister, Virginia Ewing, Connersville and Peru; five nieces, Sybil Wagner, Lucy Lewis, Virginia Palumbo, Jean Edwards and Elsbeth Guiles; and a nephew, John A. Wagner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dr. Robert H. Wagner; two sisters, Lucile and Lillian Wagner; and a sister-in-law, Jean Wagner.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

LaVerne Schoenman, 95

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

LaVerne Schoenman, 95, Peru, passed away at 8:24 p.m. Monday, Sept. 5, 2005 at Woodbridge Health Center, Logansport.

She was born Nov. 14, 1909 in Wellington, Kan. to Edmond and Mary Stone Huddleston. In 1911 she moved from Wellington, Kan. to Kokomo, then moved to Peru in 1930.

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She married Al Schoenman, and he preceded her in death in 1957.

Schoenman retired as manager of Senger Dry Goods Shoe Department in Peru. She also was a member of First Christian Church, Peru, since 1930, and enjoyed reading, traveling, watching basketball on TV and visiting with friends and family.

Survivors include a son, Dan A. Schoenman and wife Fonda, Franklin, N.C.; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.

There will be no funeral or visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Charles Engle, 55

Thursday, September 08, 2005

Charles Engle, 55, Steinhatchee, Fla., formerly of Macy, passed away Aug. 17, 2005 in Perry, Fla.

He was born Oct. 12, 1949 to Devon "Pappy" and Mary Eber Engle.

Survivors include his mother; a son, James Devon Engle, Manchester; two brothers, Robert Engle and wife Christy, Denver, and Phil Engle and wife Deb, Chili; two nieces, Amy and Jenni Engle, Denver; and a nephew, Zac Engle, Denver.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Burns Funeral Home, Perry, Fla., handled funeral arrangements.

Carolyn D. Bednarski, 44

Thursday, September 08, 2005

Carolyn D. Bednarski, 44, Macy, passed away at 7:47 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005 at The Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis.

She was born June 9, 1961 in Rochester to Milton and Nelda Watson Heckathorn. She married David Bednarski Nov. 17, 1979 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and he survives.

Bednarski graduated from Peru High School in 1981, was a nursing assistant at the Logansport State Hospital, and was active in Miami County 4-H and the Miami County Extension Homemakers Club.

Survivors besides her husband include her parents in Macy; a son, Johnathan Bednarski, Macy; a daughter, Jennifer Bednarski, Rochester; a brother, David Heckathorn, Fulton; a sister, Sherry Wiese and husband Curtis, Topeka, Kan.; a grandson, Damien Neal; two nieces, Rebecca Heckathorn and Janice Wiese; and a nephew, Paul Wiese.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alexis.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Riley Hospital for Children or the American Heart Association.

Lottie La Bounty

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Lottie La Bounty, Peru, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2005 at her residence.

She was a registered nurse for over 50 years and served on the Peru-Miami County Public Library Board.

La Bounty is survived by her husband of 48 years, Gerald La Bounty; daughter, Ruth Anderson and husband David; and two grandchildren, Jacob and Madeline Anderson, each of Crown Point.

A graveside funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday at Metzger Cemetery, with the Rabbi Stanley Halpern officiating. Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and follow the funeral procession to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkisons Foundation.

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Marjorie M. Lighty, 90

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Marjorie M. Lighty, 90, Peru, passed away at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2005 at HCR Manor Care, Indianapolis.

She was born on August 30, 1915 in Peru to Clarence and Lavina (Lobenthal) Beal, and married David G. Lighty on July 7, 1936, who preceded her in death on July 16, 2001.

Lighty was a Peru High School graduate, was active in Dukes Hospital Auxiliary, and was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and also formerly employed at Senger's Dry Goods in Peru.

She is survived by two sons, James Lighty and wife Sue, Indianapolis, and Bruce Lighty and wife Vicki, Mishawaka; one daughter, Becky McMichael and husband Albert, Winfield, Kansas; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lighty was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the Reverend Robert Stuck officiating.

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

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Edith Bernice Davisson, 95

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Edith Bernice Davisson, 95, formerly of Santa Fe, passed away at 1:50 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2005 at Windsor Estates, Kokomo, her residence of the past 14 years.

She was born on October 13, 1909 in Galveston to Harry Van Dyke and Eva Alice McCoy Goodwin.

Davisson owned and operated Davisson's Grocery in Santa Fe for 41 years before retiring in 1990.

She belonged to the Santa Fe United Methodist Church, and in recent years she had been attending the Christian Heritage Worship Center, Kokomo.

Davisson is survived by her adopted grandchildren, Donna and Rick Dennis, Kokomo, Steve and Paula Host, Sharpsville, Barbara and Kevin Chapman, Tipton, Tim and Karla Padfield, Logansport, Beth and Paul O'Blenis, Lafayette.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor John O'Brien officiating.

Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Esther M. Parsons, 104

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Esther M. Parsons, 104, Peru, passed away at 6:25 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

She was born Sept. 12, 1901 in Kendallville to John R. and Willhelmina Klotz Kurtz. She married H. Ralph Parsons Sr. March 30, 1930 in South Bend, and he preceded her in death April 14, 1978.

Parsons did not get to attend high school, but in 1920 took a business course at the South Bend Business College and had the wonderful privilege of living with her good and kind Aunt Anna and Uncle John Whitmyer. She she was in South Bend, she worked in the office of the Studebaker Corp. of America for seven-and-a-half years and the Stephenson Underwear Factory for six months before getting married.

From South Bend she moved to Indianapolis and then moved to Peru in the spring of 1936.

She had been active in many activities and offices of the First Christian Church of which she is a member.

She sang in the choir for several years, was Sunday School secretary and president of the Women's

Organization. She helped with many meals and banquets that the church has served. She was a member of

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the Order of the Eastern Star, the American Legion Auxiliary, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and was a past president of the Peru Drama League and the Peru Civic Center Board.

Survivors include two sons, Herbert R. Parsons and wife Veronica, and Philip L. Parsons and wife Betty, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Gordon, Carol and Herbert R. Parsons III, Lynda Adams and husband William, Suzanne Williams and Elizabeth Judd; and six great-grandchildren, Cara Horn, Jenny Graber, Stefan and Braden Williams, and Jessica and Dalton Judd.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Red Cross - Hurricane Katrina.

Denise E. Higdon, 52

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Denise E. Higdon, 52, of 6420 East St. Rd. 18, Converse, Indiana, passed away at Saturday, September 10, 2005 at 6:30 PM at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, IN, surrounded by her loving family, following a three battle with cancer.

She was born May 11, 1953 in Peru, IN the daughter of Harold & Martha Butt Snyder. She married Marvin A. Higdon at Amboy Friends Church, Amboy, IN on June 27, 1976 and he survives.

Denise graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1971 and Wright Beauty College. She was a life long Miami County Resident and she and her husband, Marvin, lovingly raised three wonderful children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her loving husband, Marvin, a daughter Kristina Yoder and her husband Ryan of Athens, Ohio, two sons Joshua Higdon of Converse and Nicholas Higdon of Muncie, Indiana, her parents Harold & Martha Snyder of Converse, Indiana and a sister Anita Kay Rigel and her husband John of Indianapolis, Indiana.

A service celebrating the life of Denise E. Higdon will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, September 16, 2005 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S 300 E, Amboy, Indiana, with Pastors Greg Hiatt, Ken Cole, Ian Nacy and Ryan Jorgenson officiating; burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, Indiana. Visitation will be from 1:00 - 8:00 PM Thursday, at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to Ovar'Coming Together, 3050 North Meridian, Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

Saturday evening the Lord said "Denise, receive your rest", and she was gathered to her heavenly home. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Laird Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, Indiana.

William C. Kietzman, 74

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

William C. Kietzman, 74, Mexico, passed away at 9:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Carol M. Fouts, 67

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Carol M. Fouts, 67, Deedsville, passed away Tuesday morning, Sept. 13, 2005 in the emergency room of Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born Dec. 16, 1937 in Miami County to C.R. "Jake" and Elsie Evelyn Smith Betzner. She was married by the Rev. Austin Gable to David Harold Fouts May 2, 1958 at Center Chapel First Brethren Church. He survives.

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Fouts was an active member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church. She retired from North Miami Community Schools and had been employed at Fouts Veterinary Clinic in Perrysburg.

An avid gardener, she had volunteered her service to the Miami County 4-H Fair as project superintendent for gardening and crafts for many years. She loved cooking and spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Debrah Fouts, Deedsville; two sons, John Fouts, Warren, and Dan Fouts and wife Betsy, Coatesville; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Fouts Stone, Perrysburg; five grandchildren, Michael, Emily and Isaac Fouts, and Jack and Maddie Kendall; her mother-in-law, Geneva Fouts, Peru; and two brothers, James Betzner, Bunker Hill, and R.D. Betzner, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerry Fouts; and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Center Chapel First Brethren Church, with the Rev. Al Peck and Rev. Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday 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.

William "Bill" C. Kietzman, 74

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

William "Bill" C. Kietzman, 74, Mexico, made his transition to rest at 9:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

He was born Nov. 21, 1930 in Roberts, Ill. to William G. and Mabel Stroh Kietzman. He was raised in rural Fulton County.

Kietzman married Mary A. Dailey Nov. 9, 1952 in Peru, and she survives. Together they built a home and family in Mexico.

For 40 years he held the honorable profession of tool and mold maker, starting at Essex Wire in Peru and later at Hipsher Tool & Die in Wabash, retiring from Delco-GM in Kokomo. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Peru, and received the honor of Moose Man of the Year in 2002 from Peru Lodge 249.

Having a lifelong avocation for supporting youth, he was known to many children as the "gum man." He also was a scoutmaster for Troop 306 in Peru as well as the Mexico Baptist troop. As an active scoutmaster, he was awarded the Order of the Broken Arrow for his accomplishments. Perhaps best known to the residents of Mexico for his love of fireworks, he provided many years of Fourth of July entertainment for that community.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Todd W. Kietzman and wife Patsy, Evansville, and Tim B. Kietzman, Milwaukee, Wis.; two grandsons, Chad and Justin Kietzman, Evansville; and a sister, Catherine Walters, Valparaiso.

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

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church.

Richard Robert Harter, 70

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Richard Robert Harter, 70, Springdale, Ark., passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2005 in Springdale, Ark.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Dan Coomer officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Bella Vista Animal Shelter, 32 Bella Vista Way, Bella Vista, AR 72714.

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R. A. Russell, Jr., 69

Thursday, September 15, 2005

R. A. Russell, Jr., 69, Peru, passed away at 9:11 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, at Chase Center, Logansport.

He was born on January 8, 1936, in Corryton, Tenn., to Geneva Lucile (Walker) Russell and Relyus A. Russell, Sr.

Russell was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and had been his mother's care-giver for eight years. He enjoyed playing fast-pitch softball, working on his cars, enjoyed baseball - loved the Cubs! He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his mother, Geneva Lucile Russell, Peru; daughters Alisa Appleton and husband Curtis, Burrows, Sherri Storey and husband Don, Logansport, and Debbie Wilson and husband Donny, Logansport; and a son, Steve Russell and wife Linda, Lafayette; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Saturday at 10 a.m. with Pastor Greg Britt officiating.

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

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

Madelyn M. (Madgie) Malone, 58

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Madelyn M. (Madgie) Malone, 58, 1219 N. Wabash, Kokomo, passed away at 4:53 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born on November 29, 1946, in Kokomo, to Harry E. and Cora Mae Malone. Malone was a 1966 graduate of Kokomo High School. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and cooking.

She is survived by her mother, Cora Mae Malone; son, Cory Malone; daughter Sarah Malone; brothers, Johnny Malone and wife Jackie, and Patrick Malone and wife Yvonne; sisters Rhomalda Malone, Veronica Cannon and husband Delmar; grandchildren, Xavier Malone, Roberto Godina, Graciela Godina and Camilla Malone, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Harry Otis Malone.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Second Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Robert A. Lee officiating.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be at Crown Point Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Bluit & Son Funeral Home, Kokomo.

Mary Jo Mohler, 80

Friday, September 16, 2005

Mary Jo Mohler, 80, Galveston, went home to be with the Lord at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 at her home.

She was born July 14, 1925 in Miami County to James S. and Edith C. Winslow McConnell. She married Kenneth L. Mohler Oct. 15, 1944 in Crawfordsville, and he survives.

Mohler was a homemaker and a farm wife. She also was a member of the Young America Baptist Church in Young America, where she was very active for many years serving as a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent and Bible school teacher. She was a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Young America and served as a volunteer for St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Bona Vista and the Kokomo Rescue Mission. In addition, she was an artist and loved painting.

Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Jenny Bate and husband Steve, Peru; a sister, Betty Jean Anderson, Crossville, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Lance Manning and wife Shannon, Greenwood, Suzie Butts and husband Lee, St. Cloud, Fla., Seth Bate and wife Jenny, Winfield, Kan., Elizabeth

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Norton, Kokomo, Joshua Bate, Seattle, Wash., and Aaron Bate, Bloomington; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Young America Baptist Church, Young America, with the Rev. Dan Boyd and Rev. Steve Bate officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, 410 S. California St., Galveston. Memorials may be made to Guarding Angel Hospice, Kokomo.

Shawn A. Durham, 31

Friday, September 16, 2005

Shawn A. Durham, 31, LaPorte, passed away at 5:07 a.m., Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at the scene of a vehicle accident.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1974 to Greg McGuire and Sharon (Roller) Best in Wabash. He came to LaPorte from Rochester.

Durham was a graduate of LaPorte High School and was a driver for Waste Management. He married Lisa M. Dyer on Sept. 19, 1998 in LaPorte, and she survives.

He was a big NASCAR and sports fan, and enjoyed video games and riding four-wheelers.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jordan Durham, and a daughter, Hannah Durham, both at home; his mother, Sharon Roller Best, Sullivan; his father, Greg McGuire and wife Leah, Mexico; paternal grandmothers, Virginia Durham, Peru, and Wilma Lesley, Mexico; a maternal grandmother, Vivian Roller, Peru; two sisters, Shannon McGuire, Mexico, and Gabrielle Best, Sullivan; a brother, Jeremy McGuire, LaPorte; one niece and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Eugene W. Roller; and paternal grandfather, William Lesley.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m., with the Rev. Donald Bayne Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Patton Cemetery.

Visitation is Friday, 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 1 p.m., at Essling Funeral Home, 1117 Indiana Ave., LaPorte. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Shawn Durham for the children's educational fund.

Ruth A. Rich, 88

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Ruth A. Rich, 88, Peru, passed away suddenly at 12:44 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born June 13, 1917 in Wabash County to Estee and Bertha Spiecker Schafer. She married Eugene D. Rich March 23, 1940 in Urbana, and he survives.

She graduated from Urbana High School in 1936, and she and her husband owned and operated Rich's TV & Appliances in Peru until their retirement in 1984. They spent their winters in Okeechobee, Fla. where they attended Oakview Baptist Church.

Ruth was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She and her husband Gene lovingly raised two wonderful children. She had a great sense of humor, loved music and was an accomplished piano player. In her later years she thoroughly enjoyed watching religious shows on TV. Survivors besides her loving husband include a daughter, Nancy Sherrick Hirth and husband Dan, Kokomo; a son, Dwight Rich and wife Helen, Peru; a brother, Paul Schafer and wife Irene, Bluffton; three grandchildren, Derek Sherrick and wife Sandy, Kimberly Buscher and Erica Rich; two step-grandchildren, Christopher and Elizabeth Lovette; four great-grandchildren, Tanya and Alison Sherrick, and Kenny and Kasey Buscher; a great-great-granddaughter, Rayah Beets; and her special adopted "Florida kids," Phyllis and David Knight, Okeechobee, Fla.

A service celebrating the life of Ruth A. Rich will held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Sandy Sherrick, Ruth's granddaughter-in-law, officiating. Burial will follow in

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Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Robert L. "Bob" Miller, 87

Saturday, September 17, 2005

Robert L. "Bob" Miller, 87, Peru, passed away at 4:43 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

He was born July 22, 1918 in Peru to Charles and Alice Childers Miller. He married Ina Mae Bryan Jan. 17, 1946, and she preceded him in death March 21, 2005.

Miller was U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He also was a retired pipe fitter with Delco Electronics, Kokomo, a former member of the Masonic Lodge and enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include a son, Charles Miller, Denver; a daughter, Georgeanna Williams, Peru; a granddaughter, Amy Sofianos and husband Dan, Peru; two great-grandchildren, Alec and Isabella Sofianos; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Chester Miller; and a sister, Mary E. Soverns.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. There will be a military committal service. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army or the Miami County YMCA.

Steven Eugene Baker, 55

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Steven Eugene Baker, 55, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at Marion Veterans Hospital.

He was born on September 19, 1949 in Peru to Eugene and Wanda L. (Harlow) Baker, and married Rita Taylor, who survives.

Baker served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife; step-mother, Wanda Marie Baker, Wabash; one son, Steven 'Mike' Baker, Twelve Mile; four daughters, LeDeema Baker and husband Patrick, Twelve Mile, Stephanie Baker, Peru, Carie Baker, Peru, and Cynthia Baker, Logansport; three brothers, David Baker, Kokomo, Hollis Baker, Peru, and Curtis Baker, Wabash; two step-brothers, Robert Higdon, Peru, and Nelson Sparks, Tennessee; one sister, Linda Robertson, Peru; and six grandchildren.

Baker was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating.

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

There will be a military committal service.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home for burial expense.

Joyce A. Krisko, 54

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Joyce A. Krisko, 54, Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on September 3, 1951 in Gainesville, Georgia to Virgil and Virginia 'Janie' (Carter) Cleveland, and married Michael J. Krisko on December 1, 1994.

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Krisko was a homecare provider, and graduated in 1968 from Stephens County High School in Toccoa, Georgia.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Krisko, Peru; father, Virgil Cleveland, Toccoa; two daughters, Tammy Lopez and Fonda Echols, both of Toccoa; one son, Fred Robert Edmonds, Peru; one step-daughter, Amanda Baldwin, Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; two sisters, Carol Haglund, Peach Tree City, Georgia, and Becky Dyer, Toccoa; one brother, Bruce Cleveland, Toccoa; and 13 grandchildren.

Krisko was preceded in death by her mother; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society and/or to the American Diabetes Association.

Gaynell Pearce, 91

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Gaynell Pearce, 91, Peru, passed away at 4:55 a.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on December 5, 1913 in Miami County to Aaron and Mary (Kile) Douglas, and married Walter Pence in 1931, who preceded her in death. She married William Pearce in 1941, who preceded her in death in 1989.

Pearce loved planting flowers, cooking and canning.

She is survived by her step-daughter, Ester Smith and husband William, Galveston; two sisters-in-law, Frances Gochenour and Doris Beck, each of Peru; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-nephew; and caregivers, Janet and Martin Snider, Peru.

Pearce was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; son, Aaron Delo Pence; one sister; and one brother.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, which is handling the funeral arrangements, to the Wabash-Miami Hospice Foundation.

C. V. 'Tip' Graft, 88

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

C.V. 'Tip' Graft, 88, Peru, passed away at 8:05 a.m. on Sunday, September 18, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born on November 1, 1916 in Pipe Creek Township, Miami County, the son of Ira Vern and Estella (Fiser) Graft. He married Vera Frances Butt on April 30, 1938 in Nead, and she survives.

Graft graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1935 and was a life-long Miami County farmer until moving into Blair Ridge Retirement Community in 2000. He resided on the family farm, which was designated a Hoosier Homestead Century Farm for being in the Graft family for over a century. Graft was a member of the Loree Brethren Church, the Gideons International, and Miami County Farm Bureau. He had been very active in Miami County 4-H Fair and served on the Miami County Fair Board. Graft had also served on the board of the Bunker Hill Elevator and was a supporter of the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Tip and Vera had also spent more than two decades wintering in Bradenton, Florida, where he was a member of the Bradenton Castle Park Board of Directors and had served as president of the board.

Tip and Vera lovingly raised two wonderful children, and he had a huge heart and a great sense of humor. A man of great faith and integrity, he never met a stranger and was loved by all that knew him. Graft leaves this world with all that knew him better because of having spent time with him.

He is survived by his loving wife; one daughter, Karen Weaver and husband Richard, Peru; one son, John Graft and wife Marcia, Lebanon; nine grandchildren, Ryan Graft, Shawn Graft, Julie Sommers and husband Larry, Greg Montel and wife Cathy, Jeff Montel and wife Libby, Debbie Patterson and husband Larry, Kevin Weaver and wife Leslie, Chris Weaver and wife Rachel, and Michelle Sheehan and husband

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Tom; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and one sister, Vivian Marquis and husband Robert, Peru.

Graft was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; and an aunt, Marie Shafer.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Graft will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck and Pastor Gerald Zook officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home, as well as one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Gideons International and/or the Loree Brethren Church.

Louise K. Drudge, 101

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Louise K. Drudge, 101, Rochester, passed away at 12:33 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2005 at her residence. A private graveside funeral service will be conducted.

Burial will be at Athens Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to the Manitou Training Center.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Vernon C. Witsman, 88

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Vernon C. Witsman, 88, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:10 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2005 at Lakeview Health Care, Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Sarilyn Joan "Sari" (Meister) Johnson, 73

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Sarilyn Joan "Sari" (Meister) Johnson, 73, Peru, formerly of Cape Coral, Fla., went to be with the Lord at 6:50 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005 after a brief battle with cancer at her daughter's home in Peru.

She was born June 25, 1932 in Kokomo to Cleon Fredrick and Iris Detamore Meister. She married Glenn E. Johnson, who preceded her in death in 1987.

She was known to her family as "Oma" and enjoyed puzzles and knitting.

Survivors include a daughter, Kim Morrow and husband Donald, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Donna Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Rosamae (Meister) Clark and Linda (Meister) Crowder, all of Kokomo; an aunt and uncle, Edward "Billy" and Nancy Jane Young, all of Kokomo; two cousins, Richard Young and wife Christine, Russiaville, and Missy O'Neal and husband Junior, Kempton; a step-daughter, Texie Kay Rogers and husband Robert, Versailles; two grandsons, Alexander D. Johnson, Cape Coral, and Samuel D. Johnson, Jacksonville; two granddaughters, Sara Katherine Johnson and Melanie Leigh Johnson, both of Jacksonville; four step-daughters, Charlotte Denise (Morrow) Haughwout, Tammy Christine (Morrow) Dammeyer, Karen Lynn (Rogers) Holcomb and Lisa Renee Rogers; three step-grandsons, James "Jamey" Reed Morrow, Scott Allen Morrow and Jeffrey Rogers; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her step-mother, Janice Meister; and a son, Douglas Kent Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main, Russiaville; with Joyce Brooks officiating.

Burial will follow in Cape Ridge Cemetery, Cape Coral

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to VNS Hospice, Howard Regional Hospice Services.

Annie K. Behny, 79

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Annie K. Behny, 79, Peru, passed away at 8:48 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born April 29, 1926 in Peru to George W. and Lura (Pattison) Orpurt.

Behny was a homemaker and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include three daughters, Lois Henry, Galveston, Bobbie Bookwalter and (Judy Grimes), and Sara Ousley and (Ty Morton), all of Peru; one son, Robert Behny and wife Jill, Anderson; seven grandchildren, Brian Henry and wife Lynn, Tricia Kile, Eric Bookwalter, Haley Ousley, Heather Ousley, Jason Graves and Lee Hasty; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; eight brothers and a grandson, Dale Henry.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with a VFW Auxiliary service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John David Kreutzer, 90

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

John David Kreutzer, 90, of Springfield, Ill., and recently of Lisle, Ill., passed away at Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005 at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Ill.

He was born on May 15, 1915 in Peru, the son of John B. and Elba Ord Kreutzer. He married Mildred Zartman on Feb. 1, 1941 in Beloit, Wis.

Kreutzer worked for Western Electric in Chicago, which later became Illinois Bell. Moving to Springfield in 1961, he retired as an installation engineer manager after working for 42 years. A World War II veteran, he served in the Signal Corps. Kreutzer was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #364 and the 4th Degree Bishop Griffin Assembly, the Springfield Lions Club and the Telephone Pioneers.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Kreutzer, Springfield and Lisle; two daughters, Mary Blum and husband John, St. Louis, Jane Jankowski and husband Robert, Darien, Ill.; six grandchildren, Judith Luczak and husband William, Christopher Blum and wife Nancy, Robert Jankowski and wife, Kristen, Jeanne Lewis and husband Ron, Susan Jankowski and Caroline Parivs and husband Michael; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers Richard Kreutzer, Robert Kreutzer and wife Kathryn, and Thomas Kreutzer and wife Donna, all of Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, John David Kreutzer.

Family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Visitation will begin with a prayer service at 5 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 524 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, with the Rev. David Hoefler celebrating.

Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Visit the online obituary at www.kirlin-egan-butler.com.

Henry Maynard Johnston, 86

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Henry Maynard Johnston, 86, Nappanee, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005 at Goshen General Hospital after a short illness. He was a lifetime resident of the area.

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He was born Jan. 18, 1919 in Nappanee to Alva F. and Lillie M. Wyman Johnston. He married LaVonne "Bonnie" Cattin June 13, 1943 in Churubusco, and she preceded him in death Oct. 13, 2000.

Johnston graduated from Nappanee High School and retired from Bendix in 1981, where he had worked for over 40 years.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Johnston and wife JoAnn, LaGrange, Ill., and Craig Johnston and wife Carol, Nappanee; two grandsons, Cody and Conner Johnston, Nappanee; two brothers, Carl W. Johnston, Plymouth, and Donald Johnston, Nappanee.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a daughter, Karen Sue Johnston.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, with the Rev. Robert Fields officiating, retired pastor of First Church of God, and assisted by Rev. Sam Bennett, pastor of First Church of God. Burial will be in Stony Point Cemetery. Calling will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Blindness Foundation, Elkhart County Blindness Rehab or Macular Degeneration Association.

Darrell "Gene" Binnion, 49

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Darrell "Gene" Binnion, 49, Sims, passed away at 12:49 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 20, 1956 in Marion to Homer E. and Helen E. Vinson Binnion. He was a lifelong resident of Sims. Binnion married Pamela K. Boucher on Nov. 23, 1973, and she survives.

Binnion graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1974. He was employed at Chrysler for 25 years. He loved Harleys, family and friends, deer hunting and golf. He was an American Red Cross blood donor.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jason Binnion and wife Carrie Troup, Sims; a daughter, Amber Binnion, Sims; two brothers, Rick Binnion and wife Peggy, Swayzee, and Kenny Binnion and wife Barb, Peru; his father- and mother-in-law, John and Margaret Boucher, Sims; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, April Binnion; and two brothers, Elvis and Bennie Binnion.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene, 2560 S. 800 W., Swayzee, with the Rev. Jerald Shelby officiating. Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery. The family is encouraging Harleys and old cars to be a part of the funeral procession. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Association and the Samaritan House, Fort Wayne. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, Swayzee.

Mildred Irene Fields, 82

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Mildred Irene Fields, 82, Peru, formerly of Liberty, passed away Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born Dec. 24, 1922 in Preble County to Charles R. and Pearl Patterson Paxton. She lived most of her life in the Union County area. She married Howard W. Fields April 12, 1942, and he preceded her in death Dec. 22, 2000.

Fields worked as a legal secretary for Franklin Bridenhager, former prosecutor and attorney in Liberty for 25 years. She graduated from Alquina High School in Fayette County. She had been a member of the Quakertown Methodist Church and the Alquina Methodist Church, where she served as the Sunday school secretary and a Sunday school teacher. In addition, she was a member of the WSCS women's group of the church.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Patty Jo Wolfe and husband Michael Hubbell, Peru; a sister, Mary Toole, Liberty; a brother, Bill Paxton and wife Trula, College Corner, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Rudy

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Ripberger, Connersville; four sisters-in-law, Harriett Fields, Anna Paxton and JoAnne Ritter, all of Liberty, and Freda Paxton, West College Corner; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Wolfe and wife Johanna, Colorado Springs, Colo., Tracey Mitchell and husband Darrell, Fishers, Gina King and husband David, Knox, and Troy Wolfe and wife Betty Jo Miser, Orlando, Fla.; eight great-grandchildren, Paxton and Emmett Wolfe, Colorado Springs, Steven, Patrick and Justine Ambrose, Knox, Abigale and Zachary Mitchel, Fishers, and Briana Miser, Orlando, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Melvin, Russell, Fred and Charles Paxton; and two sisters, Freda Mae Ripberger and Naomi Petro.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Fosdick Chapel, Liberty, with the Rev. Carol Wiley and Rev. Fuzzy Lake officiating. Burial will follow at Dunlapville Cemetery, Union County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made at the funeral home to the Harriett Fields Missionary, the Alquina United Methodist Church or the Dunlapville Cemetery Association in care of Louanna Booth.

Vernon C. Witsman, 88

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Vernon C. Witsman, 88, Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, 2005 at Inn at Lakeview, Columbus, Ohio.

She was born March 12, 1917 in Frankfort to Charles and Maud Owens Weaver. She married Donald W. Witsman June 21, 1942, and he preceded her in death.

Witsman was retired from civil service, and was a member of the Bunker Hill First Baptist Church and VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna C. Collier and husband Roger, Lockbourne, Ohio; a son-in-law, Lee Clair, Carlisle, Penn.; three granddaughters, Debby Crolla, Lockbourne, Tabitah and Dawn Clair, both of Carlisle; a grandson, Brian Clair, Carlisle; and a great-grandchild, Lindsay Pursell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and a daughter, Sue Ann Clair.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Bunker Hill First Baptist Church, with Pastor Wallace Jeffs officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m.

Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to the Bunker Hill First Baptist Church Building Fund.

Richard E. Apt, 78

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Richard E. Apt, 78, Peru, passed away at 5:52 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born in Peru on Jan. 10, 1927, to Frank M. and Roxie V. Forrey Apt. On Dec. 8, 1950 he married Susan Tanco Apt, and she survives.

Mr. Apt was a 1943 graduate of Peru High School, and was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a retired NIPSCO engineer, and a member of the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church, Peru, the Peru Elks Lodge and American Legion.

Survivors besides his wife include three nephews, Brent Davis, Peru, Philip Gibson, Fort Wayne, and David Apt, Rochester; three nieces, Diane Shields, Huntington, Jean Ann Morris, Marion, and Beth Gilligan, Fairfax, Va.; and two brothers, Larry L. Apt, Indianapolis, and Frank M. Apt and wife Millie, Logansport.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one infant brother and two sisters, Juanita Gibson and Bette Davis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, with the Rev. Douglas E. Hungerford officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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Naomi Marie Rogers, 92

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Naomi Marie Rogers, 92, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2005 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

She was born in Peru on Oct. 2, 1912, to Ralph and Ida (Balsbaugh) Eckerley. On April 23, 1939 she married Russell Rogers in Peru, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1994.

Rogers was a member of the Roann Church of the Brethren, and a former member of the Roann Matrons Club. She was a 1931 graduate of Chili High School. She retired in 1982 from Heckman Bindery, North Manchester, and also had worked at A.F. Billings in Wabash. She had lived at Peabody since 1994, moving from rural Roann where she had resided since 1939.

Survivors include four sons, James L. Rogers and wife Carol, Tempe, Ariz., Donald E. Rogers and wife Allene, Hendersonville, N.C., Terry E. Rogers and wife Sue, Remington, and Phillip E. Rogers and wife Susan, Bozeman, Mont.; two daughters, Joyce M. Wildman and husband Robert, Brooksville, Fla., and Alice L. Graffis and husband Dallas, Fort Wayne; a sister, Vernice Lewis and husband Lawrence, Wabash; a brother, Lyman Eckerley, Peru; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, and a brother, Herbert Eckerley.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 Chippewa Road, Roann, on Friday at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Caring Circle at Peabody. The memorial guest book for Naomi may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Memorial Fund at the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church.

Robert C. "Uncle Bobby" Holland, 61

Friday, September 23, 2005

Robert C. "Uncle Bobby" Holland, 61, Peru, passed away at 7:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at his residence. He had lived here all his life.

He was born July 21, 1944 in Peru to James J. and Juanita Temple Holland. He married Mona R. Mannies on June 11, 1988, she survives.

Holland was retired from Chrysler Corp., Kokomo, where he worked from April 6, 1965 to Nov. 30, 2001.

He was a member of the Eagles, Moose and Literary Aid, Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Robert Michael Holland, Peru; a daughter, Tracy Elaine Holland, Peru; a step-daughter, Ramona Faye Cobble and husband David, Peru; and a step-son, Jerrid Bellamy and wife Candice, Logansport; six grandchildren, Krystal, Jynelle, Rebecca, Rachael, Dana and Nicholas; one great-granddaughter, Jenna; and a brother, Michael Holland and wife Susan, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James T. Holland.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Edward Miller officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Guardian Angel Hospice.

Alton "Tony" Lees, 84

Saturday, September 24, 2005

Alton L. "Tony" Lees, 84, Miller's Merry Manor, passed away at 2:02 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital.

He was born May 10, 1921 in Miami County to Alonzo D. and Florence B. Black Lees.

Lees was a retired clerk and fork lift operator from the C/O Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the VFW and American Legion lodges.

Survivors include a son, Martin K. Lees and wife Cynthia, Peru; two step-sons, Willard D. McVay and wife Shirley, Marion, and Francis R. McVay and wife Marcia, Lewisburg, Tenn.; a daughter, Debra

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Cossairt, Post Falls, Idaho; two step-daughters, Linda Calkins, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Bonnie Pierce, Peru; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Allen K. Lees; a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with the Rev. James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Gannon Ratliff, 60

Monday, September 26, 2005

Gannon Ratliff, 60, Tekonsha, Mich., passed away Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 at his home.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Freewill Baptist Church, with the Rev. Earl Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Mosherville Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are being handled by J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Mich.

David W. "Dave" McIntosh, 40

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

David W. "Dave" McIntosh, 40, Peru, passed away at 1:17 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born July 20, 1965 in Peru to Mae (Gibson) McIntosh and Olney McIntosh. Dave was a lifelong resident of Peru, and was the maintenance service manager for Concord Square Apartments in Kokomo. Dave enjoyed riding motorcycles, music and playing cards with his family and friends.

He is survived by his his mother, Mae (Gibson) McIntosh, Peru; his fiancée, Angie Seifert; a daughter, Crystal McIntosh, Peru; his brother, John McIntosh and wife Peggy, Greenbrier, Tenn.; two sisters, Tina Maloney and husband Herbert, and Debbie McIntosh, all of Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

His father preceded him in death, along with a brother, Dale McIntosh.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society.

Vivian M. Wormuth, 82

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Vivian M. Wormuth, 82, Peru, passed away at 10:42 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. Rites are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Mary Ellen Miller, 83

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Mary Ellen Miller, 83, Peru, passed away at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born Oct. 12, 1921 in Peru to George C. and Ruth Barton Miller.

Miller graduated from Peru High School in 1939, and attended Lindenwood College. She worked for J.C. Penney over 30 years, retiring in 1996. She also was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, Tri Kappa Sorority and Business Professional Women.

Survivors include a sister, Barbara Meeker, Munster; two nephews, Stephen and David Meeker; three great-nieces, Katrina, Alyssa and Jennifer Meeker; two great-nephews, Stephen and Adam Meeker; and a care giver, Donna Wolf.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Steve Ailes and John Haines officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be after

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noon Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church or North Grove Church.

John E. Miller, 80

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

John E. Miller, 80, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at St. Vincent Hospice.

He was born Jan. 10, 1925 in Peru to the late Richard B. and Mary A. Miller. John was previously a resident of Santa Fe, and was a lifelong resident of Indiana.

Miller served in the U.S. Air Force at the end of World War II. He attended Indiana University, earning a B.S. in business in 1949, and a bachelor of laws degree in 1952. He was a licensed CPA and admitted to the Indiana Bar. He was a self-employed accountant, and also worked as a distributor for PureWater Corporation. Miller was very active in politics, served as a Republican Committee member in Indianapolis, and was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

Survivors include his brother-in-law, Robert R. King; a nephew, R. Steven King and wife Amy; two nieces, Constance J. King, and Beverly A. Sheridan and husband Gary; and two great-nephews, Alexander J. and Zachary T. King.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marilynn Miller King.

Following the cremation a service and interment will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Santa Fe.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of John to St. Vincent Hospice, 8450 North Payne Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Arrangements are being handled by Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Broad Ripple.

Sandra K. Gill Taylor, 59

Saturday, October 01, 2005

Sandra K. Gill Taylor, 59, Peru, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, following an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 12, 1946 in Elwood to David E. and Dora Warren Plake. She married Dennis W. Taylor Dec. 13, 1998, and he survives.

Taylor graduated from Alexandria High School in 1964, and with honors from IUPUI in 1997 with a B.A. in social work. She was a case manager at Area Five in Miami County for six years. She also was a member of the Apostolic Chapel Church, Peru, was a volunteer chaplain for the prison ministry at the church and received the governor's award for "Outstanding Achievement for Indiana Workforce Development."

Survivors besides her husband include her mother in Alexandria; a daughter, Laura Lechner and husband Steven, Kokomo; two sons, Scott Gill and wife Teresa, Kokomo, and Shawn Gill and wife Margaret Connie, Galveston; three brothers, David Lamper, Fort Myers, Fla., James Plake, Alexandria, and David Plake, Frankfort; a sister, Sharon Pierce, Alexandria; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Apostolic Chapel Church, 760 Jackson Ave., Peru, with the Rev. Stephen Baines officiating. Burial will be in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Vivian Marie Danhour Wormuth, 82

Saturday, October 01, 2005

Vivian Marie Danhour Wormuth, 82, Peru, passed away at 10:42 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She moved to Peru in 1979 to be closer to her son.

She was born May 5, 1923 in Duquoin, Ill. to Glen and May McSpirit Danhour. She married William "Bud" Wormuth July 8, 1941, and he preceded her in death in 1976.

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Wormuth graduated from Parker High School in Illinois in 1941, and was employed at Huskey-Harland for many years and American Stationery for 10 years. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the church's Daughters of Isabella, the Alter and Rosary Society and the Senior Citizens' Club.

Survivors include a son, Russell V. Wormuth and wife Dot, Peru; three grandchildren, Sandra Bower and husband Chris, Virginia, James V. Wormuth and wife Lori, Indianapolis, and Giles A. Hoagland and wife Marianne, Peru; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander, Jacob and Lindsey Wormuth, all of Indianapolis, and Jordan Hoagland, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Glenola; and two brothers, Merald and Leland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Howard E. Kistler Sr., 66

Saturday, October 01, 2005

Howard E. Kistler Sr., 66, Peru, passed away at 4:07 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 2005 at his residence.

He was born Sept. 12, 1939 in Fulton to Merl and Maxine Rams Kistler. He married Alice Phillipy Kistler June 25, 1998, and she survives.

Kistler was self-employed (Kistler Hauling), and enjoyed motorcycles, collecting John Deeres and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Chuck Kistler and wife Dawn, Athens, Mark Kistler, Logansport, and Howard "Howie" Kistler and wife Stacy, Rochester; five daughters, Barbara Almon, Logansport, Carol Kistler, Tina Samuwatari and husband Keery, all of Lakeland, Fla., Brandy Rayn and husband James, and Heather Fuller and husband Marcus, all of Bunker Hill; a brother, Jo Kistler and wife Sandy, Camden; a sister, Jean Begley and husband Ed, Logansport; his mother-in-law, Juanita Phillipy, Peru; 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Burial will be in Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash/Miami Hospice.

Guy Mullins Jr., 77

Saturday, October 01, 2005

Guy Mullins Jr., 77, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2005 at Howard Regional Hospital.

He was born Aug. 31, 1928 in Pike County to Guy and Mary Gibson Mullins. He married Georgia Grubb Mullins Feb. 28, 1958, and she survives.

Mullins was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and a retired principal.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Guyla Mullins, Galveston, and Gina Mullins, Bunker Hill; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private graveside services were Friday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

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Harold D. Bagwell, 86

Tuesday, October 04, 2005

Harold D. Bagwell, 86, Logansport, passed away at 11:26 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2005 at the Chase Center.

He was born March 24, 1919 in Logansport to Charles and Grace McCloud Bagwell. He married Mary Gunion Barnett on Feb. 27, 1969; she survives.

Bagwell retired in 1995 as a proprietor of Bagwell's Auction and Furniture in Logansport. He also previously owned the Bagwell Upholstery shop on Fifth Street, Logansport, which his father operated before him. He was a U.S. Army Corps. veteran of World War II, where he served in the South Pacific. He enjoyed yard work, walking his dog and being with his family.

Survivors other than his wife include two step-sons, Edward Lee Barnett and wife Jennifer, Bloomington, and Jack and Phyllis Barnett, Peru; two step-daughters, Carolyn and Jack Samuels, Lake Cicott, and Sandra and Art Freed, Dade City, Fla.; 18 step-grandchildren and 24 step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Bagwell, and two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monticello. A funeral procession will leave at 1:15 p.m. from Kroeger Funeral Home. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Nathaniel Ray Armstrong, 59

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Nathaniel Ray Armstrong, 59, Converse, passed away at 1:42 p.m. Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the VA Northern Indiana Healthcare Center, Marion.

He was born Jan. 31, 1946 in Whitesboro, Texas to Hubert and Pauline Ellis Armstrong. He married Carolann McKeefer Trent Armstrong on Feb. 14, 1988 in Burleson, Texas. She survives.

He was a retired trucker and U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Arlington, Texas.

Survivors other than his wife include a son, Tracy Ray Armstrong, Seattle, Wash.; four daughters, Janis Cornett and husband Kelvin, Converse, Julia Rogers and husband Scott, Converse, Emile Trent, Converse and Lori Davis and husband Ryan, Amboy; three grandchildren, Bryan Zirkle, Robyn Cornett and Victoria Davis; and one sister, Faye Berry, Burleson, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gene Armstrong.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy with John Haines officiating and burial at Marion National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Edmond F. "Fred" Hiers, 84

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Edmond F. "Fred" Hiers, 84, formerly of East Paw Paw Pike, Peru, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

He was born March 7, 1921 in Miami County to Elmer F. and Martha Beeson Hiers. He also was a member of Peru Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews; two brothers, Donald L. Hiers, Pierceton, and Richard Hiers, Akron; and one sister, Margaret Shanabarger, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contribution can be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Ronald O. "Buck" Hiers, 74

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Ronald O. "Buck" Hiers, 74, Logansport passed away at 9:20 a.m. Saturday at, Oct. 1, 2005 at his home. He was born Oct. 30, 1930 in Peru to Omer and Flossie Draving Hiers. He married Rowena Sterner in 1975, she passed away in 1983.

Hiers retired in 1992 from the Logansport State Hospital and then worked at TM Morris, Logansport for six years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was a life member of the VFW Post 3790, Logansport, the Eagles, Logansport, the Domain of the Golden Dragon, the Second Indiana Head Division Association and the Korean War Veterans Alliance.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews; one brother, Dwain Hiers and wife Evelyn, Fairmount; one sister, Sue Lundberg, Peru; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and his parents.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Marion National Cemetery with chaplain Don Miller officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Love offerings may be made to the funeral home.

Mary Jane Fisher, 73

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Mary Jane Fisher, 73, Peru, passed away at 5:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

She was born Sept. 29, 1932 in Peru to Clarence L. and Linnie Ausman Wahlig. She married Richard G. Fisher Aug. 21, 1954 at Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru, and he survives.

Fisher was a homemaker and a member of Bible Baptist Church, Peru.

Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Richard Fisher Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mark Fisher, Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Mildred Kuhn and husband Ronnie, Peru; three grandchildren, Michael Fisher, Denver, Colo., and Savanna and Annastasa Fisher, both of Logansport; three step-grandchildren, Michael and Angela Kuhn, both of Kokomo, and Daniel Kuhn, Florida; one great-grandchild; four step-great-grandchildren and a brother, Russell D. Wahlig, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jim Butler officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Dorothy Jane Brickley, 83

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Dorothy Jane Brickley, 83, Peru, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru.

She was born March 22, 1922 in Kokomo to George Lee and Grace Taque Duncan. She graduated from Mexico High School in 1940, and married Dyke Brickley Feb. 8, 1958. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Brickley was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Brian Eikenberry and wife Della, New Haven; four grandchildren, Charles Brian and Thomas Eikenberry, Sara Smith and Paige Junk; six great-grandchildren, Aubrianna and Timothy Eikenberry, Angelus and August DiFederico, and Coleton and Delanie Junk; and a sister, Joan Guyton, Sylvania, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Caring Hands Health Care Center, 1850 Matador, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, to Caring Hands Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy.

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Joan Eberle, 72

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Joan Eberle, 72, Peru, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born May 14, 1933 in Peru to Harold H. and Mabel E. Bechdol Eltzroth. She graduated from Peru High School in 1952, and married Dean Eberle March 16, 1955 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. He survives.

Eberle was employed at Delco from 1954 to 1991, and she and her husband owned and operated Eberle Amusement from 1963 to 1995. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Ladies of the Moose and Altar and Rosary Society.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Gary Eberle, Peru; a daughter, Linda Gracia and husband Edward, Indianapolis; a grandson, Dean Edward Gracia; a granddaughter, Vickie Leath Eberle; two brothers, Michael Eltzroth and wife Frances, Wabash, and Dean Eltzroth and wife Betty, Peru; and two sisters, Marilyn Stambaugh, Peru, and Dianna Nicely and husband Richard, Destin, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Joseph Jacob officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Grace H. Leohr, 87

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Grace H. Leohr, 87, Brazil, passed away at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005 at Clay County Health Center. She was born in Clay City on Dec. 14, 1917 to Ishamel and Alice Staley White. On Sept. 26, 1939 she married Woodrow Leohr, who survives.

Leohr was a homemaker who was devoted to Christ and her family. She ministered with her husband at Deliverance Temple Church. In her late '70s she earned her GED. She enjoyed painting, gardening and flowers.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Tom Leohr and wife Nancy, Spencer; a daughter, Goldie Alice Parker and husband William, White Plains, Ky.; a brother, Richard White and wife Flossie, Brazil; two sisters, Louise Kelley, Brazil, and Betty Sebastian, Peru; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lorene DuBois.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at French Funeral Home, 421 E. National Ave., Brazil, with Pastor Viola Ellis officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasantview Cemetery in Owen County.

Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. Visit www.frenchfuneralhome.com to light a candle in her memory.

Frank Means, 71

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

Clyde Franklin Means, 71, Amboy, passed away at 2:46 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born March 22, 1934 in Peru to Clyde E. and Anna Elizabeth Hahn Means. He graduated from Clay Township High School in 1952, and married Joleen Wimmer Means July 27, 1958 in Kokomo. She survives.

Means served in the U.S. Army and was a rural mail carrier for the Amboy Post Office for more than 30 years, retiring in 1997. He was a member of Peoria Church, a 40-year member of the Amboy American Legion Post 429, the Fort Wayne Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, VFW Post 286, Mizpah Shrine, Grant County Scottish Rite Club, Sons of the American Revolution and past master of Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge 683.

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Survivors besides his wife include a son, J. Shawn Means, Greenfield; a daughter, Marcia Hunter and husband Jason, Mexico; his mother-in-law, Anna Faye Wimmer, Amboy; and four grandchildren, Grant and Annie Blackburn, and Landon and Blayne Hunter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Peoria Church, 5575 E. 325 S., Peru, with the Rev. Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made through the funeral home to Peoria Church.

Charleen M. Warnick, 80

Thursday, October 06, 2005

Charleen M. Warnick, 80, Coldwater, Mich., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005 at The Masonville House in Coldwater.

She was born May 25, 1925 in Peru to Maynard W. and Oressa (Myers) Brown. She married married Dixon Burkdoll on July 4, 1945, and he preceded her in death in 1973. She then married Robert D. Warnick May 14, 1975; he preceded her in death March 8, 2005.

Charleen graduated from Peru High School and then from Fort Wayne Business College. She was employed at Indiana Purdue University in Fort Wayne as a secretary for 10 years, and had also worked at Lakeland High School in LaGrange.

She spent most of her life in Peru and St. Petersburg, Fla. before coming to Coldwater. Charleen had volunteered for two years with the USO during World War II, where she met her first husband. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coldwater and St. Vincent's Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., and enjoyed spending time doing many different crafts, sewing and gardening.

Survivors include a son, James Burkdoll, Cincinnati, Ohio; three daughters, Shelia Evans, Binghamton, N.Y., Dixie Koenemann and husband Jerry, and Gail Crull and husband Kim, all of Coldwater; three stepsons, John Warnick and wife Sandy, Wheeling, W.Va., Jim Warnick and wife Susan, Benton, Ky., and Bob Warnick and wife Billi, Linden; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands; her parents; a daughter, Sue Cotner in 1998; and a great-granddaughter, Riley Cotner-Volz.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, Mich., with Father Stephen Bartlett officiating. Interment of ashes will be at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven directly following the memorial service. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich., and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coldwater prior to the service. Memorials may be directed to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or to St. Vincent's Episcopal Church. Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a memory in the family's online guest book.

Robert M. "Barney" Barnhill, 62

Thursday, October 06, 2005

Robert M. "Barney" Barnhill, 62, Peru, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005 at the Miami County YMCA.

He was born Jan. 1, 1943 in Peru to Harry R. and Mary A. Coapstick Barnhill.

Barnhill was a U.S. Marine veteran. He retired from Chrysler Corp. and was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion, Peru Maennerchor and Eagles Lodge, all of Peru.

Survivors include two nephews, Trian Barnhill, Sharpsville, and Michael Barnhill, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; two brothers, Harry William "Bill" Barnhill, Galveston, and James S. Barnhill, Ashland City, Tenn.; and a half-sister, Shirley L. Meyer-Krill, Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Daniel Kenneth Wlodarski, 59

Thursday, October 06, 2005

Daniel Kenneth Wlodarski, 59, South Haven, Mich., passed away at 3:10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 2005 in Toluca, Mexico.

He was born Feb. 27, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to Kenneth and Dorothy (Geddert) Wlodarski. He married Marlys (Robison) Wlodarski June 21, 1966, and she survives.

Wlodarski was manager of new product development with Trelleborg Automotive, Mexico Division. He had been transferred to Mexico two and a half months ago.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served in Viet Nam. He lived in the Converse area for 19 years before moving to South Haven, Mich., and loved to work, read, write, watch old movies, play golf, photography, and was a Civil War buff.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Cameron Thomas Wlodarski and wife Tammy, Sweetser, and Michael Wlodarski and wife Jennifer, Grand Rapids, Mich.; a daughter, Tracey Warren and husband Kevin, Converse; a sister, Cecelia Ritchie and husband Don, Euclid, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Sarah, Joshua and Jacob Warren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Rod Cameron officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with graveside military honors. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, in care of St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, IN 46952.

Charles M. Shilling Sr., 95

Friday, October 07, 2005

Charles M. Shilling Sr., 95, Marion, passed away at 1:35 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare, LaFontaine.

He was born Sept. 13, 1910 in Miami County to Charles M. and Elizabeth Shively Shilling. He married Martha M. Austin on Feb. 19, 1938, and she preceded him in death.

Shilling worked at US Gypsum, Wabash, and was a member of the Northeast Church of God, Marion.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Conner and husband Bert, Marion, and Virginia Hedrick and husband Alvin, Peru; two sons, Charles M. Shilling Jr. and wife Marilyn, Chili, and Ralph Shilling and wife Judy, Dyer; 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, both parents, one sister, four brothers and a daughter, Martha Correll.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with the Rev. Darrell E. Smith officiating. There also will be a memorial service at 6 p.m. Sunday at Northeast Church of God, Marion. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Northeast Church of God.

Pansy R. Harvey, 60

Friday, October 07, 2005

Pansy R. Harvey, 60, Peru, passed away at her residence at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1945 in Muncie to Lloyd A. and Fleta I. (DeBord) Blankenship. She married Daniel Harvey on July 28, 1963, and he survives.

Harvey was a homemaker and a member of First Church of Christ.

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Survivors besides her husband include a son, Richard Todd Harvey, California; a twin sister, Patsy Harvey, West Harrison; a sister, Joyce Arnett, Georgia; several nieces and nephews and several grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by both parents; a brother, Dennis Blankenship; and a son, Kirt Harvey.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Howard Whittlesey officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Mary E. Ohmart, 87

Saturday, October 08, 2005

Mary E. Ohmart, 87, Laketon, passed away at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

She was born April 9, 1918 in Gilman, Ill. to Clarence and Ida Bernice Keller Goehler. She married Bob E. Ohmart Nov. 30, 1939, and he preceded her in death Dec. 10, 1986.

Ohmart graduated from Laketon High School in 1936, earned her bachelor's degree from Manchester College and her master's degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. She taught school at Laketon Elementary School, retiring after 32 years.

She also loved her family, her dog Susie-Q, teaching children, crafts and sewing. In addition, she was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Manchester.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Fouts and husband Bill, Denver; three grandchildren, Tammy Burnsworth and husband John, Wabash, Jim Fouts and wife LeeAnn, and Susan Kulla, all of Mexico; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister; and a daughter, Michele Dee Ohmart, who passed away at July 8, 1958.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley St., North Manchester, with Pastor Ralph Kirkpatrick officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 113 W. Main St., North Manchester, IN 46962. Condolences may be sent to her family online at delaughtermckee.com. Funeral arrangements are being handled by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel.

Rosemarie Kaufman, 85

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

Rosemarie Kaufman, 85, Wabash, passed away at 1:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born March 24, 1920 in Chicago, Ill. to Louis D. and Dessa (Nicodemus) Herlem. On Jan. 12, 1945 in Peru, she married Perry Kaufman, and he survives.

Kaufman was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School. She was a homemaker and a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. She also was a 50-year member of the Wabash Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Robert P. Kaufman and wife Joyce, Fort Wayne, and Joe L. Kaufman and wife Marcia, Wabash; a daughter, Nancy J. Borgmann, Fort Wayne; four grandsons, Ryan Borgmann, Crystal Lake, Ill., Anthony Kaufman, Indianapolis, Brad Kaufman, Decatur, Ill., and Brent Kaufman, Wabash; three granddaughters, Amy Davis and husband Scott, Chicago, Ill., Jennifer King and husband Craig, and Stephanie Kaufman, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Landin King and Noah Stirlen, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Rhoda Lee Hostetler, Peru.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and John Herlem; and a sister, Geraldine Hostetler.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with the Reverend John Cook and Pastor Mike Bullick officiating. Burial will follow at LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Friends may call 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be held at the funeral home Friday at 7 p.m.

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Preferred memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

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

David G. Neupert, 67

Thursday, October 13, 2005

David G. Neupert, 67, Wabash, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005 at Wabash County Hospital in Wabash.

He was born Sept. 3, 1938 in Peru to Richard George and Edna Annabelle (Crockett) Neupert. He married Theresa Graves Dec. 3, 1977 in Peru, and she survives.

Neupert was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1956 to 1958. He retired in September 1999 from Jefferson Smurfit Stone, formerly Container Corporation, Wabash, after 34 years. He was a member and past president of Wabash Fraternal Order of the Eagles Lodge 549, was executive officer of Lagro American Legion Post 248 and was a member of the Izaak Walton League. He also enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and was an entertainer.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, David Chris Neupert and wife Kathy, North Manchester, and Danny Schlemmer, South Bend; three daughters, Kimberly Wilburn and husband Brian, Melissa Wetherford and husband Chris, and Charlene Blair and husband Donny, all of Wabash; a sister, Esther Massey and husband John, Peru; 13 grandchildren; and his companion, Quincy the dog.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alice McCartney, who passed away in 1984.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the Wabash County Animal Shelter. The memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Emily E. Fry Hicks, 74

Thursday, October 13, 2005

Emily E. Fry Hicks, 74, Naples, Fla., passed away on Wednesday morning, Sept. 28, 2005.

She was born on Aug. 18, 1931, in the same house where her mother was born, in Akron, to Fred and Lois Fry. When she was three the family moved to Peru, where her parents ran a grocery. She called Peru her hometown, where she was raised with brother Lynn and sister Madeline Fry. Another sister, Maxine, died at birth. They could often be found swimming at the gravel pit.

Emily graduated from Peru High School in 1949, and married Charles Landgrave in June that year. In 1952 she bore him a son, Terry Alan Landgrave. After their divorce she married Robert Grant in 1955, and gave birth to Debra Grant in 1956. She worked at the Spiegel Catalog office as a bookkeeper for 11 years in Peru.

She moved to Kokomo in 1972 with third husband H.V. Hicks, and traveled the country. As a cherished grandmother, "Ma" lived eight years in her daughter's home in Kokomo, helping raise four grateful young children. She then settled into the Kokomo Civic Tower, where she enjoyed bingo with her friends.

In May 2003 she retired to Naples, Fla., again with her daughter, to enjoy sunshine, flower gardens and especially her goldfish pond.

When cancer ravaged her with pain she was cared for at Hospice of Naples, overlooking a lake, with her son and daughter nearby.

She leaves behind two children and their spouses, Bishop Terry and Rebecca (Becky) Landgrave, St. Louis, Mo., and Douglas and Debra (debi) Davenport, Naples, Fla.; one step-son, Jerry Grant, Kokomo; ten grandchildren, Jessica Landgrave Darling, Heather Landgrave, Jasmine Morgan, Eric Landgrave, Julie Morgan, Jackie Morgan, Rachael Landgrave Drown, Jake Morgan, Sarah Landgrave and Alex Landgrave; and one great-grandson, Dylan McKay.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Her ashes will remain with her daughter. Memorial donations may be made to the American Red Cross or the donor's choice. She joined her parents and siblings, including two step-brothers and two step-sisters who had preceded her. They are now rejoicing.

Robert "Bob" Goodman, 72

Friday, October 14, 2005

Robert "Bob" Goodman, 72, Peru, passed away at his home on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, at 6:15 p.m. He was born in Putnam County, Tenn., on June 1, 1933, to Jessroe and Mary Jane (Markum) Goodman. He married Mary Sue Smith in 1952, and she survives.

Goodman enjoyed fishing, gardening, bird-watching, bowling and spending time with his family and friends. He was retired from Bryan Steam Corporation in Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Cathy Sue Jones and husband Leon, Baxter, Tenn., Janett Goodman, and Anita Flitcraft and husband Ron, all of Peru; two sons, Robert Goodman, Jr., and wife Lisa, and Jimmy Lee Goodman and wife Lori, all of Peru; one sister, Vallie Huddleston, Tennessee; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Henry and Luther Goodman; and two sisters, Vinnie Biggs and Hazel Mahan.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Mary R. Everding officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Guardian Angel Hospice of Kokomo.

Delmer V. Kaukus, 85

Monday, October 17, 2005

Delmer V. Kaukus, 85, Peru, passed away at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2005 at his residence. He was born on July 5, 1920 in Peru to Anthony and Henriette (Bolian) Kaukus, and resided in Peru his entire life.

Kaukus married Cleo B. Galbraith on February 21, 1942 .

He was a retired upholsterer, taught Sunday School at Grace Brethren Church for 20 years, and enjoyed reading, working on cars and assembling radio kits.

Kaukus is survived by one son, Marlin Kaukus and wife Michelle, Peru; four daughters, Judy Wouster, Peru, Patty Jenkins and husband John, Peru, Kathy Rogers and husband Sherrill, Peru, and Terry Salsbury and husband Jeff, Delphi; nine grandkids, Steve 'Charlie' Wouster, Peru, Tony Wouster, Peru, Ben Jenkins and wife Sara, New Jersey, Michael Jenkins and wife Kay, Peru, Joe Jenkins and wife Janie, Kansas, Sherilyn Fike and husband Isaiah, North Carolina, Nick Salsbury and wife Autumn, Camden, Todd Salsbury, Lafayette, and Brad Salsbury, Lafayette; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Donald H. Owens, 75

Monday, October 17, 2005

Donald H. Owens, 75, Mexico, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2005 at his residence. He was born on May 4, 1930 in Chicago to Hubert and Reeta (Deardorff) Owens. He married Betty L. Postill on April 14, 1951.

Owens retired after serving as the Mexico Postmaster, as well as working at the Golden Hill Dairy and AGP Corporation.

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He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor, American Legion, Mexico Masonic Lodge #347, was a retired 40-year charter member of the Mexico Fire Department, a charter member of the Mexico Lions Club, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Owens served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 in the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by four sons, Nelson Owens and wife Jeanne, Mexico, Norman Owens, Peru, Dean Owens and wife Peggy, Mexico, Donald Owens and wife Stephanie, Mexico; one daughter, Nancy Gohn and husband Alan, Rochester; grandchildren, Kim Bentley, Kris Owens, Carrie Owens, Tiffany Owens, Michelle Gohn, Chelsea Gohn, Wesley Gohn, Jennifer Whitcomb, Sean Duffy and Erin Duffy; two brothers, Warren 'Buster' Malott and wife Betty, California, and David Malott and wife Wendy, Coldwater, Michigan; six sisters, Dorothy Myers and husband Elvin, Peru, Ellen Blount, Flint, Michigan, Doris Smith and husband Bob, Peru, Joyce Steinhilber and husband Dennis, Hebron, Jan Miller and husband Jim, Greenwood, and Debbie Harden and husband Darrel, Wabash.

Owens was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Ira Malott; one brother, Dale Owens; one sister, Delores Owens; and one step-sister, Annabelle Nelson.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday with Pastor Gary Colby officiating.

There will be a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice.

Richard 'Rich' Lees, 85

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Richard 'Rich' Lees, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:25 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at Caring Hands.

He was born on June 12, 1920 in Peru to Avery Lees and Mary (Lithold) Lees, and was retired from the U.S. Post Office.

Lees is survived by two nieces, Barb Chandler, Peru, and Mary Jane Saylor, Bunker Hill; six nephews, Ronald Miller, Lafayette, Danny Miller, Kokomo, John Wolf, Bristol, Jerry Wolf, Peru, Stephen Lees, Vero Beach, Fla. and Syracuse, and Gregg Lees, Peru; and one sister, Relena Wolf, Peru.

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

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 11 a.m. on Friday with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Vicki L. Mansfield, 52

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

Vicki L. Mansfield, 52, Goshen, passed away at her residence at 12:40 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, after an illness.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1953 in Peru to Harvey A. and Mary Jane (Long) Guyer. On July 9, 1977, she married Alan D. Mansfield in Bible Baptist Church, Kokomo, and he survives.

Vicki taught English at Kokomo Christian School and Community Baptist Christian School. She home-schooled her children, and was a homemaker.

She was a member King's Witness Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church, graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1971, and was a graduate of Indiana University in 1975.

Survivors besides her parents in Peru and husband include two daughters, Hannah Cripe and husband Benjamin, Goshen, and Rachel Perry and husband Christopher, Pembroke, Bermuda; two sons, Jordan A. and Zachary E. Mansfield, both at home; and two brothers, Joseph Guyer and wife Rebecca, and Andrew Guyer and wife Debbie, all of Peru.

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A public memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 53953 CR 17, Bristol, with the Rev. John Blodgett, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Westbrook-Metz and Clouse Funeral Home, 1129 Prairie St., Elkhart.

There will be a private burial service in Sugar Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Ribbon of Hope, Elkhart General Hospital; and First Baptist Camp Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be sent to watermanfh@aol.com.

Pearl Mays, 96

Friday, October 21, 2005

Pearl Mays, 96, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:34 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 at Wesley Manor, Frankfort.

She was born November 8, 1908 in Miami County to Ira and Lottie Moore Coleman. She married Lawrence Mays in Arcadia on Feb. 22, 1928. He passed away in 1986.

Mays was a homemaker and baked cakes for all occasions, including weddings, for more than 40 years. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1926 and was a former organist for the Randor United Methodist Church. She also attended Parkview United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Colburn Home Demonstration Club, a 4H leader in Miami County, volunteered as a Pink Lady at Home Hospital, Lafayette, exhibited cakes at fairs and won many ribbons at the Indiana State Fair, and enjoyed ceramics, crafts, sewing and crocheting. She baked and decorated all of her grandchildren's wedding cakes and decorated her own 80th birthday cake. Her last cake was decorated in 1993 for a grandson's wedding.

Survivors include two sons, Carl Mays and wife Joan, Delphi and Rex Mays and wife Juanita, Peru; one daughter, Marlene Ramsey and husband Don, Flora; one sister, Norma Jean Spangler, Kokomo; one brother, Paul Coleman and wife Betty, Tennessee; two sister-in-laws, Helen Coleman, Kokomo and Norma Coleman, Wolcott; one brother-in-law, Clifford Richards, Anderson; ten grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; six step great grandchildren and three step great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Baker Funeral Home, Flora, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating and burial at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Brenda Jane Depoy, 56

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Brenda Jane Depoy, 56, Peru, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 at her residence.

She was born April 11, 1949 in Winchester, Ky. to Rachel Wilburn and Rodney Rose. She married Bobby Joe Depoy Feb. 2, 1985 in Peru, and he survives.

Depoy was a member of the Moose, American Legion and Eagles auxiliaries.

Survivors besides her husband and mother include a brother, Hank Wilburn and wife Cathy, Peru; and two sisters, Denise Rabe and husband Jeff, Peru, and Mary Correll, Macy.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Linda Whitney; her father; and her step-father, Charles V. Wilburn.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with the Rev. Rod Correll officiating. By Brenda's request, there will be no visitation.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

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Norman E. "Ben" Rose, 87

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Norman E. "Ben" Rose, 87, Goshen, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at his home. He had lived in Goshen since 1952, coming from Peru.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1917, in Burlington, Iowa, to Edward and Margaret (Broman) Omonsky. On Nov. 30, 1939, he married Donna L. Hipskind in Wabash, and she survives.

Rose graduated from Peru High School in 1936, worked in sales for Goshen Electric, and later in real estate sales for Bill Long and Associates, and Realty 2000.

He also was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church; holds 3rd and 4th degrees in Knights of Columbus; was Past Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus, Peru; Boy Scout Master for 16 years in Goshen and Peru; Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) certified official in all sports; Past Commissioner of Indiana Amateur Softball Association; and served on the Elkhart County Property Tax Assessor Board of Appeals, the Indiana ABC Review Board and Elkhart County Solid Waste Management.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Thomas L. Rose and wife Joyce, Goshen; two daughters, Jacquie Roberts and husband Richard, Enola, Pa., and Jill Englund and husband Jerry, Shakopee, Minn.; and one grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one sister, Lois Seiler; and one brother, Wilbur Rose.

Funeral services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, with the Rev. John Delaney officiating.

Visitation is Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m., at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen, with a 4:30 p.m. prayer vigil. Burial will be a private family graveside service in West Goshen Cemetery after cremation.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, or Care at Home/Hospice Program. Online condolences may be made to yoderculpfuneralhome.com. Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements.

Sylvia "Sue" Bentz, 69

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Sylvia "Sue" Bentz, 69, Longmont, Colo., formerly of Kettering, Ohio, passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2005, at the Life Care Center of Longmont.

She was born July 29, 1936, in Waterloo, Iowa to Richard and Mary Jane (Lyon) DeVeney. She grew up and attended school in Waterloo, graduating from Waterloo High School in 1954. She raised her family in Kettering, Ohio, but had lived in Peru for several years, and in Longmont, Colo. since 2002.

Sue was involved in AGLOW, did volunteer work at Kettering Hospital and enjoyed helping others. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie (Bentz) Stanze and husband Bob, Murfreesboro, Tenn. (formerly of Bunker Hill); two sons, Robert Bentz, Dayton, Ohio; and Jim Bentz and wife Anna, Warrenville, Ill.; four grandchildren, Amber Stanze, Amy (Stanze) Cobb, Jason Stanze and Alissa Stanze; a great-grandson Caleb Cobb; her brother, Dan DeVeney and wife Ann; and two sisters, Annette Cowell and husband Gary, and Jane Dix.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Miami United Methodist Church, 10590 S. Elm, Miami.

People may contact the family at (615) 556-6065 to offer condolences, or for information on the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Life Care Center of Longmont, 2451 Pratt St., Longmont, CO 80501, in memory of Sue Bentz.

Mary "Jane" Wilson, 85

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mary "Jane" Wilson, 85, Kokomo, passed away Saturday morning, Oct. 22, 2005 at her home.

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She was born March 19, 1920 in Bunker Hill to Weldon H. and Bernice L. Lowry Turner. She married Wayne E. Wilson Oct. 17, 1943 in Peru, and he preceded her in death April 2, 1988.

Wilson graduated from Peru High School in 1938, and attended Indiana Business College. She also was a homemaker and worked at Delco Electronics, Dr. Morrison's office and Miller Furniture Company. In addition, she was a member of Judson Baptist Church, PEO Chapter CY, Church Women United, Christian Women Club, Thursday Sunday Club, Kokomo Travel Club, Sigma Game Sorority, past president of American Field Service and director of the fund drive for Mother's March of Dimes.

Survivors include two daughters, Constance Wilson, Chicago, Ill., and Cheryl Ann DeWitt, Bluffton, Ohio; a grandson, Seth Little, Denver, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Mary Scott, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Judson Baptist Church, 1995 North 750 West, Kokomo, with the Rev. Gary Britton officiating.

Burial will be in North Union Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville.

Memorial contributions may be to Judson Baptist Church or PEO Chapter of CY.

Mary M. Harmon, 79

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mary M. Harmon, 79, Kokomo, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 9:52 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, 2005 at Manor Care Health Services.

She was born Sept. 12, 1926 in Howard County to Edgar and Grace Brewster Lovelace. She married John Benjamin Harmon April 15, 1944, and he preceded her in death March 30, 1998.

Harmon worked at Maconaquah School Corporation in the kitchen and maintenance department, and was a homemaker. She also enjoyed baby-sitting and being with her grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, John B. Harmon Jr. and wife Donna, Greentown; three daughters, Mary Ann Russell and husband Elwood, West Lafayette, Linda K. Bridges and husband Donald R., Amboy, and Cathy S. Greene, Sharpsville; two brothers, Joseph Lovelace and wife Mary, Russiaville, and John Lovelace and wife Eileen, Kokomo; three sisters, Alice Ortman and husband Richard, Kokomo, Grace Ann Whitacre and husband Richard, North Manchester, and Naomi Cunningham and husband L.D., Avon Park, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Shawn Dreadfulwater, Tacy Kline, Trina Kenner, Jeff Harmon, Trisha Vautaw, Donald E. Bridges, Vera Dooley, Benjamin Bridges, Kacy Greene, Kelcy Greene and Kinzy Greene; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Edgar E. Harmon in 1959, and Larry Joe Harmon in 2000; and a brother, Robert Lovelace in 1998.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with Pastor Tom Daugherty officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mary F. Stitsworth Comerford, 83

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

Mary F. Stitsworth Comerford, 83, Peru, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born Oct. 10, 1922 in Walton to Joseph and Marie Bowman Rhodes. She married Basil L.

"Lewie" Stitsworth June 25, 1941, and he preceded her in death Sept. 5, 1989. She then married Robert Comerford April 14, 1991, and he preceded her in death Sept. 10, 2001.

Comerford was formerly employed at Fitzgerald Jewelers and Peru Community School Corporation. She also was a member of First Christian Church, Peru, the Business and Professional Women, the Firemans

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Ladies Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star, Converse. In addition, she loved her dog, Rosie, and enjoyed doing needlework.

Survivors include a son, Rex E. Stitsworth and wife Pam, Peru; a step-son, James Comerford, Troy, Ohio; a step-daughter, Sharon Sucic, Warsaw; two grandsons, John Stitsworth, Delphi, and Alan Stitsworth and wife Debbie, Frankfort; three great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Karoline and Katrina; several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and two sisters, Alice Long and husband George, and Jane Ross, all of Walton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; and a brother, Roger.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church.

Danny Eugene Elliott, 58

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

Danny Eugene Elliott, 58, Wabash, passed away at his residence on Monday, October 24, 2005.

He was born in Wabash on April 10, 1947 to Bill and Julia (Martindale) Elliott, and married Sharon Sutter at the Roann First Brethren Church on May 21, 1971.

Elliott was a 1965 graduate of Wabash High School and worked as a supervisor in the Ford Meter Box Copper Department, where he was employed for 39 years and 10 months.

He served as president, longtime board member, former league commissioner and a former manager in the Wabash Little League. Elliott was a Cub Master and Boy Scoutmaster for several years, and served four years in the United States Navy.

Elliott is survived by his wife, Sharon Elliott, Wabash; mother, Julia Elliott, Wabash; one son, Brian C. Elliott, Fort Wayne; one daughter, Allison Floor and husband Shawn, Wabash; three grandsons, Jordan T. Floor, Treavor A. Floor and Clayton J. Floor, each of Wabash; one sister, Ginny Ball and husband Thomas, Amboy; and sister-in-law, Susan Cunningham and husband Jerry, Haines City, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bill, who passed away in 1980.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Reverend Earl Guingrich officiating.

Burial will be at Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

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

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

Preferred memorial is Wabash Little League or the Church of Our Saviour United Methodist Church.

Betty J. Truax, 73

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Betty J. Truax, 73, Foley, Ala., passed away at 4:15 p.m. Monday, October 24, 2005 at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope, Ala.

She was born Aug. 17, 1932 in Mexico to Gifford and Mary Kingery Wibel. She married Clayton "Gene" Truax on Oct. 29, 1950.

She was a wife of a World War II veteran.

Survivors include one niece, Sharon Harter, Marion; two nephews, Terry Wibel, Somerville and Robert Sutherland, Sarasota, Fla.; and two sisters, Agnes Humble and Carolyn Scarboro, both of Lillian, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her husband; both parents; two brothers, Dallas and Hugh Wibel; and a son, Dallas Gene Truax.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call from noon until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

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Jean Wibel, 86

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Jean Wibel, 86, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born Dec. 17, 1918 in Peru to Howard and Mae Taylor Sullivan. She married Harold B. Wibel at Main Street United Methodist Church on May 3, 1942. He passed away on April 19, 1995.

Wibel taught English and art at several schools from 1941 until her retirement from Maconaquah in 1976. She graduated from Ball State University in 1941 and from Peru High School in 1937. She was a member of the Esther Circle of the Main Street United Methodist Church, the Miami County Retired Teachers Association, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, the International Society of Delta Kappa Gamma and Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Survivors include a son, Phillip Wibel, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Cynthia Wibel, Bluffton, S.C.; and two grand daughters, Sarah Wibel and Caroline Godoy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister, Eleanor Brown, who passed away on May 16, 2004.

Services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church.

Clara C. Wouster, 93

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Clara C. Wouster, 93, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at her residence.

She was born in Peru on Oct. 5, 1912 to William and Ressa Mae Wilson Aspinwall. She married Frederick L. Wouster and he preceded her in death July 9, 1955.

During WWII she was employed by the Peru Ordinance Plant; she later worked for Senger Dry Goods and was employed as the Deputy Miami County Assessor from 1962 to 1966, worked in surgery at Dukes Memorial Hospital and at the Bubble Light Company in Peru. She has been the manager of the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Store since its inception.

She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, past president of the Altar & Rosary Society and has served as treasurer since 1984. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary and always participated in the Auxiliary's Style Show, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a charter member of the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. As an avid Democrat, she has been active in the Miami County Democratic Committee and has served as tenth precinct committeewoman since 1966.

In 1997 she received the Meritorious Service Award from the Miami County Council of Social Agencies for service to people of our community.

She is survived by her children, Howard and Julia Wouster, Indianapolis, Frederick J. and Ethel Wouster, Mexico, George Wouster, Peru, Michael and Evelyn Wouster, Peru, Stephen Wouster, Peru, Jeffrey and Christy Wouster, Peru, Mary and Everett Ziemer, Monon and Jennifer Cunningham, Peru; grandchildren Michael M. Wouster, Clara J. Miller, Kathy L. Wouster, Christina Trott, Frederick P. Wouster, Deborah Cunningham, Renee Wouster, Keely Marie Fultz, Dana Michelle Hatfield, Stephen S. "Charley" Wouster II, Tony Wouster, Tresa Baldwin, Susan Johnson, Cindy Wilson and Joseph Cunningham; 23 great grandchildren and 16 great-great grandchildren; and two nieces, Katie and Ray Quinton and Rose and Paul Hines, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, three grandchildren, three great grandchildren, six brothers and three sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth St. with the Rev. Frank I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Charles Cemetery.

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Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St. with a prayer service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Gladys B. Rynearson, 99

Thursday, October 27, 2005

Gladys B. Rynearson, 99, passed away at 5:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru.

She was born Oct. 4, 1906 in Cass County to Harry and Mary Hildebrand Funk. She married Mervin E. Rynearson on Jan. 31, 1930 in Cass County and he passed away in January 1983.

Rynearson was a homemaker and a member of the McNeely Christian Church.

Survivors include two nephews, William Rairigh and wife Frances, Denver and Gene Rairigh and wife Renate, Peru; two nieces, Clara Bowman, Peru and Mary Bookwalter, Logansport; and several great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Mable Wilson, Hazel Funk and Thelma Reed; two brothers, Harold and Wayne Funk; and one niece, Charlotte Rohrer.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel with the Rev. Busta Brown officiating and burial to follow.

Visitation is one hour prior to service at the chapel.

Velma Joan Ryan, 72

Friday, October 28, 2005

Velma Joan Ryan, 72, passed away at 11:05 a.m. Thursday, October 27, 2005 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Bernice Vivian Sermon, 74

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Bernice Sermon, 74, formerly of Kokomo, died on Oct. 21, 2005 at Pomerdo Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

She was born on April 16, 1931 in Deluth, Minn., to Alfred and Alice (Dewey) Jones. She married Thomas D. Sermon in March 1951 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1985.

Sermon received her LPN from Ivy Tech in Kokomo and went on to earn her RN from Indiana University, Kokomo. She worked at Howard Community Hospital for five years and also worked at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru for two. She continued in the nursing field in San Diego for the U.S. Navy. She was in the U.S. Army WAC for four months.

Sermon was a member of Good Shepard Catholic Church in San Diego and St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. In her spare time she enjoyed shopping and gardening, but was a nurse first and foremost.

She is survived by her children, Carla Bowyer and husband Don, Peru, Thomas Sermon, San Diego, Calif., Anne Sermon, San Diego, Calif., Pamela Sermon, San Diego, Calif., and Diane Vasbinder and husband James, San Antonio, Texas; her grandchildren, Tamara Santiestaban, Jessica Chula, Selena Cain, Lindsey Maple, Ian Cain and Shire Cain; six great-grandchildren; a sister; Sharon Peterson, Minnesota and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Thomas Sermon.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday in San Diego, Calif., and entombment will be private in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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Billie H. Carson, 81

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Billie H. Carson, 81, Peru, died at 12:02 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005 at the Americare Wabash Living Center, Wabash. He was born in Peru on Dec. 27, 1923 to Forrest Gage and Alice Josephine Hahn Carson. He married Arliss Powell in Peru on April 5, 1950 and she survives.

Bill graduated from Onward High School in 1941 and attended Purdue University for two and one-half years. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1943, became a member of the Third Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division and participated in action against the enemy at Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Saipan, Marianas Islands and Okinawa. He stormed the beach at Saipan and Tinian as part of the Marine invasion force.

He was employed as a railroad detective for 20 years and in 1975 he joined American Stationery and served as purchasing agent for several years and remained an employee there until his death.

Bill and his wife, Arliss, lovingly raised four children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who enjoyed spending time and doing activities with his family.

Survivors include his wife; children, Teresa Rebel Click, Daniel Merrill Carson and wife Lisa, Bruce Wade Carson and wife Michelle and Susan Jo Spaulding and husband Travis; four grandchildren, Shane Nye, Levi Spaulding, Ashli Spaulding and Cody Carson; two step-grandchildren, Chelsea Johnson and Brandon Johnson; one great-grandson, Zackary Rebel Nye and Bill's close friend, Michael Bakehorn, who has been like one of his children. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Donald and James Carson.

A service celebrating the life of Billie H. Carson will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2005 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating and burial to follow at the Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be on Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Joan Ryan, 72

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Joan Ryan, 72, Caring Hands Health Care Center, was called home at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005.

Joan was born on Feb. 14, 1933 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Jack and Luella Pearson. She was raised in Madison, W. Va., along with her twin sister Jean Droz.

She married John T. Ryan on Sept. 9, 1956 in Peru where they made their home and lovingly raised their four children. She and her husband owned and operated Ryan's Cleaning Service for many years. Joan also graduated from the Kokomo school of Practical Nursing in 1974 and loved her profession. She was employed at Wabash Hospital and Dukes Memorial Hospital in the surgery/recovery departments where her care and compassion touched many lives.

Joan was an active volunteer for the Circus City Festival from 1965 to 1979 in the wardrobe, dressing rooms and medical clinic. She was best known as "the First Lady of Road Shows" working along side her husband and the many volunteers that made up the first "Road Show Gang". She was active in the lives of her children by giving of herself to the Girl Scouts, Bible school, PTO, circus, and the Peru Jaycees along with numerous other community organizations. In later years she was a true fan of The Price is Right, I Love Lucy and Bingo. Throughout her extended illness Joan continued to touch many lives and made a true contribution to the lives of her grandchildren and those around her through her smile and expressive "Oh, Yea".

Joan is survived by her husband John and their children: John K. Ryan, Melanie "Sue" Taylor and husband Richard, and Jerri Stapleton and husband Larry; her grandchildren, Jack Ryan, Ami, Ryan, Nathan and Elizabeth Taylor, Dustin Clark and Sarah and Darcey Stapleton; and her twin sister Jean Droz and husband Ralph along with their four children and her half brother Frank Pearson.

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She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Ryan; her grandson, Richard W. Taylor; her parents; and her half brother and sister Terry and Dee Pearson. Joan is also survived by her extended family at Caring Hands and her loving care givers, who made her smile, laugh and know that she was loved. Services will be held by Ray Maggard at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Monday at 10 a.m. Visitation will be Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home for the establishment of the Joan Ryan Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Edith Lloyd Jacobsen, 75

Tuesday, November 01, 2005

Edith Lloyd Jacobsen, 75, Roann, died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, October 30, 2005 at her home.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1930 in Miami County to Lloyd E. and Hazel Marie (Wertenberger) Flitcraft Rhodes. She married Herman Frederick Jacobsen in Wabash on May 2, 1948; he died October 9, 2003. Jacobsen worked for United Technologies in North Manchester for 22 years. She was a 1948 graduate of Gilead High School. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Wabash and a lifetime member of the Roann Community.

She is survived by her brother, Walter Flitcraft and wife Margaret, Roann; a brother-in-law, Benhart Jacobsen and wife Sylvia, Roann; three sisters-in-laws, Helen Claussen, Converse, Ruby Gaston, Urbana and Hilda Speicher and husband Jack, Wabash; 14 nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will follow at Enterprise Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Chiquita "Chik" Collins, 62

Tuesday, November 01, 2005

Chiquita "Chik" Collins, 62, Kokomo, passed away at 8:57 a.m. Sunday, October 30, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Collins was born Nov. 14, 1942 in Howard County to Howard and Louise Phillabaum McCormick. She married William H. Collins on Jan. 29, 1985 and he survives.

Collins was a homemaker and practiced in home nursing care for many years. She graduated from high school in 1960 at Dakota Airbase, Japan. She was a member of the Galilean Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo, the Peru VFW Auxiliary and the Peru American Legion.

Survivors include her mother, Louise McCormick, Russiaville; her husband, Bill Collins, Kokomo; one daughter, Jennifer Kelley and husband Mike, Peru; two sons, David Rubush and Matthew Rubush, both of Kokomo; two step-sons, Michael Collins, Kokomo and William Collins, Peru; two step-daughters, Annie Collins, Kokomo and Margaret Collins, Indianapolis; six grandchildren, four step grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Ronald McCormick.

Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Stout and Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville with Rev. David Eller officiating and burial at Twin Springs Cemetery, Howard County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Ronald 'Ron' L. DeLawter, 69

Tuesday, November 01, 2005

Ronald 'Ron' L. DeLawter, 69, Peru, passed away at 8:05 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born February 12, 1936 in Peru to Louis and Lucille (Fooshee) DeLawter. He was retired from Sagamore Credit Union and was formerly employed at Wabash Valley Bank and Trust and First of America Bank.

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DeLawter was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He served in the United States Navy, and enjoyed cooking, fishing and hunting, and spending time with family and friends.

DeLawter is survived by son, Michael DeLawter and wife Risha, Mitchell; daughter, Teresa Elliott and husband Bill, Folsom, Calif.; step-son, Chris Oxford, Lafayette; step-daughter, Kari Bowler, Frankfort; grandchildren, Will Elliott, Maddie Elliott, Katie DeLawter, Alex Farag; step-grandchild, Karli Jordan; sister, Diane Price and husband Don, Wadport, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jim DeLawter and Bob DeLawter.

Funeral services will be conducted at First Baptist Church, Peru, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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

Donald Gene Shideler, 81

Tuesday, November 01, 2005

Donald Gene Shideler, 81, Huntington County, passed away at 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2005 at the United Methodist Memorial Home, Warren.

He was born on April 14, 1924 to Roy D. and Nellie M. (Neff) Shideler. He was retired following 23 years of service in 1986 from the Huntington County Highway Department, where he worked as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator. Shideler also worked for nine years as a deputy sheriff and for Deal and Robbins Funeral Home, as well.

Shideler was a member of the St. Peter's First United Church of Christ, where he served as an elder, the National Sheriff Association, Masonic Amity Lodge F and AM #483 of Huntington, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne.

He married Margaret A. Fickle on August 19, 1942 in Huntington and she preceded him in death on December 19, 1985. Shideler then married Mary Alice Lahr Farrar on May 16, 1987. The lifetime resident of Huntington County graduated from Jefferson High School in 1942 and served in the United States Army during World War II.

Shideler is survived by his second wife, Mary Alice Shideler, Warren; son, Jerry W. Shideler and wife Sandra K., Huntington; daughter, Sherry Page and husband George E., Peru; two brothers, Roy Shideler, Huntington, and Robert Shideler and wife Berniece, Warren; step-daughter, Mary Schilling and husband Steve, Huntington; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Verl Shideler, Merritt Shideler, Marvin Shideler, and Harold Shideler; three sisters, Lois Shideler, Ruby Dumbaugh and Ruth Yarger; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with the Reverend Joe Haney officiating.

Burial will be at the Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Condolences may be sent via email at www.baileylove.com.

Lester William "Bill" Kratzer, Jr., 66

Wednesday, November 02, 2005

Lester William "Bill" Kratzer, Jr., 66, Silver Lake, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2005, 11:25 a.m., at his residence.

He was born October 18, 1939. He married Jane Cox on June 15, 1963, and she survives.

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Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Akron Church of God with burial at Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, handled arrangements.

Helen I. Bates, 77

Friday, November 04, 2005

Helen I. Bates, 77, Ossian, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at United Methodist Home, Warren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton, on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., with Reverends Tim Dilley and Lloyd Hall officiating.

Burial will be at Markle Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday at the chapel from 4 to 8 p.m.

Harry B. Smallwood, 70

Friday, November 04, 2005

Harry B. Smallwood, 70, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru, surrounded by the family he loved so much.

He was born in Stanton, Ky. on May 26, 1935 to James M. and Edith Barnes Smallwood.

On June 2, 1952 he entered the U.S. Navy and for the next 23 years he served his country with distinction and honor, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 1975. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Navy Occupation Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, the Antarctica Service Medal, the Secretary of the Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

He was a Life Member of Miami County Veterans of Foreign War Post 2067 and Peru American Legion Glen Owens Post 14.

He is survived by a son, Jay Smallwood and his wife Mandy, Peru; step-children Kim Fortney and her Husband Brad, Chili, Dennis Orpurt and his wife Diane, Denver and Lori Purcifull and her husband Jamie, Kokomo; a sister, Dana Biddle and her husband Dan, Peru; an aunt, Gladys Smallwood, Richmond; nephews Mike Proctor and his wife Jeanie, Indianapolis, 1st Lt. Calvin Smallwood and his wife Bridget, Seattle, Wash., and Joe Smallwood of Alaska; nieces Dr. Michele Saysana and her husband Dr. Chan Saysana and their son Jackson, Indianapolis, Cindy Smallwood, Monticello, and Lisa Hutchenson and her husband Ken, Crystal Lake, Ill.; and sisters-in-law Sara Smallwood, Noblesville and Virginia Kelly and her husband Jack, Champaign, Ill. Also surviving is his dear friend Susan Sterling, Peru and her daughter Heather and husband Jim Jenneman and their son Shay, Bellevue, Neb.

The family will receive friends at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Salvation Army.

Helen Ireland Cox, 93

Friday, November 04, 2005

Helen Ireland Cox, 93, widow of former Peru Mayor Sandy Cox, passed away at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

She was born March 6, 1912 in Peru to John William and Eura M. (Etter) Ireland. She married Sherman G. 'Sandy' Cox on September 17, 1933 and he passed away September 30, 1976.

Cox was formerly employed at Senger Dry Goods and Plotners, Peru. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Lana Louderback, Rochester; two granddaughters, Karen Shaulis and husband Joe, Marietta, Ga., and Laura Dorsey and husband Todd, Zionsville; six great-grandchildren, Jacob W. Shaulis, Tad H. Shaulis, Jordan Shaulis, Jessica Shaulis, Aiden M. Dorsey and Audrey J. Dorsey; and five sisters, Edith Fritchey, Wabash; Lelia Martin, North Manchester; Ann Keim, Peru; Wilma Jean 'Willis' Troxell, Peru; and Bonita Harris Niesz, Zephyr Hills, Fla.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son-in-law, Tad Louderback; a granddaughter, Amy Jane Louderback; two brothers, John and William Ireland; and two sisters, Lavone Wilrath and Oveta Frasure.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. today at Main Street United Methodist Church with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation was on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions made be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church.

Ed "Tiny" L. Couch, 53

Friday, November 04, 2005

Ed "Tiny" L. Couch, 53, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born on April 25, 1952 in Perry, Ky., to Jesse and Gladys Childers Couch. He married Deloris A. Zimmerman on Sept. 16, 1989 and she survives.

Couch worked at Bona Vista.

Survivors other than his wife include his children, Nicholas and Heather Couch, both of Peru, Theresa Wheatley and husband Terry, Perrysburg, Ronna Ensley and husband Al, Fulton, Mike Townsend, Peru, Julie Roberts and husband Scott, Peru and Ellie Townsend, New York; his mother-in-law, Julia Zimmerman, Peru; one brother and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Angie Wheatley; one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Zion Chapel, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Visitation will be at the church Monday from noon to time of service. Love offerings may be made to the Couch family. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

James R. Gall, 45

Monday, November 07, 2005

James R. Gall, 45, North Manchester, passed away Thursday, November 3, 2005.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 12, at Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the same day.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary North Manchester Chapel.

Condolences to the Gall family may be e-mailed to delaughtermckee.com.

Charles M. "Murph" Murphy, 86

Monday, November 07, 2005

Charles M. "Murph" Murphy, 86, of Ft. Wayne, died Friday, November 4, 2005 at Drew's Place, Coldwater, Mich.

Born in Chili, he was a WWII U.S. Army veteran receiving a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star and a member of the American Legion Post 330. He retired in 1976 after 23 years as a truck driver for Central Wisconsin Transport.

His lifetime activity was taking care of all the stray kitties and puppies in the neighborhood by providing food, shelter and lots of love.

He is survived by his daughter, Loha, Coldwater, Mich.; his son, Michael, Churubusco; a brother, Raymond, Texas; a sister, Mary Lou Landgrave, Peru; and grandchildren Amber and Michael Murphy, Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne in 1993; and by brother, Floyd.

Gathering of family and friends is from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Hwy. 930 E., New Haven. Preferred memorials are to donor's choice or to the family.

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Lula A. Buckheister, 81

Monday, November 07, 2005

Lula A. Buckheister, 81, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 10:22 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Akron Church of God, with the Reverend Terry Canfield officiating.

Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling the arrangements.

Sherry J. Clingaman, 68

Monday, November 07, 2005

Sherry J. Clingaman, 68, Peru, passed away at her residence at 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005. She was born on August 30, 1937 in Peru to Russell W. and Mary E. (Watters) Myers, and married Jerry L. Clingaman Sr. on June 24, 1956. He preceded her in death.

Clingaman was a homemaker and 1955 graduate of Peru High School. She was a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church and Cass County Extension Homemakers.

She is survived by three sons, Jerry Lee Clingaman and wife Wendy, Dennis J. Clingaman and wife Nancy, John Chester Clingaman and wife Julie; six grandchildren, Mary Kay, Benjamin E., Joanna Marie, Aaron, Casey, and Levi; special friend, Ella Louise Hager; three brothers, Charles E. Myers, Marland Myers and wife Rita, Mahlon Myers and wife Deb; four sisters, Ella Nickles and husband Jim, Lora Semon and husband Joe, Cindy Ridenour and husband Kevin, and Tina Corn and husband Steve.

Clingaman was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one grandson Joshua Clingaman.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Carl Davis officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Parkview United Methodist Church and/or New Waverly United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth A. Baker-Waits, 91

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

Elizabeth A. Baker-Waits, 91, Peru, formerly of Howard County, died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, November 7, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Born November 19, 1914 in Howard County, she was the daughter of John William and Blanche Opal Gay Pachmayr.

In 1931 she married Jesse F. Baker in Kokomo; he preceded her in death in 1978. She then married Harry Waits, who also preceded her in death.

She was a member of Skinner Worship Chapel. She operated a beauty shop in Kokomo for several years before moving from the area. She enjoyed fishing, water skiing, gardening and working on the family farm.

Survivors include two sons, George Baker and his wife Nancy, Middleburg, Fla. and Mike Baker and his wife Janis, Mt. Dora, Fla.; one son-in-law, Paul Troyer, Peru; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Baker, Kokomo; grandchildren Elizabeth Dixon, Linda Moore and Gregory Baker, Larry, Dave, Gary, Randy, and John Troyer, Lisa Schnitz, Steve and Tim Baker, Debbie Crooks and Kim Sturgeon; 29 great grandchildren and one great-great grand child.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Troyer; a son, William Baker; two grandsons, John F. Baker and Jeffery R. Baker; and great grandson Trevon Patrick Browning.

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Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Skinner Worship Chapel, Cass County with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in the Skinner Cemetery next to the church. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Skinner Worship Chapel. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Betty B. Loe, 78

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

Betty B. Loe, 78, Peru, passed away at 9:50 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1926 in Overland, Mo. to Jesse and Mary Andrews Thomas. She married Robert Loe in 1964 and he preceded her in death.

Loe was a beautician, the owner of Boulevard Beauty Shop. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church and the Moose Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Leeman and husband Doug, West Palm Beach, Fla.; a grandson, Doug Leeman and wife Brandi, West Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Charlotte Diaz, Santa Cruz, Calif.; and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband and four brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel with Father Douglas Hungerford officiating and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to time of service Thursday at the chapel. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Porter C. Hayes, 71

Porter C. Hayes, 71, of 1187 E. Victory School Road, Peru, died at 6 p.m. Sunday evening at his residence surrounded by the family he loved so much. He was born in Peru, the son of Orval and Corrine Ulrich Hayes.

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

Porter graduated from Peru High School in 1952 and was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a Miami County farmer and worked as a clerk in the Peru Post Office for more than 34 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge and the Peru Maennerchor.

He is survived by children Alan Jackson and his wife Mary Ann, Peru, Martha Foster and her husband Greg, Amboy, Jon Hayes, Peru, and Portia Templeman of Peru; grandchildren Maggie Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Gregory Foster, Brandon Foster, Jordon Foster, Sooner Hayes and Paul Hayes; his companion Kay Richardson of Peru and her family, Jeff Richardson and Lisa and their children Lani, Elizabeth and Alex, and their granddaughter Summer; Jon Richardson and his wife Dawn and their children Matt and Michael; and Jay Richardson and his wife Heather and their children Chandler and Jaelin.

A service celebrating the life of Porter Hayes will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the Wasbash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Mary I. Friddle, 94

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

Mary I. Friddle, 94, Rochester, passed away at 10:48 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2005 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester.

She was born on August 2, 1911 in Akron to Audra and Dollie (Smith) Putman. On June 2, 1951 she married Paul R. Friddle in Shirley and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1992.

Friddle worked at General Motors in Anderson and was also a homemaker. She was a member of the Athens United Methodist Church, Athens; the Killbuck Retirees; United Auto Workers Local 662; and the Sisters and Brotherhood of Wilkinson.

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She is survived by two stepsons, Wade L. Friddle and wife Mary, Greenfield and Paul Friddle, Jr. and wife Sylvia, Texas; eight step grandchildren, six step great grandchildren, one niece and four nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two sisters, Helen Bacon and Marjorie Harold. Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Athens Cemetery, Athens with Rev. Irvin Behm officiating.

Visiting hours are 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron .

Memorial contributions can be made to Athens United Methodist Church.

Jason Charles Schafer, 25

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

Jason Charles Schafer, 25, Lafayette, passed away on Thursday, November 3, 2005, at his residence. He was born on September 21, 1980 in Kokomo to Perry Schafer and Sandra K. Willis Schafer. He graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1999 and from Purdue University in 2004, with a bachelor's degree in turf science.

Schafer was employed as Assistant Superintendent at Ravines Golf Course, Lafayette. He was an avid golfer and also enjoyed fishing. He was known for his light-hearted nature and easy going smile. He brought laughter and joy to those around him and he will be deeply missed.

Survivors include his father, Perry Schafer, Greentown; mother, Sandy Comerford and stepfather Nick Comerford, Kokomo; half-brother, Ryan Schafer; maternal grandmother, Lois Willis, West Palm Beach, Fla.; paternal grandmother, Willadean Schafer, Kokomo; aunts and uncles Susan Zimpleman, Kokomo, Bill and Mary Lou Willis, Loda, Ill., Greg and Joellyn Simpson, Maryland, Dick Willis, Lakeworth, Fla., Denny Schafer, Center, and Brenda Ward; cousins Scott and Tawni McKay, Kevin and Kristy Stoll, Karl and Shannon Willis, Scott and Stacy Willis, Kelly and Cy Rice, Walker Willis, Walt Willis, Danielle Willis, and Trista and Austin Ward.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel with Lyn Brust officiating. Burial will follow at Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo.

Calling was from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday. Arrangements are by Ellers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo.

Mary Helen Mawbey, 81

Thursday, November 10, 2005

Mary Helen Mawbey, 81, (her Indian name is CHE-CO-ME-QUAH, meaning Spirit of the Lake), Peru, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at Howard Regional Health System.

She was born in Wabash County in 1924 to George and Sarah (Tucker) Weisenberger. She was married to Lestle "Bus" Wiltshire, who passed away. Her second marriage was to Richard L. Mawbey, who survives. Mary Helen was a homemaker and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as the VFW Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; a daughter, Penny Fouts and husband Turhan, Peru; a son, David Wiltshire and wife Barbara, Logansport; two granddaughters, Carissa Mongosa and husband Eric, Peru, and Amy McComas and husband Zack, Walton; a grandson, Dr. Derrick Fouts and wife Tammy, Germantown, Md.; step great-grandson, Jared Mongosa; and six great grandchildren, Dillion, Savannah, Natane Mongosa, Eli and Gabriel Fouts, and Morgan McComas.

Preceding her in death were her first husband; her parents; three sisters, Geneva Keller, Virginia Siegfried, Louanna Fawley; four brothers, Karl, Basil, George, and Oliven Weisenberger; and a grandchild, Dustin. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to The Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana.

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Penny J. Pipinger

Thursday, November 10, 2005

Penny J. Pipinger, formerly of Peru, passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2005, at Southern Maryland Hospital, Clinton, Md.

She was the beloved wife of Jerry Pipenger.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Pipenger; children, Michael Ramer and wife Joanna, Miami; and Heather Pipenger, Clinton, Md.; stepsons Tim and Tony Pipenger, Indianapolis; grandchildren Sidney and Sean Ramer; brothers and sisters, Larry Peters, Abbeville, Ala., Jerry Peters and wife Susie, Peru, Carolyn Hawley and husband Walt, Peru, Patti Conner, Greyville, Ill., Lenny Peters and wife Leann, Marion; father-in-law David Pipenger; brother-in-laws, Terry, Larry, Barry, Gary and Jeff Pipenger; and many nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at Riggle Waltermann Mortuary, 32 South 11th Street, Richmond. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. at Earlham Cemetery, Richmond.

Arrangements in Maryland were by Lee Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, Md.

Phyllis M. Mills, 66

Friday, November 11, 2005

Phyllis M. Mills, 66, passed away on November 9, 2005 in El Paso, Texas as the result of a car accident. She was born on June 30, 1939 in Columbus, Ga. to John E. and Anne M. Cushing Mills.

Mills was a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Ruth chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, the Little People of America and the Women of the Moose.

Survivors include three cousins, Mary Jo Enyeart, Janis Fisher and James Bostick, all of Peru, and a step-brother, Larrie Petty, Peru.

A private graveside service will be held and burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. There will be no visitation. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Rodney 'Brock' Jones, 16

Monday, November 14, 2005

Rodney 'Brock' Jones, 16, formerly of Peru, passed away at his residence in Horn Lake, Mississippi at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2005.

Jones was born in Indianapolis on August 28, 1989 to Thomas Keith Jones and step-mother Mary (Masters) Jones. He attended seventh and eighth grade in Peru and attended the Family Worship Center, Kokomo.

He is survived by his parents, both of Peru; paternal grandparents, Rodney and Betty Jones, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Jack and Tina Stodgell, Peru; maternal grandparents, George and Jovana Masters, Peru; brother, Joshua Jones, Memphis; step-brother, Jeremy Young, Peru; and step-sister, Morgan Young, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 11 a.m. on Monday with Pastor James Bradley officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Love offerings may be made to the Jones family through the funeral home.

Chloe M. Gambee, 90

Monday, November 14, 2005

Chloe M. Gambee, 90, Peru, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 12, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor.

She was born November 19, 1914 in Peru to James and Laura Rothenberger Thomas. She married Lester Gambee in 1957, and he passed away in 1968.

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Gambée was a homemaker and was formerly employed at Bryan Manufacturing and the Square Deal Truck Stop. She attended First Assembly of God.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Blackman and wife Sue, Fulton, and Bob Blackman and wife Judy, Peru; three daughters, Karen Foreman and husband Pete, Peru, Sharon Dowell and husband Jim, Beaver Dam, Ky., and Sally Chalos and husband Larry, Knoxville, Tenn.; 22 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, Howard and Raymond Thomas; a son, Ron Blackman; an infant daughter, Linda; a grandson, Terry Dean Williams; and a great-granddaughter, Kera Blackman.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor John Thomas officiating and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 9 a.m. to time of service.

Freddie McGuire, 74

Monday, November 14, 2005

Freddie McGuire, 74, Peru, passed away at 9:21 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2005 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born on May 24, 1931 in Mexico to Fred and Helen Howe McGuire. He married Mary Jane Hartwick Oldaker McGuire on Aug. 4, 2000 and she survives.

McGuire was employed by Peru Utilities until his retirement in 1997. He was a member of the Salem Christian Church, the Peru Elks Lodge and the Peru Moose Lodge.

Survivors other than his wife include two sons, Greg McGuire and wife Leah, Mexico, and Denny McGuire and wife Kim, Mexico; two step-sons, John Oldaker and wife Liz, Peru and James Oldaker and wife Linda, Cape Coral, Fla.; a step-daughter, Cindy Hunt and husband Pete, Peru; a sister, Juanita Sunday and husband John, Denver; a brother, Dean McGuire and wife Virginia, Chili; grandsons Dennis McGuire and Shane McGuire; step-grandchildren John A. Oldaker and wife Casandra; Robert Oldaker, Ami Oldaker, Amanda Oldaker, April Oldaker, Nikki Jayne Kunkle, Teddi Marie Kunkle; Nicholas Thomas; Kaysey Heckathorn, Ryan Heckathorn, Jamie Weber and Chris Weber, Jessica and Adaam Hockstedler; great-grandchildren Trae McGuire, MacKenzie McGuire, Gage McGuire and Ryan McGuire; and step-great grandchildren C. J. Oldaker and Johnathon Oldaker.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating and burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Vickie D. Gillespie, 53

Monday, November 14, 2005

Vickie D. Gillespie, 53, Peru, passed away at 6:58 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2005 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born April 15, 1952 in Kokomo to Roy and Mary Phifer Goddard. She married Robert L. Gillespie on July 3, 1971 in St. Joe, Mich. He survives.

Gillespie was a homemaker, a 1970 graduate of Kokomo Hayworth High School and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Survivors other than her husband include two sons, Christopher Scott Gillespie, Kokomo and Nathan Richard Gillespie, Peru; two grandchildren, Christopher William Zehring and Jakob Scott Gillespie; and her parents, Mary Warner, Kokomo and Roy D. Goddard, Fallon, Nev.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating and burial at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to the American Liver Foundation.

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David W. Beall, 60

Monday, November 14, 2005

David W. Beall, 60, Converse, passed away at 11:01 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2005 in Marion. He was born on Nov. 21, 1944 in Peru. He married Janita C. Balsbaugh on July 17, 1966 and she survives.

Beall was a 1962 graduate of Oak Hill High School and a 1966 graduate of Manchester College. He received his masters degree from Ball State University in 1970 and taught social studies at Maconaquah High School beginning in 1966. Until the time of his illness, he was dedicated to teaching Maconaquah students to become responsible, productive adults. He was a member of Richland Chapel United Methodist Church, Converse Lions Club, Maconaquah Education Association, Indiana State Teachers Association and the Phi Delta Kappa education organization. He served 16 years on the Miami County Council, as well as serving on numerous church, school and community committees throughout his life. Survivors other than his wife include two sons, Douglas T. Beall and wife Rhonda, Berne, and Evan T. Beall, Lafayette; his parents, Robert W. and Maryalice Hamilton Beall, Sweetser; one brother, Dennis Beall, Tennessee; two sisters, Joy Andre and husband Richard, Fort Wayne, and Kyle Satterthwaite and husband James, Converse; and two grandchildren, Natalie Beall and Brady Beall, Berne.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse with Rev. Phyllis Hayward officiating. Visitation is from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Community Foundation, 13 E. Main St., Peru, for the David W. Beall Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements are by Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Converse.

Velva B. Hanaway, 94

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Velva B. Hanaway, 94, Peru, passed away at 3:10 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center.

He was born on January 21, 1911 in White County to William F. and Faye (Davis) Hanaway, and married Frances Butt in Erie Township on January 19, 1936, and she survives.

Hanaway was retired from Thrush Products since 1976 and was a retired farmer as well.

The 1930 Peru High School graduate was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, was a 50-year member of the Mexico Masonic Lodge, and was a former member of the Miami County Historical Society and Miami County Geneology Society.

He was an active genealogist and he and his wife compiled three books of family history.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, John Hanaway and his wife Carolyn, Peru, and Ray Hanaway and his wife Doris, Peru; six grandchildren, David Hanaway, Susan Hanaway, Michael Hanaway, Brenda Runkle, Christina Kalverage and Joy Hanaway; five great-grandchildren, Michaela Runkle, Jacob Hanaway, Connor Hanaway, Zane Hanaway and Caleb Kalverage; two sisters-in-law, Georgia Dukes and Janet Stouffer; and one brother-in-law, Lester Stout.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Walker officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Charleen Fisher, 90

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Charleen Fisher, 90, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 7:46 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2005 at Covington Manor Nursing Center, Fort Wayne.

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She was born on June 17, 1915 in Miami County to Charles H. and Pearl (Wise) Samons, and married Emmett B. Harrison on October 20, 1941. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1960. She then married Kenneth H. Fisher on November 27, 1964. He preceded her in death on October 26, 1984.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Peru.

Survivors include one daughter, Frances K. Mitchell, Fort Wayne; one son, Charles H. Harrison, Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Victoria K. Downs, Fort Wayne, David C. Harrison, Kokomo, and Catherine Erin Mitchell, Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, Matthew Harrison, Katherine Harrison, Addison Mitchell.

Funeral services will be conducted at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Catherine C. Brubaker, 79

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Catherine C. Brubaker, 79, Logansport, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on March 14, 1926 in Pulaski County to Eldon and Elva (Whiteman) Brown, and married Charles H. Brubaker on May 3, 1954 in Wabash.

Brubaker is retired from the Logansport State Hospital following 34 years of service.

She was a member of the North Grove Church in Amboy.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Duane Brubaker, Logansport, and John Townsend, Madison, Wisconsin; one daughter, Chloe Breault, San Tee, California; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Brubaker was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; one sister; and one daughter, Sharie D. Bolin.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Gundrum Funeral Home, with Pastor John E. Haines officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral.

Memorials may be made to the North Grove Church.

Dean Conkling, 70

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Dean Conkling, 70, Delphos, Ohio, passed away at his residence in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 12, 2005.

He was born on June 22, 1935, in Indiana, to Fred and Nevada Conkling, both deceased.

Conkling worked at General Tire for 40 years and retired from Trelleborg. He also was the past owner of the Food Harbor in Peru.

Survivors include one son, Fred Conkling, Roann; one stepson, Jerry Mooneyhan and wife Jackie, Peru; two sisters, Pat Hodgeson and husband Jim, Delphos, Ohio, and Shirley McCarter and husband Jack, Greentown; two brothers, Harold Binnion, Greentown, and Billey Binnion, Arkansas; four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington, Swayzee, with the Reverend Jim Miller officiating.

Burial will follow at Trailkill Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home on Tuesday, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Delphos Area Visiting Nursing may be given.

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Cecil E. Wilson, 92

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Cecil E. Wilson, 92, Columbia City, passed away at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1913 in Portsmouth, Ohio to Oscar and Rose Turner Wilson. He married Ina May Wilson, and she preceded him in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Dianne Beaver and husband Mike, Columbia City, Linda Graves, Fort Wayne and Juanita Pick and husband Bill, Portsmouth, Ohio; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating and burial at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Kenneth W. Hetzler, Sr., 83

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Kenneth W. Hetzler, Sr., 83, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2005 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

He was born in New Madison, Ohio on November 13, 1922 to Simon and Lottie Howell Hetzler. He married Mary Palmer on June 3, 1961 and she passed away Nov. 22, 1991.

Hetzler was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, VFW, American Legion, Elks Club, Eagles, Peru Maennerchor and the Moose Lodge. He was the administrator for the Moose Lodge in Goshen (1955-1972), Columbus (1974-1978), Peru (1978-1992) and Rochester (1993-1999). He was the state president for Moose Lodges in 1989.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, from 1943-1946.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth W. Hetzler, Jr., Peru; two daughters, Kathy Hetzler, Logansport and Laura Goodman and husband Jim, Peru; a grandson, Christopher Hetzler; and a granddaughter, Kristina Goodman.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a son, a grandson, Johnny Goodman; two brothers, Eugene and Herbert Hetzler; and a sister, Irene.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Father Michael McKinney officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

A military committal service will be held at that time.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Leprosy Foundation.

There will also be a Pilgrims Service at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Helen A. Plotner, 87

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Helen A. Plotner, 87, Greentown, died 11:55 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2005 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Grant County on January 13, 1918, the daughter of Harry E. and Ora D. Rush Nestleroad. She married George M. Plotner in Silver Lake on January 27, 1940 and he preceded her in death on April 25, 1984.

She graduated from Amboy High School in 1936 and Huffer Beauty College in 1960. She owned and operated Helen's Beauty Salon for 30 years. She was a member of the Converse Order of Eastern Star Chapter 334 for more than 50 years, Butler Township Homemakers Club, Miami County Democratic Women and former vice-chairman of the Miami County Democratic Party.

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She loved to crochet and had crocheted hundreds of baby hats for newborns at Riley Hospital for Children. She also knitted puppets for the Pink Ladies at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Helen was an amateur artist and enjoyed creating oil paintings. She loved birds and was an avid bird watcher.

She is survived by sons Mick Plotner and his wife Judy, Amboy, George A. Plotner and his wife Vickie, Dayton, Ohio and Harry Plotner and his wife Suzy, Amboy; grandchildren Jon and Charlene Plotner, Amanda and Jeff Exmeyer, Kariana and Joe Casey, Bryan and Keri Waltz, Todd Waltz, James and Char Shipman and Yon and Lora Fletcher; great-grandchildren Brittany Casey, Taylor Casey, Adam Casey, Allyson Exmeyer, Mackinsey Exmeyer, Selah Plotner, Samara Plotner, Isreal Waltz, Josiah Waltz, Michaela Waltz, Lydia Waltz, Andrew Waltz, Seth Shipman, Drew Shipman, Zachary Shipman, Joshua Fletcher and Amanda Fletcher; a brother, Raymond "Chick" Nestleroad, Peru; and two sisters, Mary Janeway, Wabash and Betty Burkhart and husband Bill, Peru.

A service celebrating the life of Helen Plotner will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy with Pastor Richard Ehresman and Pastor Gene Headings officiating and burial to follow at the Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Laird Funeral Home where an Eastern Star service will be conducted at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army.

J.W. Smith, 67

Thursday, November 17, 2005

J.W. Smith, 67, Peru, passed away at 8:21 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1937 in Knoxville, Tenn., to James and Eileen Wallace Smith. He married Freda Blankenship on Jan. 20, 1959 and she passed away on May 1, 2004.

Smith was a retired police officer with the Elgin, Ill. Police Department. He is a U.S. Marines Corps veteran and participated in the Sinai Peninsula operation. His decorations include the National Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was also a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, Fairfield Glade, Tenn., the National Rifle Association, the U.S Marine Corps Association and the Sportsmen Club of Fairfield Glade, Tenn.

He graduated from the Southern Police Institute of Kentucky.

Survivors include two sons, Weston Smith, Peru and Eric Smith and his wife Jean, Des Moines, Iowa; and five grandchildren, Jennifer Smith, Eric J. Smith, Amanda Smith, Faith Smith and Austin Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and one brother, Ben Smith.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hood Funeral Home, Highway 127 South, Crossville, Tenn. with Pastor Tom Shelton and Pastor Randy Jeffers officiating. Burial will be at Crossville City Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation is at 9 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Local arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Clancy C. Gosnell, 87

Friday, November 18, 2005

Clancy C. Gosnell, 87, Sweetser, passed away at 6:39 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at Marion General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, Swayzee.

Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

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

Louise Jones, 89

Friday, November 18, 2005

Louise Jones, 89, Marion, passed away at 8:54 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at Marion General Hospital.

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She was born September 26, 1916 the daughter of Everett and Alta (Martindale) Ramer. She resided in Miami County before moving to Delaware County and later to Grant County.

Survivors include two sons, Wayne and Gene; three daughters, Mary Slusher, Philena Brookshire and Helen Finnegan; a brother, Gerald Ramer; sisters Eileen Buzbee and Dorothy Townsend; 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her ex-husband, Herbie Jones; a son, Paul; and her brothers Edgar and Wilbur Ramer.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Pitman-Richman Funeral Home, Eaton.

Burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Gardens of Memory, Muncie.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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

Kay Karon Schrader, 62

Monday, November 21, 2005

Kay Karon Schrader, 62, Logansport, passed away at 4 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1943 in Peru to Jerry and Phyllis Hines McCreary. She married Henry H. Schrader, Jr. in New Waverly on Oct. 9, 1960, and he survives.

Schrader was a homemaker and the co-owner and operator of Kay's Concessions. She was a member of the McNeely Christian Church and the church's womens fellowship, a volunteer for CASA, a member of the Red Hat Society and a vice-precinct committee member for the Democratic Party.

Survivors other than her husband include a daughter, Julie A. Marchese and husband Robert, Logansport; a son, Dr. Henry H. Schrader III and wife Martina, Grayson, Ky.; her mother, Phyllis Stamer; five grandchildren, Karie and Bradley Marchese and Nicole, Olivia and Logan Schrader; two sisters; one brother; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport with Rev. Busta Brown officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Harry Glen Sharp, 76

Monday, November 21, 2005

Harry Glen Sharp, 76, Mooresville, passed away at 4 a.m. Friday, November 18, 2005 at his residence.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Lick Cemetery, Mooresville with Nathan Janssen officiating and burial to follow.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Jones Family Mortuary, Mooresville.

George E. Brown, 89

Monday, November 21, 2005

George E. Brown, 89, Akron, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

He was born on May 15, 1916 in White County to George and Gertrude Srekengaust Brown. He married Freda June Coplen on April 26, 1937 in Monticello and she survives.

Brown was a farmer and had worked at Sonoco Products, Akron. He attended the Akron Church of God. Survivors other than his wife include a daughter, Brenda Malott and husband William, Akron; a son, Gary Brown and wife Bonnie, Shepherd, Mich.; five grandchildren, Mike Malott and wife Amber, Todd Malott and wife Connie, Sondra McBride and husband Gary, Ramona Travis and husband John, and Rhonda Gould and husband Brian; five great-grandchildren; a half-sister, Georgie Reed; and three half-brothers, Kenny, Ralph and Leo Brown.

He was preceded in death by two infant children, a brother, five sisters, a half-brother and a half-sister.

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Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Jennie L. Newby, 93

Monday, November 21, 2005

Jennie L. Newby, 93, passed away at 3:40 a.m. on Sunday, November 20, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital Continuing Care.

She was born on June 24, 1912 in Ragland, Alabama to Louis and Maudie (Edge) Gothard, and married Marion R. Newby in 1936. He preceded her in death on March 29, 1969.

Newby was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church, Ruth Chapter 120, Order of Eastern Star, and was past Matron in 1959. She also served as secretary of the 1930 class reunion committee.

She was the retired Peru city bookkeeper, as well as office manager for Stokley Foods, and the former bookkeeper for Kessler Insurance Company.

She is survived by one brother, C. Barner 'Barney' Gothard, Peru; several nieces and nephews.

Aside from her husband, Newby was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Robert Hammond officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the chapel.

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

Amelia H. Reuter, 94

Monday, November 21, 2005

Amelia H. Reuter, 94, formerly of Peru, passed away at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Palm Garden Nursing Home, Vero Beach, Florida.

She was born on August 28, 1911 in Peru to Herman and Phillipina (Schafer) Vahle, and married Dr. Leonard A. Reuter on September 20, 1933. He preceded her in death on January 14, 1978.

Reuter was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, and the Trinity Lutheran Church, Sebastian, Florida. She served as a past president of the Miller's Merry Manor Auxiliary and was a 60-year member of the Miami County Historical Society. Reuter also was a charter member of the Pink Ladies Auxiliary, as well as a member of the Ever-Ready HomeEc Club.

She is survived by son, John Reuter and wife Debbie, Peru; and daughter, Jean Joy, Sebastian; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Reuter was preceded in death by her parents; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Wabash/Miami County Hospice.

Kenneth D. 'Kenny' Sink, 82

Monday, November 21, 2005

Kenneth D. 'Kenny' Sink, 82, Monticello, passed away at 6:10 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

He was born on October 4, 1923 in Kokomo to Berkley and Gertrude (Hoff) Sink, and married Pauline 'Pat' Amos on July 10, 1948. She preceded him in death on March 20, 1986.

Sink had lived in Monticello since 1969, moving there from Oxford. He was the top salesman at Kenny Implement for 20 years and retired in 1987. Sink had farmed for five years in Kokomo and 10 years in

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Peru and Rochester. He also sold insurance for two years, worked at O.A. Smith and a couple of years for Harvester.

The Erwin Township High School (Howard County) graduate was a former member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge in Monticello, as well as the Howard Church of the Brethren.

In 1964, Sink rescued a pair of ladies from their car which had over-turned in water in Rochester. He was a bowler, and rode and owned an Indian motorcycle. At one time, Sink took flying lessons and played semi-pro baseball.

Sink served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Weaver and husband Gerry, Oxford, and Karen Sink and companion Tim Thomas, Monticello; two sons, Michael Sink, West Lafayette, and Steven Sink, Lafayette; sister, Mary Miller, Huntington; and grandsons, Chad, Jay and Kent.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello, with the Reverend Chris Dodson officiating.

Burial will be at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Monticello.

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

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Irene B. Hanby, 89

Monday, November 21, 2005

Irene B. Hanby, 89, Marysville, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the Delaware Court Nursing Home following an extended illness.

She was born on November 5, 1916 in Morrow County, Ohio to Bruce and Lettie (Smith) Baldwin, and married Meredith Hanby on February 23, 1935, who preceded her in death on November 15, 1963.

Hanby was employed as a cafeteria manager with North Union School District for over 38 years, spending most of her career at Leesburg-Magnetic Elementary School. She was a longtime member of the Pharisburg United Methodist Church and the Women's Missionary Unit, and served on many church boards and committees.

She completed her junior year at Broadway High School in 1934 and graduated from Raymond High School in 1935.

Hanby was a member of the Mary Chapter #9, order of the Eastern Star, served as secretary for the Broadway Alumni Association for 50 years, and formerly cooked dinner meetings for the Richwood Lions Club.

She loved cooking and baking, collecting jewelry and riding motorcycles. Hanby will be remembered as a high-spirited and energetic woman who dearly loved life, her family and her dog, 'Tootsie.'

She is survived by two daughters, Nancy Rider, Marysville, and Sue Meadows and fiance Bruce Griffiths, Marion; two sons, Robert Hanby, Marysville, and James Hanby and wife Dixie, Peru; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Melba Baldwin, Cairo, Georgia and Miriam Shirk and husband Dewy, Richwood; brother-in-law, Paul McCrary and wife Rosie, Richwood; several nieces and nephews.

Hanby was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Doug Hanby in February 1994; two granddaughters, Tammy Hanby and Michelle Hanby; son-in-law, Dick Rider; sister, Darleen McCrary; and a brother, Lloyd Baldwin.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Mannasmith Funeral Home, Marysville, with the Reverend Mo Dunn officiating.

Burial will be at Broadway Cemetery.

Friends are invited to a fellowship luncheon at the Pharisburg United Methodist Church following the services at the cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. An O.E.S. service will be conducted at 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross in care of the funeral home.

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Alvin J. Bontrager, 84

Monday, November 21, 2005

Alvin J. Bontrager, 84, Peru, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on September 11, 1921 in Howard County to Joe and Sarah (Helmuth) Bontrager, and married Fannie Miller on December 17, 1942 in Douglas County, Illinois, and she survives.

Bontrager was the Oliver Implement Dealer in Peru and Plevna until 1954. He then worked for Marburger Packing until his retirement in 1983.

He and Fannie lovingly raised six children, and he was a man of great faith and integrity. Bontrager was an active member of the Santa Fe Community Church, where he served as a Sunday School teacher, elder and treasurer and a member of The Gideons International. He was an avid woodworker who enjoyed making things for his family and friends. Bontrager never met a stranger, had a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by his children, Marie Chilcutt and husband Tom, Peru, Jim Bontrager and wife Karen, Westfield, Dale Bontrager and wife Chris, Peru, Mary Ellen Bontrager, Peru, John Bontrager and wife Carla, Cicero, and Sam Bontrager and wife Sonia, Peru; grandchildren, Tammy Zartman, Tim Chilcutt, Marci Engel, Staci Hovermale, Scott Bontrager, Tish Schultz, Ryan Bontrager, Shannon Bontrager, Jared Bontrager, Cody Bontrager, Josey Bontrager, and Jenny Bontrager; great-grandchildren, Taylor Zartman, Corynn Engel, Grace Engel, Alyssa Bontrager, Julia Bontrager, Zoe Schultz, Avery Zartman, Ainsley Engel, and Keenan Hovermale; brother, Dewey Bontrager and wife Shirley, Kokomo; sisters, Nora Troyer, Amboy, Amanda Miller and husband Sam, Kokomo, Edna Sutherland, Jackson, Michigan, Fanny Brenneman and husband Ray, Middlebury, Sylvia Bontrager, Kokomo, and Alma Bontrager, Kokomo.

Bontrager was preceded in death by five brothers; and one sister.

A funeral service celebrating the life of Alvin J. Bontrager will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, Kokomo, with Pastors Richard Ehresman and Gene Headings officiating.

Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or The Gideons International.

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

Wayne E. Hartleroad, 83

Monday, November 21, 2005

Wayne E. Hartleroad, 83, Logansport, went to be with the Lord at 9:25 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport.

He was born on June 25, 1922 in Miami County to Earl and Erdia (Billheimer) Hartleroad, and married Marjorie Ellen Medborn on January 19, 1946 in Cass County.

Hartleroad was the former owner and operator of the local Filter Queen Sweeper and Sales Service.

He was an honorary deacon and member of the Blue Ball Christian Church, and had worked with and retired from the Canteen Corporation in 1984.

The 1941 graduate of Peru High School served in the United States Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Nassau in the Pacific.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Ellen K. Hartleroad, Logansport, and Patricia Cain and husband Doug, Logansport; sister, Doris Ellen Hierholzer and husband John, Peru; step-brother, Paul Kesling and wife Anita, Florida; two grandchildren, Eric Cain and wife Anita, Logansport, and Rebecca Maurer and husband Chris, Greenfield; two great-grandchildren, Caleb Cain and Shaylen Cain; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

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Hartleroad was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil Hartleroad and Melvin Hartleroad; step-mother, Esther Kesling Hartleroad; and step-sister, LuAnna Duffy.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Reverend Terry Rumpel officiating.

Burial will be at the Walton I.O.O.F. Cemetery, with full military graveside rites.

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

Memorials may be made to the Gideons International.

Garland E. 'Old Buzzard' Bennett, 82

Monday, November 21, 2005

Garland E. 'Old Buzzard' Bennett, 82, Syracuse, passed away at 7:50 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Reverend George Cecil officiating.

Internment will be at the Eel River Cemetery, South of Churubusco.

Visitation will be today at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the family.

John F. Chaplin Jr., 58

Monday, November 21, 2005

John F. Chaplin Jr., 58, Galveston, passed away at 7 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2005 at his residence in Galveston.

He was born on March 6, 1947 in Kokomo to John F. Chaplin Sr. and Vivian (Hatfield) Chaplin.

Chaplin retired as a general supervisor for General Motors, Delco Electronics following 30 years of service.

The 1965 graduate of Kokomo High School was a member of, and past Master of the New London Masonic Lodge #283, F. & A.M. New London, Field Artillery Association 1-150, and the IBN Saud Grotto, Kokomo.

He enjoyed golf, fishing and most importantly, his grandchildren.

Chaplin served in the United States Army for 13 years and later in the Indiana National Guard.

He is survived by two daughters, Heather D. Jones, Kokomo, and Tara M. Bailey and husband David, Marysville, Kansas; grandchildren, Morgan, Ethan, Nicholas, Alyssa, and Samuel; sister, Carolyn Sewell, Kokomo; and brother, Richard Ancil, Peru.

Chaplin was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be conducted at the IBN Saud Grotto on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Masonic rites.

No visitation is planned and John's wishes were for cremation.

Memorials may be made to the National MS Society, 700 Broadway, Suite 810, Denver, Colorado 80203-3442 or donate online at www.nationalmssociety.org.

Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, handled the arrangements.

Wilbur Eugene 'Gene' Clark, 89

Monday, November 21, 2005

Wilbur Eugene 'Gene' Clark, 89, formerly of Miami, passed away at 11:20 a.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at his residence in Peru.

He was born on January 17, 1916 in Peru to Orval and Ethel (Robertson) Clark, and married Cora Plothow, who preceded him in death in 1996.

Clark was retired from Peru Sales and was a member of the Miami Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by two sons, Edward Clark and wife Mary, Peru, and Robert Clark and wife Shirley, Graham, Texas; daughter, Kay Ellars, Bunker Hill; brother, Dale Clark, Lafayette; sister, Eileen Sullivan, Peru; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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Aside from his wife, Clark was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; daughter, Mary Ann Allman; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Norman McBride officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Memorials may be made to the Wabash/Miami County Hospice.

Barbara Ann Ventura, 66

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

Barbara Ann Ventura, 66, Peru, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Monday, November 21, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

She was born in Miami County on May 29, 1939 to Hillard and Hattie Poor Walker. She married Ralph Ventura and he preceded her in death.

Ventura was a homemaker and a member of the American Legion and Eagles auxiliaries.

Survivors include a son, Robert Terry Ritt, Michigan; a daughter, Jennifer Stoner, Michigan; a brother, George E. Walker and wife Kathleen, Treaty; two sisters, Anita Alvarado and husband Joseph, Peru and Irma Sparks, Peru; and several grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Rev. Lorie Keck officiating.

Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to time of service Friday at the funeral home.

G. Charles Wecht, 53

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

G. Charles Wecht, 53, Galveston, went to be with the Lord at 2:30 p.m. Monday, November 21, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

He was born in Peru on Feb. 3, 1952 to Gene Wecht and Rose (Tyler) Brannum, and they both survive.

On April 28, 1973 he married Linda Young Wecht in Peru, and she also survives.

Wecht was employed with Delco/Delphi Electronics, Kokomo, as a pipe fitter for 27 years and was a member of the Onward Christian Church, Onward. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren, but he loved hunting - it was his "life."

Survivors other than his wife and parents include his daughter, Jennie Sage and husband Derek, Kokomo; son, Perry Wecht, Galveston; grandchildren, Casie, Hailey, Jace and Garrett; three brothers, Mitch Brannum, Brett Brannum, and Tim Wecht, all of Peru; a grandfather, Archie Mogle, Peru; and he is also survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his step-father, Marvin Brannum; and grandparents Bernice Mogle and Annie and Perry Tyler

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California Street, Galveston, with Pastor Rod Mason officiating.

Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral

William V. Vrooman, 86

Thursday, November 24, 2005

William V. Vrooman, 86, Peru, died at 4:16 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born August 7, 1919 in Wabash, the son of LaVon E. and Rose A. Schmidt Vrooman. He married Mary Jane Carson Vrooman on February 28, 1941 and she preceded him in death on January 8, 1969; on April 2, 1971 he married Betty Arbuckle Keyser Vrooman at the First Baptist Church in Peru, and she survives.

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Bill graduated from Peru High School in 1937 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He participated in campaigns in New Guinea, the Philippines and Luzon; his military decorations include the Asiatic - Pacific Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Purple Heart and the World War II Victory Medal. He was employed as a carman with the C & O Railroad until his retirement in 1980.

A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and also attended the First Baptist Church. Bill was actively involved in Peru Little League Baseball, especially in the Farm League Organization. He participated in Cub Scout programs throughout Miami County and was an active member of the Holman School PTA; he held several offices in the Railroad Union and was active in the C & O Bowling League. After retirement in 1980, he took up golf and became an avid golfer; he thoroughly enjoyed traveling with his family and he also delivered Meals on Wheels for Dukes Memorial Hospital .

He was a member of the Peru Glen Owens American Legion Post 14, Miami County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2067, the Peru - Miami Lodge # 67 F&AM and the Peru Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his loving wife Betty; son Mike Vrooman and his wife Cynthia of Peru; daughter Jane Messmer and her husband Mike of Toledo, Ohio; stepdaughters Nancy Wagner and her husband George of Baltimore, Md., Amy Voirol and her husband Louie of Akron; grandchildren, Kim Pitts, Chad Vrooman, Krista Vrooman, Andrea Messmer, Brody Messmer, Emma Wagner, Annamarie Wagner and Luke Voirol; great-grandchildren, Delaney Pitts, Chandler Pitts and Garrett Vrooman; a brother, Richard Vrooman and his wife Jean of Peru; and a sister, Dorthy Holton and her husband William of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Ranke; and a brother, Art Vrooman

A service celebrating the life of William V. Vrooman will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday November 26, 2005 at the Eikenberry - Eddy Funeral Home at 84 W. Main Street, Peru with Pastor Robert Adelsperger and Pastor Steven Ailes officiating; burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Eikenberry - Eddy Funeral Home. There will be a Masonic Service at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church or the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Wednesday morning the Lord said "Bill receive your rest," and he was gathered to his Heavenly home.

William D. Jones, 75

Thursday, November 24, 2005

William D. Jones, 75, of Peru, passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at Methodist Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis. William, know to all as Bill, was the youngest of 10 siblings born March 7, 1930 to Harry and Elizabeth (Blackman) Jones in Santa Fe.

Bill was a caring husband and father who worked hard to support his family while always making time for vacations and activities, which built fond memories his family will cherish forever.

Bill was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge for over 40 years and maintained memberships in both the Sons of the American Legion and Maennerchor Lodges in Peru. He worked at various locations through the years to include construction on the Mississinewa Reservoir, the Freeman Co., Berko Electric and the Peru Boat Factory. Following retirement, Bill worked part time as a custodian at the Moose Lodge until 1999. He loved working in his small garage shop where he built beautiful bird houses, miniature covered bridges and creative banks for the grandchildren.

He is survived by is wife of 52 years, Alice Marie (Harris) Jones; children, Loretta Jackson of Brownsburg; Rex Jones of Louisville, Ky.; Carlotta Butts of Peru; Rick Jones of Peru; and Ronald Jones of Plainfield; grandchildren, Nicholas Butts, Sara Jackson, Jessie Jones, and Seth and Erin Jones.

Bill's family, though grieving his loss, finds solitude in knowing he accepted Jesus as his savior and is resting peacefully with the Lord.

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Friends and family may call from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 26, 2005. Rev. Philip Harris will officiate services. Burial will follow at the Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe.

D. Stewart Sheneman, 82

Saturday, November 26, 2005

D. Stewart Sheneman, 82, Amboy, passed away at 1:42 a.m. Thursday, November 24, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born May 14, 1923 in Miami County to James W. and Myrtle Sheneman. On April 14, 1941 he married Shirley L. Finch in Miami County, and she survives.

Sheneman was a retired Miami County farmer and was also retired from the Standard Oil Fertilizer Division. He was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church and of the Amboy IOOF Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Sheneman, Amboy; daughters, Susie Zirkle, Amboy, Cherry Cunningham and husband Buck, Amboy, Rebecca VanHorn and husband Don, Rochester, Casey Shafer and husband Eddie, Marion, and Petty Myers and husband Steve, Macy. He is also survived by grandchildren David Cunningham and wife Jennifer, Barbie Shaw and husband Kevin, Bradley Zirkle, Randy Zirkle, Julie Orr and husband Jon, Lori Hazelwood and husband Brad, Jody Lee and husband Patrick, Drew Griggs, Jeff Bowland and wife Tana, Amy Miller and husband Terry, Matt Myers and wife Karen, and Kim White and husband Chad; great-grandchildren Jessica Shaw, Josh Shaw, Bryan Zirkle, Mallory Orr, Trey Orr, Bradley Hazelwood, Shelby Hazelwood, Patrick Lee, Mason Myers, Kody Myers, Ethan Bowland, Emmy Bowland and Eric Bowland. Also surviving are several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Helen Marie Hartzler, 94

Saturday, November 26, 2005

Helen Marie Hartzler, 94, Akron, passed away at 1:20 a.m. on Friday, November 25, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on March 22, 1911 in Fulton County to John Thompson and Mamie Woolpert. On Nov. 12, 1929 in Rochester she married Lester "Joe" Hartzler, who preceded her in death on March 18, 1970.

Helen was a homemaker and had worked at the former Chamberlin Products Company, Akron. She also had worked at the Corner Cupboard Restaurant at the intersection of state roads 114 and 15. She had lived her entire life in the Akron and Gilead area. She attended the Akron Church of God and was a former member of the Disko United Methodist Church and its Women's Missionary Organization. She also was a member of the W.C.T.U., the Modern Woodmen and the Homemakers' Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Patsy and husband Channing Utter, Akron; two sons, Steve Hartzler and wife Kathryn, Akron, and Larry Hartzler and wife Beverly, Akron; one sister, Marjorie Davis and husband Ed, Bluffton; one daughter-in-law, Marilyn Hartzler; and one sister-in-law, Flossie Lance, Akron. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; two sons, Richard "Jack", and Jerome Hartzler; three sisters, Paulene and Dorothy Thompson, and Emma Hunter; six brothers, Robert, John Jr., Edward, Richard, Byron and Norman "Ping" Thompson.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with reverends Lowell Burrus and Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron.

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Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Church of God, Gideon's International or Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Wayne L. Hostetler, 90

Saturday, November 26, 2005

Wayne L. Hostetler, 90, Anderson, died November 23, 2005 at Bethany Pointe Health Campus following an extended illness.

He was born March 22, 1915 in Peru to Pleasant W. and Mary A. (Dice) Hostetler and resided in Anderson most of his life.

Hostetler retired from Delco Remy Division of General Motors, where he served as a plant engineer for 35 years.

He was a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in electrical engineering.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, where he served as an elder, deacon and trustee. He was a life member of the Purdue University Alumni Association and a member of the Robert Cooper Audubon Society of East Central Indiana, Muncie, the Miami Valley Historical Society and the Mended Hearts of Indianapolis. He enjoyed travelling, woodworking, fishing, square dancing and reading.

He is survived by his second wife, Nelma L. (Cox Berry) Hostetler of Anderson; son, John Hostetler and wife Chris of Muncie; two daughters, Mary Brinson and husband Bill of Cranston, R.I., and Susan Dana and husband Frank of Greenville, S.C.; brother R. Milton Hostetler of Peru; four grandchildren, Gretchen Brinson, Christopher Brinson, Caroline Dana and David Hostetler and wife Kathryn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Gerry Hostetler.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at noon at First Presbyterian Church, 230 West 9th St., Anderson, with Rev. Rick Kimmer officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory South Chapel, 200 West 53rd Street, Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Purdue Foundation, Dick & Sandy Dauch Alumni Center, West Lafayette, or to the First Presbyterian Church, Anderson.

Arden "Tom" Gooden, 72

Saturday, November 26, 2005

Arden "Tom" Gooden, 72, Peru, passed away at 5:54 p.m. Thursday, November 24, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on February 1, 1933 in Weston, W. Va. to Orlonzo Don Gooden and Rita (Burkhammer) Gooden. On July 15, 1955 he married Roberta Gooden in Clarksburg, W. Va., and she survives.

Gooden was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving from 1953 to 1955. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a member of the Isaac Walton Gun Club in Logansport.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Alan T. Gooden and wife Sylvia, Peru; two daughters, Sheryl A.

Robers and companion Ron Eskildsen, Peru, and Debra J. Carrasco and husband David, Pearl River, La.; one brother, Blaine D. Gooden and wife Ann, of Tennessee; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His extended family includes Shane Eskildsen, Marsha and Bill Corn and their sons Chad and Brent, all of Peru.

Arrangements are being handled by Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo. There are no services planned.

Richard L. Wright, 64

Saturday, November 26, 2005

Richard L. Wright, 64, Lafayette, passed away at 3:40 a.m. Friday, November 25, 2005 at his residence.

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He was born on July 31, 1941 in Denver to Richard V. and Mary A. (Ogle) Kintner. On April 29, 1961, in Circle Pines, Minn., he married Patricia A. Starkweather, and she survives.

Wright lived for a short period of time in South Bend and in Plymouth before moving back to Miami County. He attended Denver Grade School. When he turned 11 years old he joined Boy Scout Troop 47. He enjoyed athletics and the troop had a pretty good softball team, coached by his father. Over a three-year span they won almost 100 games without a loss. He got back into scouting when his sons became of scouting age.

After grade school, Dick went to Jefferson Township High School where he ran track, played softball and basketball. They won the county softball championship his junior year. He also held the record for the 440-yard dash when he graduated. After high school he attended Porter Business School in Indianapolis for a year, learning to wire and set up IBM Data Processing machines.

When he completed his schooling he went to work for Alcoa in Lafayette on July 17, 1960. He later went to work for Purdue University on Oct. 1, 1970, after being laid off from Alcoa. He worked 31 years in Purdue's ADPC, later to be called MI. He retired on August 31, 2001.

He has been a scoutmaster, a committee chairman, district training chairman, district roundtable commissioner and district commissioner. He holds the Scouters' Training Award; Scoutmaster's Key; Commission's Key; District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver. He has also been to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico and the 1981 National Jamboree held at Fort AP Hill, Virginia. He also served on three Woodbadge staffs.

The couple has three children, Troy Kevin and wife Diana, Stafford, Va.; Scott Alan and wife Merri Anne, Lafayette; and Brenda Lei Russell and husband Mark, Lafayette. They have six grandchildren: Matt, Brittney, Patrick and Amanda Wright and Tara and Nathan Russell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, James and Jerry Wright.

Later in life Dick became an avid golfer, playing 75 and 80 rounds a year, most of which was played at the Lafayette Municipal Course and the Ravines. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, 400 Twyckenham Boulevard, Lafayette.

Entombment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 401 S. Earl Avenue, #2-C, Lafayette, IN 47904.

Mary "Mamie" Good, 90

Saturday, November 26, 2005

Mary "Mamie" Good, 90, passed away peacefully at home in Santa Fe, N.M., on Sunday, November 13, 2005.

She is survived by daughter Robin Talmadge, Santa Fe; a sister, Ruth Ann Gross; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mamie was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Good; mother, Olga Olsen Young; father, Michael Young; and sister, Gwen Werner; all long-time residents of Peru.

Cremation services were provided by La Paloma Funeral Home in Santa Fe, N.M. A mass and memorial service will follow in the spring.

Wanda Lorene Sanderson, 73

Monday, November 28, 2005

Wanda Lorene Sanderson, 73, Peru, passed away at 10:50 p.m. on Saturday, November 26, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on April 23, 1932 in Peru to John F. and Ethel M. (Krieg) Sanderson.

After graduating from Peru High School in 1950, and completion of business college in 1952, Sanderson worked at the Peru Trust Company Bank for 38 years until her retirement in 1990. She belonged to the Pythian Sisters and Altrusa Club, Peru.

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She is survived by a niece, Betty Gould, Fort Wayne; a nephew, John W. Sanderson Jr., Oak Harbor, Washington; and a sister-in-law, Roberta Sanderson, Peru.

Sanderson was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Earl Sanderson and John W. Sanderson Sr.; and a niece, Bonnie Ousley.

Funeral services will be at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday at 1 p.m. with the Reverend Robert Clark officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Peru Public Library.

Rachel Jane Angeline Correll, 84

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

Rachel Jane Angeline Correll, 84, passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on June 10, 1921 in Peru to Fred Sr. and Florence Mary (Hutton) Hetzner, and married Elmer Ray Correll Jr. on February 8, 1941 in Wabash. He preceded her in death on April 12, 2001.

Correll attended the Deedsville United Methodist Church, and she was a member of the D.D. Doers Home-Ec Club and the Roann Weight Challengers Club.

Correll enjoyed reading, travelling and baking.

She is survived by three sons, Larry Correll, Peru, Bruce Correll and wife Ruth, Denver, and Rex Correll and wife Valery, Rochester; five daughters, Bonnie Stout and husband James, Macy, Kay Spence and husband Ernest, Burrows, Maxine Manning and husband Ronnie, Macy, Sylvie Burdine and husband Ronald, Peru, and Sue Mays and husband Rick, Lafayette; two brothers, Joe Hetzner, Tampa, and John Hetzner, Wisconsin; two sisters, Geraldine Dibbern, Knox, and Martha Dowdy, Birdstown, Tennessee; 21 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Correll was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ray Correll; brother, Fred hetzner; sister, Wanda Gladden; and one great-grandson, Cody Spence.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor David Welsh officiating.

Burial will follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

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

Carl Edward Parrett, 70

Friday, December 02, 2005

Carl Edward Parrett, 70, Wabash, passed away at 8 a.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on September 1, 1935 in Wabash to Jesse and Agnes (Ballard) Parrett, and married Frances Gibson on November 6, 1954 at the South Side E.U.B. Church in Wabash.

Parrett was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash Fraternal Order of Police, Marion Sympathy Club, as well as an honorary member of the Wabash Knights of Columbus. He retired from Fisher Body in Marion following 31 1/2 years of service in 1988.

He is survived by his wife; son, Bradford Scott Parrett, Wabash; two granddaughters, Jessica Parrett, Wabash, and Jennifer Parrett, Eustis, Fla.; grandson, Jeremy Parrett, Wabash; great-grandson, Isaih Parrett, Eustis; three great-granddaughters, Kaiden Hobbs, Jaden Parrett, and Paris Crull, each of Wabash.

Parrett was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; and eight sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 10 a.m. at the St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash, with Father Sextus Don officiating.

Burial will be at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

A rosary will be said at the funeral home at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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

Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice or St. Bernard Catholic Church.

Joseph W. "Bill" Hill, 69

Monday, December 05, 2005

Joseph W. "Bill" Hill, 69, Peru, passed away at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1936 in Peru to Claude and Maude (Babbs) Hill. He married Betty Douglas Hill in 1970, and she survives.

Hill was formerly employed at Square D and was retired from Peru Community Schools.

Survivors include a daughter, Lori Davis, Peru; six sons, Jeff Hill, Colorado, Gary Hill, Virginia, Drew Hill, Florida, Mike Alberts, Peru, Greg Alberts, Peru, and Tony Alberts, California; a sister, Mary Wisser, Pennsylvania; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Timothy, two brothers, Charles and Harold Hill, and three sisters, Inez Jackson, June Bowers and Betty Donnelly.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Leukemia Foundation.

Patricia Lee Opp, 63

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Patricia Lee Opp, 63, Peru, passed away at 2:10 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2005 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo.

She was born on April 4, 1942 in Allen County, Ky. to Clancy and Laudie Lee Russell Gosnell. She married Joseph L. Opp on April 20, 1962, and he survives.

Opp was a 1962 graduate of Swayzee High School and a member of the Peru and Marion Eagles auxiliaries. She was a former employee of the Miami County Courthouse and was also a homemaker.

Survivors other than her husband include her mother; a son, Daniel K. Opp and wife Rose, Peru; two brothers, Ronnie B. Gosnell and wife Charlene, Royal Center, and Roger E. Gosnell, Illinois; two sisters, Josephine Kelch and husband David, Marion and Karen J. Becraft and husband Charles, Peru; and a sister-in-law, Linda Gosnell Mays, Peru.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor James Clark Officiating.

Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Goldie Mae See Correll, 95

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Goldie Mae See Correll, 95, of Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born September 28, 1910 in Peru to Noah and Mary See. In 1930 she was married to Ora D. Correll, and he preceded her in death on November 3, 1970.

She was a member Christian Pilgrim Church in Peru.

Survivors include two sons, Robert E. Correll and wife Shirley, Peru, and Paul J. Correll, Mexico; four grandsons, John M. Correll, Indianapolis, Charles O. Correll, Peru, Paul J. Correll, II, Indianapolis, and Terry L. Correll, Denver; three granddaughters, Angela L. Gilleland, Peru, Melissa K. Arnold, Mexico, and Teresa E. Correll, Denver; nine great-grandchildren, Alicia K. Murphy, Johnna N. Correll, Sierra

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Correll, Sarah Correll, Bailey Correll, Brody Correll, Kristina Gilleland and Gavin M. Correll; and two daughters-in-law, Mary Correll, Denver, and Ruby L. Weir, Peru.

She was preceded in death by two sons, John E. Correll and Terry L. Correll, Sr.; one daughter-in-law, Januita Sons Correll; one grandson, Dan Correll; a granddaughter, Paula A. Correll Murphy; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Denver.

Steve "Reno" Patkus, Jr., 77

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Steve "Reno" Patkus, Jr., 77, Akron, died at 2:40 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor West, Wabash.

Funeral services were private.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver was in charge of the arrangements.

Helen M. Svetlik, 78

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Helen M. Svetlik, 78, Janesville, Wis., passed away on Friday, December 2, 2005 at her residence.

She was born in East Chicago on May 18, 1927, to Frank and Mary D'Armond Smith. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in East Chicago and moved to Peru, where she worked as an executive secretary for United Industries. After retiring there, she worked for American Stationery, retiring in 2003 and then moving to Janesville to be near her daughter and her family.

Helen was a very loving mother who was very proud of her children and grandchildren. She was also a very caring, kind and giving person, who made friends with everyone she met. Her happy-go-lucky nature and wonderful personality will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Nemeth and husband Joe, Janesville and Linda Szymoniak and husband Ed, Schererville; five grandchildren, Craig Nemeth, Jim Nemeth and wife Alice and their two children, Tyler and Dominick, and Hillary, Fawn and Shaina Szymoniak; her brother, Robert Smith and wife Dolly, Springfield, Ill.; many nieces and nephews, who were very much a part of her life; other relatives, many friends and her two faithful dogs, Purdy and Honey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Joseph; grandson, Michael Nemeth; two sisters, Mary Dunlap and Charlotte Holcomb; two brothers, Frank and Jack Smith; and her long time companion, Robert L. Yoder.

Private funeral services will be held in Peru with burial at Peoria Cemetery, Miami County.

Assisting with arrangements is the Whitcomb-Lynch-Albrecht Funeral Home, Janesville and Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Vera A. Young, 102

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Vera A. Young, 102, Peru, formerly of Hinton, West Virginia, passed away at 11:27 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005 at the Continuing Care Center at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1903 at Jumping Branch, W. Va., to George W. and Nancy (Etta) Lilly. She married Charles A. Young on July 3, 1922 in Beckley, W. Va., and he preceded her in death on March 25, 1971.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Hinton, and also attended Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Jo Morris and husband Staten of Lakeview, Ark.; two sons, Jack O. Young and wife Pat, Peru and David L. Young and wife Kyra, Lafayette; a sister, Rhelda Meadows, Daniels, W. Va.; seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four sisters and four brothers.
Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlor in Hinton.
Burial will follow at Restwood Memorial Gardens, Hinton.
Visitation is from noon to time of service on Saturday.
Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Susan J. Apt, 75

Wednesday, December 07, 2005

Susan J. Apt, 75, Peru, passed away at 4:49 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2005, at her residence.
She was born on Dec. 15, 1929 in Peru to Benjamin and Thelma Steele Tanco. She married Richard E. Apt on Dec. 8, 1950, and he passed away on Sept. 20, 2005.

Apt graduated from Peru High School in 1947 and was retired from Indiana Bell. She was a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church.

Survivors include a sister, Sallye E. Kelley, Denison, Texas; four nephews, Brent Davis, Peru, Philip Gibson, Fort Wayne, David Apt, Rochester, and Michael David Kelley, Arlington, Texas; and four nieces, Diane Shields, Huntington, Jean Anne Morris, Marion, Beth Gilligan, Fairfax, Va., and Sallye K. "Tad" Russey, Pottsboro, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru with Rev. Douglas E. Hungerford officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church.

Mark A. Bowman, 44

Wednesday, December 07, 2005

Mark A. Bowman, 44, Peru, passed away at 10:21 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2005, at his residence.
There are no services planned.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Arthur "Dean" Hileman, 86

Thursday, December 08, 2005

Arthur "Dean" Hileman, 86, Peru, passed away at 3:18 a.m. on Monday, December 5, 2005, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on December 29, 1918 in Miami County to Chester and Phebe Cook Hileman. He married Mary Qualio on Nov. 9, 1951, and she preceded him in death on March 30, 1997. He then married Sherry Sanders on Oct. 24, 1998, and she survives.

Hileman graduated from Chili High School. He retired from Honeywell Corporation as an industrial engineer and was also a retired farmer.

He was a member of the Erie United Methodist Church, the Peru Moose Lodge, the American Legion Glen Owens Post 14, and the VFW Post 2067. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran and participated in campaigns in the southern Philippines, Luzon and New Guinea. His military decorations include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Service Medal, the Philippines Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, the WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Survivors other than his wife include a son, Stephen Hileman; a daughter, Ann Warren and husband Scott, Mesa, Ariz.; two sisters, Mary Richter, Peru and Maxine Garber, Columbus; a brother, Robert Hileman and wife Delores, Peru; two step-children; six grandchildren, Seth Hileman, Stephenie Hileman, Mark

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Hileman, Andrea Hileman, Trinity Brown and Nick Johnston; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Rev. Warrell G. Law officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Martha Jean Wollenhaupt, 85

Friday, December 09, 2005

Martha Jean Wollenhaupt, 85, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo, due to complications from a stroke she suffered Nov. 14.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1920, near Perrysburg in Miami County, the daughter of Joseph Fleet and Gertrude May Brubaker Witmeyer.

On June 14, 1945 in Huntington she was married to Harry P. Wollenhaupt, and he preceded her in death on June 27, 1982.

Wollenhaupt worked at the Victory Ordinance Plant near Mexico during WWII, Eck-Adams in Peru, and she later retired from Lear Corp. in 2000.

She graduated from Deedsville High School in 1938 and was a past member of the Perrysburg Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Wally Wollenhaupt and wife Sharon, Silver Lake; three daughters, Rita Sorenson and husband Charles, Ft. Wayne, Julie Jenkins and husband Jay, Bunker Hill, and Teresa Gingerich, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ovid J. Witmeyer in 1979 and Byron B. Witmeyer in 1991.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

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

Friends may call from noon until time of service at the funeral home.

Lois V. Halderman, 85

Friday, December 09, 2005

Lois V. Halderman, 85, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on May 10, 1920 in Amboy to Ralph and Madge (Fry) Sheridan, and married Robert Halderman at Wabash Friends Church on February 26, 1946. He preceded her in death on September 26, 2004.

The 1939 graduate of Somerset High School was a homemaker, and member of the First Christian Church, Peru, Ladies of the Moose, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Gamma Nu Sorority.

She is survived by grandchildren, Jarrod Halderman and Erica Halderman, each of Peru; great-grandchildren, Ayla Campbell and Lucas Haskett; step-brother, Gene Smith, Somerset; and niece, Lori VerMaas, Wabash.

Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Gary Halderman, and daughter-in-law, Tina Halderman, both in 2003.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

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Clara L. Wiltshire, 86

Friday, December 09, 2005

Clara L. Wiltshire, 86, Peru, passed away at 9:35 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on Sept. 1, 1919 in Kewanna to Floyd and May Miller Landis. She married M.F. "Granny" Wiltshire in Rochester on Sept. 21, 1940 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 1984.

Wiltshire graduated from Peru High School in 1937 and worked at Senger Dry Goods, Plotner's Dress Shop and Elaine's Dress Shop. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church for more than 50 years and was a charter member of the Elkettes. She was a member of the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include two daughters, Sally Wiltshire Keith and husband Thomas A., Peru and Mariann Wiltshire Gray and husband Robert S., Rochester, Minn.; grandchildren John Keith and wife Susan Yoon, Bloomington, Mary Courtney Shaffer and husband Kenny, Peru, and Chad Gray, St. Paul, Minn.; and great-grandchildren Carter Shaffer, Conner Shaffer, Claire Yoon Keith and Riley Gray; and special friend, Dick Kreutzer, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Clyde Landis, and a sister, Mary Rans. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating.

Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Peru Public Library, the Dukes Auxiliary or Dukes Health Care Foundation.

Don L. Hubenthal, 61

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Don L. Hubenthal, 61, Lucerne, passed away at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born on August 9, 1944 in Kokomo to Harold and Marie (Brown) Hubenthal, and married Margaret L. Young on January 9, 1965 at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Twelve Mile, and she survives.

Hubenthal was formerly a mechanic for U.P.S., as well as a self-employed farmer.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by three sons, Todd Hubenthal and wife Michele, Logansport, Andy Hubenthal and wife Tanyna, Lucerne, and Matt Hubenthal and wife Tara, Lucerne; five grandchildren, Lacey, Dalea, Curtis, Alyssa, and Brianna Hubenthal; two brothers, Wayne H. Hubenthal, Shelbyville, and Rex H. Hubenthal, West Palm Beach, Fla.; three sisters, LuAnn Miller, Sharon Hubenthal, and Julie Johnson, each of Huber Heights, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

No funeral service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with medical expenses.

Heather Marie Brousseau, 19

Monday, December 12, 2005

Heather Marie Brousseau, 19, formerly of Peru, passed away on Friday, December 9, 2005 at her residence in Bratt, Fla.

Funeral services will be today at 1 p.m. at Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home Chapel, Atmore, Ala., with Brother Jeff Howard officiating.

Interment will follow in Godwin Cemetery, Bratt.

Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the chapel.

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Norman A. Sommers, 70

Monday, December 12, 2005

Norman A. Sommers, 70, Huntington, passed away at 11:25 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the mortuary, with the Reverend Lee Miller officiating.

Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

In memory of Sommers, contributions may be made to the American Lung Association or the American Diabetes Association in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences may be sent to www.baileylove.com.

Glenn R. Denny, 76

Monday, December 12, 2005

Glenn R. Denny, 76, Converse, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 10:51 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at his residence.

He was born in Saranac, Michigan to Archie and Zella Irene (Bigley) Denny, and has been a resident of this area since 1957.

Denny married Imogene Denny, who preceded him in death on April 8, 1995, and then married O. Joann Smith Summers Boyer on November 11, 1995 and she survives.

He retired from General Motors in Marion, where he won several awards for suggestions he made to the company. Denny was a great lover of sports and excelled in high school athletics. He loved attending his grandsons and step-grandsons sports activities, and was a member of the Grace Community Church, General Motors Sympathy Club and the U.A.W. 977.

Aside from his second wife, Denny is survived by daughter, Gail Fisher and husband Tom, Mulberry, Fla.; step-son, Kenneth Summers and wife Julie, Fountaintown; brother, Bert Denny and wife Barbara, Belmont, Mich.; grandsons, Chris Fisher, Rusty Fisher and Jay Fisher, Mulberry, Fla.; step-grandson, Nicholas Summers, Williamsport, Ohio; granddaughters, Lasondra Fisher and Angie Fisher, Mulberry, Fla.; step-granddaughters, Erica Gunn, Greensburg, and Jenna Kelley, Shelbyville; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and an infant daughter, Ruth Denny.

Visitation will be conducted today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home, with the Reverend Tom Mansbarger officiating.

Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Online condolences may be sent to www.nswcares.com.

Mae Draving, 79

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Mae Draving, 79, Peru, passed away at 10:40 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1926 in Adams County to Arthur and Sylvia Glassburn Sipe. She married Darrell E. Draving on Oct. 29, 1947 in North Grove and he passed away on March 1, 1990.

Draving was a homemaker. She graduated from Clay Township High School in 1945.

Survivors include a son, Ronald E. Draving, Peru; two daughters, Connie Christian and husband Ron, Medaryville, and Kathy Newman and husband Mike, Peru; five grandchildren, Michael Newman, Peru, Lucas Newman, Peru, Nicole Christensen, Fowler, Mark Draving, Peru, and Randy Draving, South Bend;

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two step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild, Skylor Adwell; and two sisters, Phyllis Walker, Alamogordo, N.M., and Madonna Dills, Marion.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother, Vernon Sipe, and two sisters, Betty McNeely and Judy Legate.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Rev. Robert J. Clark officiating.

Burial will follow at Peoria Cemetery, Peoria.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to the Peoria Church.

Margaret J. Copeland, 95

Friday, December 16, 2005

Margaret J. Copeland, 95, formerly of Peru, and a resident of the Century Villa Health Care facility, Greentown, passed away at 4:10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on July 31, 1910 in Wabash to Frank and Margaret Rozell, and married William J. Copeland, who preceded her in death.

Copeland is survived by her daughter, Connie Simpson, Kokomo; granddaughter, Kim Casbon and husband David, Kokomo; and great-grandson, Chad Bergin.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers; three sisters; and one step-son.

Funeral services will be conducted at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with the Reverend Robert Adelsperger officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Bailey Gene Frye, infant

Friday, December 16, 2005

Bailey Gene Frye, infant, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at St. Vincent's Women's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was one of a set of triplets born on December 5, 2005 in Indianapolis to Dennis and Nonie Brown Frye, Twelve Mile.

Aside from her parents, Frye is survived by grandparents, John and Connie Brown, and Betty Frye; two older sisters, Caleigh Brianna Frye and Britney Nicole Frye at home, and Cateline Leigh Frye and Allie Jo Fyre, who entered this world with her 10 days ago.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Larry 'Buck' Frye.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, envelopes will be available for memorial contributions at the church or by contacting the funeral home.

Ronald L. Baber, 81

Friday, December 16, 2005

Ronald L. Baber, 81, Rochester, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on January 8, 1924 in Macy to Roscoe C. and Golda F. (Heckathorn) Baber. On September 6, 1944 he married Nilah G. Edwards in Macy. She preceded him in death on January 18, 2005.

Baber retired from civil service, having been the heating supervisor at Grissom Air Force Base. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

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He was a member of the Macy Lincoln Lodge #523 F & AM, Mizpah Shriner's, Fort Wayne, Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne, American Legion, Destroyer Escort Historical Foundation, and the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Baber's hobbies included fishing, golf, playing euchre, being with his family and his dog, Bunky.

He is survived by his son Rick L. and wife Teresa Baber, Rochester; daughters, Barbara Brown and husband Edward, Kokomo, Carol Damron and husband David, Rochester; grandchildren, Ron Baber and wife Cheryl, Lafayette, Paul Baber and wife Dawn, Virginia Beach, Va., Kyle Damron and wife Megan, Somerset, Ky., and Seth Brown, Kokomo; five great-grandchildren; brother, Richard Baber and wife LaVerne, Mexico; sisters, Imogene Wilson and husband Ed, Rochester, and Betty Jo Benedict, Kokomo; step-brother, Richard Briggs and wife Joyce, Macy; several nieces and nephews.

Baber was preceded in death by his father and mother, Golda F. Briggs, in 2000.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Rick Taylor officiating.

Visitation will be on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

Masonic services will be conducted at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home by the Macy Lincoln Lodge #523 F & AM.

Burial will be at a later date in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church and/or to the Macy Lincoln Lodge #523 F & AM.

Dr. David W. Allman, 70

Monday, December 19, 2005

Dr. David W. Allman, 70, Indianapolis, died at 9:39 p.m., Thursday, December 15, 2005 at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born in Peru, IN, May 20, 1935 the son of Frederick C. and Eunice A. Vermillion Allman. He married Mary Ann VanDerWeele in North Vernon, IN on February 11, 1956 and they were married for almost 50 years.

Dr. David Allman was a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at Indiana University School of Medicine. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Indiana University in 1964. He did postdoctoral work at the prestigious Institute for Enzyme Research at the University of Wisconsin and was an assistant professor of biochemistry at Wisconsin before joining the department of biochemistry at Indiana University School of Medicine in 1970. He spent the remainder of his academic career, 35 years, at the School of Medicine at IUPUI in Indianapolis.

As a research investigator, Dr. Allman contributed significantly to our understanding of mitochondrial processes and the action of fluoride on cellular metabolism and signaling. Throughout his career, Dr. Allman was a major contributor to the teaching of dental, medical and graduate school students at IUPUI. He was instrumental in developing problem-based learning courses for students in a variety of programs. He was widely recognized at IUPUI and the Statewide Centers for Medical Education as a leader in developing cases in problem-based learning and in assessment of student learning in this process. He served as the director of the medical biochemistry statewide examination at the School of Medicine and co-director of the course in medical biochemistry at Indianapolis. He contributed significantly to the recruitment and admission of graduate students in biochemistry and molecular biology and a newly established Biotechnology Training program. He was internationally recognized for his contributions to the recruitment of graduate students from China after the Cultural Revolution through the CUSBEA exchange program. In 1998, Beijing University gave him an award for these contributions. He made many trips to China to interview and recruit students to U.S. biochemistry graduate programs and particularly the programs at IU School of Medicine. His personal effort to help Chinese students adjust to American culture was widely appreciated by many students who are now successful professors and researchers in universities and industries today. Dr. Allman was ever the consummate Departmental citizen and an

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outstanding colleague who will be sadly missed by faculty, students and staff of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Living in Pike Township, he served on the school board for many years, as well as being a scorekeeper for the high school basketball teams. He was a member of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. He loved the outdoors as he worked on the family farm. He had been attending the Indianapolis 500 Mile race since college days along with NASCAR and Formula One since they came to Indy.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Allman; his mother, Eunice Allman of Peru; two daughters, Victoria Haeck and her husband Paul of New Braunfels, TX and Judith Byrd and her husband James of Hendersonville, NC; three grandchildren, Adam Haeck, Kelsey Byrd and Kyle Byrd; and one great-grandson, Sebastian Haeck.

A service celebrating the life of Dr. Allman will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 West Main Street, Peru, with Reverend John E. Hess officiating, burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Childers, 47

Sunday, December 18, 2005

Thomas Childers, 47, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at his residence. He was born on March 22, 1958 in Hazard, Ky. to Marion and Marie (Campbell) Childers. Childers was a 1976 graduate of Peru High School and served in the United States Army. He was employed with Arrowhead Estates, Peru.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Childers, Peru; two children, Jessica and Billy Childers, both of Watertown, N.Y.; sisters, Mary Childers, Phoenix, and Nancy Howard and husband Jerry, Peru; and his friend, Brunchilde Hickling, Peru.

Childers was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ronald Shaner officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Winifred J. Snyder, 86

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

Winifred J. Snyder, 86, Merrillville, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2005, at Towne Centre Health Care, Merrillville.

She was born on Aug. 14, 1919 in Quincy to Ralph and Hazel (Wilson) Summers. She married Robert L. Snyder in 1942 and he passed away on Jan. 4, 1990.

Snyder was a retired Maconaquah school teacher. She was a member of the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and a member of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a daughter, Myra Harbrecht and husband Tom, Merrillville, and a son, Michael Snyder, Portland, Ore.; a brother, Billy Summers, Carp; two sisters, Mary Schneider, Spencer and Patricia Meeks, Greencastle; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church with Pastor David Duke officiating.

Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Spencer.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Gideons.

Arrangements are by Allen Funeral home, Bunker Hill.

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Ralph R. Rayls, 53

Thursday, December 22, 2005

Ralph R. Rayls, 53, Kokomo, passed away at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1952 in Kokomo to Ralph H. and Frances L. Williams Rayls. He married Pamela M. Bradley Rayls on July 17, 1981 and she preceded him in death on Aug. 14, 1998. He then married J. Marie Shelton-Rayls on June 3, 2000, and she survives.

Rayls had worked for Syndicate Sales, Kokomo, and was a member of the First General Baptist Church, Kokomo and the Eagles Lodge #255, Kokomo. He graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1970 and was in the United States Air Force from 1971 to 1977.

Rayls was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan and enjoyed spending time with his family and his dog, Uno. Survivors other than his wife include three sons, Jarrod Rayls and wife Reshawn, Kokomo, Ralph "Rocky" R. Rayls, II, Kokomo, and Ben Rayls and companion Rachel Karns, Kokomo; two daughters, Beth Ann Rayls-Covey and husband Andrew, Kokomo, and Amanda Rayls, Kokomo; a step-son, Ryan Downs and wife Brandy, Kokomo; a step-daughter, Tiffany Perisho, Kokomo; grandchildren Kynzie and Tyler Rayls, Pammy Covey, Mea Rayls, Kaelyn and Lily Perisho and Brayden Ray; one brother, Tom Rayls and wife Debbie, Burlington; five sisters, Theresa Mohler, Kokomo, Sharon Loshnowksy and husband Mardie, Peru; Carolyn Maxwell and husband Lowell, Wabash; Judy Daugherty and husband Kevin, Peru; and Joni and Jim Davenport, Peru; a special aunt, Dorothy Mendenhall, Russiaville; and a special cousin, Carla Mendenhall, Kokomo; father-in-law Sherman Shelton, Kokomo; mother-in-law Catherine Torrez, Greentown; former mother-and-father-in-law Booster and Lou Bradley, Kokomo; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Eilers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 W. Main St., Kokomo with Pastor Brad Swain officiating.

Burial will follow at Albright Cemetery, Kokomo.

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

Mary Grace Brenner, 81

Saturday, December 24, 2005

Mary Grace Brenner, 81, Peru, passed away at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2005 at her residence. She was born on February 7, 1924 in Bement, Illinois to Henry and Bulah (Schroll) Shipman, and married William A. Brenner in Logansport on June 21, 1947, he survives.

Brenner was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru.

Aside from her husband, she is survived by two sons, Donald Mowrey, Peru, and John Brenner and wife Lynda, Moncks Corner, South Carolina; three daughters, Judith White and husband Edward, Peru; Lana Brenner Stone, Peru, and Tracey Shurboff and husband Henry, Peru; brother, Paul 'Pete' Teel and wife Virgie, Akron; sister, Ruth 'Pat' Griffin, Peru; nieces, Janice Eisenmenger and husband David, Peru, Peggy Meyer and husband Dean, Logansport, and Diana Deaton, Kokomo; nephews, Danny Williams, Jim Williams, and Michael Williams, each of Logansport, Dick Shipman, West Palm Beach, Florida, Ryan Teel, Rowlett, Texas, and Scott Teel, Akron; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Brenner was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Andrea Brenner; sister, Gail Watkins; and brother Herbert Shipman.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru.

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

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Isabelle E. Pearce, 94

Saturday, December 24, 2005

Isabelle E. Pearce, Miller's Merry Manor, formerly of Fulton, passed away at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2005.

She was born on December 21, 1911, to Leroy and Bessie (Brindle) Bowman. She was married to Leonard Pearce, who preceded her in death in 1968.

Isabelle was a life member of Order of the Eastern Star, Indianapolis, and a member of the Fulton Baptist Church.

Survivors include a nephew, Joe Pearce and wife Emma, Peru; and numerous great nieces and nephews. She also had a special friend, Alma Migonas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Mary Bowman.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating.

Friends may call Tuesday at the chapel from noon until time of service.

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

Reverend Father Charles Leo Kline, 69

Saturday, December 24, 2005

The Reverend Father Charles Leo Kline, 69, Kokomo, passed away at 10:10 a.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at his home. He was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kokomo on February 24, 1936, to George Oscar and Marie M. (Amick) Kline.

He attended grade school at St. Patrick School in Kokomo, and graduated high school from Our Lady of the Lake in Wawasee, where he also attended minor seminary. After graduation, he entered St. Mary's (major seminary) in Norwood, Ohio, and graduated in 1962. He was ordained on May 26, 1962, at St. Patrick Church by Bishop Bennett. He earned a master's degree in education.

Father Kline's assignments included serving as Associate Pastor at St. Mary in Anderson in 1962; Associate Pastor at St. Paul in Marion in 1965 and Principal at Bennett High School; in 1969, Associate Pastor at St. Charles Borromeo in Peru; 1970, Diocesan Director, Religious Education; 1973, Pastor at St. Joseph in Lebanon; 1978, Pastor at St. Ambrose in Anderson; 1984, Pastor at St. Vincent de Paul in Logansport; 1988, Pastor at St. Joseph in Kentland; 1991, Pastor at St. Paul in Marion; 1995, Pastor at St. Francis Xavier in Attica; 2000, Pastor at St. Joseph in Covington, while continuing as Pastor at St. Francis Xavier in Attica; and Pastor at St. Charles in Otterbein.

He was a history buff who also enjoyed fishing, especially for walleye. He was an avid reader and a chronic Internet surfer.

Survivors include two brothers, Paul "Mick" Kline of Kokomo, and Patrick E. Kline and his wife Maggie, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 N. Washington, Kokomo. The Most Reverend William L. Higi, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, will be the celebrant with the priests of the Diocese as co-celebrants.

Burial will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park.

Friends and family are invited to call at the church two hours prior to the Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul, with envelopes available at the church.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

Larry L. Apt, 70

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Larry L. Apt, 70, Indianapolis, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, December 21, 2005.

He was born in Peru on November 24, 1935 to Frank M. and Roxie V. (Forrey) Apt.

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The 1953 graduate of Peru High School was encouraged to study art by his Peru High School art teacher, Wayne Taylor. He graduated with a degree in art and education from Indiana State University and later earned a master's degree from Butler University.

Apt taught at Northwest High School, Indianapolis, and was a guidance counselor at Marion High School. After retiring from the faculty of Sanford College in Seminole, Florida, Apt returned to Indianapolis in 1993.

He is survived by a brother, Frank M. Apt Jr., Logansport; nieces, Diane Shields, Huntington, Jean Ann Morris, Marion, and Beth Gilligan, Fairfax, Virginia; nephews, Brent Davis, Peru, David Apt, Rochester, and Phillip Gibson, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Bette Davis and Juanita Gibson, and brother, Richard Apt.

A private memorial service is pending at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church, 34 W. Main St., Peru.

Arrangements are being handled at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Timothy Lee Carr, 57

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Timothy Lee Carr, 57, beloved brother of Sara Carr Stalker and loved son of Bernice Gow, both of Denver, was tragically killed in a car accident outside of Savannah, Ga., on November 5, 2005.

The following is a tribute to Tim from the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

Tim was a sailor, environmentalist, carpenter, organic gardener, and musician and an active supporter of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society since 1981.

People who call the Sea Shepherd office have heard his voice. Songs by Tim Carr make up the music on our phone system anytime someone is placed on hold.

Tim's introduction to environmental law enforcement and research began in 1968 after joining the U.S. Coast Guard. He served aboard an icebreaker that doubled as a research vessel for federal studies on the Great Lakes, gathering documentation confirming the critical pollution levels found in Lake Erie. This mission led to the historic treaty of shared responsibility for pollution reduction and clean-up between Canada and the U.S. for the Great Lakes basin and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

After moving to Maui, Tim's dedication to the land led him to create CANE and ABLE (Citizens Against Noxious Emissions and Agricultural Bio-mass is Logical Energy) a community by Hawaiian Commercial Sugar (HCS). He offered solutions that would stabilize soil erosion and pollutant run-off while working to encourage biomass gasification research with alternative crops. These efforts also led to the defeat of the 28 megawatt coal-fired generator, proposed by HCS and MECO (Maui Electric Company).

Tim was Sea Shepherd's official representative on Maui for years. Sea Shepherd Hawaii's sweetest victory was born at a small concert in Haiku called "Save Our Sea." Tim and Lynda Carr organized and hosted an evening of music and inspiration in order to stop the federal lease sale of 2.5 million square miles of Hawaiian seabed for manganese nodule strip mining. After a successful federal lawsuit halted the lease sale, "Save Our Seas" went on to become "The Blue Ocean Preservation Society" representing Maui's citizens concerned about rapidly deteriorating near shore water quality.

Anyone who knew Tim or heard Tim's songs knew that his life long desire was to protect and to preserve this magnificent planet and its awesome diversity for the coming generations, animal and human. Tim was one of the kindest, gentlest and nicest people we have ever known.

Our sympathies and condolences to Tim's wife Lynda. Tim Carr was a much loved member of the Sea Shepherd family and he will be missed by all of us.

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Jack Adams Jr., 77

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Jack Adams Jr., 77, Mentone, passed away at 12:15 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2005 at his residence. He was born on November 11, 1928 in Kosciusko County to Jackson and Pauline (Personette) Adams, and married Aleene Lowry on May 21, 1949 in Argos, and she survives.

The 1946 graduate of Beaver Dam High School had worked for the Kosciusko County Highway Department for 13 1/2 years, as well as a milk hauler in his earlier years. He had also worked at Utters Service Station in Mentone and was the former owner of the J & A Car Wash in Akron.

Aside from his wife, Adams is survived by daughter, Diane Landis and husband Rick, Macy; two sons, Dennis Adams and wife Cindy, Winona Lake, and Gary Adams and wife Jeni, Akron; five grandchildren, Heather Adams, Jamie Adams, Ryan Adams, Jennifer Landis and Jeremy Landis; sister, Bonnie Summe, Albion; and two brothers, Raymond Adams and wife Marilyn, and Jim Adams and wife Margaret, each of Akron.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverend Don Poyser officiating.

Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital, Rileys Children Hospital and/or Woodlawn Home Health Care.

Harry A. Melson, 79

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Harry A. Melson, 79, Peru, died at 7:58 p.m. on Sunday, December 25, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, surrounded by the family he loved so much. He was born in Peru on September 28, 1926 the son of Leslie and Edith (Pohlman) Melson. He married Berdean Kuhns Melson on November 22, 1946 in Kokomo, and she survives.

Harry graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1944 and served in the United States Army during World War II. He participated in the Luzon campaign, and his military decorations include the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with one bronze star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation of Japan Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Following his discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946, Harry went to work for Pure-O-Flame, which later became Thermogas. In 1966, he went to work for NIPSCO and he retired as Regional Sales Manager in 1990.

Harry was a life-long resident of Peru and Miami County, and he and his wife Berdean, lovingly raised three wonderful children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Peru-Miami Lodge #67, F & AM, Miami County VFW Post 2067, the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne, the Bunker Hill Fish and Game Club, and the National Cur and Feist Breeder Association.

A lover of outdoors, he was an avid coon hunter and dog lover. Harry never met a stranger, had a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people. Upon his retirement from NIPSCO, he immersed himself in family activities. He was a devoted husband, father and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather, who enjoyed attending the activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife Berdean Melson; children, Linda Mock and husband Jim, Peru, Kim Melson and wife Lucy, Peru, Cindy Stehlik and husband Randy, Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Danielle and Jim Hawkins, Robin and Jody Beachamp, Tracy and Matt Lewis, Kasey and Derek Peebles, Isaac and April Mock, Shelly and Tim Rice, Alyssa and Jason Bradley, Jonathon Stehlik and David Stehlik; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers; one sister; a granddaughter, Stacey Melson; and a great-granddaughter, Virginia Lewis.

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A service celebrating the life of Harry A. Melson will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2005 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Adelsperger, Pastor Ron Kerr, and Pastor Rod Finster officiating.

Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, with Military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru.

There will be a Masonic Service at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mary E. Kellie House Brittain, 89

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

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 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 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 delaughter-mckee.com.

Stephanie L. Schnettler, 48

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Stephanie L. Schnettler, 48, Peru, passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2005 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born on April 30, 1957 in Phoenix to James E. and Luella Bryan, and married Kenneth J. Schnettler on September 9, 1999 and he survives.

Her father was the winner of the 1958 Indianapolis 500.

Aside from her husband, Schnettler is survived by her mother, Luella Bryan, Phoenix; two sons, Christopher Vaughan, Charleston, W. V., and Robert B. Vaughan IV, Weed, Calif.; granddaughter, Lilia Vaughan; and sister, Cindi Bryan, Los Angeles.

She was preceded in death by her father; and one son, Robert B. Vaughan III.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5 p.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

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Esther G. DeMuth, 92

Thursday, December 29, 2005

Esther G. DeMuth, 92, Peru, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

She was born on August 5, 1913 in Peru to Perry and Susie (Ort) DeMuth.

DeMuth was a retired elementary school teacher at both Victory and Lincoln Schools. The 1932 graduate of Peru High School attended Marshall College, Huntington, W.V., Bozman College, Bozman, Mont., Ball State University, Muncie, and Manchester College, North Manchester, earning bachelor and master degrees.

She was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Huguenot Society of Indiana, Anacreon Literary Club, Miami County Retired Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, National Retired Teachers Association and the Worthwhile Home Economics Club.

DeMuth is survived by her sister, Betty Dorsam, Peru; and friends, Edward and Juanita Hatch, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Norbert DeMuth; six sisters, Edna Wagner, Helen DeMuth, Geraldine Webster, Frances Walters, Audrey Boone, and Mary Schache.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

C. Robert Eikenberry, 86

Friday, December 30, 2005

C. Robert Eikenberry, 86, Peru, passed away at 8:50 a.m. on Thursday, December 29, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

He was born on Aug. 4, 1919 in Miami County to Walter and Madilyn Ruse Eikenberry. He married Shirley Hall Eikenberry at the Peru Civic Center on May 31, 1958, and she preceded him in death on July 10, 1998.

Eikenberry retired from the Land Acquisition Division of the Indiana Highway Department in 1987 after 21 years of service.

He was a 1937 graduate of Jefferson Township High School. He was a member of the Peru Elks and Eagles lodges, the Miami County Farm Bureau, the Indiana Sheriff's Association and the Peru Loyal Order of the Moose.

Survivors include his son, Brian Eikenberry and wife Della, New Haven; four grandchildren, Charles Brian Eikenberry, Sara Smith, Page Junk and Thomas Eikenberry; six great-grandchildren, Aubrinna Eikenberry, Timothy Eikenberry, Angelous DiFederico, Coleton Junk, August DiFederico and Delanie Junk; one brother, Wallace Eikenberry and wife Betty, Lake Placid, Fla.; two sisters, Ada Baldwin and husband Harmon, Bloomington and Marjorie Kepner, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and a sister-in-law, Beulah Smith, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and two sisters, Eleanor Eikenberry and Barbara Buckles.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplin Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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