

Peru Daily Tribune

2008 Obituaries

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Tuesday, January 01, 2008/ Friday, January 04, 2008

Geraldine Akers "Gerri" Siner, 83, Bloomington, a former resident here, passed away Friday, Dec. 28, 2007 in Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Bloomington. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Allen Funeral Home, Bloomington, is in charge of arrangements.

Larry P. Gahs, 65, Peru, passed away at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital. He lived in Peru and Miami County all his life. He was born April 7, 1942 in Peru to Lamoine P. and C. Pauline (Chittum) Gahs. He married Mary L. Day Sept. 15, 1978, and she survives. Larry served in the National Guard and was a retired job setter and inspector from Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo. He was a member of Peoria United Methodist Church and loved John Deere tractors, NASCAR, gardening and spending time with his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Traci Ratkovich and husband Mike, Bedford, Shelly Miller, and Jodi Bailey and husband Jim, all of Peru; three sons, Larry Gahs and wife Jackie, Kokomo, Mark Draving and wife Lillie, Peru, and Randy Draving and wife Cathy, South Bend; a step-daughter, Jeannie Huff, Mitchell; a brother, Denny Gahs and wife Pat, Peru; 14 grandchildren, Michelle, Mellissa, Matt, Marissa, Jalayna, Jake, Jaylenn, Billy, Stephanie, Cindy, Dallas, Merisa, Kody and Emily; seven great-grandchildren, Sadie, Lexie, Justice, Levi, Katie, Brayden and Zoey; a sister, Lana Oldfather and husband Steve, Kokomo; his best friend, Bob Biddle; and his pets, Bud and Bear. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Thursday, January 03, 2008/ Friday, January 04, 2008/Saturday, January 05, 2008

Betty Jane Bullick, 83, Marion, went home to be with the Lord at 6:12 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She entered Heavens Gates with her husband of 65 years, Edgar, at her side. Her children and grandchildren were also with her. She was born in Howard County on Nov. 13, 1924 to Elmer C. and Vada (Kerby) Moss. On June 5, 1943 in Wabash she married Edgar L. Bullick, who survives. Betty was a graduate of Clay High School, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Galveston. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Galveston, and was a homemaker. She is loved very much by her husband and family, and will be greatly missed but we are comforted knowing she is in the hands of the Lord; Psalms 136, "O give thanks to the Lord for he is good...." Survivors besides her husband include a son, Roger L. Bullick and wife Diane, Marion; two daughters, Sandra Seals and husband Theodore, Bunker Hill, and Phyllis Bowyer and husband Larry, Walton; seven grandchildren, Michael and Tracy Seals, Carmel, Julie and Lee Miller, Bunker Hill, Lori and Bret Dailey, Kokomo, Kyle and Paula Bullick, Wabash, Brad and Cristi Bowyer, Greentown, Kelly and Mike Hawkins, Marion, and Janea and Jason Graves, Peru; 15 great-grandchildren, Lacy, Cole, Leah, Payton, Landon, Justin, Jaren, Joshua, Zachary, Ruthanna, Sarah, Addy, Ally, Drake and Lillia, with two more great-grandchildren expected in 2008; and her brother, Wayne Moss and wife Becky, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Gene, Hershal and Ray Moss; and two sisters, Mary Jackson and Elsie Gearheart. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with the Reverends Warren Purcell and Aaron Webb officiating. Burial will follow at Galveston Cemetery in Galveston. Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Eastern Star services will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Galveston. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Friday, January 04, 2008/ Saturday, January 05, 2008

Carter Roark, 71, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Sept. 7, 1936 in Pineville, Ky. to McKinley and Pollie Sizmore Roark. He married Barbara Ann Allen Oct. 4, 1964 in Stanton, Ky., and she survives. Carter retired from Olin Corp. in 1981. He liked to work on lawn mowers. Survivors besides his wife include five children, Rhonda Roark, Peru, Tammy Mosley and husband Carl, Denver, Thomas Roark and wife Angela, Peru, Edward Roark, Peru, and Jamie Roark and friend Lisa Robinson, Kentucky; nine brothers and sisters, Recia Napier and husband Joe, Evelyn Partin and husband James, all of Kentucky, Sybil Fuchs and husband Fred, Florida, Katrina Wilder, Bonnie Brock, Mary Hunter, Jerald Boatright, all of Kentucky, Dave Roark and wife Teresa, Ohio, and Cecil Roark, Kentucky; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Carter Lee Roark; and a sister, Wanita Mills. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Denver.

Enid E. Fouts, 86, Peru, passed away at 12:33 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born June 15, 1921 in Peru to William and Zella (Tudor) Glassburn. She married Albert E. Fouts March 20, 1943, and he preceded her in death Feb. 3, 1990. Enid retired from Peru Trust Bank and previously worked at Bank One in Fort Myers, Fla. Survivors include two sons, Turhan Fouts and wife Penny, Peru, and Ric Fouts and wife Karen, Rochester; two grandsons, Dr. Derrick Fouts and wife Tamara Arbogast, Germantown, Md., (with a baby expected in June), and Michael Fouts and wife Donna, Somerset; two granddaughters, Carissa Mongosa and husband Eric, and Kimberly Byrum and husband Donny, all of Peru; a step-granddaughter, Karissa Berkett, Rochester; six great-grandchildren, Dillion, Savannah and Natone Mongosa, Peru, Eli and Gabriel Fouts, Germantown, Md., and Sara Fouts, Peru; five step-great-grandchildren, Jared Mongosa, Peru, Damin and Dawn Long, Somerset, and Amanda and Aaron Byrum, Peru; a sister-in-law, Martha Holtz, Leesburg, Fla.; and several nieces,

nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter-in-law, Mary (Graf) Fouts; a brother, Tudor O. Glassburn; and sisters-in-law, Mary and Vern Hudson, and Ethel Mae and Dale Clark. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, January 07, 2008

Zachery AC Correll, 9, Mexico, passed away at 12:25 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2008 in northern Miami County. He was born on January 1, 1999 in Peru to Steve Correll and Melissa 'Missy' Taylor. Zachery was a second grade student at North Miami Elementary School. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Veronica Correll, Mexico; mother, who resides in Peru; grandparents, Elsie Knight, Wabash, Charles Knight, Kewanna, and Charles Taylor, Alabama; half-brother, Chaz Correll, Nyona Lake; step-brother, Clyde Duty, 7, Mexico; step-sisters, Katelynn Duty, 9, Lindsey Duty, 8, and Sacelia Rowe, 4, each of Mexico; and half-sister, Kayleigh Enyeart, Peru. Zachery was preceded in death by his grandmother, Virginia Taylor; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Gibson. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel Church, Cass County (see directions below), with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Visitation will be today from 2 to 7 p.m. at the church. Love offering memorials may be made to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, to assist with the funeral expenses. Directions to the church are as follows: Follow U.S. 31 North to Indiana 16 and turn west. Follow two miles to CR 1050 East in Cass County and turn south and the church is on the east side of the road.

B. Douglas 'Pa' Gross, 78, Peru, passed away at 9:40 a.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis, with his granddaughter, Cassy, at his side. He was born on November 11, 1929 in Irvine, Kentucky to Clarence and Ruth (Samples) Douglas. On May 31, 1974, 'Pa' married Mary Evelyn Tresler, who preceded him in death on April 28, 2001. 'Pa' served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the American Legion. He retired from Fisher Body in Marion in 1988. 'Pa' is survived by one son, Douglas 'Scott' Gross and wife Reyna, Salinas, California; three daughters, Deborah Grimes and husband Rick, Phoenix, Rebecca Barker and husband Steve, Kokomo, and Peggi Penfold and husband Dennis, Ellsworth, Michigan; one step-son, Lanny Bell, Wittmann, Arizona; one brother, Frank Gross and wife Jan, College Corner, Ohio; two sisters, Evelyn Itin, West Lafayette, and Atha 'Toots' Eddings, Columbia City; grandchildren, Cory and wife Rhonda, Cassandra 'Cassy' and husband Ricky, Matthew, Benjamin, Andrea, Ariella, Christopher, Reece, Tina, Stephanie, and Amy; great-grandchildren, Dante, Emily, Amarice, and Devin. Aside from his wife, 'Pa' was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and one grandchild, Ashlee Marie. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A Military Committal Service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

James W. 'JW' Barrett, 74, Peru, passed away at 5:27 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 21, 1933 in Catlettsburg, Kentucky to Charles Patrick and Elizabeth (Ray) Barrett. On December 1, 1950, 'JW' married Fannie B. Dalton, and she survives. 'JW' retired in 1995 as an engineer for the C & O Railroad, and was a member of the Eastern Woodcarvers Club in Converse. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, James W. Barrett Jr. and Gary D. Barrett, both of Peru; grandchildren, Michael D. Cline, Redkey, Katheryn Elizabeth Barrett, and Gary Elias, both of Dunkirk. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; and one grandchild, John Patrick Barrett. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the Dukes Memorial Hospital Chaplaincy Fund.

Tuesday, January 08, 2008

Vernon Marks 'Bud' Waymire, 82, Akron, passed away at 11:35 p.m. on Sunday, January 6, 2008 at Life Care Center, Rochester. He was born on December 25, 1925 in Miami County to Vern and Velma (Marks) Waymire. On August 7, 1948, 'Bud' married Martha E. Karl in Bad Nuheim, Germany, and she survives. The 1944 graduate of Linlawn High School was a carpenter for Miller and Sons, Silver Lake, and served in the United States Army, ranking as a Sergeant, during World War II. 'Bud' was a standout bowler and was a fan of the New York Yankees. He enjoyed hunting and served as a little league coach, an EMT for the town of Akron, Henry Township Trustee and member of the Akron Town Board, and was a member of the Moose, V.F.W. Aside from his wife, 'Bud' is survived by three sons, Kurt Waymire and wife Brenda, Max Waymire and wife Patsy, each of Akron, and Kerry Waymire and wife Deb, Glendale, Arizona; two brothers, Tom Waymire and wife Betti, Ohio, and Don Waymire and wife Jeri, Virginia; four sisters, Virginia Buuck, Fort Wayne, Janet Hammond, Wabash, Judy Loshier and husband Richard, Richvalley, and Karen Cooper and husband Scott, Wabash; two sisters-in-law, Jean Waymire, Urbana, and Gayle Waymire, Texas; four grandchildren, Zachariah, Lauren, Taylor, and Nathan Waymire. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Waymire; one grandson, Elijah Waymire; and two brothers, Hugh Waymire and Bob Waymire. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverend Karen Ottjes officiating. Burial will be at the Gilead Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be performed at the cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Loretta Sue Bowyer Faurote, 56, Largo, Florida, went to be with our Lord and Savior after a courageous battle with cancer on Friday, December 28, 2007. She was born July 17, 1951 at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois, to Clayson Bowyer and JoAnn Wallace. She lived in California for about six years, then moved to Largo. Loretta was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan and loved her two dogs, Kaine and Shreik. Survivors include her father, Clayson Bowyer and wife Jean; her mother, JoAnn Wallace; a son, Andrew Keough; a daughter, Patricia De Palma; a sister, Dana Scott and husband William; a step-sister, Latisha Bowyer; two step-brothers, Thomas Vickery and Jon Bowyer; and several grandchildren she cherished dearly.

Wednesday, January 09, 2008

Robert "Bob" W. Bell, 75, Marion, passed away at 12:13 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2008 at Park Villa Health Care Center, Marion. He was born March 10, 1932 in Howard County to the late Clarence and Edith (Milburn) Bell. Bob was a retired farmer. Survivors include two sons, Max Bell, Lafayette, and Ira Bell, Peru; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jack. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, 500 North and 1150 West, Howard County, with the Rev. John D. Newman officiating. Burial will be in Mound Cemetery, Howard County. Visitation will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. Arrangements are being handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion.

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Rev. Max E. Powell, 74, Bellefontaine, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008 at Mary Rutan Hospital. He was born Oct. 21, 1933 in Converse to the late Gerald Lewis and Marguerite "Peg" W. Woodmansee Agness. He married Barbara Goldschmidt Powell June 16, 1957 at Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church, and she survives. Max graduated from Peru High School in 1951, Ohio Wesleyan University in 1975 and Ohio Methodist Theological School in 1978. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1973 and in 1999 from ministry. He was a member of the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, a life member of the VFW 1080, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 459 in Bellefontaine where he was a worthy patron, Indian Lake Moose Lodge 1533, Bellefontaine Elks Lodge 132, Bellefontaine Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio Chapter 209 and Logan County Friendly Senior Center. Max was an avid golfer who worked at Tree Links in the summer and enjoyed fishing, reading and was a world traveler. Survivors besides his wife include his step-father and mother, Thurman and Marguerite "Peg" W. Woodmansee Agness, Peru; four daughters, Teri Roberts and husband Doug, Hilliard, Ohio, Tami Allison and husband Rick, Killbuck, Ohio, Robyn Gruber and husband Bill, New Carlisle, Ohio, and Kari Halko and husband Matthew, Olmsted Falls, Ohio; a brother, Barton Powell and wife Jami, Greenville; a brother-in-law, Bob Goldsmith, Bellefontaine, Ohio; a niece, Hannah Powell; nine grandchildren (soon to be 10) and two great-grandchildren (soon to be three). He was preceded in death by his father and step-mother, Gerald Lewis and Billie Mae Powell; and a brother, Jerry Rex Powell. Military services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Bellefontaine, Ohio, by the Logan County Honor Guard. A celebration of life service will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church, with the Rev. William Zeller officiating. Fellowship will follow at the church. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Eichholtz Funeral Home, Bellefontaine, Ohio, handled arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.eichholtzfuneralhome.com.

Friday, January 11, 2008/Saturday, January 12, 2008

Max Leon Pickering, 80, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Jan. 22, 1927 in Sims to Ralph and Alta (White) Pickering. He married Mary Catherine Jones Feb. 14, 1953, and she survives. Max retired from C&O Railroad as an engineer after 36 years of service. He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran and a member of Center Chapel Brethren Church. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Stephen Grant and wife Shirley, Kokomo; a daughter, Patsy Ruark and husband Dale, Peru; four grandchildren, Amy Wagstaff, Jamilee Chapman, Adam Grant and Jeremy Grant; a brother, Willard Glassburn, Urbana; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Lloyd; and a sister, Laura. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Brad Eckerley officiating. Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery, Grant County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Salvation Army.

Saturday, January 12, 2008

Bernard Lee "Bernie" Westendorf, 51, of rural Wabash, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at the home of a friend. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair St., Wabash, with Father Ron Ramenaden officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. The memorial guest book for Bernie may be signed on-line at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Edward "Ed" Murphy, 89, Sweetser, passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008. He was born Feb. 3, 1918 in Indianapolis, the youngest of four children, to Herman L. Murphy, a third generation Irishman, and Hedwig "Hattie" M. Lemcke, who was born in Germany. He grew up and spent much of his life in Peru, later moving to Wabash for six years, and then to Sweetser in

1959. The past two years he resided at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. Ed married Vivian Marcella Martin, who survives him, in Peru on Aug. 16, 1940, and they celebrated their 67th anniversary last year. Ed was a 1937 graduate of Peru High School, and proudly served in World War II from 1943 to 1946. He completed basic training in the Air Corps and was very knowledgeable about Mitchell B-25 bombers on which he flew. He served with the 97th Bombardment Squadron in the American Theater. He received several medals and ribbons including the Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He retired as a skilled journeyman tool and die maker from Fisher Body Division of General Motors in 1981, with nearly 25 years of service. After retirement, he and Marcella spent winters at their Florida residence in Tavares. Ed was an avid fisherman, loved to bowl well into his 80s, played the harmonica and was an excellent mechanic who loved to tinker with cars. One of his greatest interests was historic and military aircraft, both models and real ones, and he had a great deal of knowledge about them. He was a man of faith, and could often be found quietly reading the Bible. He was also a man of integrity, had a strong work ethic and was a role model who led by example to his children. He was dearly loved and will be missed by the lives he touched. Survivors include his wife, Vivian Marcella Murphy, Marion; two sons, Keith E. (Brenda) Murphy, Long Valley, N.J., and Brent W. (Lisa) Murphy, Marion; six grandchildren, Michelle Lancaster, Amarillo, Texas, Monica Browning, Kansas City, Mo., Noah Murphy, Jonah Murphy, Eli Murphy and Abigail Murphy, all of Marion; six great-grandchildren, Jake Browning, Max Browning, Ty Browning, Ellie Browning, all of Kansas City, Mo., and Alex Lancaster and Bradley Lancaster, Amarillo, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Ruth Murphy Waln, Bertha Murphy Conrad and Albert Murphy. Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service - North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Reverend Terry Bisher, Liberty Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. The family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association of Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Monday, January 14, 2008

Barbara Nell Ferguson, 72, Davison, Mich., passed away Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at Genesys Hospital in Grand Blanc, Mich. She was born April 13, 1935 in Wabash to Emerson and Mary (Ford) Easterday. She married Robert M. Ferguson Sr. in Peru on Aug. 4, 1950, and he preceded her in death in 1991. Barbara attended Linlawn School in Richvalley and was a retired elementary school teacher. She was a member of the South Flint Church of the Nazarene, in Flint, Mich. Barbara is survived by six children, Robert Ferguson and wife Dianna, Roann, Randy Ferguson and wife Carrie, Logansport, Ronald Ferguson and wife Debra, Logansport, Mary C. Coffeen and husband Troy, Davison, Mich., Suzan Finnerty, Hayesville, N.C., and Ricky Ferguson and wife Christine, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and a son, Jeffrey J. Ferguson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 Chippewa Road, Roann, with Tom Bohr officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Barbara may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

Annice P. Sears, 72, Silver Lake, passed away at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008, at her residence, following a courageous seven-year battle with cancer. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with the Reverends Carl Hughes, Ralph Dotson and Frank Whitaker officiating. Interment will follow at the South Pleasant Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Geraldine "Jeri" Lighty, 74, Zanesville, formerly of Peru, passed away at approximately 1:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at Marion General Hospital in Marion, Ohio. She was born June 15, 1933 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cole. She married Clarence "Pete" Lighty, and he preceded her in death. Jeri was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, a manager for Avon and a member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, Robert Sharp and wife Debbie, Nappanee; three daughters, Dee Martin, Florida, Debbie Moore, Marion, and Liz Warren and husband Stanley, New Concord; a brother, Gene Cole, Texas; a sister, Patricia Strange, Lagro; seven grandchildren, Josh Sharp and wife Ngac, Skye Sharp, Troy Martin and wife Christine, Jay Moore, Cammie Barker and husband Brian, Danielle Lanning and husband Jason, and Jason Grubb and wife Beth; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, William Cole. Funeral services will be held at noon Thursday at Oakdale Baptist Church, with the Rev. R. K. Stuck officiating. Entombment will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park in Logansport. Calling hours will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at DeLong-Baker & Lanning Funeral Home, 56 S. Fifth St., Zanesville, and from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday at Oakdale Baptist Church, 348 Chili Ave., Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Jeri's name to Oakdale Baptist Church, 348 Chili Ave., Peru, IN, 46970.

Betty Jane McDowell, 80, Marion, passed away at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor after a 10-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Rev. Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Converse Ambulance Corporation, 310 N. Jefferson St., Converse, the Converse Fire Department or Converse Police Department. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Wednesday, January 16, 2008/Thursday, January 17, 2008

Mary Elizabeth Titus, 59, Denver, passed away on Monday morning, Jan. 14, 2008 at her residence. She was born March 19, 1948 in Peru to Elliot Junior and Norma Jean Kepner Imhoof. Mary was currently employed at the Denver Café and was serving as the clerk-treasurer for the Town of Denver. A former Miami County EMT, Mary was currently serving her community as part of the Denver Emergency Response Unit. She is survived by her mother in Denver; one daughter, Nora Herring and companion, Bryan, Denver; two granddaughters, Mara Jade Enders and Eleya Marie Enders, both of Denver; four brothers, Jim Ireland and companion Julie Sonafrank, Denver, Randy Ireland and wife Susan, Denver; Baron Von Imhoof, Denver, and Graf Von Imhoof, Athens, Ga.; one sister, Ann Balaban and husband Dwayne, Troy, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and step-father, Merrill Imhoof. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to help assist with final expenses.

Lysiane Rygiec, 63, Mexico, passed away at 3:47 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008 at her residence. She was born Jan. 28, 1944 in Hennebont, France to Andre and Martha Le Guennec. She married Robert E. Rygiec, and he preceded her in death in June 1992. Lysiane was the former owner of Mexico Video and formerly employed at Electro-Nite Company in Peru. She also enjoyed playing bingo. Survivors include two sons, Michael Rygiec and companion Dorothy Musselman, Peru, and Andrew Rygiec, Mexico; a daughter, Marilyn Lamb, Thurmont, Md.; seven grandchildren, Gregory, Zachery and Casey Minns, Drew Stella and Sophia Rygiec, and Derek Musselman; and close friends Milton and Ginette Williams, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Pastor Rick Stone officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, January 16, 2008/Friday, January 18, 2008

H. Arthur "Art" Kitchel, 95, West Lafayette, passed away at St. Elizabeth Hospital on Monday, Jan. 14, 2008. He was born at his farm home on July 22, 1912 in Cass County, the fourth child of Edgar and Mary (Bechtelheimer) Kitchel. Art graduated from Young America High School in 1930 and Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. On Sept. 1, 1937, he married his high school sweetheart Mary Alice Nelson after a long courtship during the Depression. She preceded him in death on Jan. 1, 2004. During his early years, he worked for neighboring farmers during the Depression, and after graduation from high school he worked for International Harvester Company in Logansport. In February 1953 he and his future partner, Ray Jackson, purchased the dealership and changed the name to Jackson-Kitchel, where they sold and repaired large farm equipment and Frigidaire appliances. The business grew to include large semi-tractor trailer overhaul and repair, and was moved from 510 High Street to a 10-acre lot on U.S. 24 West, Logansport. Art retired in January 1977, and he and his wife, Mary Alice, moved from Logansport to Westminster Village in January 1998. He was a member of Kiwanis Club and Elks Lodge #66, served on the board of directors of the Logansport-Cass County Chamber of Commerce, Cass County 4-H Association and Cass County Fair Association. Art was a faithful member of Faith United Methodist Church in Logansport and enjoyed singing in the church choir. He served in many capacities within the church, including trustee and treasurer. At Westminster Village he volunteered in many areas and participated in the choir and men's group. After moving to West Lafayette, he and Mary attended Covenant Presbyterian Church. Art enjoyed 25 years of Lake Michigan summers, especially walking the beach, riding the waves with his family and watching the sunsets. Other passions included fishing with friends, working with his hands, photography, reading nonfiction books and watching sports on television. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching Big Ten sports - particularly IU teams, the Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Cubs. Surviving are one daughter, Janis Ditto and husband Dr. Ron Ditto; three granddaughters, Erinn Speer and husband Kurtis, Indianapolis, Meredith Haines and husband Guenter, Strongsville, Ohio, and Laura Ditto, Evanston, Ill.; one grandson, Marc Ditto and wife Beth, Indianapolis; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Alice Study and husband Bernard, Oxford, Ohio. Four sisters (Jeanette, Rose, Kathryn and Eva) and three brothers (Edward, Victor and Lawrence) preceded him in death. A memorial service will be held at Fisher-Loy Funeral Home, Lafayette, at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Friends may call one hour before the service. A private interment will be Friday at the Ever-Rest Memorial Gardens, east of Logansport. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 78851, Phoenix, AZ 85062; the Westminster Foundation, 2741 N. Salisbury, West Lafayette, IN 47906, or the charity of your choice. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Art and view his video tribute online at www.fisherloy.com.

John V. Wolf, 91, Peru, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at his residence. He was born in Miami County on Dec. 13, 1916 to Walter and Ada (Jenkins) Wolf. He married Relna D. (Lees) Wolf in Carroll County on March 26, 1938, and she preceded him in death on July 25, 2007. John graduated from Clay Township in the class of 1934 and was a retired Miami County farmer. He was a member of the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, a member of the Indiana Hereford

Association for 30 years, and a member of the Lions Club for ten years. Survivors include his sons, John M. Wolf and wife Carolyn of Bristol, Jerry Wolf and wife Susan, Peru; a daughter, Barbara Chandler and husband James, Peru; four grandchildren, Michael Wolf and wife Kristen, Mark Wolf, Emily Mofield and husband Rich, and Lee Chandler and wife Jessica; and four great-grandchildren, Jordan Edwards, Patrick Wolf, Ian Wolf and Keira Wolf. John was preceded in death by his wife, parents and four brothers. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren or the Wabash-Miami County Hospice.

Friday, January 18, 2008

Maxine L. Charters, 86, Lafayette, formerly of Mexico, passed away early Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. She was born March 18, 1921 in Mansfield, Ill. to Faye and Maggie Mae Hendricks Longstreth. On Oct. 27, 1946, she was married to Richard B. Charters, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 2003. She was member of the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico; Order of the Easter Star; Peru Moose Lodge; and the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed collecting dolls and playing card and board games. Survivors include a daughter, Chris Myers and her husband Bill, Elyria, Ohio; one son, Dave Charters and his wife Bobbi, West Lafayette; one granddaughter, Stacy DeVer and her husband Matt and their daughter, Emily, Hamilton, Ohio; three grandsons, Drew Charters, Craig Charters and Kyle Charters and his girlfriend, Natalie Voyles, and their daughter, Kate, all of Lafayette; and one sister, Norma Jean Warner, Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one sister, Ruth Pegg. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, located at Jct. U.S. 31 North and Miami County 400 North, with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Life United Methodist Church.

Monday, January 21, 2008

David Robert Schrader, 67, Kokomo, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008 at Northwood Healthcare in Kokomo. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Burial will be in Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday the funeral home

Friday, January 18, 2008/Monday, January 21, 2008, Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Rosalie Childers, 63, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 8:58 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 9, 1944 in Bulan, Ky. to Marshall and Gracie (Moore) Childers. Rosalie retired from the housekeeping department at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include four sisters-in-law, Marie Childers, Brenda Childers, Billie Childers and Louise Childers, all of Peru; and nieces and nephews, Deb and Chuck Kemp, Sam and Amber Childers, Mary and Derick Chapman, Nancy and Jerry Howard, Dennis and April Childers, Jimmy Childers, Tony Childers, Kenneth Childers, Gail and Jim Williams, Jackie Spencer, Shirley and Larry Stone, Dot and Wade Atkins, Sandy Gross and Ernie Gross. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Jesse, William, Frank, Marion, James, Sammy and Killus Childers; and a sister, Betty Gross. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at First Church of the Nazarene, 331 W. Sixth St., Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

Jacob "Jake" L. Mongosa, 74, Peru, passed away at 11:25 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care. Jake was born on June 2, 1933 in Peru to Nathaniel Peter and Mary E. (Patterson) Mongosa. On March 5, 1977, he married Carol A. Davis, who preceded him in death on September 11, 2002. He retired from General Motors in Marion in 1995, and was a United States Army veteran. Jake was a member of the Moose Lodge and was an avid bowler. He is survived by one daughter, Kelly Douglass and husband Chad, Peru; two step-daughters, Kim Davis, Peru, and Cindy Mort, Gas City; four brothers, Pete Mongosa and wife Connie, Raymond Mongosa, Don Mongosa and wife Mary Lee, and Ralph Mongosa, all of Peru; one sister, Sue Tucker and husband Bob, Peru; seven grandchildren, Amber Coulter and husband Chad, Heather Hight, Audra Reed and husband Alan, Josh Hight, Lacy Eib and husband R.J., Dakota Douglass and Madison Douglass; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Aside from his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Joyce Jordan; and a grandson. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Madge S. Andrews, 90, rural Peru, was called to join her Lord at 4:34 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, as a result of complications from kidney failure. Madge Ethyl Schoonover was born July 15, 1917 to Leslie C. and Lula Mae Hyre Schoonover (deceased) at Montrose, Randolph County, W.Va. Madge attended and received a two-year standard normal certificate from Davis and Elkins College. She taught the lower elementary grades in a two-room school in the Randolph County School System at Montrose, W.Va. She was married to William A. Andrews June 20, 1942 in Monterey,

Va. by the Rev. D.G. Trent. Madge worked as an endowment bookkeeper at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. After moving to Hustisford, Wis., Madge received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Whitewater in 1970 and taught kindergarten at Hustisford Wisconsin Consolidated Schools until her retirement. Madge and her husband led the youth group at Presbyterian Church, Hustisford, Wis., from 1964 to 1986. She enjoyed RV life and travel between Wisconsin, California and Indiana. She relocated from Wisconsin to Indiana in 1986. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Peru. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Nettie A. White and husband Douglas C., Hemet, Calif., and Susan A. Newman and husband William M., Peru; her brother, Thomas H. Schoonover and wife Virginia, Montrose, W.Va.; six grandchildren, Thomas White, Franklin, Tenn., Sandra White Gray and husband James, Murrieta, Calif., Katherine Newman Queen and husband Brian, Sugar Grove, Ohio, John A. Newman and wife Kelly, Peru, James A. Newman, Reno, Nev., and Kristin L. Newman, Peru; 11 great-grandchildren; nephews James L. Schoonover and wife Patricia, Montrose, W.Va., William R. Schoonover and wife Donna, Grafton, W.Va.; nieces Mary Durham, Pineville, W.Va., and Mary Ann Donnell and husband Ken, Livermore, Calif. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., at 11 a.m. Friday, with the Rev. John Hess officiating. Visitation and a light lunch will follow at the church. Burial will be a private ceremony at Eel River Cemetery, Miami County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church, Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Ralph Leon Richards, 66, Wabash, passed away at 5:17 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He moved back to Wabash in 2002, coming from Indianapolis where he lived 26 years. He was born Jan. 27, 1941 in Peru to Paul and Versel (Ridenour) Richards. He married Beverly Kay Barrett at the Wabash Christian Church on Oct. 16, 1960, and she survives. Ralph was a 1959 Noble Township High School graduate. He was a salesman 17 years for ITW-Gema in Indianapolis, retiring in 2001. He was a member of the Wabash Christian Church and the Instrument Society of America. He loved his grandkids. Ralph also loved traveling for business and pleasure, yard work, wood working, hunting, fishing, eating out with friends and playing cards. Survivors besides his wife, include a daughter, Karen Worth and husband Anthony, Columbus; two grandchildren, Matthew Bergman and Amanda Bergman, both of Columbus; two brothers, Donald Richards and wife Mary Helen, Bellevue, Ohio, and John Richards and wife Carolyn, Peru; two sisters, Joyce E. King and Illadeen Hunt and husband Richard, all of Wabash; and a sister-in-law, Delores Richards, Wabash. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Karla Jo Richards, who passed away in February 1962; his brother and his sister. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. David Blanke officiating. Entombment will be in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Wabash Christian Church. The memorial guest book for Ralph may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Doris E. (Givens) Haycock, 84, Converse, passed away quietly with her family by her side at 2:35 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion. She was born on September 1, 1923 in Greentown to Printess and Florence (Zirkle) Givens. In 1946, she married Robert W. Haycock, who preceded her in death in 1980. The couple resided near Converse. Doris grew up in the Amboy area and graduated from Amboy High School in 1941. She joined the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserves during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946, obtaining the rank of corporal while working as a stateside truck driver. She loved antique collecting and owned and operated Doris Ellen's Antiques at her home from 1963 to 1985. Doris is survived by three children, Brian G. Haycock, Swayzee, David T. Haycock, Atlanta, Ga., and Rebecca J. Asteghene and husband Gavino, Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Ivan Asteghene and wife Erin, Jessica and Margaux Asteghene, all of Atlanta, Ga.; one great-grandson, Teo Asteghene; and one brother, Oscar Givens and wife Shirley, Converse. Aside from her husband, Doris was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Friday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, Converse, with Pastor Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, with graveside military honors. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Antoinette C. "Ann" Loe, 79, Peru, passed away at 2:24 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 9, 1928 in Logansport to Bernard and Elizabeth Rischitelli Cappoli. She married Paul "Pete" Loe June 12, 1948, and he preceded her in death March 4, 1992. Antoinette graduated from Logansport High School in 1946, and retired from Square D. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and an avid sports fan, especially IU basketball and Cubs baseball. Survivors include a son, Gary Loe and wife Lisa, Peru; three grandchildren, Niki Rodriguez and husband Tom, South Bend, Mandi Lovall, Peru, and Amber Wolfe and husband Chad, Crown Point; two great-grandchildren, Sammi Lovall, Peru, and AJ Rodriguez, South Bend; four sisters, Mary Cappoli, Clara Cappoli, Adeline Baker and Rose Kile, all of Logansport; and two sisters-in-law, Peggy Holland, Peru, and Shirley and Al Straka, Greentown. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, August Cappoli and Anthony Cappoli; and a sister, Julia Johnson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service following at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church or the Peru High School Athletic Department.

Carolee Gustafson, 64, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Oct. 20, 1943 in Peru to John and Adabelle Murphy Parkman. She married Ronald C. Gustafson Nov. 24, 1962 at St. John's Church, and he survives. Carolee graduated from Peru High School in 1961, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include a brother, John Parkman and wife Kiki, Peru; a sister, Kay Parkman, Paso Romos, Calif.; three children, Angela Gunther and husband Dale, Titusville, Fla., Christopher Gustafson and wife Nicole, Peru, and Matthew Gustafson, Carmel; five grandchildren, Sarah Gunther, Elizabeth Gunther, Bryce Hall, Kyrsten Gustafson and Trysta Gustafson; and cousins, Sue Warner, Mike Aikman, Mark and Teri Parkman, Chad and Caroline Parkman, Gary and Judy Smiley, Jerry Aikman and Michael and Kathy Parkman. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Paul B. Myers, 93, Peru, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born Nov. 19, 1914 in Peru to Marion L. and Bertha (Bryant) Myers. He married Flora Mae Harman March 25, 1951, and she preceded him in death Sept. 13, 1993. Paul was a retired farmer and custodian at Maconaquah Elementary School. He served in the Merchant Marine Military and as a Metzger Cemetery trustee. In addition, he was a member of Plevna Dunkard Brethren Church. Survivors include two daughters, Phoebe Boldin, Toney, Ala., and Eunice Fugate, Lexington, Ky.; a son, Jonathan B. Myers, Peru; seven grandchildren, Angela, Susan, David, Suzanne, Martha, Jonathan Paul and Sierra; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Elder Robert Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

Keith E. "Sonny" Emery, 73, Peru, passed away at approximately 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 at his residence. He was born Nov. 16, 1934 in Logansport to Ralph and Josephine (Vore) Emery. He was married twice, first to Shirley J. Easterday on Aug. 15, 1976, and then to Johanna Wollner. Both survive. Keith was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1951 to 1955. He had worked at Stella Cheese, was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved his dog, Lady. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Robert K. Emery, Franz "Junior" Emery, both of Peru, and Danny Emery, Pendleton; a step-son, John Mongosa, Peru; three daughters, Christina Day, Macy, Elizabeth Emery, Franklin, and Franceska Caudill, San Diego, Calif.; a step-daughter, Jo Ellen Estes, Peru; two brothers, Bruce Emery, New Waverly, and Cletus Emery, Logansport; three sisters, Deloris Perrish, Oregon, Caroline Clayborn, Clymers, and Brenda Weaver, Logansport; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and a brother. A private funeral service is planned. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Patricia R. (Dorn) Williams, 65, passed away Friday, Jan. 18, 2008 at her home in Raymond, Wash. She was born Aug. 9, 1942 in Peru to James Dorn and Barbara A. (Working) Ooten. Patricia married her husband of 48 years, Bill Williams, in Shawnee Town on Dec. 4, 1959. Patricia had worked as a security guard for the former Pacific Hardwoods for four or five years, though she spent most of her time as a housewife. She enjoyed cats and her dog, garden work and loved working with computers, which she had done for five or six years. Survivors include two daughters, Shawannie Williams, Seattle, Wash., and Stacy Ann Covey, Sacramento, Calif.; one son, Anthony S. Williams, Sacramento, Calif.; a half brother, Jimmy Dorn, Peru; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Stoller's Mortuary in Raymond, Wash. Arrangements are in care of Stoller's Mortuary in Raymond, Wash. (Editor's note: This obituary was published verbatim per the funeral home.)

Carolee Gustafson, 64, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Oct. 20, 1943 in Peru to John and Adabelle Murphy Parkman. She married Ronald C. Gustafson Nov. 24, 1962 at St. John's Church, and he survives. Carolee graduated from Peru High School in 1961, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include a brother, John Parkman and wife Kiki, Peru; a sister, Kay Parkman, Paso Romos, Calif.; three children, Angela Gunther and husband Dale, Titusville, Fla., Christopher Gustafson and wife Nicole, Peru, and Matthew Gustafson, Carmel; five grandchildren, Sarah Gunther, Elizabeth Gunther, Bryce Hall, Kyrsten Gustafson and Trysta Gustafson; and cousins, Sue Warner, Mike Aikman, Mark and Teri Parkman, Chad and Caroline Parkman, Gary and Judy Smiley, Jerry Aikman and Michael and Kathy Parkman. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Friday, January 25, 2008

Donald Leroy Dyer, 74, Peru, passed away at 10:10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at his residence. He was born on June 29, 1933 in Howard County to Roy Lee Dyer and Mary (Gaston) Dyer. On October 6, 1956, Donald married Linda Sue (Storey) Dyer in Kokomo, and she survives. Donald was a mechanic for Continental Steel for 33 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kokomo, and enjoyed his grandchildren, his horses and dogs, farming and attending horse shows. Aside from his wife, Donald is survived by son, Joseph and wife Brenda, Grand Rapids, Michigan; two daughters, Melinda Kliman and husband Edwards, Lexington, Texas, and Jane Johnson and husband Deryl, Peru; brother, Fred Dyer and wife Shirley, Atlanta; four grandchildren, LauraLynde Trowbridge, Deryn Johnson, Madeline Dyer, and Karah Bowen; and great-grandson, Ryan Trowbridge. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at noon on Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo, with Father David Hasser officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon at the church. Memorials may be made to VNS Hospice, 2800 S. Reed Road, Kokomo, IN 46902. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Ellers Mortuary, Kokomo.

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Thadis Spencer, 88, New Waverly, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Doris K. Esbenschade, 79, Peru, passed away at 12:57 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Martha Alice Opple, 90, Peru, passed away at 4:08 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born March 8, 1917 in Peru, the second of seven children to Earl and Martha Donat Holland. She married Floyd Opple at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Sept. 30, 1939, and he preceded her in death on June 24, 1995. Martha always enjoyed spending time with her family. They were her life. She loved to play cards with her great-grandchildren. Over the years her interest in nature covered numerous areas. She loved to grow Peace roses and snapdragons. Martha loved to watch the deer that roamed in the woods in the back yard. Years ago she raised a baby squirrel and a raccoon that were motherless. She worked at the Square D Company for 20 years, and prior to that she worked at Deluxe Coil and General Tire in Wabash. She and her husband Floyd owned and operated Opple's Nursery in Peru for 15 years. Martha was a charter member of the Square D Credit Union, now known as Hometown Federal Credit Union. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Altar & Rosary Society. Survivors include a daughter, Diane Bell, Peru; a sister, Adeline Clark and friend Roy Wulgemuth, Peru; four grandchildren, Lauri Skeans and husband Joe, Warsaw, Kimberly Hawkins and husband Brian, Peru, Michael Bell and wife Jane, Peru, and Patrick Bell and wife Amy, Peru; 11 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two infant sons; two sisters, Mary Struble and Margaret Kilian; and three brothers, John, Dan and Robert "Dutch" Holland. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Martha Alice Opple will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Borromeo Church Building Fund.

Monday, January 28, 2008

Former Onward resident **Carl Wilson**, Winona Lake, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 in Howard Regional Health System. He was born Feb. 15, 1915 in Peru to Richard C. and Olive Mae Gilver Wilson. On June 16, 1948 in Rochester, he married Helen M. Barkman, who preceded him in death Jan. 23, 2007. Carl was a graduate of Onward High School and attended Purdue University. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was stationed in North Africa. A lifelong farmer, Carl farmed in the Onward area before retiring to Winona Lake. He was a lifelong member of the Onward Christian Church and also attended the First Christian Church, Warsaw. He was a member of the Walton Masonic Lodge, the Onward Grange, the Logansport Eagles and had served as a Boy Scout leader for many years with the former Onward troop. He dearly loved his community. In that respect, he and his wife started a college scholarship fund for students at Lewis Cass and Rochester - their alma maters. Carl enjoyed traveling, had traveled all over the world and loved fishing. Surviving are his nieces and nephews, Carolyn Quinn, Englewood, Fla., Rick (Carol) Wilson, Athens, Sandy (Dick) Adams, Mexico, Dennis (Rhoda) Barkman, Kokomo, Janis Diehm, Sinking Springs, Penn., David (Karen) Barkman, Fayetteville, N.C., and Karen (Jean-Pierre) Kane, Wabash; two sisters-in-law, Marie Wilson, Peru, and Mabel Blacketor, Rochester; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Alma Wilson-Quinn; two brothers, Paul and Fred Wilson; one nephew, Keith C. "Sonny" Wilson; and two nieces, Shirley McLaughlin and Elizabeth (Libby) Cavanaugh. A memorial service, with military rites and flag presentation, will be held at a later date at Onward Christian Church. Private interment will be in Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Carl J. Wilson and Helen M. Wilson Scholarship Fund for Lewis Cass and Rochester students. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Carl and sign his guest book at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Doris K. Esbenshade, 79, Peru, passed away at 12:57 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. She was born Aug. 23, 1928 in Lancaster, Pa. to Richard C. and Lillian Mae Abele Kiehl. She married Stanley B. Esbenshade June 28, 1952, and he preceded her in death Oct. 16, 2005. Doris graduated from the School of Nursing of Church Home & Hospital in Baltimore, Md. She was a registered nurse and worked at numerous hospitals, including Lutheran Hospital in Grand Island, Neb. Survivors include two daughters, Kim Ayers and husband Mike, Peru, and Keree Leamons, Leola, Pa.; a son, Kent A. Esbenshade and wife Cheryl, Bowie, Md.; three grandchildren, Jennifer Leamons, Michael Leamons and Christopher Ayers; and a brother, William Kurtz and wife Carol, Central Point, Ore. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Furman Home for Funerals, 59 W. Main St., Leola, Pa., with the Rev. John Gudikunst officiating. Burial will be in St. John's United Methodist Cemetery, Paradise, Pa. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Local funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thadis Spencer, 88, New Waverly, went to be with the Lord at 3:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. He was born April 4, 1919 in Estil County, Ky. to Johnny G. and Fannie (Mullins) Spencer. He married Inez Sparks Nov. 5, 1941, and she preceded him in death Dec. 6, 2007. Thadis served in the U.S. Army, was a retired farmer and former employee of the Peru Foundry. He also was a retired minister and a member of Christian Pilgrim Church, Peru. Survivors include a son, David Spencer, Peru; three grandchildren, Jessica White and husband Gary, David Spencer Jr. and Jeremiah Spencer; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Jaylah White; a brother, Alais Spencer, Brookston; and a sister, Eunice Sparks, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at United Methodist Church, New Waverly, with the Rev. Arthur Jennings officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Lewis B. Fouts, 83, Peru, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Sept. 25, 1924 in Cass County to David and Inez (Bowyer) Fouts. He married Rosalee (Hessong) Fouts Aug. 31, 1946, and she survives. Lewis graduated from Chili High School in 1942 and Purdue University in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a retired Howard County school principal and a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren. He enjoyed camping, reading, puzzles and spending time with his family. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Linda Klepinger and husband Steve, Rochester; a son, Scott Fouts and wife Myra, Dumfries, Va.; four grandsons, Tony Klepinger and wife Julie, Ryan Klepinger and wife Hannah, Jordyn Fouts and David Fouts; two granddaughters, Christi Callane and husband Jamey, and Katie Fouts; a brother, Dwight Fouts, Kokomo; three great-grandchildren, Emma Klepinger, Natalie Klepinger and Josie Callane; and a sister, Marguerite Deardorff, Chandler, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dwight Fouts. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Les Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren or the Salvation Army.

Kathryn "Lavone" Landis, 94, Peru, passed away at 3:35 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She lived in the Peru/Miami County area all her life. She was born June 25, 1913 in Peru to Benjamin P. and Gertrude (Weaver) Elliott. Kathryn retired from Laidlaw Corporation in Peru. She also was a homemaker and member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary. Survivors include several nieces and nephews and a brother, Marion Elliott, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Lois, Helen, Maxine and Marcia; and three brothers, Lowell, Lawrence and Gene. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eel River Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Miami County. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Nathan G. Correll, 71, Logansport, was called by Jesus to sing in the heavenly choir at 6:35 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 6, 1936 in Peru to Elmer Ray Sr. and Dorothy Marie York Correll. On April 18, 1959 in Angola, he married Geraldine Burton, and she survives. Nathan was a member of Mexico Baptist Church and played all stringed instruments. He traveled the local counties playing and singing for churches, nursing homes and retirement centers. Survivors besides his wife include four children, Natalie Lowe and husband Daniel, Amboy, Nathan Fitzgerald Correll and wife Lee Ann, Mexico, Nancy Ray and husband Silas, Logansport, and Dottie Quillen and husband Jerry, Logansport; two sisters, Arlice McKinney, Peru, and Coetta Stratton, Missouri; five brothers, Keith Correll and wife Alla, Kokomo, David Correll and wife Myrtle, Logansport, Stanley Correll, Logansport, Tom Barnes, Georgia, and Kevin Balsbaugh, Peru; eight grandchildren, Travis Correll, Brittany Howard, Ashley Lowe, Waylon Boggs, Alexa and Brock Quillen, and Colton and Sophie Ray; and one great-granddaughter, Baileigh Wernz. Several brothers preceded him in death. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Mexico Baptist Church, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Miami Baptist Cemetery. Friends are invited to call on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family to assist with final expenses. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Jeffery L. Warren, 55, Peru, passed away at approximately 10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008 at his residence. He was born July 31, 1952 in Peru to Jack L. and Arliss June (Price) Warren. Jeffery graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1970 and was a waiter at The Siding Restaurant. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Survivors include his mother in Peru; a brother, Scott Warren and wife Ann, Mesa, Ariz.; a niece, Kati Warren; and five cousins, Carol Sandlin, Vicki Crouse and Cindy Farris, all of Texas, Marty Duckworth, Ohio, and Kathy Canfield, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Dukes Hospital Living Tribute.

William F. Spranger, 93, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 at Woodview Health Care, Fort Wayne. He was born July 6, 1914 in Miami County to Frank E. and Cora (Stodgell) Spranger. He married Reva M. Henry April 9, 1944, and she preceded him in death Aug. 3, 2006. William was a U.S. Army veteran and retired in 1977 from Square D Company, Peru. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and an avid golfer. Survivors include twin sons, Harold Spranger and wife Lee Ann, Fort Wayne, and Gerald Spranger and wife Mary Ann, Zionsville; four grandchildren, Tracey Fauser, Krista Thena, Kimberly Whitlock and Trisha Barnowski; and nine great-grandchildren, Mitchel, Lauren, Katelyn, Ashley, Jessica, Jack, Kayla, Kyle and Will. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister, Vera Ayres. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Elder Martin Kintner officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from noon until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Jerry S. Williams, 73, Peru, passed away at 12:35 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. His wife, children and one grandchild were with him in prayer when he died. He was born March 27, 1934 in Speedway to Burns and Mildred (Phillips) Williams, who preceded him in death. His family moved to Mexico in 1940. He married Donna Lou Tate Dec. 25, 1955, and she survives. Jerry graduated from Mexico High School in 1952, where he was on the basketball and track teams. He attended Manchester College for 18 months, then began working on the Wabash Railroad and worked there for nine years when he left to work for his father in the car business in 1961. Jerry sold the car dealership, South Side Sales, after 40 years in the hands of two generations of Williams.' He was known to engage in a card game or two with friends at the Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed the "occasional" round of golf and was a longtime member of the Peru-Miami County Golf Association. He loved playing and teaching golf, bridge and poker. As a proud Democrat, he was always available for political discussions and debates with his more conservative friends. And, he was a devoted member of the Mexico Baptist Church where he was honored as a "lifetime deacon." He was an avid Purdue fan and loved all sports. Survivors besides his wife include three children, Rhonda Clupper and husband Keith, Wabash, Jerry Stan Williams Jr. and wife Lisa, North Manchester, and Nadine Aspinwall and husband Jeff, Mexico; eight grandchildren, Kyle, Alec, Melissa and husband Kinnie, Nick, Rachel, Erik, Ashley and Kevin; one great-grandchild, Kolton; three step-grandchildren, Michele and husband Jim, KJ and Kyle; a brother, Harry Williams and wife Pauline, Lafayette; and a sister, Myra McKenna and husband Jack, Tucson, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico. Interment will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Old 24, west of Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the Mexico Baptist Church and American Parkinson Disease Association Inc.

Trooper Daniel Roy Barrett, 25, Logansport, passed away at 10:42 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008, on U.S. 31 south of Indiana 110 in Fulton County. He was born Oct. 27, 1982 in Logansport to Vincent D. and Sarah J. Hanna Barrett, and they survive in Logansport. Daniel Barrett joined the Indiana State Police in 2007. Becoming a state trooper was his longtime goal. His fluency in Spanish allowed him to assist in several situations during his short career. Dan was enthusiastic about all aspects of his new job. Prior to joining the state police, Dan had been employed as a correctional officer for the state of Indiana. A 2002 graduate of Logansport High School, Daniel took criminal justice courses at Indiana University - Kokomo and Ivy Tech State College. While in high school he went on a "dinosaur dig" in South Dakota, which he enjoyed very much. Daniel also enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding four-wheelers and all outside activities. Described by friends and family as charitable and good-hearted, he enjoyed creative writing, arts and crafts and woodworking. He enjoyed cooking and baking, making apple pies and pie crusts. In 2003 Daniel was a contestant on the "Hoosier Millionaire" show. He was eagerly looking forward to the birth of his first nephew, Nicholas "Daniel" Barrett.

Besides his parents, survivors include his maternal grandmother, Jane Hanna, Logansport; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Matthew D. and Shannon O. Barrett, Logansport, and Patrick J. Barrett, Logansport; a sister, Laura J. Barrett, Carmel; aunts and uncles, John and Sharon Barrett, Charles Barrett, Mary Ann and Mark Penz, Herbert and Joyce Hanna and Allen and Janet Hanna, all of Logansport; great-aunts and a great-uncle, Frances Isabelle "Aunt Izzy" Roberson, Kokomo, John F. and Carolyn Appleton, Logansport; several cousins; and good friends, Justin Bault and Bob German. He was preceded in death by an uncle, William Barrett; and an aunt, Mary Louise Hanna. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God, 831

Burlington Ave., Logansport, with the Rev. Tim McKaig, Indiana State Police Superintendent Dr. Paul Whitesell and Indiana State Police Chaplain Rev. Daniel Coffey officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at First Assembly of God. Memorial contributions may be made to "Cops for Kids," c/o Indiana State Police Alliance, 1415 Shelby St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. Envelopes will be available at the church. Kroeger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, January 31, 2008

James Earnest Combs, 70, Kokomo, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2008 in Bowling Green, Florida. He was born on January 21, 1938 in Venia, Virginia to Shade and Mary E. (Ray) Combs. On October 11, 1988, in Kokomo, he married Connie J. (Craib), and she survives. James was a Vietnam veteran and served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1963, the Air Force Reserves from 1963 to 1989, and then as a Civil Servant at Grissom Air Reserve Base from 1989 until his retirement in 1992. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #67 in Peru and the American Legion Post #2 in Wauchula, Florida. James had attended the First Christian Church in Wauchula, Crossroads Community Church, and Fairfield Christian Church. In addition to his wife, Connie J. Combs, he is survived by one son, Randy Combs and wife Michelle, Westchester, Ohio; four daughters, Marci Richter and husband Eddi, Indianapolis, Missy Strasser and husband Shawn, Peru, Penny Harper and husband Michael, Russiaville, and Cyndy Taylor and husband Larry, Kokomo; 14 grandchildren, Jordan, Corinne, Amber, April, Haley, Ben, Bradley, Matthew, Cody, Logan, Jeremiah, Jessica, Andrew, and Joey; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Alpha Dugan, Marie Bevis, and Sara Ratliff; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother, and one grandson, Ronald on August 31, 2007. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with Pastors Jeff Harlow and Darin Canary officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the First Christian Church Youth Fund, 1121 Louisiana Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873.

Jean Anne Albers, 60, Peru, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at her residence. She was born on July 14, 1947 in Logansport to John and Marjorie (Webster) Keith. On March 6, 1970, she married Daniel Albers at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo, and he survives. The 1965 Kokomo High School graduate graduated from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, South Bend. Jean was employed as a nurse at Dukes Continuing Care Center until her retirement in 2006. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. Aside from her husband, Jean is survived by her children, Gregory Albers, USAF, MacDill AFB, Florida, Torrie Lynn Zimmerman and husband Phill, Brookston, Susan Yant and husband Todd, Sheridan, and Elizabeth Anne Forma and husband Anthony, Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Jackson Forma and Corbin Forma; and brother, John Keith and wife Vicki, Pasco, Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Peoria Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service to follow at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Patricia K. Steele, 56, Kokomo, passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2008 at her residence. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday at Morning Star Church, Kokomo, with Pastor Greg Reed officiating. A private burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Kayleigh Ann Parker, 14, Rochester, passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. A private burial will be conducted at a later date. Visitation will be conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in her memory to her family. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Richard L. Mughmaw, 73, Peru, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at his residence. He was born on October 19, 1934 in Converse to Paul and Ena (Constable) Mughmaw. On October 5, 1974, he married Kay Hull, and she preceded him in death on August 28, 2005. Richard served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1962. He retired from A1 Insurance Company in Columbus, Ohio, and was also formerly employed at Falstaff Brewing Company in Fort Wayne. He is survived by four daughters, Dr. Vicki Keedy and husband David, Nashville, Tennessee, Kathleen Harris, Columbus, Ohio, Monica Pickett and husband Gary, Bunker Hill, Maureen Pickett and husband Larry, Kokomo; two sons, Jeffery Harris and wife Teresa, Fort Wayne, and Matthew Harris and wife Lori, Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, William and Danial Harris, Jordan and Joshua Pickett, Jennifer, Amy, Jarred and Heath Pickett, and Laken Harris, and Benjamin Harris; and one sister, Dolores Hileman and husband Robert, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Bowland officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-20: "To everything there is a season

... a time to die" ... **Frances L. Garlinghouse, 87**, formerly of Cayuga, Kingman, Terre Haute, Peru and Mexico, and a resident of Carrollton, Missouri for the past three years, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2008 at the Carroll House Health Care Center in Carrollton.

... "A time to be born" ... She was born July 31, 1920 in Cayuga, the daughter of the late William E. and Elsie Corbett DeVerter.

... "A time to love" ... She married Herbert A. Garlinghouse on January 25, 1940 in Rockville.

... "A time to mourn" ... He preceded her in death on August 7, 1979.

... "A time to dance ... a time of peace ... I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever" ... Mother and Daddy have reunited within hours of their 68th wedding anniversary to dance in peace, forever together. We will miss you.

Survivors include three daughters, Joan Dalton of Illinois, Jean Clawson of Noblesville, and Jeanette (Charles) McGrigg of Weston, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack (Janet) DeVerter of Camdenton, Missouri; and a sister-in-law Mona Carpita of Noblesville. In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Wilmont and Walton DeVerter. Frances was a 1938 graduate of Cayuga High School, and she was a life member of the Perrysville Chapter OES #302. She worked for 13 years for Dukes Hospital in Peru and was a supervisor of the Medicare Department, retiring in 1982. Frances was an avid Pacers and Colts fan, and enjoyed dancing prior to Herbie's passing. Graveside services and burial were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at Miller Cemetery in Lodi, with Ken Majors officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to services at DeVerter Funeral Home in Cayuga, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202. DeVerter Funeral Home in Cayuga was in charge of arrangements. Condolences can be made to www.deverterfuneralhome.com.

Phill Maurice Hall, 67, Wabash, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at his residence. He was born January 23, 1941 in McDowell, Kentucky to R. Vernon and Melvina "Pet" (Newman) Hall. He married Connie Keffaber in Wise, Virginia on January 9, 1961, and she survives. Phill co-owned Wabash Appliance and Electronics since February 1991. He also worked for McKinney Appliance in Wabash from 1961 to 1990. He was a member of the Wabash Lions Club, where he held all offices except treasurer, and received the Melvin P. Jones award for service. Phill transferred his membership to the Richvalley Lions Club four years ago, after the Wabash Chapter disbanded, and was the current President of the Richvalley chapter. He was a Guiding Light for the newly formed Wabash Community Lions Club. Phill was also a life member of the Wabash Moose Lodge #1195, where he held all offices except trustee and administrator. He was Past President of the Legion of the Moose of Tippecanoe #96, and Past President of the 2nd District of the Moose. Phill enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, golfing and bowling. Aside from his wife, he is survived by seven children, Michael (Nancy) Hall and Carl (Sharon) Hall, both of Wabash, John (Nikki Harris) Hall of Elkhart, Wayne (Nikki) Hall of Silver Lake, Jennifer (Mike) Pernell of Villa Hills, Kentucky; Andrew (Tiffany Hoagland) Hall of Peru, Randall (Saralynn Tyner) Hall of Wabash; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Terry (Wanda) Hall of McDowell, Kentucky; five sisters, Eulavene (Hobart) Preston of Lexington, Kentucky, Loretta Bolin of Price, Kentucky, Joyce Smith of Fort Wayne, Janet Bowling of Tram, Kentucky, and Debra (Roy) Frazier of Price, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Hall I and Eldon Hall. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, with Pastor Forrest Bowers and the Reverend Chris Madison officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, as well as from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. There will be a Moose Twilight service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash Area Ministerial Association or Children at Mooseheart. The memorial guest book for Phill may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Friday, February 01, 2008

Lula Mae (Walls) Berry, 86, Peru, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008 at 5:40 p.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where she spent her last month after a long illness. She was born Feb. 26, 1921 in Kokomo to Zale and Ida (Kelly) Walls. On May 18, 1955 in Peru, she married Edward "Bud" Berry, and he preceded her in death. Lula ran and owned her own business, waitressed for many years and worked at Deralite Factory in Kokomo. She loved giving parties, having fun, making people laugh, hand sewing, and working in her flower gardens and with her house plants. She moved from Kokomo to Peru in 1988. Surviving are her three daughters and sons-in-law, Vonita and Charles Parker, Peru, Sue and Marion Willis, Galveston, and Margaret and Robert Yard, Kokomo; one son, Anthony Berry, Kokomo; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 37 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, William "Buddy" and Von "Sonny" Brown; two daughters, Judith and Wanita Brown; three brothers, Charles, Perry and Robert Walls; and her parents. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo. Burial will be at Crown Point Cemetery. Lula's wish was to have one hour of viewing before her service.

Saturday, February 02, 2008

Ethel Katherine Fuqua Hubley, 89, Carmel, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2007. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio to Bessie and Vertie Fuqua on Jan. 8, 1919. Ethel grew up in Peru and was a graduate of Peru High School. It was in Peru that she met her husband of 66 years, Charles Byron Hubley. Ethel loved to dance and in their early years "Hub" and Ethel danced to

the Big Band sound at Smitty's in Peru and at the Colonial Hotel on Lake Manitou in Rochester. Ethel and Charley were married in Peru on Oct. 19, 1941. She was the heart of a busy family that always found time to gather on Sunday evenings for dinner. She was "Grandma" to an extended family that included children of friends and neighbors, and friends of her own children and grandchildren. Her macaroni and cheese was renowned and loved by all who were lucky enough to sample it. She had passed her recipe and the tradition on to a granddaughter. Ethel was a longtime member of the Carmel United Methodist Church and helped establish their Tots and Teens Program. Survivors besides her husband include three sons, Michael Hubley and wife Elaine, Atlanta, Bruce Hubley and wife Pat, Indianapolis, and Jeffrey Hubley and wife Anita, Brownsburg; nine grandchildren; one sister and two brothers. Friends and family will gather on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and again Monday at 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m. in Leppert Mortuary, Smith Carmel Chapel. You are invited to visit our Web site, www.leppertmortuary.com, where you may share a memory, sign the guest book or make a memorial contribution to St. Vincent Hospice, 8450 N. Payne Road, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Monday, February 04, 2008

Patrick 'Pat' D. Sullivan, 40, Peru, passed away at 11:49 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born on December 12, 1967 in Wabash to Jay and Barbara (Stoffer) Sullivan. He married Melody Carpenter Sullivan on September 11, 1999, and she survives. Pat was a case manager at the Miami Correctional Facility. He graduated from Wabash High School in 1987 and from Ball State University in 1992. He was a trustee and a Sunday School teacher at First Church of Christ, Peru. Pat was on the Human Rights Committee for Path Finder Services, and he loved his friends and family very much. He is survived by one son, Christopher Goff and wife Raquel, La Fontaine; two daughters, Ella Smith and husband Davin, Huntington, and Maggy Hare and husband Scott, Canfield, Ohio; grandchildren, Ana-Alicia Goff, Daniel Goff, Eva-Elena Goff, Isabel Goff, Micah Smith, Amaya Smith, Josiah Smith, Gabriel Hare and Abigail Hare; one brother, Jason Sullivan, Wabash; and a sister, Kellie Sullivan, Wabash. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at First Church of Christ, Peru, with Pastor Russell Teague officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at First Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings may be made to First Church of Christ and/or to the family

Wilda E. Crippen, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at Burke Health Care Center in Burke, Virginia. She was born in Hoover, and retired in 1981 from Maloley's. Wilda was a member of Waynedale United Methodist Church and Trinity Chapter O.E.S. #576. She is survived by one son, Dr. Tim Crippen and wife Pam, Fairfax Station, Virginia; one daughter, Vicki Glowacki and husband Tom, Dexter, Michigan; and two grandchildren, Debbie Slezak and husband Matt, and Ed Glowacki. Wilda was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond R. "Bob" Crippen. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Reverend Michael Harris officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m., as well as 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with an O.E.S. service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Lora Estep, 67, Peru, passed away at 11:21 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on September 22, 1940 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky to Will and Ocie (Prater) Wright. She married Harley R. Estep, and he preceded her in death. Lora was a homemaker and a caregiver at Dukes Memorial Hospital and Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She enjoyed cooking and working crossword puzzles. Lora was a very loving caregiver, and enjoyed her friends and family, especially her grandson, Jonathan Estep. She is survived by one son, George Estep and wife Stella, Columbus; a grandson, Jonathan Estep; a granddaughter, Amanda Marie Estep; a brother, Willie Wright, Indianapolis; and a sister, Viola Wright, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers; five sisters; and a son, Johnny Estep. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Bob Peach officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, February 05, 2008

Bryan Eugene Jones, 41, Peru, passed away peacefully in his sleep at 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born April 12, 1966 in Peru to Ernest L. Jones Sr. and Kay F. Robertson. Bryan spent most of his adult life traveling the country, but always called Peru his home. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Kay F. (Galbraith) Robertson, Peru; father Ernest Leon Jones Sr., Tennessee; a sister, Kim Allen, Bunker Hill; two brothers, Leon Jones, Kokomo, Shawn Jones, Florida; and a paternal grandmother, Flossie Cover, Converse. Memorial services will be at Saint Andrew Episcopal Church, 602 W. Superior St., Kokomo, with Father Richard Lightsey officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Aurille M. Dillman, 93, Peru, passed away at 2:33 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008 at Autumn Ridge Healthcare, Wabash. She was born Aug. 28, 1914 in White County to Albert Homer Blackman and Cota (McCloud) Blackman. She married Glen L. Dillman and he preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 2002. Aurille was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wabash and a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, David Dillman, Peru, and John Dillman and his wife Kathy, Concord, Calif.; two brothers, Orville Blackman, and Burl Blackman and his wife Norma, all of Peru; three grandchildren; and three great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Ernest Dillman; a sister, Mildred Warner; and three brothers, Kenneth, Francis and Homer. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be at the Paw Paw Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 p.m. Thursday until the time of service.

Wednesday, February 06, 2008

Eileen Browning, 68, Denver, passed away at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2008 at her residence. She was born Jan. 26, 1940 in Hyden, Ky. to Leo and Jennie (Hendrix) Madden. She married Jim Browning in 1956, and he survives. Eileen was a retired caretaker and homemaker. She was formerly employed at Essex Wire in Peru for 17 years. She also was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Bleedsoe, Ky. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Betty Gentry and husband Terry, Denver, and Peggy McQueen and husband Ralph, Macy; a son, Marty Browning and wife Melody, Denver; seven grandchildren, Erin, Levi, Ralph H., James, Craig, Taylor and Tanner; five great-grandchildren, Rodney, Lilly, Dane, Kalbe and Katy; three sisters, Lorraine Browning and husband Asbel, Bleedsoe, Ky., Evelyn York and husband Bill, Connersville, and Opal Martin and husband Gary, Midland, Mich.; and two brothers, Elmer Madden and wife Helen, Hyden, Ky., and John A. Madden, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Christine Browning; and a brother, Wilmer Madden. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Don Browning officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Geneva Miller, 92, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 South, Silver Lake, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating. Burial will be in Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Silver Creek Church of God. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Thursday, February 07, 2008

E. Irene Working, 82, Treaty, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 at 3:25 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born June 24, 1925 in Marion to George W. and Idella Mae (Pettit) Curtis. Irene married Kenneth "Wayne" Working in Anderson on June 30, 1945, and he preceded her in death on July 14, 2006. Mrs. Working was a 1944 graduate of Marion High School, Marion, and was the custodian at Treaty Church of Christ for 30 years. She was a member of the Treaty Church of Christ and the Tri Township Women's Club. She lived at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center, La Fontaine, since July 2007. Survivors include a daughter, Karen S. Corn, Greenfield; two sons, John W. Working, De Kalb, Ill., and Ken L. Working and wife Beverlee, Frankfort; nine grandchildren, William L. Heiser and wife Kathy, Lake Worth, Fla., Kim Carpenter and wife Sarah, and Christie Klutz and husband Brent, all of Wabash, K.C. Working, Frankfort, Jason Corn and wife Jozanna, Wabash, Jessica Russell and husband Steve, Fishers, Joey Connolly and wife Leslie, Greentown, Angie Skaggs and husband Richard, Galveston, and Shawn Connolly and wife Tara, Kokomo; and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Linda Connolly; two brothers, George W. Curtis, Jr. and Leroy Curtis; and one sister, Lucille Marshall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Treaty Church of Christ Building Fund. The memorial guest book for Irene may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Flora Ash Wickerham, 96, formerly of Peru, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 at 7:35 a.m. at Hillcrest Rehab and Healthcare Center in Wayzata, Minn. She was born Nov. 25, 1911 in Chili to William James and Anna Elizabeth (Flora) Ash. She married Gration P. Wickerham in Rochester on Feb. 13, 1936, and he preceded her in death July 13, 1968. Flora was a 1929 graduate of Peru High School. Flora grew up in the Chili United Methodist Church, where she was christened in 1911, and was a longtime member of the Peru First Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Carmel Care Guild in Carmel, the Womens Auxiliary of Miami County Bar Association and a life member of Dukes Hospital Auxiliary in Peru. Flora, a kind and loving soul, continues to touch the hearts of all who know and love her. She is survived and will be greatly missed by her loving family, two daughters, M. Ann Delaney, Noblesville, Lynne (Joel) Way, Minnetonka, Minn.; a son, Gration Phillip Wickerham, Spencer; eight grandchildren, Lisa (Roger) Lindsey, Centerville, Lora L. Garrison, Denver, Colo., Eric (Lovey) Christenson, Carver, Minn., Heidi (Robert) Walter, Salt Lake City, Utah, Emily (Matthew) Sever, Edina, Minn., Hallie (Matthew) Grant, Columbia City, Alex Wickerham and Andrew Wickerham, both of Spencer; and a sister, Marjorie Rush, Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; four brothers, Hubert, Clayson, Homer and Harold Ash; an infant sister, Lova Ash; and infant granddaughter, Angela Wickerham. Funeral services will be held at Chili United Methodist Church, Chili, on Saturday at 3 p.m. with Pastor Alan Ash officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church. Preferred memorial is the American Heart Association. The memorial guest book for Flora may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

Eileen Browning, 68, Denver, passed away at 2 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 at her residence. She was born Jan. 26, 1940 in Hyden, Ky. to Leo and Jennie (Hendrix) Madden. She married Jim Browning in 1956, and he survives. Eileen was a retired caretaker and homemaker. She was formerly employed at Essex Wire in Peru for 17 years. She also was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Bledsoe, Ky. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Betty Gentry and husband Terry, Denver, and Peggy McQuinn and husband Ralph, Macy; a son, Marty Browning and wife Melody, Denver; seven grandchildren, Erin, Levi, Ralph H., James, Craig, Taylor and Tanner; five great-grandchildren, Rodney, Lilly, Dane, Kalbe and Katy; three sisters, Lorraine Browning and husband Asbel, Bledsoe, Ky., Evelyn York and husband Bill, Connersville, and Opal Martin and husband Gary, Midland, Mich.; and two brothers, Elmer Madden and wife Helen, Hyden, Ky., and John A. Madden, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Christine Browning; and a brother, Wilmer Madden. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Don Browning officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Sunday, February 10, 2008

Robert L. Ranck, 79, Peru, passed away at 10:52 p.m. on February 7, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on March 3, 1928 in Wabash County to Royal and Mirriam (Schrock) Ranck. He married Lucy B. Caudill in April of 1957, and she survives. Robert was a retired carpenter. He enjoyed gardening, carpentry work and being around cars. He also served in the United States Navy. Aside from his wife, Robert was survived by a brother, Richard Ranck of Columbia, S.C. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Silver Lake Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

James W. Higdon, 60, Peru, passed away at 5:58 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 25, 1947 in Kentucky to Bennie and Loletta 'Jo' (Torrence) Higdon. On July 10, 1967, he married Inez Hall, who preceded him in death on April 10, 2000. The 1965 graduate of Peru High School served in the United States Army and was a retired truck driver. He earned an associate's degree in industrial drafting from Ivy Tech in 1986. James was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by one daughter, Lynn Higdon, Peru; two step-children, Karen Glenn, Indiana, and Mark Hall and wife Nancy, Kokomo; two brothers, Marvin Higdon, Converse, and Bennie Higdon and wife Judy, Wabash; two sisters, Patricia LaCoss and husband David, Peru, and Marie Baker, Peru; and four grandchildren. Aside from his wife, James was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at First Church of Nazarene, Peru, at 1 p.m. on Monday, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Juanita L. Gibbs Johnson, 85, Logansport, passed away at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at her residence. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, with the Reverend Doug Mankell officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral chapel. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Juanita at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Mavis L. Walters, 80, formerly of Peru, passed away at 6:49 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Thomas/Rich, Chaney and Lemler Funeral Home, Bluffton, with the Reverend Larry Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home, as well as 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday. Memorials may be made to The Leukemia Foundation.

Lowell O. Wolfe, 76, Denver, passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was born on September 19, 1931 in Pierceton to Otto and Esther (Simmons) Wolfe. On April 17, 1954, he married Norma Wilson, and she survives. The graduate of Roann High School enjoyed fishing, cars and his family. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Lowell retired as a supervisor for Mark-Hon (Honeywell), Wabash, following a 30-year career. He was a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church, Peru. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Scott Wolfe and wife Jane, Macy, and Mitchell Wolfe and wife Shelley, Pinedale, Wyoming; one brother, Otto Gordon Wolfe and wife Iva, Laketon; one sister, Louella Krom and husband Bonell, Roann; six grandchildren, Tiffany, Nickie, Angie, Jessie, Gwen, and Andy; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A private funeral service will be conducted at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Kazuko 'Kay' Scott, 75

Kay closed her eyes and took her last breath for the last time February 7, 2008 at her daughter's house in Fishers, with her loving husband by her side. She was born Kazuko Kaneko on June 15, 1932 in Warabi, Japan. She married Richard "Dick" Scott in 1955, who swept her off her feet and they made a life together in the United States. She was active with the American Legion, V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary and was known as "Gimme dolla" Kay. 'Kay' was also known as a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend to all. She brought a smile to everyone she met. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Bunker Hill and retired from AAFES in 1979. 'Kay' is survived by her loving husband, Richard Scott, and dog "Chibby" along

with her four children, Col. Michael Scott and wife Karen, O'Fallon, Illinois, Robert Scott, Fishers, Rhonda Barth and husband Peter, Fishers, and Linda Knoll and husband Jeff, Noblesville; grandchildren David and Alicia Scott, Brandon and Sherrill Scott, Jenna Scott, Christopher, Zachary, Nathan and Kaylin Knoll and Noah and Grace Scott; and a brother, Koichi Kaneko of Japan. She was preceded in death by an older sister, Misako. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a Women's VFW Auxiliary service at 7 p.m. this evening. Memorial contributions can be made to Bunker Hill First Baptist Church.

Monday, February 11, 2008

Phyllis J. Keirn, 71, Peru, passed away at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at her residence. She was born Sept. 13, 1936 in Peru to Edward and Edith (Biddle) Mullett. She married Jerry Keirn Jan. 26, 1954 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and he survives. Phyllis graduated from Peru High School in 1955 and was a clerk for Miami Circuit Court, retiring in 2000. She was a member of First Christian Church, Republican Women and Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors besides her husband include three daughters, Jeryl Buffington and husband Joe, Lisa Touloukian and husband Bruce, and Beth McMillen and husband John, all of Peru; a son, Jeep Keirn and wife Kristen, Plymouth; eight grandchildren, David Buffington, Daniel Buffington and wife Kristian, Aram Touloukian, Allison Touloukian, John M. McMillen, Elisabeth McMillen, Grant Keirn and Lucy Keirn; and a great-granddaughter, Amanda Buffington. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Charles Mullett, Tony Mullett, Donald Mullett, Virgil Mullett and Richard Mullett. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Guy Province officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Wabash-Miami Hospice.

Lowell O. Wolfe, 76, Denver, passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was born on September 19, 1931 in Pierceton to Otto and Esther (Simmons) Wolfe. On April 17, 1954, he married Norma Wilson, and she survives. The graduate of Roann High School enjoyed fishing, cars and his family. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Lowell retired as a supervisor for Mark-Hon (Honeywell), Wabash, following a 30-year career. He was a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church, Peru. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two sons, Scott Wolfe and wife Jane, Macy, and Mitchell Wolfe and wife Shelley, Pinedale, Wyoming; one brother, Otto Gordon Wolfe and wife Iva, Laketon; one sister, Louella Krom and husband Bonell, Roann; six grandchildren, Tiffany, Nickie, Angie, Jessie, Gwen, and Andy; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A private funeral service will be conducted at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Lois L. Robison, 80, Peru, passed away at 9:07 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Sept. 5, 1927 in Indiana to Russell and Rose (Brooks) Geiselman. She married David R. Robison, and he preceded her in death July 5, 1994. Lois was a homemaker, part of the original Peru Circus and remained the wardrobe mistress for many years. She enjoyed creating and selling crafts, was an active Ellette and a YMCA member who enjoyed the swimming programs. Survivors include a son, David Robison and wife Nancy, Peru; two daughters, Carol Rockenbaugh, Peru, and Susan Robison; three grandchildren, Chris Robison and wife Nicole, Janet Ancil and Rana Sturgill and husband Bill; seven great-grandchildren, Jacob and Sydne Robison, Ashley and Destiny Ancil, Kane Rockenbaugh, Peyton and Trey Sturgill; four brothers, Richard Geiselman and wife June, Don Geiselman, all of Peru, Max Geiselman and wife Nancy, Fort Wayne, and Bill Geiselman and wife Teresa, Kokomo; and a sister, Carol Creager, New Haven. Lois greatly enjoyed her seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Freida Maxine Moon, 86, Twelve Mile, passed away at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Mike Thompson officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile First Responders or Twelve Mile Fire Department.

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Mary F. (Bucher) Rickard, 87, Bunker Hill, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at Howard Regional Hospital. She was born March 25, 1920 in Miami County to Elmer and Laura (Daubenspeck) Bucher. She married John L. Rickard June 7, 1941, and he preceded her in death. Mary retired from Delco and attended Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Bunker Hill. Survivors include a daughter, Kay McKee, Kokomo; a son, John Rickard and wife Peggy, Alta Loma, Calif.; two grandchildren, Laura J. McKee and Tara Kay Burns; a great-grandchild, Justin Mattingly; and a brother, Donald Bucher, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and four brothers. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Gerald Zook officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, February 13, 2008/ Friday, February 15, 2008

John "Frank" F. Shuman, 95, Paden City, W.Va., passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008 at his daughter's residence in Peru. He was born May 3, 1912 in Wileyville, W.Va., to the late John F. and Bertie Gorby Shuman. He married Stella Wright Shuman, his wife of 60 years, and she preceded him in death in 2006. John served in the Aleutian Islands with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a former employee of the Pottery Glass of Paden City, and a retired employee of Ormet Corporation, Hannibal, Ohio. He also was a member of the American Legion Post 86, Paden City, and the Paden City Church of Christ. John loved West Virginia, the mountains and Carney Run. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Allen, Peru; a grandson, Dr. Jonathon Allen, Knoxville, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three sisters, Belle, Nell and Corrine; and a special nephew, Howard. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Jarvis Funeral Home, Paden City, W.Va., with Morris Hafley officiating. Interment will be in Paden Memorial Gardens, Paden City, W.Va. Friends will be received from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in Frank's name to Church of Christ, P.O. Box 242, Paden City, WV 26159. Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jarvisfuneralhomes.com. Local arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Mavis L. Walters, 80, Bluffton, passed away at 6:49 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born in Peru on April 23, 1927 to George and Mabel (Boyd) Gehring. On Dec. 11, 1948 in Peru, she married Robert E. Walters. He preceded her in death in June 1994. Mavis was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School, and then graduated from Wodekind's Beauty School in Logansport. She worked in a beauty salon until her marriage. Together with her husband, she owned and operated Bob's Truck Caps, where she worked as a bookkeeper, and also helped install truck caps for 15 years. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Bluffton. Survivors include a son, Blake Walters and wife Vicky, Bluffton; a daughter, Evonne Stephens and husband Richard, Fort Wayne; a brother, George Gehring and wife Sherry, Peru; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nephews Stephen Gehring and wife Bonnie, and Michael Gehring and wife Diana, Chad Martin, and a niece, Leslie Kay Martin. Mavis was preceded in death by her husband, a set of twins at birth, and a sister, Kate Martin. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, with the Reverend Larry Sheets officiating. Burial was at the Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton. Preferred memorials are to the Leukemia Foundation.

Elizabeth "Bettie" Warner Young, 87, Indianapolis, passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2008. She was born Dec. 29, 1920 in Miami County to Leores and Kate (Wilson) Warner. Bettie graduated from Deedsville High School. On Aug. 17, 1941 she married Acel G. Young, and he preceded her in death after 49 years of marriage. They lived in California until August 1945, after which they made their home in Twelve Mile until moving to Florida in 1985. Bettie retired from the Twelve Mile State Bank as head teller in 1985. Survivors include her children, Tracie E. Pettit, and Warner A. Young and wife Patricia, all of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, C. Robbin Corn and Douglas Corn, both of Indianapolis, and Elizabeth J. (Scott) Thatcher, Lexington, Ky.; six great-grandchildren, Kristen Corn, Tyler Corn, Olivia Corn, Gabriel Thatcher, Acel John (AJ) Thatcher and Lucas Thatcher; three sisters, Eva Friend, Peru, Nada Miller and husband Paul, Jeffersonville, and Rosa Lee Linn, Rochester; one brother, Fred Warner and wife Barbara, Peru, one brother-in-law, Granville Hattery, Macy; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister, Anita "Ann" Hattery. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bethlehem Methodist Church, Twelve Mile, with Pastors Teri White and Sam Stevens officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be at McClain Funeral Home, junction of U.S. 31 and Indiana 16, Denver, from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Omer J. Torrence, 81, Rochester, passed away at 2:10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 at his residence. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Private graveside services will be conducted at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbrso@rtcol.com.

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Billy Lee Swisher, 71, Peru, formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born Feb. 1, 1937 in Greentown to Kennith and Goldie M. (Burns) Swisher. He married Mary E. Cronan Aug. 13, 1957 in Jeffersonville, and she survives. Billy served in the U.S. Air Force from June 28, 1954 to Aug. 10, 1957. He retired in 1989 from Button Motors after 23 years of service where he was a service manager and mechanic. He loved to fish, hunt and spend time with his kids and grandkids. In addition, he was an avid IU basketball fan and loved Bobby Knight. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Karla McLain and husband Robert, Marion, Kim Kult and husband Don, Flora, and Konnie Swisher, Peru; grandchildren, April and Brian Horrigan, Fort Wayne, Renee Kult and significant other Nate Smith, Joshua Blackburn, Peru, Kasey Kult and Korey Kult, both of Flora, and Annie Blackburn, Peru; two sisters, Sherry Johnson and Becky Swisher, both of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo. Memorials may be made to Kokomo Rescue Mission, with envelopes available at the mortuary.

Monday, February 18, 2008

Marion G. Hoppes, 83, Peru, passed away at 1:16 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 at St. Vincent Seton Speciality Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born May 13, 1924 in Wabash County to Elmer and Edith (Bickel) Hoppes. He married Rhea Allenstein June 1, 1963 in Gadsden, Ala., and she survives. Marion graduated from Chippewa High School in Wabash County in 1942. He was a retired salesman for A.O. Smith Harvestore, Silver Lake, and was formerly employed at the Kokomo and Peru Big R stores. In addition, he was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Thea Scheblo and husband David, Peru, and Leah Strohman and husband Kevin, Roscoe, Ill.; a grandson, Nathan Scheblo; two nephews, Craig Hoppes and wife Tonya, and Todd Hoppes and wife Rachael, all of Wabash; two nieces, Deborah Cook and husband Roger, and Cathy Montel and husband Greg, all of Wabash; a brother, Lloyd Hoppes and wife Helen, Wabash; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church and/or Heifer International.

Charlotte Sue Holden, 46, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo, with her husband by her side. She was born March 21, 1961 in Peru to Bill and Margaret Croft Leffel. On Oct. 19, 1996 in Peru, she married Greg Holden, and he survives. Charlotte was a member of the Non-denominational church. A graduate of North Miami High School, she was currently employed at the Miami Correctional Facility where she worked as a secretary. She had previously worked for Sixby Exports in Mexico, Loy's Law Office, Kuepper Favor and North American Van Lines. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Shane Gregory Holden, at home; her parents in Peru; a grandmother, Delores Hodson and husband Carl, Peru; one brother, Phillip Leffel and wife Cyndi, Rochester; her mother-in-law, Patsy Spear and husband Dean, Mexico; her father-in-law, Jack Holden and wife Janie, Peru; and two nephews whom she loved as her own, Zac and Nic Leffel, both of Peru. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road 16, Denver, with Leslie White and Randy Satterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family, with envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Caroline E. Fisher, 77, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 at her residence. She was born Aug. 22, 1930 in Edmore, Mich. to Maison and Gladis (Briton) Smith. She married William C. Fisher, and he preceded her in death. Caroline was a homemaker and a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons, Larry Fisher and wife Alyce, Peru, and William Fisher, Keller, Texas; a brother, Donald Parrish, Michigan; two sisters, Ethel Murphy, Florida, and Donna Grover, Michigan; five grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

Raymond Connor, 66, Peru, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008 at his residence. He was born May 27, 1941 in Toledo, Ohio to Robert E. and Dorothy (Ingram) Connor-Peterson. He married Barbara Bogue Connor June 22, 1998 in Logansport, and she survives. Raymond graduated from Owen High School, Oregon, Ohio, in 1958, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He also was a lieutenant at the Miami Correctional Facility. Survivors besides his wife include his father in Toledo, Ohio; three children, Clint Connor and wife Karen, Denna Craig and husband David, all of Drummond Island, Mich., and Katrina Joly and husband Kenny, Alburn Hills, Mich.; four step-children, Tony Goodman and husband Beth, Manassa, Mich., Cary Goodman and wife Jeannine, Peru, Rhonda Alvin and husband Randy, Janesville, Wis., and Beth Been and husband Devon, Peru; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother. No funeral services or visitation are planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970 to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Rose Marie "Mammam" Rushing, 67, Peru, passed away at 3:40 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at her residence following a three-week illness. She was born on January 28, 1941 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to Martin P. Burke Sr. and Dorothy Margeretta (Cable) Burke. She married LeRoy E. Rushing Jr. on December 31, 1964, and he survives. Rose was a homemaker and was the owner of Rosebud Cleaning Service in Peru. She was a member of the American Legion Post #14 Ladies Auxiliary, the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #1152, Kokomo, and 40 & 8 Lafemines V-37, Fort Wayne. Survivors other than her husband include four sons, Andrew D. Smail, Orting, Washington; George E. Smail Jr. and wife Flo, Renton, Washington; Martin P. Smail, Johnstown; and LeRoy E. Rushing III, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Christina Coppennoll and husband David, Peru; and Mary J. Rushing, Peru; an adopted daughter, Teresa McKinney and husband Christopher; two brothers, Martin P. Burke Jr. and wife Ruth, Johnstown; Edward J. Burke Sr. and wife Gloria, Johnstown; a sister, Dorothy Servaceh and husband Robert, Johnstown; and 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will conducted

at noon on Saturday at the American Legion Post #14, 33 E. Sixth St., Peru, with Bishop Brian Skip Carson officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday at the American Legion. Memorial contributions can be made to Wabash/Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice or the American Legion Post #14 General Fund. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Helen L. Sheneman, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born April 12, 1921 in Miami County to George and Mary Duff. She married Delbert Williams, and then Eldon Rife and William Sheneman. All three preceded her in death. Helen was baptized at the Church of the Brethren and lived in Miami County all her life. She had been involved in the restaurant business most of her life, and was a member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary and Red Hats Society. Survivors include a son, Steven Williams, Peru; a daughter, Rita Clements and husband Robert, Leesburg, Fla.; four grandchildren, Kimberly, Scott, Heather and Stefan; and five great-grandchildren, Finnegan, Balloch, Harper, Vivien and Beatrix. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands and a son, Dennis Williams. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplains Steve Fleck and George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Dukes Pastoral Care Program.

Charles E. Doran, 91, New Waverly, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at 3:05 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. He was born on Nov. 22, 1916 in Walton to Edward Arwood Doran and Wilkie Murl Waggaman. He married Sarah V. Shaw on Jan. 27, 1940 in Walton, and she preceded him in death on April 10, 2007. Charles was retired from Kaiser Chemical Fertilizer Company (formerly Kingsbury Fertilizer) in Peru. He was a 1936 graduate of Onward High School. He was also a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church; Walton Masonic Lodge #423; and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. He was past governor and held other chairs of the Logansport Moose Lodge #232, from which he received the highest honor of The Pilgrims Degree of Merit in 1983. Charles was an avid fisherman and along with his wife, enjoyed camping at Lakeview Campground for over 25 years. He also enjoyed having a garden, carpentry work, hunting, reading and watching Purdue and IU sports. Survivors include a son, Richard Doran, El Paso, Texas; two daughters, Gloria Ott and husband Gary, Logansport, and Sally Karkkainen and husband Steven, Schofield, Wis.; four grandsons, Jim Doran and wife Mary, El Paso, Tom Doran, El Paso, John Ott, Avondale, Ariz., and Dan Karkkainen and wife Deanna, Hatley, Wis.; three granddaughters, Dana Ott, Logansport, Diana Walls and husband Ron, West Pueblo, Colo., and Lisa Kipina and husband Ken, Calumet, Mich.; 10 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. His wife; one sister, Martha "Esther" Swing; and one daughter-in-law, Ingrid Doran, preceded him in death. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Keith Schreffler officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. There will be a Masonic Lodge Service held at 7 p.m. and a Gold Coat Moose Lodge Service held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Waverly Volunteer Fire Department.

Richard L. Carson, 73, Peru, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born July 12, 1934 in North Manchester to Robert and Dorothy Mae (Buell) Carson. Richard retired from the Peru Foundry. Survivors include two sisters, Margaret Reynolds and husband Donald, Windfall, and Ruth Ann Hogue and husband Ernest, Auburn, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joseph and George Carson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Carolyn (White) Sagester, 62, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 in Kokomo. She was born on Oct. 18, 1945 in Peru to the late Charles White and the late Catherine L. (Brown) White. She married Philip O. Sagester on Nov. 27, 1965 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru. Philip preceded Carolyn in death in April of 2003. Carolyn had worked for Delco, retiring in 1983. She was a member of Local UAW 292 and St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, and a former member of the Eagles and the Moose. She loved spending time with her family and grandchildren; she also enjoyed bingo, traveling and making crafts. Survivors include her two devoted daughters, Annette Unger and husband David, and Candy and husband Timothy Hamrick II, all of Kokomo; her four loving grandchildren, Dakota DL, Caitlyn J. Unger, Kindra B. and Noah C. Hamrick; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Campbell and husband Dennis, an uncle, Hugh Brown and wife Dorothy; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Services will be on Friday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, with a funeral Mass starting at 11 a.m. with Father Ted Dudzinski officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, Kokomo. There will be visitation on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society Indiana State Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, #112, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Online condolences can be made at www.mem.com.

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Flora Louise Cole, 90, Brown County, passed away peacefully Monday evening, Feb. 18, 2008 at her cabin in Brown County surrounded by her family. She was born on Nov. 3, 1917 in Detroit, Mich. to Archibald and Minnie (Murdoch) Murphy. Her early years were spent in Yellow Springs and Mingo Junction, Ohio, and she graduated from Smithfield (Ohio) High School in

1935, where she was an Ohio all-star basketball player. Louise attended Antioch College and graduated from Ohio State University in 1942. That year she joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC); she served as a company commander, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. While stationed in Tampa, Fla., Louise met her future husband, Albert H. Cole Jr., whom she married in 1946 upon their discharge from the service. She and Albert raised their family in his hometown of Peru, where she was an active volunteer with the Presbyterian Church, Meals on Wheels, the Girl Scouts and the Girl Guards. A devoted wife and mother, she was a creative person who particularly enjoyed cooking and sewing, painting, reading, researching family history and genealogy, golfing, and harness horse racing, a hobby she shared with her husband. In 1989, upon Albert's death, she moved to rural Brown County, living in a log cabin built for her by her son Charles. Survivors include two daughters, Cynthia Gunton and husband Joseph, Green Valley, Ariz., and Frances Cole and husband Rockwell Troth, Grass Valley, Calif.; a son, Charles A. Cole and wife, Linda Baden, Brown County; a brother, Jim Murphy, Wellsburg, W.Va.; six grandchildren, Christopher Cole Gunton, Kate Cole Gunton, Isaac Baden Cole, Flora Baden Cole, Joanna Cole Troth and Carson Cole Troth; and Tammy Orr, her faithful caregiver. She was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, Frances McGrogan and Patricia Culp. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, is in charge of local arrangements. A celebration of her life is being planned for the spring.

Robert William Abell, 94, of rural Roann, died Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 8:51 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital. He was born on January 10, 1914 in Devil's Lake, North Dakota, to William Samuel and Dessie Robbins Abell. He married Edith E. Yarian in Lebanon, Kentucky, on November 9, 1940, and she survives. Robert was a farmer and lived on the farm in rural Roann since 1940. He was a member of the Roann First Brethren Church and liked to fish. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Darryl Abell, Peru, and Dale Abell and wife Ursula of Roann; two grandchildren, Phillip Abell and wife Kristi of Evansville, and William Abell, Roann; a sister, Betty Giltner, Bradenton, Florida; and a brother, Wayne Abell, Prescott, Arizona. He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Rd., Roann, with Pastor Phil Medsger officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mark Wayne Murphy, 71, Indianapolis, passed away on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. He was born on December 20, 1936 in Peru to Wayne and Mildred (Fouts) Murphy. He graduated from Manchester College and Harvard Law School. He practiced law in Indianapolis until his retirement several years ago. He was a member of Grace Community Church in Carmel and the Christian Men's Business Club. He was formerly a member of the Indiana Bar Association, the Columbia Club and the Riviera Club. He is survived by his daughter, Jane Murphy Zeronik; sons Mark W. Murphy II and Noble Lycester Biddinger Murphy; seven grandchildren: Eric, Emily, Brian, Ethan, Eli, Hanna, and Gabriel, with more on the way; and his brother, George A. Murphy. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Sunday at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center-Broad Ripple, 1305 E. Broad Ripple Ave., Indianapolis. Visitation will be at the same location from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

George E. Kiefer, 75, Peru, passed away at 3:06 a.m. Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born April 25, 1932 in Alicia, Ark. to Joseph E. and Della (Cockrell) Kiefer. He married Billie "Sue" Wallace June 19, 1954, and she survives. George retired from Kiefer Electric and Kiefer's Antiques. He was a member of the Peru Masonic Lodge. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Barb Althouse, Peru; two sons, Doug Keifer and wife Judi, and Dennis Kiefer, all of Peru; five grandchildren, Matt and Daniel Wilhelm, Jennifer Keifer, Tim and Sarah Althouse; and eight great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Braxton, Bryce, Ali, Teigan, Parker, Piper and Anna. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Hazel Marie Kiefer; a brother, Joseph Kiefer; and a son-in-law, Tim Althouse. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Bowland officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Quentin Brower, 87, rural Macy, passed away at 6:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital. He was born Aug. 6, 1920 in Miami County to Avery and Orpha (Bowen) Brower. He married Dorothy Jean Mang Oct. 14, 1939, and she survives. Quentin graduated from Deedsville High School in 1938 and was a retired farmer. He also was a member of Deedsville United Methodist Church and an avid fisherman. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Penny Mae Clemons and husband Bobby, rural Macy; three grandchildren, Darrell Clemons and wife Ruby, Keller, Texas, Don Clemons, South Bend, and Linnea Myers and husband Robert Jr., rural Twelve Mile; four great-grandchildren, Justin, Kristen, Joshua and Alexis; a brother, Larry Brower and wife Geraldine, rural Macy; and two sisters, Lela Deeds and husband Lyle, rural Macy, and Vera Green and husband Marvin, Converse. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Berl Brower; and a sister, Mabel Patty. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor William Babb III officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Deedsville United Methodist Church.

William E. Holton, 87, Wabash, passed away Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 at 10:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash. He was born Jan. 30, 1921 in Peru to Harry Holton and Ruth Rosella (Cunningham) Holton Robbins. He was raised by his mother Ruth and step-father, Elbert Robbins. Bill married Dorothy Vrooman on July 11, 1943 in Peru. He graduated in 1939 from Peru High School, and was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during World War II. Bill was a clerk for the Wabash Railroad later Norfolk Western Railroad in Peru and Wabash 38 years, retiring Jan. 1, 1980. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wabash, where he was the longtime usher at the 8 a.m. service. He was also a member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 F. & A.M, Wabash-Peru York-Rite Bodies, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and was a 50-year member of the Indiana Royal Arch Masons. Bill also was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, the Wabash Senior Club and the local and national A.A.R.P. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Judy Mitten and husband Michael, Wooster, Ohio, Margaret Holton, Wabash, and Nancy Baker, Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Carmen Newton, Logansport; four grandchildren, Angela Gibson and husband Mike, Monkton, Md., John Mitten and wife Sheri, Cary, N.C., Justin Baker, Columbus, Ohio, Ross Baker, Cincinnati, Ohio; five great-grandchildren, Calvin Gibson, Cooper Gibson and Madeline Gibson, all of Monkton, Md., Matthew Mitten and Nathan Mitten, both of Cary, N.C. He was preceded in death by one brother, James Holton. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., on Monday at 10 a.m., with Pastor Chris Madison officiating. A Masonic Service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to First United Methodist Church Building Fund. The memorial guest book for William may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Monday, February 25, 2008

Ruth S. "Pat" Fultz, 86, Peru, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at Sycamore Village in Kokomo. On June 13, 1921, she was born to Henry and Beulah (Schroll) Shipman in Bement, Ill. She married Ralph Fultz and later married James Griffin. A homemaker, she was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church, the Oakdale Basket Club and a life member of the Eagles Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary. Survivors include two daughters, Janice Eisenmenger and husband David, Peru, and Diane Deaton and husband John, Kokomo; six grandchildren, Mike Eisenmenger, Dennis Eisenmenger, Lisa Nollenbenger, Eric Nollenbenger, Brad Deaton and Aaron Fultz; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul Teel and wife Virgie, Akron. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; a brother, Herbert "Bus" Shipman; two sisters, Gail Williams and Mary Brenner; and two sons, Dennis and David Fultz. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with the Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be at Shrock Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Naomi L. Cossairt, 88, Peru, passed away at 5:40 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at Century Villa Healthcare in Greentown. She was born Oct. 14, 1919 in Miami County to William and Elsie (Rentzel) Smith. She married Larry A. Cossairt in July 1948. He preceded her in death Dec. 31, 1991. A homemaker, she was a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church. She is survived by a son, Terry Cossairt and wife Bonnie, Camden; a daughter, Mona Rogers and husband David, Converse; seven grandchildren, Cory, Leann, Duane, Stuart, Travis, Josh and Paul; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two brothers, Earl Smith and wife Doris, and Roy Smith and wife Iris, all of rural Macy; and a sister, Joann Denny, Converse. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with the Pastor Al Peck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Heart Association.

Carol A. Conner, 65, Syracuse, passed away at 7:52 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at her residence. She was born on July 27, 1942 in Wabash to Raymond and Velma Layman Creig. She was married to Earl Phillips for 23 years. A graduate of Wabash High School, Carol was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, VFW Auxiliary and Moose Auxiliary. Survivors include five sons, Danny Phillips and wife Kathy, Roanoke, David Phillips, Syracuse, Rick Phillips, Elkhart, Ronnie Phillips, Syracuse, and Paul Phillips and wife Susan, Decatur; a sister, Willma Christenson, Seattle, Wash.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Raymond Gene Creig; and one grandson, Curtis Barrett. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lily B. Sult, 89, Leiters Ford, passed away at 6:53 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. She was born May 25, 1918 in Marshall County to Wallace and Mary (Conrad) McGowen. She had lived in Leiters Ford since 1968, coming from Bremen. Lily married Harry L. Sult Dec. 9, 1966 in Rochester, and he preceded her in death July 6, 1993. She was a homemaker, former member of Leiters Ford United Methodist Church and Mount Hope Church. While attending Mount Hope, she took joy in teaching primary Sunday School class. She also expressed herself through poetry, writing and painting on canvas. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ellen Ryon and husband Dave, Dayton, Ohio, and Joan B. Hodson and husband David, Peru; a son, John Sult and wife Amy, Culver; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother, Clarence McGowen. A celebration of life of Mrs. Lily B. Sult

will held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, with Pastor Bob Metzger officiating. Burial will be in Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to her services. Good Family Funeral Home has been entrusted with her services. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com. Preferred memorials may be made to the Mount Hope United Methodist Church either at the church or funeral home.

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Charles G. "Dude" Scheffer, 76, Wabash, passed away at 8:58 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Father Ron Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Russel R. Evans, 78, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7:09 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008 at home after a long illness. He was born July 18, 1929 in Chicago, Ill. to Ethel Marie (Anderson) and Edward Pryce Evans. He married Phyllis J. Cahill, and she preceded him in death in 1987. He married Diana Smith in 1990, and she survives. Russ attended Marquette Grammar School and Lindbloom High School, both in Chicago. He retired from the U.S. Air Force at age 55, and attended Ball State University, earning his associate's of art, bachelor of science and master of arts degrees. He started out teaching accordion at the ABC School of Music in Chicago and Evergreen Park. He also played in several bands around Chicago. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves out of Chicago from 1947 to 1950. He served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 to 1980. He served 30 years in the Strategic Air Command, serving throughout the U.S. He started out as an aerial photographer on the RB-36 aircraft. He flew as a boom operator (air to air refueling) for 21 years. He retired with the grade of chief master sergeant in 1980 with a total of 33 years of service to his country. He also was a member of the VFW Post 2067, Peru. Survivors besides his wife include three children, Steve Evans, Mark Evans and wife Carla, and Elizabeth Evans Ford and husband Richard; four step-children, Dean Chaney and wife Sharon, Mark Chaney and wife Rhonda, Troy Chaney and wife Tammy, and Angie Sanders and husband Mark; four grandchildren, Mauralyne, Evan, Katie and Shannon Ford; nine step-grandchildren, Lauren and Bryan Chaney, Beth and Missy Chaney, Dillon and Allison Chaney, and triplets Leanna, Kiersten and Brittany Sanders; one great-granddaughter, Emma Kay Smith; and a sister, Beverly Jones and husband Andrew, Chicago. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife and three brothers, Edward P. Evans and wife June, Lester Phillip Evans and wife Pearl and John Delmar Evans and wife Ruth. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society of Kokomo.

Zona Mae Brontrager, 80, Greentown, passed away at 4:47 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Miami County, with Pastors Lillian Elias and Jacob Elias officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Howard County. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to Parkview Mennonite Church, Kokomo. Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Regina (Duty) Runkle, 48, Fort Wayne, formerly of Peru, passed away on Friday, Feb. 22, 2008, at her home in Fort Wayne. She was born on Oct. 13, 1959 in Fulton County, Ky. to Billy Joe Duty and Henrietta Ann Oaks. She was raised in Peru. She married James Allen Runkle on Dec. 18, 1976 at Mexico Baptist Church in Mexico. He survives his loving and devoted wife of 32 years. Regina loved spending time with her family and grandchildren; she also enjoyed playing bass guitar with her husband, dancing the night away and traveling the country on the back of her husband's motorcycle. Survivors besides her husband include her three devoted daughters, Tisha Knott and husband Dan, Yvonne Dyer and husband Joe, and Showna Gantt and husband Anton; her six loving grandchildren, Kimberly A. Knott (14 years old), Emma R. Dyer (7 years old), Armani Z. Gantt (5 years old), Aramis I. Gantt (3 years old), Anna M. Dyer (3 years old), and one unborn grandchild. She was preceded in death by her sister, Peggy Darlene Duty (5 years old), born June 27, 1957 and died Aug. 2, 1962. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mexico Baptist Church, 4088 N. Carrol St., Mexico, with the Rev. James Lund officiating. There will be no entombment as Regina's wishes were to be cremated. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805 (260-484-9560), Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814 (260-435-3222) or American Lung Association online at www.lungusa.org.

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Ruby I. Burgan, 87, Peru, passed away at 10:26 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born May 18, 1920 in Miami County to Russell and Iva (Miller) Mughmaw. She married John Burgan Nov. 21, 1936, and he preceded her in death May 17, 1981. Ruby was a homemaker and a member of the Dukes Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies. Survivors include three daughters, Wanda Coleman, Peru, Joann Sturgeon and husband Jim, Rockford, Ohio, and Susan Witte and husband David, Arnold, Missouri; a son, Bob Burgan and wife Terrie, Arnold; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Duane

Burgan; three brothers, Merlin, Floyd and Ray Mughmaw; and two sisters, Dorothy Owens and Esther Swartzentruber. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Dukes Hospital Pink Ladies and/or Miller's Merry Manor Bird Aviary.

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Rev. Maurice E. Kessler, 93, Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Akron United Methodist Church, 121 N. Mishawaka St., Akron, with the Reverends Harold L. Leininger and Karen Ottjes officiating. Entombment will be in Muncie Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Muncie. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at Timbercrest Senior Living Community, 2201 East St., North Manchester, from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, and one-half hour prior to the service at the church Saturday. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Arliss June Warren, 82, Peru, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born Saturday, May 23, 1925 in Peru to Oscar and Muriel (Shepler) Price. Arliss married Jack L. Warren Nov. 5, 1945, and he preceded her in death March 14, 1989. Arliss worked in sales at Senger Dry Goods. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Elkettes, Moose, American Legion, VFW and Dukes Memorial Hospital auxiliaries. Survivors include a son, Scott Warren and wife Ann, Gilbert, Arizona; a granddaughter, Kati Pratt, Illinois; nieces and nephews, Marty Duckworth, Kathy Canfield, Liz Detzel, Patty Bishop and Deborah Rambo, all of Cincinnati, Joseph and Brenda Ricketts, Dayton, Ohio, Sandy Ricketts, Atlanta, Georgia, Vicki Crouse and Cindy Farris, both of Marble Falls, Texas, Carol Sandlin, Pflugerville, Texas; and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Jeffery Warren; and a brother, Edwin Price. A service celebrating the life of Arliss June Warren will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Pastoral Care Program.

Friday, February 29, 2008

William Lemoyne Richards, 87, Peru, passed away at 4:11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born Dec. 9, 1920 in Wabash County to William and Edith Philabaum Richards. He married Doris Mae Hagan Richards Feb. 20, 1945 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru. She preceded him in death Dec. 18, 2006. William graduated from Peru High School in 1940 and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. His military decorations include the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was an x-ray technician at the Wabash railroad hospital and later at Dukes Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1985. In addition, he was a member of the Moose and the Elks. Survivors include two sons, David Richards and wife Beverly, Woodstock, Ga., and James Richards and wife Chery, Bellevue, Neb.; and four grandchildren, William Richards, Peru, Jason Richards, Hawaii, Amanda McGarity, Georgia, and Michael Richards, Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife and three brothers, Milton, Paul and Arthur Richards. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Community Foundation.

Lawrence "Larry" Inglehearn, 69, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 at his residence. He was born Nov. 9, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pa. to Lawrence and Alice (Founds) Inglehearn. Larry served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960 and was a retired carpenter. Survivors include his companion, Colette Sidwell; three sons, Curtis Inglehearn and wife Jude, Eric Inglehearn and wife Cheryl, all of Peru, and Michael Inglehearn and wife Sandy, Rochester; a daughter, Theresa Tibbits and husband Mike, Nevada; six grandchildren, Preston, Angelea, Michael, William, Cameron and Ethan; a brother, Jack Inglehearn, New Jersey; and three sisters, Marie Pilkowski, Peru, and Carol Burns and Lora Mickles, both of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a celebration of Larry's life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the home of his son, Eric Inglehearn, 2533 S. Wallick Road. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friday, February 29, 2008

Earl L. Smith, 75, rural Macy, passed away at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born June 25, 1932 in Butler Township, Miami County, to William and Elsie (Rentzel) Smith, and lived in Miami County all his life. He married Doris Hunt Oct. 9, 1957, and she survives. Earl graduated from Chili High School in 1950 and was a retired farmer. He was a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church, the Macy Masonic Lodge, Peru Maennerchor, Deedsville Odd Fellows Lodge and the Pioneer Power of North Central Indiana Tractor Club. He loved mushroom hunting, fishing, playing cards at the Maennerchor, liked antique tractors and collecting 1/16th scale Allis Chalmers tractors. Survivors

besides his wife include a son, William E. Smith and wife Lynette, Chili; two daughters, Anne Hart and husband Paul, Macy, and Becky White, Chili; 11 grandchildren, Alicia Hart and fiance Paul Pe, Logansport, Zach Hart and wife Stacia, Silver Lake, Samuel Hart, Macy, Thomas and Rylie White, Carrie Anne Smith, Lee and Donnie Hall and Mary Werner and husband Adam, all of Chili; a brother, Roy Smith and wife Iris, rural Macy; and a sister, Joann Denny, Converse. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Mark David Smith and Robert Gene Smith; three brothers and eight sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Al Peck officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association

William Albert "Al-Son" Bullock, 91, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at Sycamore Village, Kokomo. He was born Sept. 25, 1916 in Miami County to William Henry and Anna "Annie" Matilda (Deisch) Bullock. He married Mary Jane (Lavering) Bullock in 1939, and she preceded him in death July 4, 1999. William was a retired farmer and retired from Johnson Controls. He was a member of Calvary Methodist Church, Avilla, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Kokomo, and the Masonic Lodge, Mount Etna. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Jane Bickel and husband Robert, Kokomo, and Kathy Jane Childers and husband Robert, Leo; a son, John Michael Bullock, South Bend; six grandchildren, John Bickel, Jason Bickel, Brian Childers, Brad Bullock, Janice Bickel and Kendra Anderson; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Katheryn Cover, Walton. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers and two sisters. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Michael Dominick officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Howard County Hospice.

Saturday, March 01, 2008

Eva F. Rodman, 73, Peru, passed away Friday, Feb. 29, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Nov. 18, 1934 in Oakwood, Ill. to Floyd and Dorothy (Lee) Isenhower. She married Bobby Gene Rodman, and he preceded her in death in 1970. Eva retired from the Dollar General Store in Peru and was a member of First Church of Christ. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Ellen Baldwin, Ormond Beach, Fla., and Cathy L. Harper, Peru; a son, Robert "Joe" Rodman and wife Mary, Walton; nine grandchildren, Matthew Alexander, Andrew Harper, Leslie M. Whitaker, Nickolos Baldwin, Andrew S. Elliott, Brianna Strasser, Brandon Strasser, Tyler Herod and Ryan Herod; eight great-grandchildren, Brian, Braydon, Alexis, Summer, Kaitlyn, Chelsea, Kiley and Coady; a brother, William Ray Isenhower and wife Judy, Van Buren, Ark.; and two sisters, Edith Books and husband Russell, Bunker Hill, and Lois Marie Oberlander and husband Edward, Morriston, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Ronald Christopher Harper; and two brothers, Kenneth Isenhower and Robert Isenhower. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Russell Tague officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Love gifts may be made to the family.

Edgar L. Bullick, 86, Marion, went home to be with the Lord at 12:12 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Peru. He was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Cass County to Frederick L. and Hazel E. (Garber) Bullick. He married Betty J. (Moss) Bullick June 5, 1943 in Wabash. She preceded in death Dec. 31, 2007. Edgar served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a lifelong farmer in Cass and Grant counties and a member of First Baptist Church in Galveston, the American Legion Post in Galveston, the Galveston Masonic Lodge F. & A.M., Scottish Rite in Indianapolis and Eastern Star in Galveston. Second Timothy 4:7-8: I have competed well: I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearance. Edgar was a loving husband, father and grandpa and he will be sadly missed but we are comforted knowing that he is in the hands of the Lord Jesus. Survivors include a son, Roger L. Bullick and wife Diane, Marion; two daughters, Sandra Seals and husband Theodore, Bunker Hill, and Phyllis Boyer and husband Larry, Walton; seven grandchildren, Michael and Tracy Seals, Carmel, Julie and Lee Miller, Bunker Hill, Lori and Bret Daily, Kokomo, Kyle and Paula Bullick, Wabash, Brad and Cristi Boyer, Greentown, Kelly and Mike Hawkins, Marion, Janae and Jason Graves, Peru; 15 great-grandchildren, Laci, Cole, Leah, Payton, Landon, Justin, Jaren, Joshua, Zachary, Ruthanna, Sarah, Addy, Ally, Drake, and Lillia and two more great-grandchildren expected in 2008; two sisters, Pauline Miller, Kokomo, and Martha Martin, Peru; and a brother, Leo Bullick, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one brother, Melford. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church of Galveston, 207 S. Sycamore St., with the Rev. Aaron Webb officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, with military rites graveside. Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Masonic services at 6:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Galveston, P.O. Box 626, Galveston, IN 46932. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Stephen E. Shrock, 56, Amboy, passed away at 11:54 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008 at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 22, 1951 in Indianapolis to the late Dr. Ethan E. and Julia (Tucker) Shrock, living in Amboy most of his life. He married Judith A. Warnock April 4, 1990, and she survives. Stephen was a 1970 graduate of Oak Hill High School and a 1974 graduate of Indiana University. He was assistant vice president of First Farmers Bank and Trust for 19

years. He attended Converse United Methodist Church and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Kevin Trimble and wife Mindy, Amboy; and three grandchildren, Nicholas Myers, Kathleen and Kale Trimble. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Converse United Methodist Church, 109 E. Wabash, Converse, with Pastor Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church, with Masonic rites beginning at 6 p.m. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, Converse, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Monday, March 03, 2008

Dorothy Jean Newman-Gish, 70, Marion, passed away on the evening of Thursday, February 29, 2008 at Marion General Hospital. She was born on May 12, 1937 in Cherry Hill, Tennessee to Rosco and Minniebell (Denny) Gambrell. Dorothy was a member of the Eagles Lodge, American Legion, VFW and AMVETS. She enjoyed camping, going to casinos, fishing, golf, playing cards, and watching sports - especially the Indianapolis Colts! Her most enjoyable moments, however, were spending time with her children and grandchildren. Dorothy is survived by three children, Don Newman, Doug Newman, both of Peru, and Donna Yeakle and husband Wes, Marion; three sisters, Juanita Hufford and husband Charles, Florida, Henretta Hall and husband Delmus, Logansport, and Loretta Quinn and husband Frank, Greentown; 12 wonderful grandkids; 18 wonderful great-grandkids; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, John Dixon, Dorothy Burks, and Ruth West. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; and five sisters. Funeral services will be conducted at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, with Pastor Brad Swan officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity. Online condolences may be sent to www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Larry D. Bowman, 64, Burnettsville, passed away at 3:12 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born on April 27, 1943 in Logansport to Samuel and Mildred (Cart) Bowman. On January 3, 1969, he married Wilma L. Robertson in Logansport, and she survives. Larry served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1965. He worked as a farmer, as well as at the Better Way Glass Company in Logansport for 12 years. Larry attended the First Church of the Nazarene, and was a member of the VFW Post 3790 and the American Legion Post 60. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Kimberly Alioto and husband Joseph, Idaville, and Brenda Bowman, Georgetown; five brothers, Herbert Bowman and wife Mary Ann, New Waverly, William Bowman and wife Mary, Logansport, Ronald Bowman, Logansport, Gerald Bowman, New Waverly, and Richard Bowman and wife Sondra, Logansport; six grandchildren, Jessica Alioto, Amanda Alioto, Joseph Alioto, Bryanna Bowman, Jaydon Delp, and Jarod Delp; and one great-grandchild, Isaiah Alioto. Larry was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Janice Holmes; and six brothers, Raymond, Marion, Truman, John, Hubert, and Victor Bowman. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Dr. Horace Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Ever Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene and/or the American Cancer Society. A candle of hope may be lit in memory of Larry, as well as a viewing of his video tribute at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Martha 'Alice' Mills, 87, Peru, passed away at 6:39 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport. She was born on July 12, 1920 in Wabash to John Charles and Christina (Clevenger) Knee. On March 24, 1962, she married Fredrick 'Paul' Mills, who preceded her in death on September 10, 1985. 'Alice' was retired from the Meat Mart, which was located at 5th and Benton Streets in Peru. She was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. She is survived by one son, Charles Binkerd and wife Marjorie, Mexico; one daughter, Shirley Haffner and husband John, Denver; six grandchildren, Chuck Binkerd and wife Becca, Marion, Becky Aspinwall and husband Joe, Denver, Mike Binkerd and wife Lorraine, Fort Wayne, Don Haffner and wife Linda, Springfield, Missouri, Dianne Hayes and husband Wayne, Logansport, and Rhonda Hunter and husband Tom, Denver; great-grandchildren, Joe Binkerd, Maitland, Florida, Nicole Binkerd, Orlando, Celeste and Victoria Binkerd, Fort Wayne, Steven and Alex Aspinwall, Denver, Melissa and Joe Haffner, Springfield, Ben Bond, Bunker Hill, Brian Bond, Iraq, Shawn and Kristy Haffner, Denver, and Taralynn, Peru; one great-grandchild; one sister, Charlene Chajkowski, new Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Aside from her husband, 'Alice' was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Charles H. Knee; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Robert Stuck and Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice.

Pauleen R. Greer, 90, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born on February 27, 1918 in Peru to William and Minnie (Herrell) Hann. On March 14, 1936, she married Joseph O. Greer, who preceded her in death on June 11, 1992. The lifelong Peru resident was retired from Miller's Merry Manor, and was a member of the First Brethren Church. Pauleen is survived by four sons, George Greer and wife Joyce Ann, Logansport, Jerry Greer and wife Marcia, Kokomo, Dennis 'Butch' Greer, and David Greer, both of Peru; five daughters, Colleen Lunceford, Sallyann Swihart and husband Jerry, Peggy Hall and husband Norwood, and Arwilda Bogt, each of Peru, and Joetta Martin and husband Timothy, Bradenton, Florida; 27 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-

grandchildren. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Richard Greer; five brothers, Russell, Thurman, Bud, Herbert, and Patrick Hann; and one grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Lorrie Keck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Brethren Church.

Paul G. Thiry, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Life Care Center, Rochester. He was born in Peru on March 26, 1922 to Aimalle and Philippina (Debring) Thiry. On November 12, 1971, he married Mildred Carlin, who preceded him in death on November 8, 1993. Paul, who lived in Peru most of his life, served in the United States Army during World War II, and was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He was retired from Square D Company in Peru. He is survived by three sons, Paul W. Thiry and wife Irma, Denver, Quinton D. Thiry, Rochester, Robert J. Thiry, Rochester; three daughters, Brenda Herbuck and husband Herb, Massillon, Ohio, Ethel Thiry, Louisville, Midge Hendershot and husband Jeff, Canton, Ohio; step-daughter, Sally Brown, Peru; step-son, Richard Burwell and wife June, Peru; 20 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Paul was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Johnny Spencer officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Carolyn J. Reed, 68, Huntington, passed away at 3:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born on February 24, 1940 in Peru to Raymond E. and Margaret A. (Burkett) Snyder. She was united in marriage to Ralph H. Reed on August 20, 1972 in Mexico, and he preceded her in death on September 11, 2007. Carolyn and Ralph had owned the Sonshine Health Center on the Huntington Mall since 1984. The 1958 graduate of Jefferson Township High School, Mexico, was a member of Life Church in Huntington. Carolyn is survived by one daughter, Cindy Phillips and husband Jeff, Huntington; three sons, Bryan Reed and wife Dee, Peru, Bradley Reed and wife Theresa, Huntington, and Randall Reed and wife Donna, Huntington; one sister, Shirley Griffin, Kearney, Missouri; one brother, Norman L. Snyder and wife Dorothy, Warsaw; seven grandchildren, Ryan Reed, Travis Reed, Andrea Kochensparger, Anna Kochensparger, Macy Phillips, Madison Phillips, and Montana Phillips. Aside from her husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Judith E. Snyder; and one brother, Ronald R. Snyder. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, with Pastor Mike Hill officiating. Interment will be in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, Huntington. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Preferred memorials may be made to the Life Church of Huntington, c/o Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Carolyn's online guest registry, log on to www.myersfuneralhome.com and click on obituaries.

Tuesday, March 04, 2008

Erma L. Plothow, 87, Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness. She was born Dec. 2, 1920 at Miami County to Mattie (Wooten) and Anthony F. Plothow Sr. She married Robert Elsinger and then Richard Jordan. Both preceded her in death. Erma graduated from Bunker Hill High School and was a volunteer for the Red Cross during World War II. She retired from United Technology, was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four brothers, Fritz, Omer, Earl and Richard E. Plothow; and three sisters, Thelma Meeker, Eileen Linkenhoker and Marjorie Flora. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Thursday until time of services at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

LeRoy Jay Conklin, 84, Rochester, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. He was born Sept. 30, 1923 in Logansport to Schuyler and Edna Mae (Reeves) Conklin. He married Dorothy Riffe in 1945 in San Diego, Calif. and she preceded him in death. He married Dorothy R. Hill June 23, 1961 in Logansport, and she preceded in death April 23, 1995. He then married Ocelia Emigh Bailey Aug. 23, 2003 in Rochester, and she survives. LeRoy was a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran during World War II. He retired in 1985 as a carpenter for Steinberger Construction, Inc. He was a member of Logansport Eagles Lodge No. 323, a member and former governor of Moose Lodge #232 and a member of American Legion Post No. 418. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Cheryl Whittenburger and husband Gene, Mexico; three sons, Ronald LeRoy Conklin and wife Sandra, Dennis Conklin and wife Alisha, and Greg Conklin and wife Dixie, all of Peru; a sister, Nina James, Logansport; Ocelia's nephew, Rick Lindgren, Rochester; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives; a sister, Bessie Sterrett; and a brother, Lloyd Conklin. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Dr. Horace Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery Logansport, with full military graveside services. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Charles "Trevor" Breaton, 60, rural Urbana, passed away at 8 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at his home. He was born July 29, 1947 in St. Thomas, Alberta, Canada, to Charles Breaton and Evalyn (Webb) Best and was raised by his mother and step-

father, Ernest Best. He married Jane Werner on Aug. 21, 1976 in Huntington, and she survives. Trevor had lived in Wabash County since 1974. He was a traffic manager for Wabash Alloys 27 years. He was a member of Lagro American Legion and Wabash F.O.P. He was a sharpshooter and loved to collect guns. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving 13 months in Viet Nam. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Steven Breaton and wife Kim, Corona, Calif., Jon Breaton and wife Alicia, Milford, Kory Breaton and daughter, Stephanie Breaton, both of Urbana; and four grandchildren, McKenna Breaton, Corona, Allie Breaton, Milford, Kaine Breaton, Peru, and Wynter Smith, Nebraska. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Saturday at 4 p.m., with Mike Chambers delivering the eulogy. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to the family of Trevor Breaton. The memorial guest book for Trevor may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sharon K. Stutzman, 63, Elwood, passed away Monday, March 3, 2008 at Howard Regional Medical Center, Kokomo, following an extended illness. She was born June 18, 1944 in Elwood to John and Bercha (Reynolds) Stroud. She married Levi W. Stutzman on May 13, 1966, and he survives. Sharon was a homemaker most of her life, and formerly worked at Subway in Tipton for several years. She attended Elwood Schools. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Elwood, and was a host to many missionary students in her home. She had visited the church temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was a member of the Relief Society at the Elwood church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren and camping. She loved her dog, "Sugar." Survivors besides her husband of 41 years include three children, Patricia "Tricia" Gillam and husband Bob, Tipton, Levi W. Stutzman II, Elwood, and Charlie Stutzman and wife Stacie, Peru; two step-children, Garry Stutzman and wife Linda, Anderson, and Cheri Tucker and husband Don, Elwood; seven siblings, Barbara Murphy, Patty Reynolds, Mary Reynolds, Charlotte Stephens, Connie Fullhart, Kathy Psaras and David Knopp; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two step-children, Theresa and Margaret Stutzman. Funeral services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, Elwood, with Jack Cornwell officiating. Burial will take place at Sharon Hill Cemetery, Kalona, Iowa, following graveside services at 4 p.m. (Iowa time) Thursday. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 6025 W. State Road 28, Elwood, IN 46036. Online condolences to the Stutzman family may be made at www.copherfeslermay.com.

Clara A. Baker, 98, Peru, passed away at 5:23 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born March 30, 1909 in Shelbyville to Harry and Lora Phillipe Winton. She married Garnett Baker Dec. 25, 1933, and he preceded her in death in August of 1965. Clara was a custodian at Shelbyville Junior High School until her retirement. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Cawood and husband Ken, Peru; a son, Larry Baker and wife Gudrun, Ocean Springs, Miss.; five grandchildren, Christina Bowyer, Teresa Cawood, Dennis Baker, Gina Matthews and Hiedi Dinehart; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Thomas Omer Winton; and two sisters, Ruby Eleanor Ray and Cordelia Cundiff. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Freeman Family Funeral Home, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison, Shelbyville, with the Rev. Perry Richards officiating. Burial will be in Flat Rock Cemetery, Flat Rock. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami County Hospice. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Zelpha E. Ferre Carpenter, 76, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 22, 1931 in Macon County, Ill. to Ira and Edith (Wright) Patrick. She married Gerald "Jerry" Ferre in September of 1949, and then Fred Carpenter in November of 1991. Both preceded her in death. Zelpha was formerly employed by Maconaquah School Corporation and owned the Patio Restaurant in Peru from 1975 to 1986. Survivors include three sons, Keith R. Ferre and wife Jeanne, Decatur, Ill., Kent L. Ferre and wife Laurie, Mount Zion, Ill., and Kerry C. Ferre and wife Lanita, Peru; two step-sons, Pete Carpenter, Florida, and Fred Carpenter, Valparaiso; two step-daughters, Stacey Sturch, Amboy, and Stephanie Smith, Peru; three brothers, Ray Patrick, Horseheads, N.Y., Cecil Patrick, New Berne, N.C., and Carl Patrick, Decatur, Ill.; six sisters, Carolyn Robertson and husband Zack, Decatur, Ill., Iris Cutrell and husband Jock, Las Vegas, Nev., Linda Dingman, Norfolk, Va., Nila Hudson and husband Terry, Houston, Texas, Lila Atherton, Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy Holt and husband Gene, Clinton, Ill.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands and three brothers, Dwight, William and Joseph Patrick. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Tom Daugherty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Wednesday, March 05, 2008

Ruby L. Mawbey, 90, Peru, passed away at 1:43 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on November 13, 1917 in Miami County to George and Hazel (Maus) Brubaker. On November 20, 1941, she married George H. Mawbey, who preceded her in death on July 13, 1984. Ruby was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru. She was an avid and faithful follower of her son's basketball teams for over four decades, as well as enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ruby attended Deedsville High School, and later taught at the school. After

graduating from Manchester College, she also taught at Butler, Macy, and Holman schools, before retiring following her 37-year career. Ruby was a member of the Literary Club, Ever Ready Home Economics Club, Sigma Delta Pi, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Delta Kappa Gamma organizations. She is survived by one son, Basil L. Mawbey and wife Eileen, Rochester; four grandchildren, Leah Haak and husband Tim, Zionsville, Dawn Hein and husband Andy, Highland, Christine Farrell and husband Jim, Lake Forest, Illinois, and Cary Mawbey and wife Nicole, Kokomo; 10 great-grandchildren, Christian, James, Luke, Charlie, Jacob, Gabriella, Maeve, George, Sam, and Aiden, who entered the world at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at First Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Richard Lee Hoover, 71, Peru, passed away at 3:55 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on January 4, 1937 in Peru to Russell and Meda (Coleman) Hoover. On March 25, 1960, he married Lois Willis, and she survives. Richard was a retired engineer from the CSX Railroad. The 1955 Peru High School graduate enjoyed fishing and watching Indiana University basketball. He served in the United States Navy. Aside from his wife, Richard is survived by one son, Darin Hoover, Lizton; one daughter, Robin Brown and husband Kenneth, Peru; three grandsons, Tyler Brown, Daniel Hoover, and Clayton Brown; one brother, Kenneth Hoover and wife Betty, Peru; two sisters-in-law, Norma Hoover, Peru, and Bonnie Hoover, Claypool. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ralph Hoover and Donald Hoover; two sisters, Vera Trum and Merriell Hoover, who passed away as an infant; and one infant grandson, Bobby Darin Brown. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Carolyn J. Reed, 68, Huntington, passed away at 3:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born on February 24, 1940 in Peru to Raymond E. and Margaret A. (Burkett) Snyder. She was united in marriage to Ralph H. Reed on August 20, 1972 in Mexico, and he preceded her in death on September 11, 2007. Carolyn and Ralph had owned the Sonshine Health Center on the Huntington Mall since 1984. The 1958 graduate of Jefferson Township High School, Mexico, was a member of Life Church in Huntington. Carolyn is survived by one daughter, Cindy Phillips and husband Jeff, Huntington; three sons, Bryan Reed and wife Dee, Peru, Bradley Reed and wife Theresa, Huntington, and Randall Reed and wife Donna, Huntington; one sister, Shirley Griffin, Kearney, Missouri; one brother, Norman L. Snyder and wife Dorothy, Warsaw; seven grandchildren, Ryan Reed, Travis Reed, Andrea Kochensparger, Anna Kochensparger, Macy Phillips, Madison Phillips, and Montana Phillips. Aside from her husband, Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Judith E. Snyder; and one brother, Ronald R. Snyder. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, with Pastor Mike Hill officiating. Interment will be in the Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, Huntington. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Preferred memorials may be made to the Life Church of Huntington, c/o Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Carolyn's online guest registry, log on to www.myersfuneralhome.com and click on obituaries.

Paul G. Thiry, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Life Care Center, Rochester. He was born in Peru on March 26, 1922 to Aimalle and Philippina (Debring) Thiry. On November 12, 1971, he married Mildred Carlin, who preceded him in death on November 8, 1993. Paul, who lived in Peru most of his life, served in the United States Army during World War II, and was a member of the Eagles Lodge. He was retired from Square D Company in Peru. He is survived by three sons, Paul W. Thiry and wife Irma, Denver, Quinton D. Thiry, Rochester, Robert J. Thiry, Rochester; three daughters, Brenda Herbuck and husband Herb, Massillon, Ohio, Ethel Thiry, Louisville, Midge Hendershot and husband Jeff, Canton, Ohio; step-daughter, Sally Brown, Peru; step-son, Richard Burwell and wife June, Peru; 20 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Paul was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Johnny Spencer officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. A military committal service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Pauleen R. Greer, 90, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born on February 27, 1918 in Peru to William and Minnie (Herrell) Hann. On March 14, 1936, she married Joseph O. Greer, who preceded her in death on June 11, 1992. The lifelong Peru resident was retired from Miller's Merry Manor, and was a member of the First Brethren Church. Pauleen is survived by four sons, George Greer and wife Joyce Ann, Logansport, Jerry Greer and wife Marcia, Kokomo, Dennis 'Butch' Greer, and David Greer, both of Peru; five daughters, Colleen Lunceford, Sallyann Swihart and husband Jerry, Peggy Hall and husband Norwood, and Arwilda Bogt, each of Peru, and Joetta Martin and husband Timothy, Bradenton, Florida; 27 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Richard Greer; five brothers, Russell, Thurman, Bud, Herbert, and Patrick Hann; and one grandchild. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Lorrie Keck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Brethren Church.

Thursday, March 06, 2008

Erma L. Plothow, 87, Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness. She was born Dec. 2, 1920 at Miami County to Mattie (Wooten) and Anthony F. Plothow Sr. She married Robert Elsinger and then Richard Jordan. Both preceded her in death. Erma graduated from Bunker Hill High School and was a volunteer for the Red Cross during World War II. She retired from United Technology, was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; four brothers, Fritz, Omer, Earl and Richard E. Plothow; and three sisters, Thelma Meeker, Eileen Linkenhoker and Marjorie Flora. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Thursday until time of services at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

LeRoy Jay Conklin, 84, Rochester, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. He was born Sept. 30, 1923 in Logansport to Schuyler and Edna Mae (Reeves) Conklin. He married Dorothy Riffe in 1945 in San Diego, Calif. and she preceded him in death. He married Dorothy R. Hill June 23, 1961 in Logansport, and she preceded in death April 23, 1995. He then married Ocelia Emigh Bailey Aug. 23, 2003 in Rochester, and she survives. LeRoy was a U.S. Marine Corp. veteran during World War II. He retired in 1985 as a carpenter for Steinberger Construction, Inc. He was a member of Logansport Eagles Lodge No. 323, a member and former governor of Moose Lodge #232 and a member of American Legion Post No. 418. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Cheryl Whittenburger and husband Gene, Mexico; three sons, Ronald LeRoy Conklin and wife Sandra, Dennis Conklin and wife Alisha, and Greg Conklin and wife Dixie, all of Peru; a sister, Nina James, Logansport; Ocelia's nephew, Rick Lindgren, Rochester; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives; a sister, Bessie Sterrett; and a brother, Lloyd Conklin. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Dr. Horace Smith officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery Logansport, with full military graveside services. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Charles "Trevor" Breaton, 60, rural Urbana, passed away at 8 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2008 at his home. He was born July 29, 1947 in St. Thomas, Alberta, Canada, to Charles Breaton and Evalyn (Webb) Best and was raised by his mother and stepfather, Ernest Best. He married Jane Werner on Aug. 21, 1976 in Huntington, and she survives. Trevor had lived in Wabash County since 1974. He was a traffic manager for Wabash Alloys 27 years. He was a member of Lagro American Legion and Wabash F.O.P. He was a sharpshooter and loved to collect guns. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving 13 months in Viet Nam. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Steven Breaton and wife Kim, Corona, Calif., Jon Breaton and wife Alicia, Milford, Kory Breaton and daughter, Stephanie Breaton, both of Urbana; and four grandchildren, McKenna Breaton, Corona, Allie Breaton, Milford, Kaine Breaton, Peru, and Wynter Smith, Nebraska. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Saturday at 4 p.m., with Mike Chambers delivering the eulogy. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to the family of Trevor Breaton. The memorial guest book for Trevor may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Sharon K. Stutzman, 63, Elwood, passed away Monday, March 3, 2008 at Howard Regional Medical Center, Kokomo, following an extended illness. She was born June 18, 1944 in Elwood to John and Bercha (Reynolds) Stroud. She married Levi W. Stutzman on May 13, 1966, and he survives. Sharon was a homemaker most of her life, and formerly worked at Subway in Tipton for several years. She attended Elwood Schools. She was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Elwood, and was a host to many missionary students in her home. She had visited the church temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was a member of the Relief Society at the Elwood church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren and camping. She loved her dog, "Sugar." Survivors besides her husband of 41 years include three children, Patricia "Tricia" Gillam and husband Bob, Tipton, Levi W. Stutzman II, Elwood, and Charlie Stutzman and wife Stacie, Peru; two step-children, Garry Stutzman and wife Linda, Anderson, and Cheri Tucker and husband Don, Elwood; seven siblings, Barbara Murphy, Patty Reynolds, Mary Reynolds, Charlotte Stephens, Connie Fullhart, Kathy Psaras and David Knopp; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two step-children, Theresa and Margaret Stutzman. Funeral services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, Elwood, with Jack Cornwell officiating. Burial will take place at Sharon Hill Cemetery, Kalona, Iowa, following graveside services at 4 p.m. (Iowa time) Thursday. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 6025 W. State Road 28, Elwood, IN 46036. Online condolences to the Stutzman family may be made at www.copherfeslermay.com.

Clara A. Baker, 98, Peru, passed away at 5:23 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born March 30, 1909 in Shelbyville to Harry and Lora Phillipe Winton. She married Garnett Baker Dec. 25, 1933, and he preceded her in death in August of 1965. Clara was a custodian at Shelbyville Junior High School until her retirement. Survivors include a daughter, Linda Cawood and husband Ken, Peru; a son, Larry Baker and wife Gudrun, Ocean Springs, Miss.; five grandchildren, Christina Bowyer, Teresa Cawood, Dennis Baker, Gina Matthews and Hiedi Dinehart; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Thomas Omer Winton; and two sisters, Ruby

Eleanor Ray and Cordelia Cundiff. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Freeman Family Funeral Home, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison, Shelbyville, with the Rev. Perry Richards officiating. Burial will be in Flat Rock Cemetery, Flat Rock. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami County Hospice. Local arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Friday, March 07, 2008

Zelpha E. Ferre Carpenter, 76, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 2, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 22, 1931 in Macon County, Ill. to Ira and Edith (Wright) Patrick. She married Gerald "Jerry" Ferre in September of 1949, and then Fred Carpenter in November of 1991. Both preceded her in death. Zelpha was formerly employed by Maconaquah School Corporation and owned the Patio Restaurant in Peru from 1975 to 1986. Survivors include three sons, Keith R. Ferre and wife Jeanne, Decatur, Ill., Kent L. Ferre and wife Laurie, Mount Zion, Ill., and Kerry C. Ferre and wife Lanita, Peru; two step-sons, Pete Carpenter, Florida, and Fred Carpenter, Valparaiso; two step-daughters, Stacey Sturch, Amboy, and Stephanie Smith, Peru; three brothers, Ray Patrick, Horseheads, N.Y., Cecil Patrick, New Berne, N.C., and Carl Patrick, Decatur, Ill.; six sisters, Carolyn Robertson and husband Zack, Decatur, Ill., Iris Cutrell and husband Jock, Las Vegas, Nev., Linda Dingman, Norfolk, Va., Nila Hudson and husband Terry, Houston, Texas, Lila Atherton, Phoenix, Ariz., and Nancy Holt and husband Gene, Clinton, Ill.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands and three brothers, Dwight, William and Joseph Patrick. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Tom Daugherty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Ruby L. Mawbey, 90, Peru, passed away at 1:43 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on November 13, 1917 in Miami County to George and Hazel (Maus) Brubaker. On November 20, 1941, she married George H. Mawbey, who preceded her in death on July 13, 1984. Ruby was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru. She was an avid and faithful follower of her son's basketball teams for over four decades, as well as enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ruby attended Deedsville High School, and later taught at the school. After graduating from Manchester College, she also taught at Butler, Macy, and Holman schools, before retiring following her 37-year career. Ruby was a member of the Literary Club, Ever Ready Home Economics Club, Sigma Delta Pi, Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Delta Kappa Gamma organizations. She is survived by one son, Basil L. Mawbey and wife Eileen, Rochester; four grandchildren, Leah Haak and husband Tim, Zionsville, Dawn Hein and husband Andy, Highland, Christine Farrell and husband Jim, Lake Forest, Illinois, and Cary Mawbey and wife Nicole, Kokomo; 10 great-grandchildren, Christian, James, Luke, Charlie, Jacob, Gabriella, Maeve, George, Sam, and Aiden, who entered the world at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at First Baptist Church with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Richard Lee Hoover, 71, Peru, passed away at 3:55 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on January 4, 1937 in Peru to Russell and Meda (Coleman) Hoover. On March 25, 1960, he married Lois Willis, and she survives. Richard was a retired engineer from the CSX Railroad. The 1955 Peru High School graduate enjoyed fishing and watching Indiana University basketball. He served in the United States Navy. Aside from his wife, Richard is survived by one son, Darin Hoover, Lizton; one daughter, Robin Brown and husband Kenneth, Peru; three grandsons, Tyler Brown, Daniel Hoover, and Clayton Brown; one brother, Kenneth Hoover and wife Betty, Peru; two sisters-in-law, Norma Hoover, Peru, and Bonnie Hoover, Claypool. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ralph Hoover and Donald Hoover; two sisters, Vera Trum and Merrial Hoover, who passed away as an infant; and one infant grandson, Bobby Darin Brown. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Christian Lee Chandler, seven weeks old, Peru, passed away suddenly at 9:35 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Jan. 9, 2008 in Peru to Ben L. and Crystal L. McElheny Chandler. He is survived by his parents of Peru; maternal grandparents, Robert E. and Vickie L. Schramm McElheny, Denver; paternal grandparents, Deborah M. Chandler, Kokomo, and Thomas C. Chandler, Arkansas; maternal great-grandparents, Patricia S. Slifer, Denver, and her fiancé, Wallace Cooper, Michigan, and Harold E. McElheny and his fiancé, Patricia Floyd, Logansport; paternal great-grandparents, Loretta Chandler, Peru; maternal step great-grandmother, Blanche Schramm, South Carolina; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents Richard C. Schramm and Betty L. McElheny; a great-grandparent, Thomas C. Chandler Sr.; and several other great-grandparents. The funeral service will be held 4 p.m. on Saturday at the United Pentecostal Church, 908 E. Broadway, Logansport, with Pastor Dan Schramm officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Sunday, March 09, 2008

Robert M. Larrison, 67, Peru, passed away at 8:27 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008 in Eagle River, Wis. as a result of a snowmobile accident. He was born June 10, 1940 in Peru to Donald and Isabel (Miller) Larrison. He married Joyce Cattin July 2, 1960, and she survives. Robert graduated from Clay Township High School in 1958 and International Business College, Fort Wayne. He retired as CEO of First Farmers Bank, Converse, and had currently been on the bank board. He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru, the Peru Maennerchor and YMCA. In addition, he was an appraiser for Spear Real Estate, and affiliated with Habitat for Humanity and the Grissom Redevelopment Authority. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Kimberly Ankenbruck, Uniondale, Jennifer Lynn Butcher and husband John, Converse, and Amy Larrison, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Nicholas and Julia Ankenbruck, and Audrey and Ian Butcher; and a sister, Janet Ann Vincent and husband Wendell, Amboy. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Mike Fruth officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Eunice M. (Marburger) Carey, 92, Marion, passed away at 6:32 a.m. Thursday, March 6, 2008 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center. She was born in Peru on March 24, 1915 to the late Lewis and Florence M. (Williams) Marburger. She graduated from Converse High School in 1933, and married Dale A. "Rodney" Carey on Dec. 11, 1935. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 1980. Mrs. Carey lived in Grant County for most of her life. She and her husband owned and operated Carey's Café at 3302 S. Adams, Marion. Mrs. Carey enjoyed traveling, going to Lake Winona, playing bridge and spending time with her family. Survivors include two children, Meta J. Turner and husband Jack, Jonesboro, Ralph L. Carey and wife Rosemary, Marion; a sister, Mary Mitchell and husband Max, Flora; and several grandchildren, Cathy Turner, Nathan and Ian Patterson, Caty Barns and husband Brad, and Cora; Stewart Turner and wife Helen, Patti Steflih and husband Jon, and Lila, Hannah and Afton Turner; Douglas Turner and wife Darla, Kane, Meriah, Dillon, Reece, Megan and Grace; Julie Cole and husband Larry, and sons, Ryan and Troy; Joni White and husband Bill, and Alex and Carey; Brian Oyler and Kay Oyler. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one brother, Harold E. Marburger; and three sisters, Ruth Lee, Olivia Lee, and her twin sister, Lois Coffman. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 S. Washington St., Marion, with the Rev. John Bunch officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until services Monday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Rosemary A. Berry, 76, Greencastle, a Peru resident for about 20 years, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2008 at The Waters, Greencastle. She was born Nov. 29, 1931 in Sullivan County to John Francis and Rose Sweeney. She married Jack E. Davis, and then Eugene Nickerson and then Alvin E. Berry. All three preceded her in death. Rosemary was a retired postal clerk for the U.S. Post Office in Cloverdale. She also had been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Hurst-Collins Post 281 in Cloverdale, Daughters of the American Revolution and a recipient of the First Cloverdale Lions Club Civic Award. Survivors include a daughter, Janie Kelly and husband David, Cloverdale; two sons, Jeff Davis and wife Linda, LaGrange, Ky., and Kip Davis and wife Jill, Cloverdale; two brothers, James Sweeney and wife Juanita, Brownsburg, and Frank Sweeney and wife Lynette, Brownsburg; five grandchildren, Ainsley Davis, Makayla Kelly, Dereck Davis, Chane King Kelly and David Kelly; two step-grandchildren, Sabrina Kelly and Candace Kelly; a step-great-grandchild, Hailey Potter; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; and a brother, John Robert Sweeney. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Whitaker Funeral Home, Cloverdale, with Pastor Wes McClure officiating. Interment will be in Cloverdale Cemetery, Cloverdale. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008/Friday, March 07, 2008

Michael H. Wolfe, 65, Peru, passed away peacefully at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at his home. He was born April 13, 1942 in Connersville to John Francis and Helen Jane Hubbell Wolfe. He married Patricia JoAnne "Patty" Fields at Alquina Methodist Church, Connersville, on May 29, 1964. She survives. Michael graduated from Short High School, Liberty, in 1960 and attended Indiana University for one year. After his year at IU, he worked at the AVCO Plant in Richmond. In 1963 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Bunker Hill. He was in the armament and electronics unit and worked on the B-58 airplanes. After serving in the military, he worked for Scot Lad Foods/Lake End Sales Division as an accounts manager. Later he worked for Roundy's/Spring Lake Merchandise, Inc. as an accounts manager until his stroke in 2002. His love of life included his four children, Jeffery, Tracey, Gina and Troy and their families; and the many friends he met over the years. His vacation time was taken in July every year when he became a part of the greatest amateur show on earth and was a Peru Amateur Circus rigger for 27 years. Survivors besides his wife include his children, Jeffery S. Wolfe and wife Johanna, Colorado Springs, Colo., Tracey D. Mitchell and husband Darrell, Fishers, Gina R. King and husband David, Knox, Troy S. Wolfe and Betty Jo Miser, Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren, Steven Ambrose and Trista Ringle, Peru, Justine Ambrose and Cliff Shelhart, Knox, Patrick Ambrose, Knox, Paxton and Emmett Wolfe, Colorado Springs, Colo., Abigale and Zachary Mitchell, Fishers, and Briana Miser, Orlando, Fla.; great-grandchildren, Adrianna Renee Shelhart, Knox, Oasis Jade Ambrose, Peru, and two more expected this year; and a brother, Ronnie Wolfe and wife Ellie, Florida. A service celebrating the life of Michael H. Wolfe will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with

Pastors Steve Ailes and J. Robert Clark officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Circus City Festival Inc. Scholarship Fund or the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Robert W. Beall, 85, Converse, passed away at 6:33 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2008 at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Converse on Dec. 31, 1922 to the late Pearl and Agnes (Rogers) Beall. He graduated from Converse High School in 1941 and married Maryalice Hamilton on June 28, 1942 in Waynedale. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Robert was a retired farmer. He also was a 50+ year member of the Converse Lions Club, Miami County Council, Converse Fair Board, precinct committeeman, Jackson Township Advisory Board, Oak Hill School Board, Miami County Extension Committee, Converse Jackson Library trustee, Indiana Lions and Cancer Control trustee. In addition, he was a member of the Converse United Methodist Church where he was Sunday School superintendent, treasurer and trustee. Survivors in addition to his wife include three children, Dennis Beall, Paris, Tenn., Joy Andre and husband Richard, Fort Wayne, and Kyle Satterthwaite and husband Jim, Converse; five grandchildren, Doug and Evan Beall, Scott, Steve and Kristin Andre; two great-grandchildren, Natalie and Brady Beall; and a sister, Opal Plumley and husband Harold, Ocala, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David W. Beall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Pastor Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the David W. Beall Scholarship Fund in care of Northern Indiana Community Foundation, P.O. Box 807, Rochester, IN 46975 or to the Converse United Methodist Church. Online condolences: may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Thomas W. Schoolman, 66, Marion, passed away at 5:25 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Marion General Hospital. He was born July 9, 1941 in Marion to Virgil and Alice (Bailey) Schoolman. He attended Evans and McCulloch schools in Marion and graduated from Peru High School. He attended Dodge City Junior College, Dodge City, Kan., for one year. Tom retired in 2005 after 40 years in the corrugated industry. He was a 31-year member of the Moose Lodge 249, Peru. He enjoyed camping, spending time at his cottage on Caldwell Lake and watching football and racing. He loved his dogs, Lady, Gidget and A.J. (who preceded him in death) and Gizmo the Yorkie. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie (LeMaster) Schoolman, Marion; a stepdaughter, Lisa Scott and husband Jay, Jonesboro; a stepson, Tracy LeMaster and wife Coleen, Bridgeport, W.Va.; a brother, Michael Schoolman and wife DeLene, Chattanooga, Tenn.; two step-granddaughters, Katie Mahoney and husband Seth, San Diego, Calif., and Nicole LeMaster, Marion; a step-grandson, Joshua LeMaster, Marion; a step-great-grandson, Kyson Mahoney, San Diego, Calif.; a niece, nephew and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-grandson, Jared Scott. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Mike Henson officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 2768 W. Avon Ave., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

Starlin "Dick" Gibson, 74, Peru, passed away at 9:05 a.m. Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born March 29, 1934 in Prestonburg, Ky. to Dick and Eallie (Ward) Gibson. Dick retired from the Peru Foundry. Survivors include a son, David Gibson and friend James Evans, Indianapolis; two daughters, Becky Glassburn and husband Keith, Texas, and Rhonda Gibson, Peru; two sisters, Grace Martin Hamlett and Mae McIntosh, all of Peru; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a son, Donnie Gibson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Paul Matherly officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Starlin "Dick" Gibson's son David Gibson.

Friday, March 14, 2008

Marjorie Brown Thompson, 96, Peru, passed away at 10:50 a.m. Monday, March 10, 2008 at Blair Ridge, Peru. She was born July 28, 1911 in Bloomington to Frank S. and Mattie O. (Hamilton) Brown. She married Dale P. Thompson, and he preceded her in death Nov. 9, 1994. Marjorie was a homemaker and member of Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include six children, Divona Eltzroth, Cleburne, Texas, Betty Lavoncher, Indianapolis, Judith Correll and husband Phillip, Lake Placid, Fla., Roberta Lee and husband Donald, Harlingen, Texas, Dale Thompson and wife Sandy, Ellicott City, Md., and Debra Minco and husband Leonard, Aledo, Texas; a sister, Louise Brown, Peru; 14 grandchildren, Patricia Griswold and husband Sam, Cindy Murdock, Tom Lavoncher and wife Cindy, Carlyn Gallucci, Tina Meszaros and husband Greg, Marcina D'Isidoro and husband Joseph, Hampton Correll and wife Teresa, Tony Correll and wife Denise, Georgia Lee, Jason Lee, Angie Sanchez and husband Victor, Ryan Thompson, John Minco and Lauren Minco; 18 great-grandchildren, John and Kelly Griswold, Rachel and Meagan Murdock, Maria and Dante Gallucci, Tom and Catherine Lavoncher, Matthew Meszaros, Joseph Jr., Janelle and Gina D'Isidoro, Brian and Kevin Correll, Shaylee Correll, Hayley Lee, Zachary Beakley and Isobel Sanchez. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Eugene Brown; two sons-in-law, Arthur Eltzroth and C. Tom Lavoncher; and a grandson, Eric Correll. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral

Home, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society or the charity of choice in lieu of flowers.

Jordan Rebekah Scott, infant daughter of Benjamin and Marlena K. (Duckworth) Scott of Jasonville passed away at 4:10 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2008 in Regional Hospital. She was born March 7, 2008 in Terre Haute. She is survived by her parents; sisters Jessica Gibson, Chyanne and Christina Gibson, all of Jasonville; a brother, Kristian Gibson, Jasonville; maternal grandmother, Carolyn Duckworth, Linton; paternal grandparents, Benny and Kay Scott, Monticello; paternal great-grandfather, Richard Kreutzer, Peru; a niece, Brooklynne Miller; a nephew, Charles Ryne Gibson; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Jordan was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Fred Duckworth. Mass for the Angels was at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Peter's Catholic Church in Linton, with the Reverend Hilary Viek officiating. Visitation was at McClanahan-Lee Funeral Home in Jasonville. Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Linton. In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made in Jordan's memory to the March to Remember, with envelopes available through the funeral home.

Rex H. Snapp, 88, Wabash (Richvalley), passed away at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. He was born July 28, 1919 in Wabash to Forest and Maize (Derck) Snapp. On August 30, 1941 he married Wilma Jean Goble and she survives. Snapp was employed as a heavy machine operator for McMahan-O'Conner and was retired from the Operators Union in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Richvalley United Methodist Church, the Lions Club, Diamond X Trail Riders, Roann Daredevils and Member Operating Engineers Local 103. He also enjoyed showing and judging horses, pitching horseshoes, watching high school basketball and also played for Chippewa High School. He refereed basketball and farmed. Survivors include one son, Jerry Snapp and his wife Deborah, Linton; three daughters, Mrs. Larry (Ginger) Benedict of Wabash, Mrs. Dwight (Candace) Adams of Lagro, Mrs. John (Beverly) Hostetler of Peru; eight grandchildren; two step grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one step great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Forrest Bowers officiating. Burial will be at the Mississinewa Cemetery in Somerset. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Group at Wabash Senior Center or Hospice Program of Donor's Choice. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Delorys E. Tong, 88, Peru, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Monday, March 10, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Jan. 31, 1920 in Peru to Harry and Elizabeth (Sherrard) Knepp. She married Robert J. Callahan, then Norman V. Piper and then Virgil G. Tong. All three preceded her in death. Delorys lived in the area all her life and graduated from Peru High School in 1939. She was a homemaker, member of Main Street United Methodist Church, and formerly employed at JC Penney, Hausske Harlen and Laidlaw's. In addition, she was an adult advisor/leader for 35 years in 4-H, a 62-year member of the Miami County Extension Homemakers, a life member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and the Eagles Auxiliary, and a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Women of the Moose, Moose LOOMERS senior organization, AARP, a volunteer at the Peru Senior Center, a 10-year member of the Dukes Hospital Auxiliary and chairperson for the VFW Euchre Club. Survivors include two sons, Larry Callahan and wife Jean, and Daniel D. Callahan, all of Indianapolis; five grandsons, Christopher D. Callahan and wife ReNee, Craig Callahan and wife Michele, all of Indianapolis, Michael D. Callahan, Mount Prospect, Ill., Robert John Callahan and wife Melissa, Shreveport, La., and Roger D. Callahan, Branson, Mo.; a nephew, Robert Zinn, Garden, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Lauren "Amanda," Indianapolis, Tracy Lyn and Jason, both of Shreveport, La.; Brandon "Michael", Branson, Mo.; three step-great-grandchildren, Michelle Spivey, Alicia and Kristopher Holt, all of Indianapolis; numerous step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her three husbands, parents and a sister, Mildred Coleman. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in the Corinth Cemetery in Cass County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Audrey May (Hodson) Smith, 91, was called to her heavenly dwelling place to be with her precious Lord and Savior forever on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in her home at 10:23 am. She is a chosen child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords - Praise His Name forever. Born in Howard County on January 16, 1917, she was the daughter of the late Ben and Dessa Pearl (Kendall) Hodson. The 1935 Converse High School graduate was married in 1940 to George L. Smith. Audrey was a faithful wife and mother, and, in the early years of her marriage, helped her husband on their farm. Then, in 1963, they purchased and operated Hodson's Market which was originally opened by her father, Ben Hodson, in 1934, and later purchased by son Gene and daughter-in-law, Jacque, in 1980. Audrey also baked and decorated special-occasion cakes, as well as worked for Dr. David Frischman as a receptionist in his Converse office. She was a faithful member of Converse United Methodist Church, where she served on many committees, helped with special programs, and worked with the women's ministry group. Audrey was instrumental in organizing the Converse Women's Prayer Breakfast group, held Bible studies for children as well as adults in her home, and helped with many special programs for the community. She supported many Christian ministries, among them World Vision where she supported children in other parts of the world over the years. She was a faithful prayer warrior, lifting many individuals and ministries before the Lord daily. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 63 years; by her sisters, Faye Hodson and Betsy Hibshman; and by her brother, Darl Hodson. Audrey is survived by her sisters Lola Bunker, Converse, Alicia Hodson, Marion, and Nedra (Mrs. Glenn) Hawkins, North Manchester, and brother, J. R. (Patricia)

Hodson, Converse; daughters, Judy Smith, Converse, and Jennie Biggs and husband Tom, Marion; and "adopted daughter" Sandra Thomas, Indianapolis; sons, Robert Smith and wife Barbara, Converse, Jerry Smith and wife Karen, Marion, and Gene Smith and wife Jacque, Converse; seven grandchildren, Brent Smith, Tammy Morrison and husband Chris, Kelly Hudson, Shelly Smith, Ryan Smith and wife Christina, Corey Smith and wife Shelley, Jodi Curtis and husband Michael, and 12 great-grandchildren. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the delight of her life. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Converse United Methodist Church, with Pastors Bob Preusz, of Converse United Methodist Church, and Terry Bishir, Of Liberty Baptist Church, Sweetser, officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Converse United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to personal friends of Jennie Smith Biggs and Judy Smith at The Liberty Center, a not-for-profit Christian counseling ministry, 132 Bow Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301, www.hamrickfam.com, or World Vision, P.O. Box 70399, Tacoma, WA 98481-0399, www.worldvision.org. Funeral arrangements were handled by Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, Converse.

Jerry W. Cleland, 64, Mexico, passed away at 4:08 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at Howard Regional Health System following his battling lung cancer. He was born on December 26, 1943 in Peru to Willard L. and Helen L. (Hillman) Cleland, and she survives. Jerry married Angela Raber on July 2, 1993, and she survives. Jerry retired from Square D in 2001 following 35 years of service. The Peru High School graduate was an avid animal lover, loved cars and boats, and he loved people. Jerry never knew a stranger or enemy. Aside from his mother, who resides in Peru, and his wife, Jerry is survived by two very special nieces, Megan Dailey and Sara Dailey, both of Pendleton; three other nieces; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his father; and one sister, Joanne Avery. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Donna M. Agness, 85, Fort Wayne, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at The Towne House Retirement Community in Fort Wayne. She was born November 25, 1922 in Miami County, to Donald Knight and Glenna (Odell) Jackson. She married Richard D. Agness in April of 1944; he died in November 22, 1994. Donna was a graduate of Amboy High School and was a lifetime member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Robert Orr in 1981. Donna was Vice President of the National Extension Home Makers from 1973 to 1975, and President from 1976 to 1978. She loved to travel the world and gave many programs on traveling to area home ec clubs. She won many awards for her work in traffic safety, including the Carol Lane Award presented by the National Safety Council for her efforts in state-wide safety projects. She was very active in the Miami County Republican Party. Donna lived at the Towne House Retirement Center, Fort Wayne, since September 2004, moving there from rural Bunker Hill. She is survived by two sons, Tom Agness and wife Phyllis, and Ted Agness and wife Sandra, both of Fort Wayne; four granddaughters, Laura Everill and husband Jim, New Haven, Rebecca Kirby and husband Trevor, Noblesville, Angela Maloblocki and husband Patrick, Fort Wayne, and Emily Agness, Indianapolis; and great-grandson, Andrew Maloblocki, of Fort Wayne. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ward Knight. Funeral services will be conducted at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, Amboy, on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Parklawn Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, as well as from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Preferred memorials are McGrawsville United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association. The memorial guest book for Donna may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Dr. Ronald Dean Allred, 61, Peru, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at home. He was born May 26, 1946 in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Kenneth J. Allred and Ramona Allred Hile. RD, as his family called him, grew up in Barrien Springs, Mich., graduated from Andrews Academy and attended Andrews University. In 1967 he married Gale Keppel. They resided in St. Louis, Mo. where he worked at Chevrolet and graduated from Logan Chiropractic College. In the mid-1970s, Dr. Allred purchased the Frazier Chiropractic Clinic, where he practiced for more than 30 years before retiring in January of 2005. Ron was a talented and friendly chiropractor who loved his chiropractic patients. He was caring, compassionate and along with his friend and longtime assistant, Charlie Pioveson, he took a genuine interest in people's lives. On June 6, 1987, Ron married Sue Mackey (Gottschalk) Allred, a schoolteacher in Peru. They met as bowling partners and merged households to raise and educate three children. Sue and Ron enjoyed car shows, travel and fine dining. Ron was a faithful husband and companion. Ron was an understanding and devoted father to Matthew Kenneth Allred and wife Erin (Myers), High Point, N.C.; and step-father to Lynn A. Gottschalk, Indianapolis, and Dr. Robert L. Gottschalk II and wife Angela, Greenfield. He and Sue made many visits to spend time with their children. Ron felt very blessed by God to have three darling grandchildren, with another on the way: Lyla Grace Gottschalk, 3, Sawyer Baye Allred, 2, Logan Marie Gottschalk, 7 months, and Cooper Allred, due in April. He adored his grandchildren. Ron was a loving and attentive son survived by his mother in Buffalo, N.Y.; and mother-in-law, Betty M. Sampson, Peru. He and Sue took their mothers on many enjoyable and interesting vacations. RD spent many hours of love and laughter with his siblings: Jim Allred and wife Karen, Berrien Springs, Mich., Maitland "Bud" Allred and wife Marce, Hampton, Va., and Carol Jean Wicks and fiancé Steve Fox, Buffalo, N.Y. Their times together included camping

and RV vacations and were meaningful and hilarious. Ron also enjoyed many fun times with his in-laws: Sally and John Mylet, Tipton, and Ron and Carrol Sampson, Torrance, Calif. Nieces and nephews are Debby, Brian, Aimee and Derek Mullikin, Tiffany, Jeff, MacKenna and Taylor Johnson, and Jeff Range, all of Peru, and Cindy, Jeff and Brandon Ogg, Heather Preece, Scott, Valerie, Ryan and Travis Sampson, all of Torrance, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father in 1965, and his son, Ronald Sean Allred, in 1984. Ron was an easy-going, gentle, friendly man. He enjoyed experiencing different things, seeing new places and dining on ethnic cuisine. He loved "memorable occasions," beautiful scenery and his home on the Wabash River. We loved him, had lots of fun with him and we will miss him. A brief "Celebration of Life" service for family and close friends will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Berrien Springs, Mich. Viewing will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given in Dr. Allred's name to the "Always and Forever Memorial and Honor Program" of the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL 60602 or www.americandiabetesassociation.org.

Monday, March 17, 2008

Nellie Mae Fisher White, 82, a resident of Caring Hands Health Care, passed away at 7:46 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2008 after an extended illness at her residence. She was born May 10, 1925 in Peru to Mary Alice (Kisman) Fisher and Dennis Harrison Fisher. She married Henry White April 13, 1945, and he preceded her in death. Nellie worked as a hairstylist, C&O Railroad clerk and nurse's aid in Muncie, where she resided for many years with her husband until his death. At that time she returned to Peru to live with her mother and sister, Ruby Fisher. She had grown up in Peru and graduated from Peru High School. Upon returning to Peru, she again worked as a nurse's aid and hostess at Gallahan's Truck Stop. In addition, she was a member of Church of the Brethren. Survivors include two sisters, Geneveive Pieper, Schofield, Wis., and Jeanetta Fisher, Oregon; two grandchildren, Jeff White and Nancy White, both of Muncie; a great-grandson, Robert White, Muncie; several nieces and nephews, including Marty Kintner, Peru, Susan Reynolds, Schofield, Wis., Tim Fisher and King Fisher, both of Indianapolis, Mark Fisher, Georgia, Lorie Cress, Twelve Mile, Dan Fisher, Don Fisher, Drew Fisher and Beth Fisher, all of Rochester; three cousins, Mary Lee Shaffer, Nyona Lake, Carl Gross, Florida, and Helen Sullivan, Alabama; several great-nieces and -nephews, including Kirk Kintner, Kelly Zehring, Kary Kintner and Kathryn Wright, all of Peru, Kyle Kintner, Valparaiso, Becky Zachary, Jasper, Matthew See, Peru, Chris See, Bloomington, and Kimberly Reynolds and Kevin Reynolds, both of Schofield, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a step-son, David White; a sister, Ruby Fisher; and two brothers, Dennis P. Fisher and Richard Fisher. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Elnora E. Alexander, 89, passed away on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at Waterford Place Health Campus. She was born March 23, 1918, in Greentown, to Clarence and Mary Gladys (McClain) Dunlap. She married Ralph J. Alexander on July 3, 1936, and he preceded her in death in 1996. Elnora was a former member of the Madonna Circle and attended Main Street United Methodist Church for 43 years. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, and doing crafts, but the most important thing to her was her family. Elnora is survived by two sons, Dennis and wife Cherri, and Gary and wife Linda; two daughters, Theresa and husband Larry Baker, and Jennifer and husband John Spann; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; a special niece, Priscilla and husband Lee Hullinger; four sisters, Mildred Hoover, Ruth Johnson, Dorothy Stevens, and Virginia Floyd; two brothers, Kenneth and wife Betty Dunlap, and Edward and wife Barbara Dunlap; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband Ralph, she was preceded in death by an infant son, James Alexander. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Gollner officiating. Entombment will take place at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to Main Street United Methodist Church, 830 S. Main, Kokomo, IN 46902, in memory of Elnora. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com.

Eldon D. Shrock, 97, Amboy, passed away at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born in Miami County on January 7, 1911 to Elmer J. and Nora (Troyer) Shrock. On March 31, 1934, he married Marjorie (Stevens) Shrock in Huntington, and she preceded him in death on September 6, 1996. The 1929 Amboy High School graduate was employed as a mill foreman at the Amboy Grain Company until his retirement in 1975. Eldon was a lifelong Miami County resident, and he and Marjorie lovingly raised four children. He was a man of great faith and integrity, and was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church, as well as a life member of the Marion Moose Lodge. He is survived by daughter, Marlene Dunn and husband Norman, Peru; three sons, James Shrock and wife Judy, Albion, Larry Shrock and wife Pam, Peru, and Michael Shrock and wife Susanna, Swayzee; grandchildren, Jason Shrock and wife Karen, Joel Shrock and wife Kelly, James Shrock and wife Rachael, Judy Bender and husband Troy, Joseph Dunn and wife Toni, Julie Dunn, Steven Dunn and wife Beth, Kathy Lesley and husband Bruce, Crystal Ribble, Jeff Shrock, Chad Shrock, Scott Novak, Aaron Shrock and wife Angie, Stacia Wegert and husband Eric; step-grandchildren, Michael Taylor and wife Tiffaney, and Meredith Dittfield and husband Shane; 31 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Eldon was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and a sister. A service celebrating the life of Eldon D. Shrock will be

conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the Amboy Friends Church. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Laird Funeral Home, Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Karen Sue (Chase) Ornelas, 59, passed away at 2:18 pm, on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at St. Johns Mercy Hospital in St. Louis after a long battle with cancer. She was born January 19, 1949 in Peru to Willard Trent and Chrystal Eudine (Melton) Chase. On May 15, 1976, she married Moses Ornelas, and he survives in Pacific, Missouri. Karen graduated from Peru High School in 1967 and from Ball State University in 1971. After their marriage, Moses and Karen lived in Hamtramck, Michigan, Rockford, Illinois, and Pacific. She had worked for JCPenny and H & R Block. Karen loved quilting and needle crafts. She belonged to Quilting Guilds in Pacific area. She was always looking for new, interesting patterns. She liked to read, especially the Harry Potter books, so that she could discuss them with her grandchildren. The biggest joy of her life was her grandchildren. She loved being a grandmother. She was so excited to see Carlota play basketball or to spend endless hours on the summer weekends watching Dakota play baseball all the way to state tournament. She was so proud of both of them. Karen was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. She loved baseball. She and Moses tried to take the grandkids to a Cardinals game every year at the stadium. And don't even think about touching the remote during NASCAR races. Aside from her husband, Karen is survived by her mother, Chrystal Eudine Chase, Peru; one daughter, Melana Ornelas-Rambo, Mountain Home, Arkansas; grandchildren, Dakota Ornelas and Carlota Ornelas of Mountain Home. She was preceded in death by her father, W. Trent Chase. A memorial service will be held at Converse United Methodist Church on Saturday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in Karen's name.

Cecil D. Brooks, 82, Peru, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on March 1, 1926 in Miami County and was raised in Peru and Miami County, where he lived all of his life except while he was serving his country. On December 27, 1947, he married Bonnie Boyer, who survives. Cecil retired from AT & T Telephone Company following 35 years of service, and was also a retired bus driver for Peru Community Schools. He served in the United States Navy. Cecil was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, as well as a member of the Moose Lodge. He used to drive the bus for the Peru Tiger football and basketball teams, and enjoyed playing golf and bowling. Cecil especially loved his dog 'Molly.' Aside from his wife, Cecil is survived by two daughters, Toni Buffington and husband J.O., Peru, and Debbie Maxwell and husband Steve, London, Ohio; two sons, Joe Brooks, and Brian Brooks and wife Kellie, Bunker Hill; grandchildren, J.O. Buffington, Lisa Buffington, Rachel Higgins, P.J. Higgins Jr., Jada Morgan, Rob Morgan, Jason Maxwell, Ashley Maxwell, Hiedi Bowen, Stefanie Cunningham, Chad Cunningham, Joel Brooks, Amber Brooks, Brooks Knepper, Brad Knepper, Kevin Brumbaugh, and Gatlin Brooks; five brothers, Don Brooks and wife Joyce, Peru, Terry Brooks and wife Sandy, Mexico, David Brooks and wife Sharon, Peru, Tex Brooks and wife Abby, Fort Wayne, Rick Brooks and wife Sue, Peru; three sisters, Virginia Massey and husband Fred, Kokomo, Betty Brown and husband Glen, Mexico, and Vickie Deardorff and husband Kerry, Mexico; 10 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Glen Brooks, Bill Brooks, and Jimmie Brooks; and two sisters, Helen Brooks and Mary Waso. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene and/or Miami County Humane Society.

Friday, March 21, 2008

Robert L. Polk, 64, Chicago, passed away at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2008. He was born in Chicago on August 30, 1943 to Robert L. Polk Sr. and Margarette (Lalish) Polk. On January 13, 2006 he married Sandy Tarrant Olson, his companion since 1988. She survives. A stamp collector, Polk served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He is survived by his children, Mike, Christine and husband Christopher, Jenny and husband Cory, Jessica and husband Brian, Johnny and Tiffany; step-children Teresa and Jeff; grandchildren Andrea, Any, Kalyn, Mason, Nic, Tess, Heather, Haley, Jorden, Bri, Dillion and Taylor; step-grandchild Christopher; one sister, Barbara; two brothers Rick and Russ; a sister-in-law, Vicky Pierce. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with the Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations to Chicago Food Depository, 4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago 60632, would be appreciated.

Arthur D. Hubbard, 69, Converse, our loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Fort Wayne Lutheran Hospital. Art was born Sept. 20, 1938 in Winchester to Ralph and Leah Polei Hubbard. He resided in the Winchester area and graduated from McKinley High School in 1956. He attended Tri-State University and then enrolled and completed the tool & die maker apprenticeship at General Motors in Marion. He worked at General Motors for 43 years as a tool & die maker and CAD/CAM programmer. He was an active member of the Sycamore Friends Church as a church leader, Sunday School teacher, was involved in "Mother's Morning Out" and was a youth group leader in the "Master Builders Program." Art served one term on the Oak Hill School Board in the early 1990s, served as a driver for the Converse Ambulance Corporation and was a member of the Converse Lions Club. He was an avid gardener and wood worker and was

best known for his loving spirit, good-naturedness, caring attitude and the ability to tell a good joke or two. Art will be incredibly missed by us all, but we are assured and comforted by his faith and assurance of his salvation. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Leah Joyce; two daughters, Laura Hubbard Stoner and husband Tim, Kouts, Sarah Hubbard Schloneger and husband Mark, Waynesboro, Va.; a son, Aaron Hubbard and wife Cindy, Urbandale, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Elizabeth Hubbard, Rachel Stoner, Andrew Hubbard, Alicia Hubbard, Ruth Stoner, Adele Schloneger, Carter Stoner, Nathan Stoner and Norah Schloneger; and three siblings, Janet Warnock and husband Jerry, Urbana, Phyllis Warnock and husband Bob, Greentown, and Paul Hubbard and wife Sue, Greentown. A service celebrating the life of Art Hubbard will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sycamore Friends Church, 1148 N. 1100 East, Greentown, with Pastor Jesse Vores officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church and one hour before the service Saturday. Memorial donations may be made to the Sycamore Friends "Master Builders Program" or "Mothers' Morning Out." Arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Sunday, March 23, 2008

Marjorie Hochstedler, 92, Greentown, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Kokomo, with Pastors Lee Miller and Randy Detweiler officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Marilynn Lou Hewitt, 70, Peru, formerly of Rochester, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Oct. 7, 1937 in Peru to Carl B. and Leva Langdon Harris Gothard. She lived her entire life in the Fulton and Miami County communities. Marilynn worked at American Geometric Plastics and had worked at Stage of Rochester. She attended the Four Square Gospel Church of Rochester. Survivors include two sons, William Lee Hewitt and wife Cheryl, Peru, and Steven R. Hewitt and wife Merisa, Logansport; three grandchildren, Mandie Suthers, Olympia, Wash, Joshua Hewitt, Bunker Hill, and Amy Million, Peru; three great-grandchildren, Kellyn Suthers, Olympia, Wash., Faith Hewitt and Kendall Hewitt, both of Bunker Hill; and a sister, Ellen Wright and husband John, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. There will be no visitation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Phoebe Harman (Myers) Boldin, 53, Toney, Ala., passed away Friday, March 14, 2008 at Crestwood Medical Center after a long hard battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She was born in Peru on April 29, 1954 to the late Paul Bryant and Flora Mae Myers, and graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1972. Phoebe was employed as a department head at Packaging Materials, Inc. for owner and friend Benny Nelson, and alongside longtime friend and coworker Robert McKinney, for 17 years. When not working she enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors include her loving husband, Henry Otis Boldin, Toney; daughter Angela Meeks and companion Kevin Smith; daughter Susan (Meeks) Svendsen; son Jamie Boldin and wife Emily; son Thomas Boldin and companion Dorie; daughter Kimmie Malcolm; son Shaun Boldin; daughter Tammy Stacks and husband Gregory; sister Eunice Fugate; brother Jonathan B. Myers and wife Angela, Peru; 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements were by Spry Funeral Home, Huntsville, where the funeral was held on Tuesday, March 18, with Ed Keith officiating. Interment was at Golightly Cemetery in Toney.

Shay Christopher Atwood, 10, Grant, Mich., passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008 at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich., following complications from an ATV accident. He was born Jan. 27, 1998 to Pamela Jo (Mattingly) and John Henry Atwood. Other survivors include his sisters, Evangeline Atwood and Kayla Atwood; a brother, Juan Atwood; his grandparents, William and Margaret Mattingly, McMillan, Mich., Ella and Ken Chritchlow, Peru, and William and Phyllis Atwood, Grant, Mich.; a great-grandma, Verna Bolin, Connelton; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Pierson Bible Church, with Pastor Tom Sluys officiating. Interment will be in the Hillside Cemetery near Grant, Mich. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the McKinley Grant Chapel. For memorials, please consider the DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Please sign the online guest book at www.mckinleyfuneral.com.

John A. Madden, 72, Indianapolis, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2008 at his residence. He was born May 7, 1935 in Harlan, Ky. to Leo and Jennie (Hendrix) Madden. John served in the U.S. Air Force and was a retired clerk from Trans Con Trucking in Indianapolis. He was a loving and caring person. He enjoyed reading, computers and his family. Survivors include a brother, Elmer Madden and wife Helen, Hayden, Ky.; three sisters, Lorraine Browning and husband Asbel, Bledsoe, Ky., Evelyn York and husband Bill, Connorsville, and Opal Martin and husband Gary, Midland, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Christine Browning and Eileen Browning; and a brother, Wilmer Madden. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Don Browning officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from noon until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

M. Marjorie Hochstedler, 92, a leader in the Howard Miami Mennonite Church for more than seven decades, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008 after a short illness. Born July 19, 1915 at her family home in Miami County, she was the daughter of Edmond and Pearl Osborne. She married Victor E. Hochstedler of Kokomo in 1940, and together they raised four children on their family farm in Northeastern Howard County until his death in 1991. Marjorie was committed to community service by volunteering for many organizations, and even caring for foster children. She offered her time and resources at the Kokomo Rescue Mission for more than 50 years, serving on its board of directors from 1979 to 1988, and was devoted to its Women's Auxiliary for several years. "We love Marjorie for so many reasons," said Bebe Dorris, director of development for KRM. "Marjorie had a bright mind and a gentle, sweet spirit. She was a compassionate woman and put that compassion into action to help the poor." She was also active as a volunteer at Friendship Haven for many years. She graduated at the top of her class at Clay Township High School in 1932. She was a gifted folk artist in a wide array of mediums, including oil painting and quilting. She loved her family and church, the beauty of nature and all God's creatures. Marjorie was especially fond of birds, often depicting those things in her artwork. She was also an expert gardener who enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables, and loved tiger lilies. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Victor; a son Joseph; and grandchildren Lisa and Mark. Survivors include her brother, Millard Osborne, Harrisonburg, Va.; children, Shirley Powell, Ypsilanti, Mich., Merville, La Grange, Ky., and Jerrold, Noblesville; ten grandchildren, Dan, Darren, Angela, Doug, Jennifer, Edward, Christopher, Amy, Jeremy and Heather; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Howard Miami Mennonite Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard Miami Mennonite Alms Fund or the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Monday, March 24, 2008

Erman J. Dotson, 90, Silver Lake, passed away at 6:02 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2008 at Kosciusko Community Hospital following a sudden illness. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Carl Hughes and the Rev. Mike Bradford officiating. Burial will be at the Graceland Cemetery in Claypool. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Crawford E. "Gene" Cramer Jr., 71, Amboy, passed away at 8:01 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2008, at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Sept. 5, 1936 in Indianapolis to Crawford and Eileen Ida West Cramer. On Sept. 5, 1957, he married Sheila LaGue in Peru. She survives. Crawford retired from Delco Electronics in 1997 after 30 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and in U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He was a member of the Amboy Friends Church. Surviving with his wife are five children, Brian E. Cramer, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jacqueline McPeak and husband Donald, LaFontaine, Karen Lemons and husband Jim, Amboy, Debbie Vawter and husband Scott, Amboy, and Christopher Cramer, Somerset; 11 grandchildren, Heather McPeak Lewis, Ryan Cramer (U.S. Army), Jordan Vawter, Joe McPeak, Brandi Cramer, Trissy Lemons York, Gina Lemons (USAF), Chelsey Vawter, Abigail Cramer, Angela Cramer and Chad Cramer; several great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ronnie Cramer, California, Butch Cramer and Wayne Cramer, both of Indiana; and two sisters, Janice Skaggs and Debbie Besaw, both of Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. John Haines and the Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be at the Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy, with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Ernest "Ernie" Dunnagan, 55, Nyona Lake, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2008 at his home after an extended illness. He was born Jan. 20, 1953 in Wabash to Willis Sr. and Frances (Huddleston) Dunnagan. Ernie was a member of the Miami Nation of Indians of the State of Indiana. He enjoyed traveling and playing his guitar. He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Ed) Kersey and granddaughter, Emily Kersey, all of Orlando, Fla.; his father, Willis Dunnagan Sr., Wabash; a sister, Tyann (Bruce) Besonen, West Lafayette; four brothers, Willis (Connie) Dunnagan Jr., LaFontaine, Steve (Lisa) Dunnagan, Wabash, John (Faye) Dunnagan, Peru, and Allen Dunnagan, Wabash; and his grandmother, Opal Haas, Wabash. He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Randy Dunnagan. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Paul Tomlinson officiating. Burial will be in Frances Slocum Cemetery, rural Wabash County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Ernie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

M. Marjorie Hochstedler, 92, a leader in the Howard Miami Mennonite Church for more than seven decades, passed away Thursday, March 20, 2008 after a short illness. Born July 19, 1915 at her family home in Miami County, she was the daughter of Edmond and Pearl Osborne. She married Victor E. Hochstedler of Kokomo in 1940, and together they raised four children on their family farm in Northeastern Howard County until his death in 1991.

Marjorie was committed to community service by volunteering for many organizations, and even caring for foster children. She offered her time and resources at the Kokomo Rescue Mission for more than 50 years, serving on its board of directors from 1979 to 1988, and was devoted to its Women's Auxiliary for several years. "We love Marjorie for so many reasons," said Bebe Dorris, director of development for KRM. "Marjorie had a bright mind and a gentle, sweet spirit. She was a compassionate woman and put that compassion into action to help the poor." She was also active as a volunteer at Friendship Haven for many years. She graduated at the top of her class at Clay Township High School in 1932. She was a gifted folk artist in a wide array of mediums, including oil painting and quilting. She loved her family and church, the beauty of nature and all God's creatures. Marjorie was especially fond of birds, often depicting those things in her artwork. She was also an expert gardener who enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables, and loved tiger lilies. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband Victor; a son Joseph; and grandchildren Lisa and Mark. Survivors include her brother, Millard Osborne, Harrisonburg, Va.; children, Shirley Powell, Ypsilanti, Mich., Merville, La Grange, Ky., and Jerrold, Noblesville; ten grandchildren, Dan, Darren, Angela, Doug, Jennifer, Edward, Christopher, Amy, Jeremy and Heather; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Howard Miami Mennonite Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard Miami Mennonite Alms Fund or the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

William Andrew Mooney, 74, Marion, lost his long and courageous battle with cancer at 2:20 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2008 at the Hospice Unit of the Marion VA Medical Center. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and we rejoice that he is now safe at home with the Lord. He was born in Peru to the late George A. and Alice (Slusher) Mooney and had been a resident of Marion since 1955. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1951 where he excelled in basketball. He married Shirley Westcott on Feb. 26, 1955, and she survives. Bill retired from GenCorp after 30 years and was a tool and diemaker. After retirement, he worked part-time as a cook at the Juvenile Detention Center for several years. Bill was a great cook and loved cooking for his family. He enjoyed watching the cooking shows on TV and was always trying something new. Bill was also an avid golfer and sports enthusiast. He liked to watch all types of sports on TV. Bill was a sergeant in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the American Legion Post #10 and the VFW Post 6728. He was a former member of the Eagles and the Amvets. Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Shirley Mooney, Marion; four sons, William T. Mooney and wife Diane, Clever, Mo., Patrick Mooney and wife Charlene, Chickasaw, Ala., Michael Mooney and wife Lisa, Henagar, Ala., David Mooney and wife Emily, Marion; three daughters, Teresa Cummins and husband Rick, Auburn, Lisa Alter and husband Chris, Northwood, N.D., and Karen Mooney, Rocky Mount, Va.; two brothers, James Lovelace and wife Marilyn, Dunnellon, Fla., and Ed Lovelace and wife Shirley, Indiana, Pa.; 26 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Catholic Church, with the Rev. David Newton officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, with a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, IN 46952; St. Martin DePorres Community Center, 901 S. Branson St., Marion, IN 46953; or the Hospice Unit of the VA Medical Center, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, IN 46953-9907. Online condolences may be made at www.ravenchoate.com.

Larry Gene Shrock, 72, Jupiter, Fla., formerly of Kokomo, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2008 due to an accident. He was born Jan. 28, 1936 to Lloyd R. and Violet S. (Lesh) Shrock. He was a graduate of Clay Township High School. Larry was a longtime grain farmer where he also raised and showed livestock. He was one of the original owners of the Handy Andy convenience stores. Larry was also the previous owner of the Big Dipper Ice Cream store and Rockin' S. Corral. When he moved to Florida he became a general contractor. His hobbies included NASCAR, in which he was an avid Jeff Gordon fan. Larry loved watching Indiana University and was an avid follower of Bobby Knight and the Tennessee Lady Vols basketball games along with the Indianapolis Colts. Larry is survived by three daughters, Tammy (Shrock) Howell and husband Brad, Greentown, Lisa (Shrock) Jarrett and husband Tony, Kokomo, and Andrea Nikel, Fredericksburg, Va.; six grandchildren, Zach, Baxter, Blake, and Brice Howell, Greentown, and Brandi and Logan Jarrett, Kokomo; and special friends, Helen Wrathall and Doug and Linda Crouch. A memorial service in celebration of Larry's life will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hasler - Stout Funeral Home 112 E. Main St. Greentown, with the Reverend Roy King officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Friends and family may call Wednesday at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Howard County 4-H Exhibit Association and/or the Kokomo Humane Society with envelopes available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.haslerstout.com.

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Zainard Price Layman, 89, Boswell, and winter resident of Sebring, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 22, 2008 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring. He was born on April 2, 1918 in Miami County to Jonathan Price and Laura (Swoverland) Layman. The graduate of Twelve Mile High School married Lela Lucille Musselman in Denver on April 30, 1939, and she survives. Zainard was a member of the Boswell United Methodist Church; the Masonic Lodge at Pine Village; the Boswell Rotary Club; Murat Temple Shrine; Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis; member and past president to

the Tippecanoe Shrine Club; and a former member and past president of the Boswell Town Board. He owned and operated Layman Farm Equipment, an Allis Chalmers dealership in Boswell from May 1, 1951 until 1998. Aside from his wife, Zainard is survived by one sister, Eva Gilbert, Peru. He was preceded in death by two sisters, his twin, Zella Greer, and Kathryn Bundy. Funeral services will be conducted at the Boswell United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, with Pastor Charles Anderson officiating. Visitation will be conducted at the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, Oxford, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, with Pine Village Masonic Lodge services at 7:30 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Also surviving are 16 nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Boswell United Methodist Church. through www.hahngroeberfuneralhome.com

Kenneth L. 'Red' Craig, 80, Kokomo, passed away on Friday, March 21, 2008 at his residence. He was born May 20, 1927 in Morgantown, West Virginia to Charles Edgar Jr. and Mary E. Craig. In 1936, the family moved from Morgantown to Kokomo, where he attended Kokomo High School. While there 'Red' was a student manager for the basketball team. In 1944, John R. Tunis published a book, "Yea! Wildkats," and based a character on 'Red,' named Red Crosby. In 1945, while still in high school, 'Red' was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was able to continue his studies while serving his country, and once he was discharged in 1946, he returned to Kokomo High School, where he received his diploma. 'Red' then went to Ball State University, where he graduated in 1951. In the fall of 1951, he began his teaching career, beginning at Central Junior High School in the social studies department. He then moved to Kokomo High School, where he helped a lot of young men as the Dean of Boys, he also served as Assistant Principal, sponsored the K Club and Student Council, and he served as equipment manager for all the athletic teams. 'Red' was appointed as President of the Kokomo Teacher's Association, and was very active on the state level with the Indiana State Teacher's Association, serving as secretary-treasurer for the North Central Conference from 1973 to 1999. In 1985, he went to Haworth High School, where he served as a counselor, until his retirement in 1988. He continued to serve Kokomo-Center Schools as a member of the school board in recent years. He was an original member of the Y's Men Club, and an active member and Sunday School teacher at Main Street United Methodist Church. He ran for local positions as City Commissioner and City Council, and 'Red' loved to play golf and was a member of the Chippendale Golf Club. He is survived by two nephews, Bradley A. Craig and James Craig and wife Kelly, each of Kokomo; two nieces, Elaine Louise Craig and Jean Ann Craig, each of Peru; three great-nieces, Tara Craig, Kokomo, Stephanie Miley, Peru, and Nicole Miley, Peru; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Craig and Betty Craig, each of Peru; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Charles Edgar Craig III and Don W. Craig. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday at Ellers Mortuary, Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Kenneth L. 'Red' Craig Fund thru the Howard Community Foundation, which benefits the Kokomo Rescue Mission, Family Service Association, and the Kokomo Education Foundation General Scholarship Fund. Online condolences may be emailed to jamie@ellersmortuary.com.

Friday, March 28, 2008

George E. Wagner, 85, Hickory Creek Health Care in Rochester, formerly of rural Miami County, passed away at 9:38 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at Hickory Creek. He was born in Miami County on March 5, 1923 to George H. and Nellie Teel Wagner. On June 11, 1944 he married Normalene (Fites) Wagner in Macy, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 21, 1997. George was a farmer, and also sold school buses for Kerlin Motors in Silver Lake. He was a graduate of Gilead High School and a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church; a former member of the Rochester Community School Board where he was formerly president; a member of the Lincoln Lodge #523, Macy; member of the Knights of Pythias in Peru; and a member of the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne; and a member of the Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne. He loved to do woodworking and to fish. Survivors include a daughter, Martha Roberts and her husband David, Rochester; a son, Stephen R. Wagner and wife Marlene "Gaye," Macy; five grandchildren, Megan Roberts, Susan Mookhram, Nelson E. Wagner, Tawnya M. Mason and Stephen G. Wagner; and ten great-great grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his wife, Normalene (Fites) Wagner; his parents, George and Nellie (Teel) Wagner; and a sister, Marjorie I. Wagner. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Miami County Roads 1100 North and Meridian Road, with the Reverend George Hapner officiating. Burial will be in Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, where there will be a Masonic service at 8 p.m. For online condolences visit www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Alberta Mae Maddox, 83, Kokomo, passed away at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at her residence. She was born Sept. 27, 1924 in Fort Steele, Wyo. to the late Chester and Flossie (Barnes) Musgrave. On April 11, 1940 in Grant County, she married Lewis F. Maddox, who preceded her in death on Feb. 4, 1983. Alberta was employed at Delco Electronics for eight years, also for JC Penney for 10 years. She was an avid NASCAR and Jeff Gordon fan. Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Snyder and husband Eddie, Kokomo, Diane Worl, Bunker Hill, and Sharon Yentes and husband Jerry, Peru; one brother, Eugene Musgrave, Indianapolis; one sister, LaVonne "Bonnie" Woodbury, Florida; a special nephew, Richard Fox and wife Mary, Virginia; six grandchildren, Karen Mayo and husband Robert, Amy Scott and husband John, Melinda "Mindy" Caldwell and husband Tony, Scott Worl, Khristie Worl and Matthew J. Yentes; eight great-grandchildren, Alison, Robert and Michelle Mayo, Mallory and Maggie Caldwell, Shae, Kasey and Rylee Worl; one great-great-grandchild, Jacob Voore; and

many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two infant sons; her parents; her husband; one sister, Betty Denton; and a son-in-law, Garry Worl. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday in Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Greg Reed officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo. The family will receive friends from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Tuesday, April 01, 2008

Jerome H. Lassiter, 88, Peru, passed away at 11:47 p.m. Saturday, March 29, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born April 4, 1919 in Almo, Ky. to Atmer and Addie (Henley) Lassiter. He married Kathleen English Lassiter in May of 1989, and she survives. Jerome was an electrician, retired from Chrysler after 16 years. He also had his own businesses: Capital Electric, Jerry's Union 76 and J&M Bar & Grill. All were in Windfall. He also was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Corps. He was a staff sergeant and enjoyed playing golf. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Greg C. Lassiter and wife Susan K., Kokomo, and Glen S. Lassiter and wife Debbie, Tipton; two daughters, Lana L. Kirtley and husband Sidney L., Sharpsville, and Jerilyn A. Manning and husband Stephen K., Claypool; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn A. Francis Lassiter, in 1989. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Boyer Funeral Home, Sharpsville, with the Rev. Richard Lyth officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Brookside Cemetery, Windfall. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the donor's favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

James M. Shoemaker, 70, Peru, passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 30, 1937 in Peru to Francis M. and Arlene (Sebring) Shoemaker Stahl. Survivors include two brothers, Gary Shoemaker and wife Pam, Kokomo, and Mike Stahl and wife Bonnie, Peru; eight sisters, Frances Maier and husband Larry, Santa Rosa, Calif., Sandy Smith, Lafayette, Helen Thornton, Indianapolis, Peggy Cowell and husband Chuck, Tennessee, Rickie French and husband Robert, Peru, Debbie Engel and husband Phil, Denver, Dawn Shimp, Indianapolis, and June Burwell and husband Dick, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A private service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, April 03, 2008

Paul L. Bowman, 85, Peru, passed away at 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born March 2, 1923 in Miami County to Paul R. and Olive (Smally) Bowman. He married Grace (Sonafrank) Bowman Dec. 31, 1946, and she survives. Paul was a World War II Army veteran and retired from Golden Hills Dairy. He was a member of Peru Church of the Brethren and the VFW. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Julene Bowen, Peru; three sons, Richard Bowman, Peru, Thomas Bowman, Kokomo, and Curtis Bowman and wife Kathy, Peru; two sisters, Ernestine Gangloff, Logansport, and Wilma Einselen, Bunker Hill; eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; four sisters and a son, Paul Bowman Jr. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peru Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with a military service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren.

Claude Earl Eller, 74, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born Oct. 28, 1933 in Creston, N.C. to Millard and Dora (Lewis) Eller. He married Ingeborg (Szczpanik) Eller June 15, 1959, and she survives. Claude was retired from the U.S. Air Force and served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jerome D. Eller and fiancée Diane, Peru; several brothers and sisters; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in a family cemetery, with a military service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Grissom Air Museum.

John H. Craig, 91, Hillsdale, Mich., formerly of Peru, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008 at Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility, Hillsdale, Mich. He was born June 16, 1916 in Holtscorner, Tenn., to Robert and Evalina Leek Craig. On Feb. 9, 1944 he married Mary A. Biggs in Fort Myers, Fla., and she preceded him in death on April 14, 2002. On June 27, 2003 he married Ruth Benzing of Hillsdale, and she survives. John was a 1933 graduate of Hammond High School, Hammond, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was formerly a civil service administrator and procurement officer prior to his retirement from Grissom Air Force Base. While living in Peru he was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. Upon marrying Ruth and moving to Hillsdale, Mich., he became a member of the Hillsdale United Brethren Church. Surviving in addition to his wife Ruth Benzing-Craig, Hillsdale, Mich., are three daughters, Janet Schmidt and husband Enno, Wabash, Sheryl Ann Craig, Peru, and Yvonne Shewchuck, California; five stepchildren, Claudia Keyser and husband Will, Miami, Fla., Lance Benzing and wife Virginia, Hillsdale, Mich., Merry Lynn Gerstenschalger and husband Vale, Weatherford, Texas, James Benzing and wife Marlene, Hillsdale, Mich., and Brad Benzing and wife Pam, Hillsdale, Mich.; 23 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Mary; a daughter, Donna Carpenter; a great-grandson, Cody Reffitt; four brothers and one sister. A service celebrating the life of John H. Craig will be

held at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Cremation will follow the service with a private burial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be one hour before the service on Sunday.

Lyman Everett Jones, 88, Rochester, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the Trinity United Methodist Church. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Friday, April 04, 2008

Philip B. Hurst, 80, Macy, passed away at 1 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 13, 1927 in Rochester to Blaine J. and Edna K. McFadden Hurst. On Feb. 17, 1951, in Claypool, he was married to Gayle Carrothers, and she preceded him in death on May 11, 2006. Phil was a farmer and a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Rochester. He was a licensed pilot for over 40 years and a member of the Mentone Flying Club. He served his community as a school board member and on various other county boards. Survivors include two sons, David P. Hurst and wife Liane, and Andrew B. Hurst, all of Macy; three daughters, LuAnn E. Hurst, Pierceton, Libby E. Working and husband Jeff, Macy, and Sarah E. Bonesteel and husband Bob, Greentown; grandchildren, Anna, Seth, Brandon, Brittany, Kirstie, and Shania Hurst, Wesley, Jeremy, Diane, and Bobby Lantz, and Addison, Jacob, Ryley and Maggie Working, and Sariya and Elijah Bonesteel; several great-grandchildren and one sister, Jane Bell, Bryan, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester, with Pastor Todd Kauffman and Pastor Lawrence See officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester.

Saturday, April 05, 2008

Michael Allen Valle Jr., two hours old, Peru, passed away at 1:39 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008 at St. Vincent's Womens Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Monday, March 31, 2008 in Indianapolis to Michael Allen Valle Sr. and Traci Rae Toney Abercrombie. Survivors besides his parents include paternal grandparents, Malinda Aldean Valle, Bunker Hill, and Glen Darrell Etue, Peru; maternal grandfather, Larry Allen Toney, Indianapolis; three uncles, Justin Mitchel Valle, Devon Lee Nice and Wallace Edward Taylor, all of Bunker Hill; two brothers, Noble Scott Greene and Jonathan Paul Abercrombie, both of Indianapolis; and a sister, Amanda Danielle Carlton, Pittsboro. Love offerings may be made to the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Linda Lou Rich, 70, Peru, passed away at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Feb. 7, 1938 in Argos to Howard and Dorothy (Bodey) McGowen. She was raised by Cliff and Ruth Bodey. She married Jack E. Rich March 8, 1959, and he survives. Linda was a retired beautician and office manager at the Miami County Jail for 10 years when her husband, Jack, was sheriff. She also was a member of New Life United Methodist Church at Mexico, and a member of the Business and Professional Womens Club in Peru. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Robert Rich and wife Kathy, Culver; a daughter, Kimberly Larson, Carmel; a daughter-in-law, Connie Rich, Wabash; and seven grandchildren, Alexa Larson, Anna, Emily and Jack Rich, Lauren, Carson and Connor Rich. She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Nina McGowen; the people who raised her, Cliff and Ruth Bodey; and a son, Indiana State Police Trooper David Rich. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Life United Methodist Church, U.S. 31 and 400 North, Mexico, with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will be in Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Monday, April 07, 2008

Michael Allen Valle Jr., two hours old, Peru, passed away at 1:39 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008 at St. Vincent's Womens Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Monday, March 31, 2008 in Indianapolis to Michael Allen Valle Sr. and Traci Rae Toney Abercrombie. Survivors besides his parents include paternal grandparents, Malinda Aldean Valle, Bunker Hill, and Glen Darrell Etue, Peru; maternal grandfather, Larry Allen Toney, Indianapolis; three uncles, Justin Mitchel Valle, Devon Lee Nice and Wallace Edward Taylor, all of Bunker Hill; two brothers, Noble Scott Greene and Jonathan Paul Abercrombie, both of Indianapolis; and a sister, Amanda Danielle Carlton, Pittsboro. Love offerings may be made to the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Linda Lou Rich, 70, Peru, passed away at 11:03 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Feb. 7, 1938 in Argos to Howard and Dorothy (Bodey) McGowen. She was raised by Cliff and Ruth Bodey. She married Jack E. Rich March 8, 1959, and he survives. Linda was a retired beautician and office manager at the Miami County Jail for 10 years when her husband, Jack, was sheriff. She also was a member of New Life United Methodist Church at Mexico, and a

member of the Business and Professional Womens Club in Peru. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Robert Rich and wife Kathy, Culver; a daughter, Kimberly Larson, Carmel; a daughter-in-law, Connie Rich, Wabash; and seven grandchildren, Alexa Larson, Anna, Emily and Jack Rich, Lauren, Carson and Connor Rich. She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Nina McGowen; the people who raised her, Cliff and Ruth Bodey; and a son, Indiana State Police Trooper David Rich. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Life United Methodist Church, U.S. 31 and 400 North, Mexico, with Pastor Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will be in Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Tuesday, April 08, 2008

Paul L. Bowerman, 87, Silver Lake, passed away Friday, April 4, 2008. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, 1401 Indiana 114 West, North Manchester. Burial will be in the Eel River Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery in Silver Lake. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Willie Estes, 85, Peru, died at 4 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2008, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born May 16, 1922 in Summer Shade, Ky., to Ernest and Vada Estes. On February 25, 1945, he married Oma Harlan. She survives. Estes was retired from Wabash Alloys in Wabash. Survivors include his wife, Oma; a daughter, Betty DeLong, Peru; two granddaughters, Cindy Clark of Wabash, and Lynette DeLong, North Manchester; 10 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Walter Estes, Leonard Estes and Jimmie Estes and five sisters, Lela, Mary, Ora, Reba and Marilyn. He was preceded in death by a son, Roy Eugene Estes, his parents and two brothers, Henry and Elston Estes. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Kimberly K. Baldwin, 48, of Bunker Hill, died at 3:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Jan. 8, 1960, in Miami County to Jim and Marilyn (Betts) Shively, Peru. On Sept. 9, 1980, she married Charles W. Baldwin, son of Jack and Mae Baldwin, Peru. Other survivors include parents, Jim and Marilyn, Peru; brother Brian Shively and sister-in-law Marilyn, Bunker Hill; daughter Laura Baldwin, Westfield; son Evan Baldwin, Plainfield and several family members and friends. Kim was an incredible wife, mother and friend. She loved spending time with her family, making crafts and fishing with her husband. She was a graduate of Maconaquah High School in 1978. She most recently worked in the real estate field. Friends and family are invited to call from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Services are Wednesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. with Pastr Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Garden, in Logansport. Pawl bearers are: Tommy Daniels, Dave Fulton, Nathan Glassburn, Nathan Shively, a nephew, and Ian Shively, also a nephew. Arrangements were made by Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elms, of Bunker Hill.

Wednesday, April 09, 2008

Gregory "Greg" L. Mullen, 53, Bunker Hill, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2008 in Bunker Hill. He was born Oct. 26, 1954 in Washington to William H. and Agnes (Harter) Mullen. He married Debra "Debbie" (Devine) Mullen June 28, 1991, and she survives. Greg retired from the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant. He was a member of St. Marys Church, Washington, the American Legion and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family, wife and children. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Jennifer Mullen, Indianapolis; a son, Bradley "Brad" Mullen, Bunker Hill; four brothers, Mark J. Mullen, Plainville, Raymond T. Mullen, Florida, and Michael E. Mullen, Montgomery, and Dennis E. Mullen, Brazil; and a sister, Judith "Judy" Winklepleck, Odon. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John H. Mullen, at birth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with a military service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Richard E. Cress III, 43, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 22, 1964 in Kokomo to Richard E. Cress Jr. and Vera M. (Hahn) Pressey. Richard worked at Frito-Lay Co. and was a member of Skinner Chapel Worship Center. Survivors include his father and wife Dawn, Peru; his mother and husband Harry, Bradenton, Fla.; his companion, Teresa Wahlig; a daughter, Angela Nicole Cress, Peoria, Ariz.; his grandmother, Marjorie Coppernoll, Peru; four nieces, Victoria Cress, Kylee Cress, Devin Elzroth and Kayla Poorman; three nephews, Jordan Calendine, Brennon Poorman and Vanne Harler; six brothers, Rodney Cress and wife Tina, Peru, Randy Cress, Palmetto, Fla., Chad Poorman and wife Nikki, Edgerton, Ohio, Gary Pressey, Bobby Pressey and Jamie Pressey; three sisters, Michelle Calendine and husband Alan, Peru, Kim Turpin and Kathy Cunningham; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until the time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Skinner Chapel Worship Center.

Thursday, April 10, 2008

Guy Henson Luttrell, age 80, of Peru, passed away April 6, 2008 at his daughter's home in New Palestine. Born on November 17, 1927 in Liberty, Kentucky, he was the son of Milton J. and Evie M. Stapp Luttrell. He married Narcissus "Cissy" Hamilton on August 2, 1950. Mr. Luttrell worked at American Stationery Co. in Peru, Indiana for 25 years and at the U.S. Envelope Company for 17 years. Prior to moving to Indiana in 1955, he was a city police officer in Liberty, Kentucky. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and the NRA. He loved hunting and fishing, boating, playing his guitar, music, watching movies, and playing on his computer. Surviving him are his wife, Cissy Luttrell of Peru; children, Guy Luttrell Jr. and wife Kristi of Logansport, Patricia Schott and husband Mike of New Palestine, Phyllis Creason and husband Mike of Bunker Hill, Teresa Luttrell-Cook and husband Tom of New Palestine, and Tim Luttrell and wife Michelle of Beech Grove; brothers, Milton J. Luttrell, Jr. and Douglas Luttrell; several nieces and nephews; six grandchildren, Melissa (Aaron Harley) Schott, Michelle (Dave) Martin, Abby (Jevon) Brennenman, Evan Luttrell, Jennifer (Braxton) Tracy, and Brandon Luttrell; three great-grandchildren, Tyler and Savannah Martin, and Blake Tracy; and step-grandchildren, Thomas and Michael Cook, and Zachary and Taylor Vaughn. Preceding him in death were his parents, Milton and Evie Luttrell; step-father, Wayne Stricklen; and brothers, Floyd W. Luttrell and James M. Luttrell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Erlewein Mortuary, Greenfield. Burial will be at New Palestine Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to Special Olympics, Hancock County Division, c/o Erlewein Mortuary, 1484 W. U.S. 40, Greenfield, Indiana 46140. Friends may sign the on-line guestbook at www.erleweinmortuary.com or e-mail condolences to sympathy@erleweinmortuary.com.

William L. "Bill" Taff, 84, Monticello, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 15, 1923 in Cuba, Ill. to Amos Clayton and Leota (Beebe) Taff. He first married Evelyn Ammerman on May 1, 1948. She passed away July 15, 1989. He married Mildred Vigar on July 8, 2001 in Peru. She survives in Monticello. Bill graduated from Hammond High School in 1943. He completed his chemical engineering degree with Indiana University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp serving from 1943 to 1945. He was one of the Flying Tigers during World War II. He was a fighter pilot and one of many who escorted the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on Aug. 6, 1945. The special plane that he flew was called the Weary Willie. He worked on the C&O Railroad for six years. He was a project engineer for NIPSCO in Monticello, retiring May 1, 1983. He was a member of the Faith Covenant Fellowship in Monticello. He also was a member of the VFW, American Legion and NRA. He enjoyed every job he ever had. He enjoyed a wonderful long retirement from NIPSCO, working in his vegetable garden, caring for his chickens and his dog. He also loved the outdoors, fishing and camping. He enjoyed sitting by the campfire telling stories. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Jackie Applegate and husband Bill, Monticello, and Rhonda Gallaher and husband Steve, Royal Center; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Taff, Winamac; three stepsons, Dan Townsend and wife Sherry, Wabash, Don Townsend and wife Lori, Winona, and Bob Townsend and wife Janet, Roann; two stepdaughters, Maria Sayger, Kokomo, and Diana Gentry and husband Ken, Brownsburg; five grandsons, Bill H. Taff and wife Stefanie, Monon, J.C. Taff and wife Crystal, Pine Village, Shane Applegate, Monticello, Shawn Hayden, Monticello, and Josh Gallaher, Royal Center; a granddaughter, Mandy Luper, Livingston, Tenn.; many great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Taff, California; a sister-in-law, Betty Ammerman, Peru; and a step-son-in-law, Kenneth Meredith, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Evelyn; a son, Bill M. Taff; a sister, Virginia LeWark; and a brother, Roland Taff. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home, Monticello, with Pastor Darl Clemons officiating. Burial will be in Riverview I.O.O.F., rural Monticello. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.springervoorhisdraper.com.

Surrounded by her family, **Della McKee, 67**, Bunker Hill, went to be with the Lord at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2008, at her residence. She was born March 12, 1941 in Peru to Richard and Helen (Ebey) Donaldson. On September 3, 1971, she married John R. McKee, and he survives. Della had retired from Pipe Creek Elementary where she worked in the school cafeteria. A member of the Macedonia Christian Church, she was very active in the church and its activities. She enjoyed traveling, Relay for Life and spending time with her friends, family, husband, children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband; children, Todd McKee, Fishers, Susi Burris and husband Rob, Bunker Hill, Laura McKee, Johnny McKee and wife Janeale, all of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Brianne Dininger, Nicole Burris, Riley Burris, Joshua Burris and Zachary McKee; her twin sister, Diana Donaldson, Alief, Texas; and sister Carol Hoover and husband Jim, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dennis "Mike" Donaldson. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Mike Greenwood officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Guardian Angel Hospice Inc. Her family offers a special thank you to Dr. Neftali Bechar and his staff for all they had done. Another special thank you note to McKee's favorite hospice nurse, April.

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Terry Lee Middleton, 68, Wabash, passed away at 7:35 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He was born July 25, 1939 in Wabash to Walter D. and Bertha B. (Pattee) Middleton. Terry was married to Ellen Paschall Middleton 30 years, and she survives. Terry was a 1958 graduate of Wabash High School. He worked 34-and-

a-half years for General Tire in Wabash and five years for Trelleborg in Peru, retiring in 2000. He was a member of the American Legion Post 15, the Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, all of Wabash. Terry coached the Blackhawks in the Wabash Little League Program several years. He enjoyed watching Wabash High School and Wabash Little League ball games, and especially loved going to games involving his grandkids. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, Indiana University basketball and NASCAR. He is survived by a son, Timothy W. Middleton and wife Caryn, Wabash; a daughter, Theresa L. Moser and husband John, Yanceyville, N.C.; two grandsons, Brandon Moser, Yanceyville, and Justin Middleton, Wabash; two granddaughters, Amanda Moser, Yanceyville, and Taylor Middleton, Wabash; a brother, Kenneth Middleton and wife Patty, Wabash; two sisters, Elizabeth Mettler and husband Charles, Wabash, and Martha Shepherd and husband Claude, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter "Hub" Middleton Jr. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Springside Lifecare Center of Wabash County Hospital or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne. The memorial guest book for Terry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Monday, April 14, 2008

Eugene Earl McClain, 83, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Glen at Willow Valley Retirement Community. He had resided at Willow Valley for the past three-and-a-half years. He was born April 27, 1924 in Hammond to Tracy Earl and Keturah E. Cutshall McClain. He was married in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 8, 1946 to Elizabeth Anne Schreiber, who survives at the Willow Valley Retirement Community. Eugene retired from Sears in 1988 after 40 years of employment. He was a 1948 graduate of Drexel University with a B.S. in business administration and was a charter member of the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity Chapter at Drexel. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lancaster and a former member of the First United Methodist Church in Roxborough. In addition, he was a member of the Palestine-Roxborough Lodge No. 135 F.&A.M., the Kensington Kadosh Commandry No. 54 K.T., the Philadelphia Council No. 11, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Benjamin Franklin Consistory and the Lu Lu Temple. For many years, he served on the board of directors of the Roxborough Home for Women. He was awarded the Four Chaplains Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Valley Forge. Up until his illness, he enjoyed being a reading tutor for the School District of Lancaster. His interests included gardening, reading and bird watching. Surviving besides his wife are two children, Philip Earl McClain and wife Lynn, Baltimore, Md., and Carol Anne Cosgrove and husband Joe, Hilliard, Ohio; three grandchildren, Katherine F. McClain, Alexandra B. McClain and Sam M. Cosgrove; one great-grandson, Derrick Lavender; two sisters, Barbara E. Stoner, Peru, and Donna M. Welty, Elkhart; and two brothers, Hal W. McClain, Denver, and Oden L. McClain, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bernard E. McClain. A funeral service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, corner of Duke and Walnut Streets, Lancaster, Pa., with the Rev. Dr. Kent E. Kroehler officiating. Interment in the George Washington Memorial Park, Plymouth Meeting, Pa., will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Friends may call at the church Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. McClain's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Monday, April 14, 2008

Lloyd M. Weaver, 80, Hickory Creek Healthcare, Rochester, formerly of Macy, passed away at 6 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2008. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor James Wasmuth officiating. Burial will be in Athens Cemetery, Athens, with military graveside rites by the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and VFW Post 1343, both of Rochester. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Emerson Eugene Whybrew, 81, Logansport, passed away at 7:17 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Chase Center, Logansport. He was born June 1, 1926 in Fulton County to Marion and Estey Mae Snyder Whybrew. He married Caroline Bertha Moon Nov. 14, 1981 in Logansport, and she survives. Emerson graduated from Fulton High School and was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a lineman for the Logansport Municipal Utility Company. He was a 50-year member of IBEW, a life member of the VFW Post 3790, where he also was a past commander and president of the veterans council, a member of the American Legion Post 60, Voyager 721 and Eagles 323. Emerson was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time at Bruce Lake and with all his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include seven children, William Whybrew and wife Carol, Peru, Deborah Williams and husband Bob, DeRuyter, N.Y., David L. See, Denver, Russell W. See and wife Phyllis, Andover, Ill., Roberta J. Smith, Wabash, Ron See and wife Marla, Peru, and Jackie S. Fultz, Logansport; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Whybrew. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Edward Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport, with full military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Leanna Worl, 90, Fort Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She married Chester E. Worl on Sept. 19, 1935, and he preceded her in death in 1987. Leanna was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Caudill and husband Mike, Fort Wayne, Rose Jane Robins and husband Leon, Kokomo; two grandsons, Roger Robins and wife Michelle, and Randy Robins and wife Julie, both of Kokomo; and four great-grandchildren, Bradley, Stacia, Alyssa and Katelyn Robins, all of Kokomo. Leanna was preceded in death by her husband; a grandson, James Hoover; and a great-granddaughter, Raleigh Robins. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with the Reverend Stan Buck officiating. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Rankin Cemetery in Miami County, with the Reverend Ray Houser officiating. Calling will be three hours prior to the service. Memorials to American Heart Association or Arthritis Foundation are suggested.

Francis R. "Tony" Anthony, 84, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born July 11, 1923 in Sweet Springs, Mo. to Russell and Francis Elizabeth (Steele) Anthony. He married Vera Pauline (Marquis) Anthony Sept. 27, 1956, and she preceded him in death April 11, 2006. Tony retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years, serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Survivors include a brother-in-law, Robert L. Marquis and wife Vivian, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Bernita "Ann" Crispen Miller, 69, Rochester, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She had been in failing health for eight months. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Don Myer officiating. Burial will be in Rochester iOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation or the Church of the Nazarene. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Donald E. Fruth, 86, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:40 a.m. Sunday, April 13, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. He had been a Bunker Hill resident since 1959. Donald was born Aug. 13, 1921 in Hancock County, Ohio, to Harvey and Gladys (Hemming) Fruth. On Feb. 1, 1947, he married Patricia A. Terrell. She survives. Donald retired after serving 26 years active duty from 1939 to 1964 in the U.S. Air Force. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the China-Burma-India Theatre. After retirement, he worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru; Chrysler Automotive, Kokomo; and in civil service at Grissom Air Force Base, Peru. He enjoyed farming in the Bunker Hill area for many of his retirement years. Donald had memberships in Hump Pilots Association; Mason Lodge No. 298, Redkey, and American Legion Post No. 418, Walton. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Michael L. Fruth and wife Stephanie, Carthage, John P. Fruth and wife Ronna, Warsaw, and James G. Fruth and wife Sue, Olathe, Kan.; eight daughters, Janet A. Smith and husband David, Bunker Hill, Elizabeth Jo Miles and husband Rick, Naples, Fla., Judy K. Worland, Bunker Hill, Jean E. Schmidt and husband Lee, Scottsdale, Ariz., Jerri S. Roth and husband Pat, Idaville, June D. Bomholt and husband Jerry, Hanover, Juliet A. Gardner and husband Clifford, Peru, and Jennifer L. Archuleta and husband Adrian, Peru; 35 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; one brother, John P. Fruth, Schererville; and one sister, Virginia Geneva, Howe. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, 100 W. Broadway, Bunker Hill. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport, with military rites conducted by the American Legion. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, 100 W. Broadway, Bunker Hill. Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's Web site at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com. Memorials can be made to the Salvation Army, 84 W. Second St., Peru, IN 46970; American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison St., Mishawaka, IN, 46545 or to the charity of one's choice.

Ralph W. "Bill" Sheehan, 77, Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2008. He was born in Lafayette on April 29, 1930 to Ralph B. and Gladys G. (Stonebraker) Sheehan, who preceded him in death. Bill graduated from Delphi High School, Class of 1948, and then served in the U.S. Air Force until 1952. He attended Purdue University, and married Frances A. Clark on May 16, 1953. She survives. He worked for Alcoa-Lafayette Works for 11 years, as plant superintendent for National Aluminum for 19 years, and then for Kinetic Concepts Industries for six years, retiring in 1992. Bill was a member of Cumberland United Methodist Church and the Mulberry Masonic Lodge #618, F. & A.M. Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Fran Sheehan; a daughter, Janet A. Rothrock and husband Mark; two sons, Patrick W. Sheehan and wife Carol, and Michael A. Sheehan and wife Lisa; a brother, George E. Sheehan and wife Peggy; and seven grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cumberland United Methodist Church, 219 N. Muesing Road, Indianapolis. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens in West Lafayette. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cumberland United Methodist Church, 219 N. Muesing Road, Indianapolis, IN 46229. Final arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, Indianapolis. www.shirleybrothers.com

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

Edith "Edie" Books, 73, Bunker Hill, passed away at 12:19 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Nov. 18, 1934 in Oakwood, Ill. to Floyd and Dorothy (Lee) Isenhower. She married Russell "Rusty" Books Oct. 20, 1951, and he survives. Edith was a homemaker and member of First Christian Church. Survivors besides her husband include seven children, Peggy Dewey, Bunker Hill, Sandra Muench and husband Dennis, Ormond Beach, Fla., Eva May Lee and husband Jim, Mims, Fla., Thomas "Tom" Books and wife Kathy, Peru, Ronnie Books and wife Amanda, Bunker Hill, James "Jimmy" Books and wife Patty, Peru, and Deanna Powers and husband Tim, Andrews; a brother, William Ray Isenhower and wife Judy, Van Buren, Ark.; and a sister, Lois Marie Oberlander and husband Edward, Morriston, Fla.; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a grandchild. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to New Adventures in Missions Church Camp.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Linda (Malinda) Rusie, 76, Mexico, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 26, 1931 to Amish parents, Steven and Anna Miller, in Cadwell, Ill. She was the 11th of 12 children. She married John A. Rusie on May 30, 1953 in Indianapolis, and he preceded her in death. Linda was a member and lifetime deaconess of Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico. She was matron of the Miami County Sheriff's Department from 1975 to 1982 when her husband, John, was sheriff. The Rusies lived in Fulton County following retirement from the sheriff's department. Linda was active in both Peru and Rochester communities, serving on boards of various organizations. She was named Republican Woman of the Year in both Miami and Fulton counties. John and Linda were past Citizens of the Year in both Miami and Fulton counties. Prior to her years at the sheriff's department, Linda worked at the Peru YMCA, Climate Makers and Sherrill Corporation. She later worked as a driver examiner for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and was a Mary Kay consultant for 30 years. While in Rochester, she managed the Cornerstone Christian Bookstore. Survivors include children, Ann Friend and husband Bill, Macy, John H. Rusie and wife Dana, Logansport, Mary Beth Fites and husband Byron, Macy, Mark Rusie and wife Lori, Mexico, Teresa Pier and husband Randy, Peru, and Florence McKinley and husband Robert, Peru; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Peter, Elkhart, and Dan, Arthur, Ill. She was preceded in death by her husband; two granddaughters, Leanna Friend and Ashley Rusie; one great-granddaughter, Lincoln Sutton; five sisters and four brothers. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mexico Baptist Church, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Mexico Baptist Church, P.O. Box 206, Mexico, IN 46958; or Salvation Army, 84 W. Second St., Peru, IN 46970. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is in charge of arrangements.

Harry Wayne Martin, 29, Bethel Springs, Tenn., passed away Monday, April 14, 2008. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at Shackelford Funeral Directors of Selmer, Selmer, Tenn., with Chris Kitchen officiating. Burial will be in Liberty Cemetery, Bethel Springs, Tenn.

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Jack Moon, 85, Lehigh Acres, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. Sunday, April 13, 2008 at his Florida residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. today at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Milton "Milt" Williams, 76, Peru, passed away 4:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 22, 1931 in Kilmichael, Miss. to Cube and Willie (Townsend) Williams. He married Ginette Lenaers April 10, 1965, and she survives. Milton retired from the U.S. Air Force, serving in the U.S. Army for two years. He was owner/operator of Williams Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, a former deacon of Mount Hermon Baptist, and a life member of the VFW, American Legion and F.O.P. In addition, Milton was actively involved in various community organizations and benefits such as the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Democratic headquarters and American Red Cross. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Antoine Williams and wife Katie, Peru; four daughters, Astrid Williams, Peru, Nancy Forcier and husband Ray, O Fallon, Ill., Delphinie Peltas and husband Pat, Saint Charles, Mo., and Diana Williams, Peru; two brothers, Otha Williams, Chicago, Ill., and Waddel Williams, Kilmichael, Miss.; a sister-in-law, Joella Williams, Chicago, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Bradley Milton Williams, Jamie David Williams, Ginette Marie Williams, Noelle Marie Forcier, Philip William Peltas, Alexandra, Aurelia, Jerome and Laurie; two step-grandchildren, Patricia Ferouelle and husband Bruno, and Andre'e Sam Emeterio and husband Tetere; two great-grandchildren, Damien and Riley Williams; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mason Williams; and a sister, Marie Powell. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor J. Litherland and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent de Paul or the Salvation Army.

Friday, April 18, 2008

Kenton Carl "Ken" Freeman, 38, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today at Abundant Life Church, 2160 E. Markland, Kokomo, with the Rev. Dr. Delbert Freeman and Pastor Charlie Riley officiating. Friends are invited to call from 3 to 4 p.m. today at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church to benefit Ken's family. Shirley & Stout Funeral home is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Betty May Kanippe, 46, Harrisonville, Mo., passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Cass Medical Center, Harrisonville, Mo. She was born Nov. 29, 1961 in Peru to Robert Herrell and Pat (Swisher) Pegg. Betty attended Logansport High School and was a home health caregiver in Missouri. She also was talented with crafts, especially ceramics. In addition, she was loved by all children. She is survived and will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 22 years, Robert "Bob" Kanippe, Harrisonville, Mo.; one brother and three sisters. No funeral services are planned. Condolences may be sent to Bob Kanippe, 568 Madison Ave., Peru, IN 46970. Online condolences may be made to www.atkinsonfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Atkinson Funeral Home, Harrisonville, Mo.

Alex "Levi" Crusan, 29, Lafayette, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2008 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. He was born Feb. 4, 1979 in Peru to Frank and Jill Daine Crusan. At the age of three, Levi was diagnosed with a disease called Histiocytosis-x. Although he was sick the rest of his life, he was fortunate to experience many things, including Mardi Gras, a Make-A-Wish Foundation trip to Disney World and Universal Studios in 1993 and many joyous family vacations. People fell in love with him the moment they met him and he was full of life, love and happiness. He always smiled and never complained when he was sick and receiving treatments. Levi was a devoted sports fan and followed the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Bulls and all Purdue University sports. He thoroughly enjoyed watching Bart Simpson, Bugs Bunny and never missed an episode of "Walker Texas Ranger" and "Full House." Survivors besides his parents in Lafayette include a sister, Brynley Martin and husband Kevin, Peru; an uncle, Ron Daine and wife Marilyn, Edwardsville, Ill.; and an aunt, Joan Daine, Los Altos, Calif. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Thelma and Dutch Daine; and his great-grandmother, Alice Daine. A service celebrating the life of Levi Crusan will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery. 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 Histiocytosis Association.

JoAnn M. Morrison, 66, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Denver, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Charlotte Regional Medical Center, Punta Gorda, Fla. She was born Nov. 13, 1941, in South Bend, and has wintered in Port Charlotte with her husband for the last four years. JoAnn was retired from First Federal Savings Bank at Rochester as an escrow manager. She was a member of the Port Charlotte Church of Christ and Rochester Church of Christ. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Harold A. Morrison, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Denver; a daughter, Tammy A. Breden and husband Alec, Granger; two sons, Michael B. DePoy and wife Marianne, Plymouth, and Terry J. DePoy and wife Susan, Denver; two step-daughters, Lori S. Carpenter, Leesburg, and Betty J. Gibbons and husband Gary, Plymouth; her step-mother, Margaret Petrie, Granger; two sisters, Vesta Principe and husband James, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Chrissy McKenzie, South Bend; and nine grandchildren, Michael, Mathew, Makayla, Morgan, Shannon, Jared, Kyalan, Cody and Kevin. A memorial service will be held April 26 at 11 a.m. at Rochester Church of Christ, 120 E. Fifth St., Rochester.

Monday, April 21, 2008

Edith E. Abell, 88, of rural Roann passed away at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Wabash Skilled Care Center in Wabash. She was born September 7, 1919 in Miami County, to Samuel and Anna (Croft) Yarian. On November 9, 1940, she married Robert W. Abell in Lebanon, Ky. He died February 20, 2008. Edith was a graduate of Warsaw High School. She was a member of Roann First Brethren Church, a former member of the Stitch and Chatter Home Economics Club, a member and past Worthy Matron of the Roann Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Roann Matrons Club. Edith enjoyed birds, gardening, and mushroom hunting. She and her husband had lived on a farm in rural Roann since 1940. She is survived by two sons, Darryl Abell, Peru, and Dale Abell and his wife Ursula, Roann; two grandsons, Phillip Abell and his wife Kristi, Newburgh, and William Abell, Roann. She was preceded in death by her husband and three brothers. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann with Pastor Phil Medsger officiating. Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. The memorial guest book for Edith may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Carol Bonney Archer, 66, of Warner Robins, Ga., devoted mother, grandmother, wife and friend, went to her heavenly home on Sunday morning, April 20, 2008, after 14 years of fighting eight bouts of various cancers. She was born on December 25, 1941, in Peru, to the late Irene and Clifford Bonney. She graduated Peru High School in 1960 and was a graduate of the House of James Beauty School. She worked 15 years as a master cosmetologist. A dedicated member of the Christ United Methodist

Church, Archer served on numerous committees. She was a devout Christian that loved the Lord which truly showed in her daily living. She was engrained in her community through her volunteer services to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Special Olympics and the Central Georgia Cancer Care Center. In 2004, she retired from the Houston County School System after serving 23 years as a kindergarten paraprofessional. Carol loved everyone and everyone loved her. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and doing for others. Surviving family members include her husband, Lloyd Dan Archer, formerly of Wawaka; daughter, Elisa Archer Reece, son-in-law, Tracy Alan Reece and two granddaughters, Bayleigh Danielle and Blayne Madison Reece of Monticello, Ga.; and sister, Judith Kay Guyer of Peru. A Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christ United Methodist Church in Warner Robins, with the Reverend Tommy Martin and Reverend Dave Hanson officiating. Interment will be private. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at McCullough Funeral Home in Warner Robins, Ga. An additional memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2008, at the Christian Life Fellowship Church, 2372 W. Old Stone Road, Peru. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Christ United Methodist Church, Family Life Center building project at 511 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Friends may sign the online guest book at www.mcculloughfh.com. McCullough Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Christy "Crist" J. Gingerich, 92, LaGrange, passed away died at 2:25 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange. He had been in declining health for four years. He was born July 10, 1915 in Kokomo to John and Lydia (Hershberger) Gingerich. On Feb. 11, 1937 in Goshen he married Viola Bontrager, and she survives. He was a farmer and bought and sold horses; for over 30 years he had bought the horses for the carriage tours at Mackinaw Island. He also was a member of Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Betty Graber and husband John, Middlebury, and Ida Mae Gingerich, Osceola; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Joe, Joas, Albert, Abe and Eli Gingerich; and three sisters, Emma Hochstetler, Tilly Miller and Mary Miller. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 West U.S. 20, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating.

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Richard Lee Mawbey, 78, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 11:58 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born July 18, 1929 in Peru to George and Ruth (Hamman) Mawbey. He married Mary Weisenberger, and she preceded him in death Nov. 8, 2005. Richard was a local resident all his life and graduated from Peru High School in 1947. He retired from the N&W Railroad as a brakeman. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a life member of the American Legion, VFW, Peru Maennerchor and Peru Elks. Survivors three nephews, Basil Mawbey, Mark Retzliff and Andrew Retzliff; two nieces, Susan Stickradt and Jane Kelly; several great-nieces and -nephews, great-great-nieces and -nephews; and a sister, Shirley Retzliff, Chelsea, Mich. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three brothers, George, Russell and Robert Mawbey. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Following the funeral, there will be a celebration meal for friends and relatives at The Siding Restaurant. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. There will be a military committal service at Mount Hope Cemetery provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Hazel I. (Hart) Cobble, 82, Peru, passed away April 17, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born February 27, 1926 in Cedarville, Ohio. Hazel had lived most of her life in Anderson. She was a housewife and had worked at Guide Lamp during World War II. She is survived by her children, Bobby Joe Cobble and wife Rita, Atlantic Beach, Fla., Barbara June Jordan and husband Robert, Orlando, Fla., and Dave Cobble and wife Alice, Peru; brothers Wilbur Hart, Anderson, and Gilbert Hart and wife Faye, Auburndale, Fla.; grandchildren Alicia Cobble, Jennifer (Cobble) Acuna, David Cobble, Chris Cobble, Jason Cobble, Curtis Cobble and Melissa Perez; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irelan Cobble; parents, William Hart and Mary (Littler) Hart; brothers Harold Hart, William "Bill" Hart and Robert S. Hart; sister, Joann Thomas; and half brother, Albert Davenport. Graveside services were held Monday and burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Robert W. Loucks, 74, Portland, passed away Tuesday afternoon at his residence, following an extended illness. He was born in Peru on May 21, 1932, the son of Noel and Nellie (Wilson) Loucks. On December 19, 1954 he married Rosemary Oden, who survives. Robert was retired as sales manager for Precision Alloy Company; street and park commissioner for the City of Portland; assistant principal and guidance director for Randolph Eastern School District; administrative counselor for International Business College; visiting lecturer for University of Tennessee; and industrial arts teacher, counselor and guidance director for North Judson School Corporation. He graduated from Peru High School, and earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial arts from Ball State University, and a master of science degree in guidance/counseling, school administration and industrial psychology from Purdue University. Robert was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Portland Lions Club and Asbury United Methodist Church. Robert served 13 years on the Indiana Commission of

Proprietary Education. He had been awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 1972 from the Portland Jaycees; Sagamore of the Wabash in 1988; Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity; Salesman of the Year 1978, 1982, 1986 and 1987 with Precision Alloy Company and Presidents Club for 11 years with Precision Alloy. Survivors include his wife Rosemary, a son, Ramon Loucks, Portland; two daughters, Karen Loucks, Grand Junction, Colo., and Lisa Hedington, Portland; a sister, Jean Carter, Fort Wayne; and four grandsons. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, with Pastor Darrell Borders presiding. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church, or State of the Heart Home Health and Hospice.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Pauline M. Musall, 83, Mexico, passed away at 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at Caring Hands Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born Aug. 2, 1924 in Peru to Otis and Joeanna (Willrath) Bevington. She married David F. Musall Feb. 18, 1947, and he preceded her in death in January of 1965. Pauline was a homemaker and lifetime member of the VFW, Moose, American Legion and Eagles Auxiliary. She also was a member of Rebekah's Lodge, Cass County React, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home Auxiliary, Silver Striders Walking Club and Miami Senior Citizens Center. Survivors include four sons, Wayne L. Musall, Mexico, Ronald W. Musall and wife Frieda, Chili, Dennis P. Musall and wife Kathy, Walton, and Tom Musall and wife Kathy Nash, Elkhart; a daughter, Tracy Music and husband Kenneth, Peru; five grandchildren, Breezy, Larry, Nicole, Cruz and Kayliegh; four great-grandchildren, Zackary, Wyatt, Carley and Kaylee; and a brother, Billy Bevington, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Robert F. Bevington; and a sister, Della Townsend. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor David Payton officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Area Five Agency, 661 E. Main St., Peru

Aaron E. Leffel, 32, Greenbrier, Ark., passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008 as a result of a vehicle accident. He was born Jan. 12, 1976 in Peru to Stanley Eugene and Janet Elaine (Oakes) Leffel. He was united in marriage to Jennifer Kempf, and she survives. Aaron was a regional sales representative for FDR Services, and had an associate's degree in business management. Survivors besides his parents in Nashville, Tenn., and wife include two children, Aubrey Renee Leffel, 3, and Hayden Aaron Leffel, 1, both of Greenbrier; a sister, Alicea Leffel and daughter Rebekah, Nashville, Tenn.; his grandparents, Delores (Leffel) Hodson and husband Carl, Peru, and Jack and Grace Darlene Angelbeck, San Bernardino, Calif.; and four uncles, William J. and wife Margaret, David and wife Virginia, Steve and wife Mary, and Tom Leffel. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Griffin Leggett Healey & Roth Funeral Home chapel, 5800 W. 12th St., Little Rock, Ark., with Rob Eberhart and Joel Reynolds officiating. Mr. Leffel will then be sent for cremation. Honorary pallbearers will be John L. Smith, Matt Vybiral, Dan Wilbur, Bill Stroman, Charles Thomas and Clyde Wolcott. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children, c/o Stanley and Janet Leffel, 1016 Lonsway Circle, Antioch, TN 37013. Sign the online guest book at www.griffinleggett.com

Friday, April 25, 2008

Michael C. Hickling, 60, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 16, 1947 in Salem, Ohio to Jack Hickling and Dorothy (Heim) Harber. He married Brunhilde (Schmieder) Hickling in 1984, and she survives. Michael graduated from Salem High School, and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of service. Survivors besides his wife include four children, Kimberly J. Hayes and husband Fred, Mexico, Michelle L. Hickling, Noblesville, Natascha F. Hussain, Peru, and Denise A. Hussain, Peru; six grandchildren, Elizabeth M. Hayes, Terri J. Hayes, Natalie S. Hussain, Sierra M. Helm, Kain M. Hussain and Damien W. Koontz; a brother, Patrick J. Hickling, Largo, Fla.; a sister, Deborah R. Shalosky and husband Bill, Clyde, N.C.; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Arville Harber. No funeral service or visitation are planned. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, April 28, 2008/ Thursday, May 01, 2008

Cynthia Elaine Sutton, Lincoln, Neb., died April 21, 2008. She was born April 28, 1964 in Peru. Survivors include: Sharon Patrick, Tara Segura, Deanna Sutton, Cheryl Evenhouse, Rachel (Mike) Paronto, Robert (Gemma) Patrick, Amber Sutton, Ryan and Spencer Evenhouse, Michael Paronto, Robert Jr. and Jesse James Patrick. Graveside services in Wabash April 28 at 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 01, 2008/ Friday, May 02, 2008

Michael C. Hickling, 60, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 16, 1947 in Salem, Ohio to Jack Hickling and Dorothy (Heim) Harber. He married Brunhilde (Schmieder) Hickling in 1984, and she survives. Michael graduated from Salem High School, and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of service. Survivors besides his wife include four children, Kimberly J. Hayes and husband Fred, Mexico, Michelle L. Hickling, Noblesville, Natascha F. Hussain, Peru, and Denise A. Hussain, Peru; six grandchildren, Elizabeth M. Hayes, Terri J. Hayes, Natalie S. Hussain, Sierra M. Helm, Kain M. Hussain and Damien W. Koontz; a brother, Patrick J. Hickling, Largo, Fla.; a sister, Deborah R. Shalosky and husband Bill, Clyde, N.C.; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a

sister, Marsha J. Ziems; and step-father, Arville Harber. No funeral service or visitation are planned. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friday, May 02, 2008



Sara Lynn Miller, 55, Peru, passed away in her home with her family around her, at 9:25pm Tuesday, April 22, after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born July 6, 1952 in Anchorage, Alaska, to Vincent Joseph Trinca and Sara Ann Riolo Trinca. She graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1970 and attended Ball State University. On October 27, 1973 she was married to her high school sweetheart, Daniel R. Miller, of Amboy, who survives. For 34 years Sara was a loving and devoted wife to Dan and an extraordinary mother to their three children. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and delighted in doing thoughtful, loving things for everyone. Sara had been employed as a receptionist at Dr. David Zandi's dental office since 1999. Her infectious smile, kind professionalism and steadfast positive attitude will be sorely missed by Dr. Zandi, his staff and a multitude of patients who continued to ask about Sara's wellbeing throughout her illness. For two and one half years, Sara endured constant difficult treatments for her aggressive cancer, always with grace and a beautiful smile. She leaves a huge void in the lives of those who loved her.

Sara was an avid runner for many years, participating in several local races, many times with her running partner and good friend, Marie Nichols. Sara was very proud to have run three marathons after the age of 50. Her first marathon was in Dayton, Ohio at Wright-Patterson AFB, in September of 2002, the second one was the

Chicago Marathon, in October 2003, which she ran with several friends from Peru. Then in September, 2004, she was able to travel to Logan, Utah with the Club Kokomo Road Runners to run the "Top of Utah" marathon. Sara's association with Club Kokomo brought her new friends and much happiness.

Sara is also survived by two sons, Matthew A. Miller and wife, Emily; and Joel D. Miller; one daughter, Emily Hileman and husband, Seth; two granddaughters, Katherine Miller and Sienna Hileman; all of Indianapolis; her mother, Sara Ann Canales, Logansport; two brothers, Vincent M. Trinca, Carmel; and Tony Trinca and wife Patricia, of South Bend; four sisters, Phyllis Czech, Winamac; Diana Clark and husband, Danny, of St. Petersburg, Florida; Maria Motto, St. Albans, Vermont; Cristina Canales, Kalispell, Montana; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father; paternal grandparents and maternal grandparents.

A Memorial Service celebrating Sara's life will be 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 29 at Ellers Mortuary Webster St. Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Kokomo, with Pastor Ray Tetrault officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, envelopes will be provided at the mortuary. Ellers Mortuary Webster St. Chapel assisted the family with arrangements.

Sunday, May 04, 2008

Floyd Eugene Meyer, 83, Marion, went to be with his Lord on Friday, April 25, 2008 following a brief illness. He was born Oct. 8, 1924 in Marion to Ernest and Ruth (Bloxson) Meyer. Floyd proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. He worked several years for Sutter's Dairy and retired from Best Ever Dairy, Anderson. After retirement, he and his wife Grace came back to Marion and started Meyer and Meyer Real Estate. He worked full time doing appraisals until six weeks ago. He was a member of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA) and was awarded the Indiana Appraiser of the Year for the association in 1998. He also was a member of First Christian Church, Marion. He enjoyed reading Western novels, loved and cared for his family and was especially proud of his grandchildren. Survivors besides his loving wife Grace include a son, Paul Meyer and wife Jo, Marion, two daughters, Patti Garrett and husband Larry, Hartford City, and Susan Angstmann and husband Kevin, Marion; a grandson, Scott Meyer and wife Jennifer, Marion; six granddaughters, Lindsay Meyer, Marion, Dr. Angela Angstmann and husband Sumeet Pannu, San Francisco, Calif., Laura Frank and husband Adam, Indianapolis, Julia Fore and husband Grant, Laramie, Wyo., Dr. Cate Brandon and husband John, Cleveland, Ohio, and Carin Garrett, Cincinnati, Ohio; four great-grandchildren, Scott and Dylan Meyer, Harley Kemp and Camaro Dils; and a brother, Edwin Meyer and wife Martha. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Meyer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Rodger Moore officiating. Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Scholarship Fund or the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

Sunday, May 04, 2008

Pastor's wife **Violet A. Stuber, 97**, Peru, went to her heavenly home to be with the Lord at 8:12 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 while her family stood by her side at her residence. She was born Oct. 15, 1910 in Miami County to Clarence and Maude (Bullock) Miller. She married Pastor Vern Stuber Feb. 6, 1935, and he preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1990. Violet was a homemaker, pastor's wife and member of Emmanuel Fellowship Church. She also enjoyed and loved serving the Lord, cooking, gardening, canning, baking and spending time with her children, grandchildren and family. Survivors include a son, Bill "Billy" Stuber and companion Frances, Peru; two daughters, Nancy Hosteller and husband Wayne, Bunker Hill, and Connie Wooten, Peru; 15 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister; a son-in-law, Harry Wooten; a granddaughter and a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Indiana 218 and Strawtown Pike, with Pastor Gerald Zook officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to Gideons and/or Emmanuel Fellowship Church.



David Lee Krause, 59, Gainesville, Fla., passed away at 3:40 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 at Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center, Gainesville, Fla. He was born March 4, 1949 in Indianapolis to Leland H. and Jean (Barnum) Krause. He also was raised there. David served in the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971. Survivors include his mother in Peru; four nieces and nephews, Erin Krause, Lauren Krause, Zak Mirkowski and Claudia Mirkowski; two brothers, Dennis Krause, Los Angeles, Calif., and Dan Krause and wife Cherie, Baltimore, Md.; and a sister, Denise Mirkowski and husband Klaudis, West Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his father on April 10, 2002. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

Monday, May 05, 2008

Robert Raymond Rhinebarger, 89, Inverness, Fla., passed away Sunday, April 27, 2008. A native of Indiana, he moved to Florida Oct. 4, 1978. He was born Dec. 1, 1918 in Deer Creek Township, Miami County, to Grover and Hazel Havens Rhinebarger. He was married to Adah Alice Fox Jan. 1, 1941, and she survives. Robert was a 1936 graduate of Clay Township High School in Miami County. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific Theatre, he retired from Delco Electronics Corporation on June 1, 1977, having been employed there 38 years. He was a superintendent of production control. He also was an active member of the First Baptist Church, Kokomo, serving in various positions. He was a 50-year member of United Commercial Travelers of America. After moving to Inverness in 1978, he became active in the First Baptist Church Homebound Department, first as director for 17 years then later as a visitor for eight years. Along with his wife, he is survived by two sons, Gary Rhinebarger, Inverness, Fla., and James Rhinebarger, Arcadia; two daughters, Mrs. Carol Bessler, Dunnellon, Fla., and Mrs. Linda Lovelady, Voorhees, N.J.; four sisters, Mrs. Pauline Mast, Summitville, Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Laudenschlager and Mrs. Mary Myers, Kokomo, and Mrs. Ronald (Janet) Dillman, Twelve Mile; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, a sister and a brother. Funeral services will be Saturday 2 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary 3400 S. Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo, with Pastor Steve Gollner officiating. Entombment is at Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo, with military honors. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the mortuary.

Monday, May 05, 2008



Recently published author and former Peru resident **Waneta M. Finster, 77**, went to meet her heavenly father Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Waneta was a mother of three, grandmother of four, great-grandmother of four and close friend of many. She and her husband fostered 10 exchange students from various countries. Waneta is the author of two books: "Mother's Madness" a Christian/fiction novel and its sequel "The Singing Nurse." Her third book in the series, "Joy in the Morning," will follow soon. Waneta was also the co-owner of The Grapevine Christian book store formerly located on Miami Street in Peru. Waneta was surrounded by her family at the time of her death including her husband of 57 years, Jay H. Finster. Other survivors include her sons Jerry (Jackie) Finster, Ohio, and PJ (Scott) Finster, Florida; grandchildren, Mike Kuhn, Angela (Robert) Ligon, Indiana, and Joe (Janice) Kuhn, Florida; great-grandchildren, Aeden and Kinley Ligon, Indiana, and Cinta and Kasih Kuhn, Jakarta, Indonesia; three brothers, John (Mary) Copp and Mac (Janet) Copp, both of Indiana, Paul "JR" (Margorie) Copp, Florida; three sisters, Alice (John) O'Brien and Vickie (John) Egan, both of California, and DeRhonda (Loren) Ferguson, Idaho; and numerous nieces, nephews, close friends and last but not least her Boston terrier

Herby. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Samuel Kuhn (1973), her daughter, LurEvelyn "Kelly" Kuhn (1988), a sister, Martha Cook (2005), and two brothers, Don (1979) and Duane Copp (1984).

A memorial service was held at the Living Water Wesleyan Church in Dunnellon, Fla., Friday. Graveside services will be held at Rankin Cemetery in Bunker Hill at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorials be made to the Living Water Wesleyan Church, 11120 S.W. Hwy. 484, Dunnellon, FL 34432.

Monday, May 05, 2008

Carol E. Hetzner, Beverly Beach, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away recently. She moved from Peru to Florida in 1991. She was a member of the Peru Art Club, a painter of oils and acrylics; a member of the Republican Women's Club of Palm Coast, Fla.; a member of Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church; and an avid collector of antiques. Survivors include her daughter, Dr. Candace Hetzner, and son Philip G. Hetzner, both of Boston, Mass., and her husband of 60 years, Philip D. Hetzner, Beverly Beach. Funeral services were at 3 p.m. on May 1, 2008 at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church, Palm Coast, with Pastor William Douthwaite presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church or to the American Cancer Society.

Evelyn M. Schrader, 87, Peru, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at Hickory Creek of Peru following an extended illness. She was born Jan. 30, 1921 in Walton to Clyde and Olive M. (Herrell) Brodt. She married Clarence C. James in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1976. She then married William A. Schrader in 1983, and he preceded her in death in 1988. Evelyn was a homemaker and member of First Church of God. Survivors include two brothers, David Flohr Jr., Galion, Ohio, and John Rex Flohr, Penn Yan, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands and a brother, Robert L. Flohr. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Larry Klein officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Robert L. Alspaugh, 87, Peru, passed away at 11 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born July 29, 1920 in Miami County to Earl and Lillian (Lavery) Alspaugh. He married Anna L. Kunkle in 1941, and she survives. Robert graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1938 and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He was a retired farmer and a member of the First Christian Church, American Legion, Peru Maennerchor and VFW. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Rodney Alspaugh and wife Sandy, Peru; two grandsons, Roderic Alspaugh and wife Theresa, Peru, and Shane Alspaugh, Wabash County; two great-grandsons, Jarrod Alspaugh and Cole Alspaugh, both of Peru; and a brother, Donald Alspaugh, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to either the senior citizens center and/or Southerncare Hospice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wilma G. Flaherty, 84, Peru, passed away at 2:15 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born March 1, 1923 to John and Beatrice (Kunkle) Pearce in Peru. On Nov. 9, 1959, she married Thomas L. Flaherty. He preceded her in death on April 22, 1980. Wilma was a homemaker and was also formerly employed at Indiana Bell Telephone Co. Survivors include one grandchild; four great grandchildren; a brother, Joseph Pearce and wife Emma, Peru; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, David Pearce, two brothers, Dee Pearce and John Pearce Jr.; and a sister, Francis Benner. There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Santa Fe Cemetery in Miami County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Jacqueline J. "Jackie" Mowery, 71, Peru, passed away at 3:38 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. Mowery was born May 13, 1936 in Donalsonville, Ga. to Charles B. and Mary Lynn Kemp. On December 24, 1954, she married Ted Mowery, and he survives. A homemaker, Mowery loved taking care of her home and caring for her flowers. She had worked 12 years at Dukes Hospital and also for James Guthrie M.D. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1955. Survivors include her husband; three sons, Jeff Mowery of Peru, Tim Mowery and wife Barb of Warsaw, and Rick Mowery and wife Jeana of Macy; three grandchildren, Michael Mowery and wife Missy of Peru, Brent Mowery of Lebanon, and Michelle Clapp and husband Doug of Medaryville; three great-grandchildren, Caleb, Joshua and Emily, and special friend Shirley Benner of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Vicki Lynn Smith, and two grandchildren, Matthew and Melissa. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation.

Wednesday, May 07, 2008

Lois Ruth Hauser, 87, Avon, formerly of Akron, passed away at 6:58 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial

will be in Akron Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Thursday, May 08, 2008

Terry Wayne Little, 51, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5:48 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at his residence. He was born Feb. 15, 1957 in Peru to Noel and Mildred (Hartgrove) Little. He married Wilma Jo (Kinzie) Little Nov. 28, 1981, and she survives. Terry served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Pipe Creek Fire Department. He was a member of the Bunker Hill Fish and Game, a Little League coach for 20 years, and he enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and NASCAR (Tony Stewart was his favorite driver). He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Chris Miller and wife Jodie, Royal Center, Scott Miller and companion Samantha Ferguson, and Kurt Miller and companion Anita Miller, all of Bunker Hill; two brothers, David Hawkins and wife Phyllis, Wabash, and Charles Hawkins and wife Mary, Bunker Hill; a sister, Sally Kosanke and husband Byron, Bunker Hill; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Connie Scott, Sarahlyn Rose Hawkins and Judith Fatkin. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Terry Wayne Little family through the funeral home.

Thursday, May 08, 2008



Lois Ruth Hauser, 87, Avon, formerly of Akron, passed away at 6:58 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. She was born Dec. 3, 1920 in Cass County to Elmer and Mary Hester (Ferguson) Miller. She was a lifetime Akron resident, and 1939 graduate of Grass Creek High School. On Jan. 3, 1942 she married Charles Edward Hauser in Logansport, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1992. Lois retired from Controls of North Manchester in 1985, after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Akron Church of God, the Goldenaires, and the Order of Eastern Star of Akron. She enjoyed her flower garden, crafts and knitting projects. Lois especially liked preparing Sunday dinner for her family. She was a true fan of Krispy Kremes. Survivors include a daughter, Susie McGuire, Avon; five grandchildren, Lynelle Wittmaack and husband Rob, Jamie Carter and husband Brian, Amy Tinney and husband James, Mark Leedy and Daryle Leedy; four great-grandchildren, Jacob Wittmaack, Thayne, Taylor and Tristan Tinney; two brothers, Paul Miller and wife Nada, Jeffersonville; and Don Miller and wife Patsy, Frostbite, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a daughter Betty Leedy on March 3, 1966, and

son-in-law Richard Leedy. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Friday, May 09, 2008



Lowell L. Harmon, 97, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at his residence. He was born Nov. 22, 1910 in Miami County to Earl A. and Jennie (LaRue) Harmon. He married Gladys (Spurlock) Harmon Aug. 30, 1931, and she preceded him in death. Lowell served as deputy sheriff from 1959 to 1967 and sheriff from 1967 to 1975. He also was an excise police officer and member of First Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include a daughter, Nedra Gross, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Harmon, Peru; a special friend, Helen Cleland, Peru; eight grandchildren, Pam Hill and husband Doug, Chad Gross and wife Valerie, Mark Smith and wife Kathy, Kandy Lewis, Kelly Robson and husband Jim, Kristy Beam and husband Mike, Melody Williams and Tamyra Irwin; 14 great-grandchildren, Kyle Hill and wife Krystal, Natalie Hill, Jason Smith, Christopher Smith, Laura Smith, Zachary Lewis, Jacob Lewis, Christian Smith, Matthew Robson, Noah Beam, Isaac Beam, Kari Williams, Katie Williams and Derek Williams; four great-great-grandchildren, Alexia Hill, Justin Gross, infant Jordon Gross and Darin Smith; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a

son, Melvin Harmon; a son-in-law, Bufford Gross; and twin brothers, Harold Harmon and Gerald Harmon. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Tony Winter and Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.



Verlynne O. Study, 102, Denver, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. He was born the fourth of seven children on April 25, 1906 in Pipe Creek Township (Miami County) to Ellsworth Obadiah Study and Lula May (Smith) Study. He lived nearly all of his 102 years in Miami County and was a dedicated member of the Denver Baptist Church. He took great pride in his community and was honored more than once to serve as the grand marshal of the Denver Festival. On Aug. 17, 1929, Verlynne married the love of his life: Dorothy Lucille Leedy. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1989. A jack of many trades, Verlynne was known as a skilled machinist and proudly retired as a union carpenter. His craftsmanship remains unmatched and will be forever cherished by his family, friends and neighbors.

During his nearly 60 years of marriage, Verlynne was blessed with two daughters, Dolores Butcher, Denver, and Peggy Grayson and husband John, Somerset; five grandchildren, Pamela Raderstorf, Peru, Kathy Briney and husband Jim, Rochester, Jeffery Mullikin and wife Tricia, California, Brian

Mullikin and wife Debby, Peru, Christy Smith and husband DeWayne, Marion; 11 great-grandchildren, Leif Raderstorf and wife Tammy, Tobi Lewis and husband Gary, Tony Briney and wife Audra, Jami Conliff and husband Ray, Jennifer and Brandon Mullikin, Tiffany Johnson and husband Jeff, Aimee and Derek Mullikin, and Jarrett and Ashley Smith. Rounding out his loving family are also nine great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, a sister-in-law, a brother-in-law and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Ward Study; five sisters, Pearl, Hilda, Blossom, Venice and Lela; and a son-in-law, Fred Butcher.

With a humbled heart and strong Christian values, Verlynne lived a fruitful life, touching the lives of many people and leaving our world a better place. The family takes great comfort in knowing that while our sadness is shared by many, we know Verlynne is now at peace and that in our hearts, he will live forever.

Final services to honor his life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Stephen Bate officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. The family will welcome visitors from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions will kindly be accepted in his name for the American Heart Association.

Friday, May 09, 2008

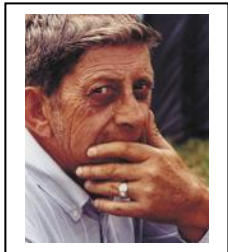
Paul W. Grandstaff, 65, rural Peru, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at his residence. He was born Jan. 25, 1943 in Peru to Ralph Wilbur and Ethel Mae (Perry) Grandstaff. On July 19, 1964 he married Connie Jean Strong in Denver. She preceded him in death on May 12, 2004. Paul was a member of Chili United Methodist Church, but attended Olive Branch Church of God. He retired from Chrysler Transmission Plant in 2007 after 41 years of service. He enjoyed glass etching, fishing and reading. Survivors include his mother, Ethel Mae Grandstaff, Denver; four daughters, Debbie Grandstaff, Bloomington, Tina Hopkins and husband Stephen, Waldorf, Md., Angela Grandstaff, Peru, and Robin Grandstaff, Spencer; a son, Scott Grandstaff and wife Crystal, Omaha, Neb.; eight grandchildren, Benjamin and Emma Hopkins, both of Waldorf, Md., Ashley, Joshua and Rachael Grandstaff, all of Des Moines, Iowa, and Haleigh, Breanna and Robert Paul Grandstaff, all of Omaha, Neb. He was preceded in death by his wife. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 Chippewa Road, Roann, with the Reverend Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Paul may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Monday, May 12, 2008

Martha E. Slagle, 93, Greentown, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2008 at Century Villa Health Care Center, Greentown. She was born Jan. 24, 1915 in Howard County to Guy and Hazel Stratton Miller. She was raised by her grandparents, Dolph and Addie Stratton. She married Gail J. Slagle March 6, 1938 in Kokomo, and he preceded her in death July 10, 2004. Martha and Gail farmed in Wabash County from 1938 to 1997 when they retired and moved to Amboy. She graduated from West Middleton High School, Howard County, in 1932. She was a member of Amboy United Methodist Church, Amboy, and United Methodist Women. Survivors include a sister, Jane Stepler, Kokomo; several cousins, including Joan and Bill Whitehouse and family, Russiaville, and James and Marian Arbuckle and family, Kokomo; and extended family, Danny and Wanita Levensky and family, and Jerry and Jean Kuhn and family, all of Amboy; She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Cloe Miller; her husband; and her step-brother, Ned Ramseyer.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Amboy United Methodist Church, 202 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made to Amboy United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, May 13, 2008



Alford Willis, 79, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. He was born Feb. 20, 1929 in Powell County, Ky. to William "Bill" and Hattie (Stamper) Willis. He married Glenna (Rogers) Willis, and she preceded him in death. Alford retired from the Peru Foundry and was a member of Peru Church of God. Survivors include three sons, Ron Willis and wife Brenda, Mike Willis and Dennis Willis, all of Peru; a daughter, Brenda Rader and husband Jeff, Peru; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; four brothers and five sisters. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jeff Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Marilyn Brauneller, 82, Peru, passed away at 3:55 a.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru after an extended illness. Born March 30, 1926 in Peru to Lefferson and Nerma (DeCamp) Applegate, Marilyn lived all her life in Peru. She graduated from Peru High School in 1943, and on July 11, 1970, she married Parven E. Brauneller. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1981. A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru. She was one of the three Applegate Sisters. She is survived by a sister, Peggy Butt and husband Wayne, Palm Coast, Fla.; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, Betty Duncan, and her parents. There will be no funeral service or visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.



Betty J. Bolin, 85, Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Peru. She was born Jan. 16, 1923 in Tell City to Anna Olberding. On Dec. 7, 1941, she married Charles Bolin. He preceded her in death on June 18, 1975. A member of St. Charles Catholic Church, she had worked as a waitress and a nurses aid in home care. Survivors include a daughter, Karen Oldaker, Peru; three sons, Rickey Bolin and Timothy Bolin, both of Peru, and Ronnie Bolin, Louisville, Ky.; 28 grandchildren; many great grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, one son, four daughters and one brother. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



Lenard M. Mooneyhan, 86, Converse, passed away at 5:05 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2008 at VA Northern Indiana Health Care, Marion. He was born Aug. 23, 1921 in Poinsett County, Ark. to George W. and Zanna (Smith) Mooneyhan. He married Irene Pope Oct. 30, 1939, and she preceded him in death Dec. 25, 1991. Lenard was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II and the Battle of the Bulge. He was an automobile service man and an avid pilot. He loved old cars, including his Model T and motorcycle. He was a member of the Converse Aviation Board. He had been a sexton of the Converse Cemetery for many years and had attended Grace Community Church. Survivors include a son, Marvin Mooneyhan and wife Donna, Converse; a daughter, Laura Miller and husband Tom, Amboy; a brother, Ernest Ray Mooneyhan and wife Linda, Marion; a sister, Maudine Walker and husband Joe, Galveston; four grandchildren; a foster grandchild; nine great-grandchildren; and a

foster great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Floyd and Bill; and two sisters, Della Mae and Pauline. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with the Rev. Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery, with military honors. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Robert G. Ramsey, 90, Miami County, passed away at 9:45 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St., Winchester, with the Rev. Richard Martens and Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Park Cemetery, Winchester. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Walker Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the "Josh Ramsey Scholarship Fund" through the funeral home or mailed to State Bank & Trust Co., 401 Clinton St., Defiance, OH 43512.

Friday, May 16, 2008



Tanya K. Clark, 32, Somerset, Ky. passed away at 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington, Ky. She was born April 25, 1976 in Peru to John and Betty (Nugent) Walsh. On Feb. 14, 1998 she married Jimmy Clark in Peru, and he survives. Tanya graduated from Peru High School in 1995, and was a district manager for Check Into Cash. Survivors include her husband Jim Clark; children Kaylynn Clark and Jimmy Clark Jr.; step-children Amanda Bohn and Alisha Clark; three grandchildren, Shalynn Krieg, Jayden Bohn and Braxton Nichols; her step-father James "Butch" Martin, Peru; a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Emmerling and husband Richard; her in-laws, Jim and Anna Clark, Peru; siblings Wendy Walsh, Saprena Walsh and James Walsh, all of Peru, Jamie Walsh, Texas, and Angie Ford and family, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews, including Skyla Vance, Destiny Selleck, Gracie Walsh, Jordan Howard, Amber Walsh and Dillon Emmerling. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating. Burial will follow

at Reyburn Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Monday, May 19, 2008

Emma Mae Dawalt, 87, of Rochester, died at 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at her residence surrounded by her family and in the loving care of her husband of 67 years. Emma was born on Jan. 10, 1921 in Miami County to Oliver Fayett and Fara (Butterbaugh) DeHaven. On Nov. 21, 1940, she married William L. Dawalt at her parent's home. She was a dairy farmer and a homemaker. Emma was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She graduated from Gilead High School and was an active member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. She was also a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Ebenezer United Methodist Women. She was well known for serving chicken sandwiches at the church. Emma was a dairy farmer in Miami County with her husband Bill before they retired to Lake Manitou in 1979. They had many fish fries from their lakeside home until they moved to their present home on Jackson Boulevard in Rochester in 2005. They thoroughly enjoyed playing cards with friends and family. Emma enjoyed tending to flowers and also loved going out to breakfast on Wednesday mornings with dear friends. Her caring, loving spirit and beautiful smile will always be remembered by all that were blessed to have been a part of her life. Survivors include: her husband, William, of Rochester; two daughters, Grace (Kenny) Richardson of Macy and Patty (Chris) McGuire of Mexico; eight grandchildren: Stacy and Tony Dawalt, Mindee

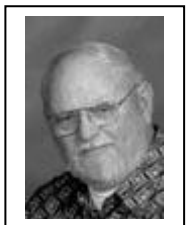


(Richardson) Turner, Wendy (Richardson) VanHorn, Rachel (Merrix) Kunkle, Chris McGuire, Jon and Mark Merrix; 13 great-grandchildren (with another expected in June) and eight great-great-grandchildren. Her parents, two brothers: Ambrose DeHaven and Oliver DeHaven; and one sister, Ruth (DeHaven) Powell preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 with visitation one hour prior at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1100 North and Meridian Road in Miami County. Reverend Bill Babb and Reverend George Hapner will officiate with burial in Ebenezer Cemetery in Macy, to follow. Visitation hours will be from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester Street, Akron. Order of the Eastern Star service will follow visitation at 7:30 p.m.. Memorial contributions may be made to Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Macy. Online condolences available at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



Isabella E. Crowe, 85, Peru, went to be with her maker at 4:40 a.m. Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru following an extended illness. She was born on December 17, 1922 in Dubois County to Nicholas J. and Amelia M. (Baer) Neukam. On October 21, 1942, she married Harvey L. Crowe. He passed away on Jan. 3, 1975. She was a retired homemaker and a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. Survivors include three children John H. (Cyndy) Crowe of Peru, Edward G. Crowe of Peru and David L. (Chris) Crowe of Monticello; a son-in-law, Jack Rich of Florida; a daughter-in-law, Connie Crowe, Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Alice Rich; a son, Gary Crowe; three brothers, Calvin, Robert and Clifton Crowe; and her parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flower's-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in French Lick. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. There will be a grave side service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in French Lick.



Richard A. "Skeeter" Workman, 70, Peru, passed away at 10:44 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. He was born August 6, 1937 in Peru to Ernest and Lenora (Woodward) Workman. On Sept. 12, 1964, he married Kay Wilson, and she survives. A retired Peru Utilities employee, Workman also served in the United States National Guard. Workman was a life member of the Peru Eagles Lodge, a Golden Eagle-Area 258 member and also a member of the Moose Lodge in Muncie. Also surviving are three daughters Debra (Michael) Turner, Diana Workman and Dawn Workman, all of Peru;

grandchildren Joshua, David, Cheyne, Zachary and Nicole; a special friend, Jack Hayworth; a sister, Edrie Mattingly of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. Both his parents, a brother-in-law and one son, Richard A. Workman Jr., preceded him in death. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. An Eagles Service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Love Gifts may be made to the family. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Darrell Eugene Helton, 50, Peru, died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on May 24, 1957 in Denver to Eugene A. and Mildred (Pegg) Helton. On June 27, 1981, he married Lori Ferguson, and she survives. He attended Skinner Worship Chapel Church and graduated from Ivy Tech in Kokomo with a degree in Computer Technology. Darrell was employed at Zimmers in Warsaw, GDX in Wabash and Kokomo Syndicate Sales in Kokomo. Surviving with his wife are: his father, Eugene Helton, Peru; a son, Matthew (Julie) Helton of Noblesville; a daughter, Megan Helton of Peru; a brother, Michael (Patricia) Helton of Warsaw; a niece, Heather Helton. He was preceded in death by his mother. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Skinner Worship Chapel Church, two miles west of U.S. 31 on Indiana 16 in Cass County, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, in Logansport. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Victor Harold Burns, 89, Asheboro, N.C., passed away Sunday, May 18, 2008 at Randolph Health & Rehabilitation, Asheboro, N.C. A native of Denver, Burns was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II, and owned and operated Central Bakery in Asheboro for several years. He is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Payne, Asheboro, N.C., and Patsy Routh Reed, Trinity, N.C.; three sisters, Mary Louise Day, Peru, Regina Vigar, Rochester, and Louella Davis, Wabash; two brothers, Richard Burns and Charles Edward Burns, both of Denver; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Grace A. Burns. The cryptside funeral service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Randolph Memorial Park, with the Rev. Rodney Otwell officiating. Entombment with military honors by the Randolph County Honor Guard will follow. The family will receive friends at the Pugh Funeral Home, 437 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N.C., one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph, P.O. Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204-0009. Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.



William Ward Weideman, 69, Kokomo, passed away at 12:52 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born July 26, 1938 in Denver to Carroll E. and Fern G. (Tull) Weideman. He graduated from Peru High School in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Bill retired from Delco Electronics in 1992, after 32 years as a machine repairman. Bill's grandchildren were the joy of his life. His hobbies included golfing, fishing and auto racing, and he enjoyed playing cards. He had been a competitive skeet shooter and received many trophies for his expert marksmanship. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #423 in Walton. His children always thought of him as "The Great Debater." Although Bill was from a large family, they were very close-knit, and he and his siblings continued to meet monthly for a meal and fellowship. Survivors include two sons, Michael G. Weideman and wife Debra, Lafayette, and Jeffery T. Weideman and wife Jenni, Sharpsville; five grandchildren, Nicholas R. Weideman, Wade R. Weideman, Shelby L. Larson, Claire M. Weideman and Audra J. Weideman; three brothers, Jack W. Weideman and wife Kay, Ralph Weideman, and Robert W. Weideman and wife

Marthagene, all of Peru; three sisters, Jane Frye and husband Max, Carey, Ohio, Martha Love, Denver, and Anna Belle Heltsley, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters - Warren Weideman, Harry Weideman, Primrose Weideman, June Hight, Clara Mae Miller, Alice Long and Esther Hodson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with Pastor Kerry Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, with military rites provided by the U.S. Army and the VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions in Bill's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Christopher Allan "Skip" Shambarger, 38, Roann, passed away at his residence on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may meet with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Jesilyn & Christian Shambarger Education Fund at Lake City Bank of Warsaw. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008



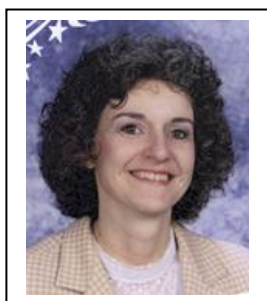
Robert E. Curtis, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2008 at Rolling Meadows Health Care, La Fontaine. He was born July 20, 1922 in Denver, Tenn. to Oscar and Vera (Triplett) Curtis. He married O'Neal Clements Aug. 3, 1942, and she preceded him in death May 12, 2000. Robert was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. He retired in 1985 from Ford Meter Box in Wabash and was a member of Nazarene Church in Peru. Survivors include three daughters, Peggy Butzin, Peru, Beth Foreman and husband Jim, Denver, and Linda Cleaver and husband Mike, Peru; two sons, Randy Curtis and wife Carol, Greenwood, and Tim Curtis and wife Doris, Lincoln, Ala.; a brother, Ronald Curtis, Jacksonville, Ark.; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and two brothers, Elvin and Vonell Curtis. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Nazarene Church, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to either the

Wabash Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice or Nazarene Church Building Fund.

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Christopher Allan "Skip" Shambarger, 38, Roann, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at his residence. He was born Nov. 26, 1969 in Fulton County, Ga. to Charles K. and Carol Crousore Shambarger. Skip had lived in the Rochester and Akron communities since he was five years old. He was a 1988 graduate of North Miami High School. He married Carmen Wise Feb. 12, 1999 in Peru, and she survives. Skip worked in construction as a supervisor in the Chicago area and was a member of the International Laborers Union of North America. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, having served in Operation Just Cause in Panama for three years. He also was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1343 of Rochester. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Jesilyn R. Shambarger, 15, and a son, Christian S. Shambarger, 1, both at home; his mother and step-father, Carol and Marvin Bahney, Akron; five sisters, Kelly Lebo and husband Gary, Middletown, Ohio, Lela Nash and husband Gordon, Warsaw, Lory Newhouse and husband Barry, Fort Wayne, Jill Pugh and husband Kevin, Rochester, and Jana Green and husband Mike, North Carolina; four brothers, Chuck L. Shambarger and wife Robin, Jackson, N.J., Randy L. Shambarger and wife Vita, Rochester, Ty Bahney, Rochester, and Martin Bahney, Warsaw; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father in 2004; his grandparents; his step-mother, Marjorie Shambarger in 2005; and his best friend and cousin, Rodney Shambarger, in 2005. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating. Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date. Friends may meet with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Jesilyn & Christian Shambarger Education Fund at Lake City Bank of Warsaw. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Michael Allan Quince, 66, Phoenix, Ariz., passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008 in his home, surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous two-and-a-half-year battle with cancer. A celebration of his life will be held at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 8314 N. Seventh St., Phoenix, Ariz., on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Friends will gather at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Dress will be business casual. In lieu of flowers, donations in Michael's name may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix, 2645 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008-1824, or The Wellness Community, 360 E. Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85004.



Carol A. Hoagland, 56, Peru passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Peru on Jan. 16, 1952 to Raymond A. and Mary Ellen (Black) Hoagland. Carol graduated from Peru High School in 1970 and Indiana University in 1993, with a degree in elementary education. She did her student teaching in Spanish in Texas, and taught school in Tashkent, Uzbekistan while in the International Teacher's Association. Carol taught Spanish at Lafayette Park Middle School in Kokomo for seven years, and also did mission work in El Salvador. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the St. Charles Choir, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include her parents of Peru; sons Jack Leedy Sr. and wife Cathy, Chicago, Philip Leedy, Peru; a daughter, Barbara Leedy, Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren Alanna Leedy, Jack Leedy Jr., Martin Leedy, Jenifer Castro and Patrick Castro;

brothers Raymond Hoagland Jr. and wife Dawn, Peru, James Hoagland and wife Diane, Kokomo; sisters Cynthia Montgomery and husband Frank, Bloomfield, Theresa Webb and husband Randy, Galveston, Dorothy Wormuth and husband Russell, Chili, Mary Frances Gros, Prophetsville, Ill., Rita Clingaman and husband Mike, Peru, Catherine Smith and husband Eric, Denver, Patricia Chambers and husband Mark, Peru, and Anita Bitner and husband Jeff, Naples, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Carol A. Hoagland will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Reverend Paul Cochran officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Southern Care Hospice.



Evalene Reed, 62, Mexico, passed away at 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Dekalb County, Tenn. on March 19, 1946 to Hooper and Winnie Catherine Steele James. On Dec. 11, 1964 she married Marvin R. Reed in Watseka, Ill., and he survives. Evalene was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and attended the Eagles Nest Christian Fellowship Church at Grissom Aeroplex. Survivors in addition to her husband Marvin, are daughters Susie Maria Reed, Fort Wayne, and Debbie Faye Moore and husband Patrick, Peru; a grandson, Colton Patrick Moore; brothers Royce James and wife Annabelle, Belle River, Ill., Freddie James and wife Joyce, Silver Point, Tenn., Billy James and wife Darlene, Opdyke, Ill., Leonard James and wife Linda, Silver Point, Tenn.; sisters Ruby James, Silver Point, Tenn., Star Hester and husband Robert, Peru, Treble Roberts and husband Junior, Silver Point, Tenn., Mildred James and companion Dwayne Jones, Fort Worth, Texas, and Ann Overturf, Greencastle. A service celebrating the life of Evalene Reed will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Anthony Brunnemer officiating. Burial will

follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice.

Tuesday, May 27, 2008



Willard "Butch" "Willie" F. Birnell, 67, Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Miami County, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, May 22, 2008 at his daughter's residence in Indianapolis. He was born May 27, 1940 in Logansport to Paul G. and Dorothy (Forker) Birnell. He married Lois (Arion) Birnell Jan. 25, 1963, and she survives. Butch served in the U.S. Army and retired from Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo. He was a member of Loree Brethren Church and Bible Baptist Church in Bradenton, Fla., and the American Legion. Survivors include two sons, Dale Birnell and wife Dawn, and David Birnell and wife Christy, all of Peru; a daughter, Lori Dickerson and husband James, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Kim, James, Jaymar, Zachery, David, Aaron and Miles; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Loree Fellowship Hall, Strawtown Pike and 850 South, with Pastor Dr. Mark Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military

Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Robert L. McDermott, 81, Marion, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at Marion VA Hospital. He was born Sept. 5, 1926 in St. Joseph, Mich. to the late Dr. J.J. and Margaret (Finer) McDermott. He lived most of his life out west, spending the last 14 years in the Marion area. Robert was a World War II Army veteran. He received a Purple Heart for the severe injuries he received while serving in Okinawa. He was a member of the Catholic church, VFW and American Legion. Survivors include two sisters, Marian Fritz, Peru, and Rita Raab, Baroda, Mich.; a brother, Vincent McDermott and wife Eva, California; 10 nieces and nephews, John Fritz, Sharon Hertz, Paul Fritz, Marilyn Fritz, Patricia Gibson, Mary Jo Glassburn, Jim Fritz, Elizabeth Grasso, Bernard McDermott and Kevin McDermott; and 15 grand-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by two nephews. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Marion VA Hospital Catholic chapel, with the Rev. Joseph Grace officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the hospital chapel. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, will handling arrangements.

Evelyn Ruth Daniels Stodgell, 86, Rome, Ga., passed away Wednesday morning, May 21, 2008. She was born Nov. 5, 1921 in Peru to the late Earl C. Daniels and Ruth Elizabeth Rarey Daniels. Evelyn was a retired educator having taught school in many school districts, with her first position being at Peru Junior High School. Survivors include her husband, Robert M. Stodgell; a son, Michael Stodgell; two daughters, Carol Walsh and Kathleen Stodgell; four grandchildren, Megan Stodgell, Elizabeth Mook, Daniel Stodgell and Jakob Walsh; a brother, Roderic Earl Daniels and wife Martha; and several nieces and nephews. Two grandsons preceded her in death. A private memorial service will be held on Saturday in Cartersville and a memorial service will be held at a later date in Peru. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 6, Dalton, GA 30721. Owen Funeral Home, 12 Collins Drive, Cartersville, Ga., will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Stanley R. Balmer, 54, Macy, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2008 at his residence following a short illness. He was born Feb. 26, 1954 in Mishawaka to William and Alice (Perry) Balmer. He married Jean Smith Aug. 27, 1977 in Rochester, and she survives. Stanley was employed in the warehouse department of Embarq Logistics in Warsaw. He also worked part-time for Deardorff Dairy Farm. He was a member of New Life United Methodist Church in Mexico, Lincoln Masonic Lodge in Macy and a 1972 graduate of North Miami High School. He coached basketball for 17 years at North Miami

and kept the score book for North Miami varsity basketball games. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Debra Cole and husband Samuel, Wheatfield; a son, David Balmer and fiancée Holly Oldham, Peru; his parents in Rochester; two granddaughters, Allison and Hayleigh Cole; a brother, Wayne Balmer and wife Merlinda, Roann; and two sisters, Jeannie Smith and husband Jim, Rochester, and Janet Lipps and husband John, London, Ky. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at New Life United Methodist Church, corner of U.S. 31 and Miami County Road 400 North, Mexico, with Pastor Rob Bazner officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church or the North Miami Athletic Department. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Arnold L. McReynolds, 81, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5 a.m. Friday, May 23, 2008 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center in Peru. He was born Oct. 26, 1926 in Bunker Hill to Everett McReynolds and Inez D. (Daniels) McReynolds. He married Bertha J. (Cree) McReynolds Nov. 26, 1950 in Cass County, and she survives. Arnold served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Seabees. He was a lifelong farmer. Survivors besides his wife include a son, David A. McReynolds and wife Donna, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Dina L. Hale and husband Robert, Kokomo; three grandchildren, Nicole J. Cothorn and husband Mark, Kokomo, Mariah R. McReynolds, Bunker Hill, and Maxwell R. McReynolds, Bunker Hill; a great-grandson, Cadin Cothorn, Kokomo; two sisters-in-law, Joan McReynolds, Kokomo, and Carol Vance, Logansport; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with the Rev. Norm Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation. Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

William B. "Bill" Gifford, 80, of Punta Gorda, Fla., died Wednesday at 3:55 a.m. on May 21. He was born May 29, 1927 in Kokomo. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Thursday at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home in Kokomo with burial to follow.

Lorraine L. Martin, 87, of Akron, Ind., died at 10:07 p.m. on Sunday, May 25 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Lorraine was born on March 22, 1921 in Hudson, N.H. to George and Eva Knights. On Sept. 2, 1940, Lorraine married Hugh R. Martin in Enfield, Conn. He preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 1978. Lorraine worked for over 40 years as a nurse at various hospitals and in the home health care field. She attended South Pleasant United Methodist Church in Silver Lake and had close ties with the American Legion Auxiliary, with the Salvation Army, the SHARE Program and was a member of the Senior Activity Center in Nashua, N.H. She is survived by a daughter, Charlene (Orley) Hawley of Akron; and a son, Roy Martin, of Massachusetts. A stepson, Hugh R. Martin, Jr., also survives as well as 19 grandchildren: John Martin, Lee Martin, Darlene Martin, Christie Lee Martin, Sherry Martin, Samuel (Martin) Hadge, Gail Wade, Miles Ratliff, Denise Beam, Karen Sue Risner, Clinton Martin, James Martin, Micheal Martin, Clint Netecke, Shelly Stunard, Angie Powell, Sherry McLavey, Brandy Prater and Lonnie Joe Prater as well as several great- and great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, sons Clinton R. Martin and Hugh R. Martin, Jr., daughter Sandra L. McLavey and brothers Francis Knights and Horrace Knights. Granddaughters Ginger Ratliff and Darlene Martin; two grandsons, Poncho Martin and Jamie Martin, as well as two great-grandsons, James Beam and Jessie (Ratliff) Cousineau also preceded her in death. Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home at 84 W. Main St. in Peru. Pastor Nikki Marker will officiate. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Nashua, N.H. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 28 at Eikenberry-Eddy from 2-4 p.m. and again at 5-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or the American Cancer Society.



Mary Jane Baker, 92, of Roann, Ind., died at 8:52 p.m. Sunday, May 25, 2008 at the Wabash Skilled Care Center. She was born March 12, 1916 in Wabash County, Ind., to John and Ada (Grogg) Yarian. She married Frank Sherman "Pete" Baker in North Manchester, Ind., on April 4, 1936; he died Jan. 30, 1989. Mary Jane was a 1935 graduate of Roann High School and was a cook at the Roann School 25 years. She was a member of the Roann United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, the Roann Sorority, and the Roann Stitch and Chatter Club. She is survived by daughter, Margaret (B.G.) Warford of Wabash; three sisters, Maxine Dyson of Wabash, Betty Scott of Akron, Ind., Rozella Dyson of Wabash; eight grandchildren, Melissa (Tom) Williams of Akron, Mike (Moletta) Beeney, North Liberty, Ind., Shawn Beeney, and Jeff (Debbie) Beeney, both of North Manchester, Ind., Teresa (John) Bakehorn of Warsaw, Ind., Doug Warford of Urbana, Ind., Denise (Russ) Plummer of Hendersonville, Tenn., Amy (Harold) Dellenbach of Lewis Center, Ohio; 16 great-grandchildren, 10 Great Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two daughters, Cozy Engle who died in 1998, and Nancy Beeney who died in 2003, and two sisters, Jeannette Johnson and Marguerite Rocky. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Rd. in Roann on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Rick Stone officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Roann United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Mary Jane may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Phyllis Joan Droll, 77, Kokomo, passed away at 12:51 Friday, May 23, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Ellers Mortuary, 725 S. Main St. Chapel, Kokomo. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Online condolences can be sent to the Droll family at www.ellersmortuary.com.

Rita D. Clark, 55, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. She was born May 18, 1953 in Peru to David and Marjorie Nickels Baker. She married John Clark May 15, 1992 in Peru, and he survives. Rita worked for United Technologies for 13 1/2 years. She also attended Zion Chapel. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Bill Mosley, Peru; two daughters, Jessica Mosley, Peru, and Jennifer Banks and husband Ronnie Banks Jr., Peru; three brothers, Dan Baker, Peru, David Baker, Mexico, and Tom Baker, Lansing, Mich.; and eight grandchildren, Lily Mosley, Billy Mosley, Robert Banks, Ronnie Banks, Matthew Banks, Adison Miles, Levi Cunningham and Jasmine Mosley. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Baker. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Lew McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

William Plath, 73, Peru, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 26, 2008 at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born May 23, 1935 in Albany, N.Y. to Raymond E. and Helen Desinto Plath. He married Barbara Mae Vogt Dec. 4, 1960 in North Canaan, Conn., and she survives. William served in the U.S. Army, with military decorations including the Army Occupation Medal and National Defense Service Medal. He owned and operated Plath Auto Sales in Peru until his retirement in 2000. In addition, he was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Miami County VFW Post 2067 and Peru Eagles Lodge. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Ronald Plath, Peru, and Larry Coast, Schenectady, N.Y.; a daughter, Jill Plath, Peru; and a sister, Frances Nardacci, Las Vegas, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Raymond Plath. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Friday, May 30, 2008

Julie K. Vollmuth, 51, Leo, passed away on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at Parkview North Hospital. She was born Jan. 1, 1957 in Fort Wayne to Lynn Smith of Greenwood, and Jean Smith of Peru. She was married to Lloyd W. for 31 years, and he survives. Julie was an accounting supervisor at Verizon for 28 years. She was past secretary of Leo Boys' League; and past secretary of GTE Political Action Committee. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Lorna Catherine Vollmuth, Leo; a son, Jason Cruz Vollmuth, Leo; her mother, Jean Smith, Peru; her father, Lynn Smith, Greenwood; two sisters, Linnett Ball and husband Jim, Wabash, and Lisa (Marty) Winkelman, also of Wabash; and a brother, Jeff Smith and wife Holly, Peru. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be made to Leo Grabill Little League or Leo Junior/Senior High School Choir.



Howard N. Jackson, 80, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 in Sarasota, Fla. after failing health. He was born July 13, 1927 in Peru to Ross E. and Mary Smith Jackson. Howard graduated from Peru High School in 1945. While in high school he played on the Peru Tigers varsity basketball, football and track teams. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served until entering Ball State Teachers College, where he graduated in 1951. He taught and coached four years following graduation: two years at Ladoga and two years at Peru High School. He served as assistant basketball coach at Ladoga and assistant basketball and football coach at Peru High School. In 1947 he joined the Vickery Tape & Machine softball team and played with Indiana Bottled Gas & Hauske-Harlan softball teams during a 20-year period. During that time he played on five state championship teams. His banking career began on a part-time basis in 1953, when he joined Wabash Valley Bank & Trust Co. In 1955, he started full-time and retired as senior vice president in

1992 after 37 years from First of America Bank, formerly Wabash Valley Bank & Trust Co. and now National City Bank. A 20-year member of the Peru School Board, he held various offices during his tenure, past chairman of the Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross, president of the Peru Area Chamber of Commerce, Miami County YMCA board of directors, Elks Lodge No. 365, Sahib Shrine Temple, Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge No. 67, board of directors, chairman of trustees and treasurer of First Baptist Church and Peru Exchange Club.

After his retirement his primary residence was Florida with summers in Indiana. During most of his retirement years, he worked spring training in Sarasota for the Chicago White Sox and later the Cincinnati Reds. Survivors besides Pat, his wife of 25 years, include five children, Deborah Stapleton and husband Craig, Kokomo, Gwen Sanchez and husband Jerry, Westfield, Leonard Jackson and wife Dianne, Columbia, S.C., Larry Jackson and wife Melissa, Fishers, and Ann Jackson, Noblesville; a sister-in-law, Louise Jackson, Peru; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Vicki Bauer, Logansport; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Leonard; and a sister, Edith Williams. A service celebrating the life of Howard N. Jackson will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy

Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Dr. James Hardin officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday. There will be an Elks memorial service at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, the Peru High School boys football and basketball programs or the Miami County YMCA.



Paul R. Neff, 57, Rochester, and former longtime resident of Macy, passed away on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at his residence. He was born on June 30, 1950 in Rochester to Richard "Dick" P. and Marilou (Swantner) Neff. Paul was employed by Kauffman Engineering in Logansport. He was a member of the House of Faith Church, Mexico, and enjoyed writing, singing and recording gospel music. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting for arrowheads, studying Indiana history and collecting sports memorabilia. Survivors include his former wife, Debbie L. (Douglass) Neff, Logansport; two daughters, Christy Venters and husband Adam, Logansport, Tami Hart and husband David, Logansport; a son, David Neff and wife Deana, Lafayette; five grandchildren, Braden Neff, Mikayla Hart, Miranda Hart, Preston Schlick, all of Logansport, and Ella Neff, Lafayette; three brothers, William Neff and wife

Tere, Broken Arrow, Okla., Dan Neff and wife Susie, Indianapolis, and Joseph Neff and wife Marsha, Macy; a sister, Marilyn McWhorter, Somerset; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at the House of Faith Church, CR 400 West and U.S. 31, Mexico, with Pastor Will Deeds officiating. Burial will be at Five Corners Cemetery, south of Macy. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Life Outreach International through the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

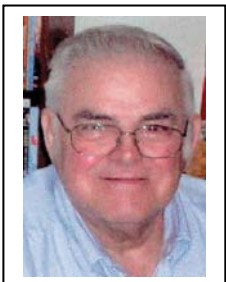
Saturday, May 31, 2008

Beverly Joan Townsend, 64, Leo, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008 at her residence. She was born Feb. 24, 1944 in Auburn to Dortha Miller and Glenn Graber. Beverly worked at Meijers in the health and beauty aid department. Survivors include her mother in Peru; her father, Glenn Graber and wife Louise, Fort Wayne; three sons, Robyn A. Townsend and wife Angela, Fort Wayne, Shawn L. Townsend and wife Sherry, Elwood, and Clint E. Townsend and companion Tia Gaiser, Curtisville; seven grandchildren; a sister, Charolet Mankey, Decatur; and close friends Pam Gray and Lewie Brumback, Leo. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Leo United Methodist Church, with Pastor Toni Carmer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Cemetery, Leo. Visitation will be one hour prior to services and from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan. Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.



Clayton Wayne Ritchie, 49, Lafayette, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Friday, May 30, 2008 in his residence after a three-year illness. He was born Dec. 18, 1958 in Monticello to the late Sharon Sterner McDermitt. He graduated from Frontier High School and served a four-year apprenticeship through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union. Wayne married Diana S. Martin on Sept. 6, 1986 in Lafayette. She works in public affairs at Eli Lilly and Co. He was an electrician with IBEW, Local 668, for nearly 30 years, working at Huston Electric for more than 20 years. Wayne was a past winner of the Tony Ashlock Sportsmanship Award and IBEW Indiana State Bowling Championship. He served as captain of IBEW basketball and softball teams for many years. He formerly was on the IBEW Executive Board and formerly was treasurer of the IBEW Athletic Association. He was a member of the Golf Channel Amateur Golf Tour, having won many tournaments. He also enjoyed going to the movies, golfing, bowling and vacations.

Surviving with his wife are daughters, Kelsey S. and Kendra M. Ritchie, both at home; his father and stepmother, Francis and Yvonne Ritchie, Peru; sisters, Robin C. Ritchie Meacham, Battle Ground, Shannon E. Ritchie Werner and husband Jeffrey, Brookston; a brother, Scott Ritchie, Frankfort; half-sisters, Tammy Ritchie Brannum and husband Mitchell, Tonya Ritchie Young and husband Shawn, Urbana, Ill., and Leslie Ritchie Wikstrom and husband Arnie, Wabash; two step-brothers, Thomas Cox and Steven Cox, both of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Soller-Baker Lafayette Funeral Home, 400 Twyckenham Blvd. Entombment will be at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Tippecanoe County Relay for Life. For more information, visit www.soller-baker.com.



George "Hungry Bear" Johnson, 65, Star City, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, in his residence. He was born July 27, 1942 in Star City to John David and Pauline Kaster Johnson. On March 24, 1962, he was married to Carol Ruthann Warner, who survives. A 1961 graduate of Star City High School, he worked at Hoosier Refreshment in Logansport for 28 1/2 years. For 18 years, he owned and operated "The Hungry Bear" concession stand. "Hungry Bear" loved his girls and his grandchildren. He also enjoyed going to festivals, fairs and auctions. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Logansport. Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Dawn Dianne Phillips and husband

Randy, Winamac, Kimberly Renee Johnson, and Stacie Michelle Lopez, both of Logansport; three grandchildren, Emily Rayanne Phillips, Indianapolis, Molly Suzanne Phillips, Winamac, and Marco Antonio Lopez, Logansport; one brother, Kenneth Johnson and wife, Becky, Fairborne, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Carol Ann Johnson, Monticello; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Bev and Ray Warner, Pennsylvania, and Linda and Ed Schawitsch, Terre Haute; and several nieces, nephews and many special friends. He was preceded in death by Rose Helvie and one brother, Charles R. Johnson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. Jeff Strite officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Fisher Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cass County American Cancer Society Relay for Life's "Royally Kicking Cancer" team or the Guardian Angel Hospice. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of "Hungry Bear" and view his video tribute online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Tuesday, June 03, 2008

James Thomas, 67, Peru, passed away at approximately 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at his residence. He was born on Dec. 9, 1940 in Wooton, Ky. to Dan Thomas and Ada (Turner) Thomas. He married Janet Boyer, and she survives. James retired from Chrysler Corp, of Kokomo and was also a member of the Moose Lodge of Peru. Survivors besides his wife include two children, Mark Thomas and wife Angie, Peru, and Teresa Tracy and husband Rick, Mesa, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Michael Tracy and wife Sarah, Heather Tracy, all of Mesa Ariz., and Brayton, Alyssa and Briana Thomas, all of Peru; and a great-grandchild, Savannah Tracy, Mesa, Ariz. His parents preceded him in death. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. A private graveside service will be held. Friends may call Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.



Stewart Wade, 54, Peru, went to be with the Lord Saturday, June 1, 2008 at 12:42 a.m. at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. He was born in Peru on Aug. 2, 1953 to William Herbert Wade and Berna Dean (Maloney) Wade Rogers. On Dec. 3, 1975, he married Doris Holt, and she survives. Stewart was a custodian at Peru High School and enjoyed hot rods and collector cars and loved his dog Dodger as well as his grandchildren and family. He also enjoyed cooking on the grill. Survivors besides his wife include his mother, Berna Dean, Peru; three sons: Stewart Wolfe, Peru, Brian Wade, Peru, and Michael Wade, Lafayette; three grandchildren, Kylie Wolfe, Kelli Wolfe and Trent Wade; and a sister, Sheila Townsend and husband Wendell, Peru. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Steven Wade. Services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Aster Jent officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.



Brittany Ann Neeley, 22, Peru, passed away at 4:07 a.m. Sunday, June 1, 2008 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born June 7, 1985 in Rensselaer. She graduated from Twin Lakes High School in 2003. She was a clerk at Lo Bob's in Kokomo and worked at All God's Children day care. She also attended East Point Bible Church, Peru. Survivors include her parents, Robert and Lynn Hopper Graber, Peru; two sisters, Angelina Marie Neeley and Cassandra Rose Neeley, both of Kokomo; a niece Shailyn Marie Neeley; her paternal grandmother, Anna Marie Graber, Loogootee; and two step-sisters, Jessica Graber and Elizabeth Graber, both of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, James and Charlene Hopper; and paternal grandparents, Wayne and Gertrude Neeley and Arthur Graber. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at East Pointe Bible Church, 1540 E. Paw Paw Pike, Peru, with Pastor James Butler officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.



Lawrence S. Amidon, 61, Fort Wayne, formerly of Peru, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2008 at Hospice Home. He was born Oct. 11, 1946 in Saint Johnsbury, Vt. to the late Merton and Annetta Amidon. Lawrence retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1989 after 23 years of service and has spent the past 19 years working for ITT Corp. Survivors include his wife, Rita C. Amidon, Fort Wayne; a son, John A. Amidon and wife Tina, Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jordan, Kayla and Brooke; a brother, Frank Amidon, Goose Creek, S.C.; and a sister, Ruth Larose, Saint Johnsbury, Vt. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home,

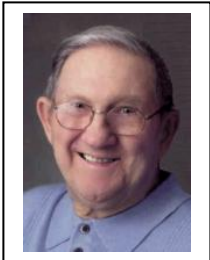
8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Calling will be one hour prior to services and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. For more information, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.



Chlore Lynn Sawyer-Donaldson, 1, Indianapolis, beloved daughter and child of the Lord, passed away Friday, May 30, 2008 at her residence. She was born Oct. 2, 2006 to Amy Renee Sawyer and Levi Wayne Donaldson of Indianapolis. Chlore Lynn is survived by her parents in Indianapolis; her maternal grandparents, Craig and Leanetha Sawyer, Indianapolis; her paternal grandparents, Leroy Donaldson, Peru, and Teresa Kunkle and husband Owen, Plainfield; her great-grandparents, Wayne and Carol Sue Depoy, Denver, and Kenneth and Mary Donaldson, Peru; her aunts and uncles, Carrie Sawyer, Chicago, Frank Sawyer, Ohio, Kameron (Hayley) Donaldson, Peru, Karly Donaldson, Plainfield; and cousins, Kendra

Donaldson and Keagan Donaldson, both of Peru. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Gothic Chapel of Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Crown Hill Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

Thursday, June 05, 2008



Luther "Luke" Francis Cree, 88, Logansport, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. He was born April 11, 1920 in Carroll County to Asa and Arelva Foster Cree. He married Marian J. Snyder of Chicago on April 3, 1943. She preceded him in death April 3, 1974. He married Phyllis J. Busser on July 31, 1976 in Villa Park, Ill. She survives him. Luke was a veteran of World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy, where he achieved the rank of ensign. He was honorably discharged in 1945 after serving four years. He graduated from Adams Township High School in Carroll County, and from Purdue University. While in the Navy, he studied at the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and Harvard University. He also completed some graduate work at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. Luke worked for Motorola for 31 years in the Chicago area, retiring in 1983

as a personnel manager. He was past president of Electronics Association of Illinois. He was past master of Garfield Masonic Lodge #686 in Chicago. In Logansport, he joined Tipton Masonic Lodge #33. He was a member of Murat Shrine Temple in Indianapolis and the Logansport Shrine Club, where he served for seven years as secretary. He was also a member of American Legion Post #60. He was an active member of the former Ninth Street Christian Church, now River of Life Christian Church, serving as a deacon, an elder and for two years as board president. Most recently, he served as a board member of Pine Crest Apartments. Luke enjoyed golfing, gardening, mushroom hunting and spending time with family. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Cree; three daughters, Nancy Gross and husband Kenneth, Fort Worth, Texas, Kay Little and husband Timothy, St. Charles, Ill., and Linda Aycock and husband Larry, Lillian, Ala.; a son, Jerry Busser and wife Dr. Natalie Evans, Chicago; a son-in-law, Joseph Crist, Barrington, Ill.; one brother, Richard Cree and wife Shirley, Evansville; nine grandchildren, Matthew Gross and wife Karla, Chicago, Jessica Doss and husband Jared, Saginaw, Texas, Adam Kaleta, Schaumburg, Ill., Justin Kaleta and wife Erin, Barrington, Ill., Morgan and Mackenzie Little, St. Charles, Ill., Alysha Busser, Lillian, Ala., Jason Aycock and wife Jessica, Pensacola, Fla.; Brian Aycock and wife Stacey, Fort Benning, Ga.; and six great-grandchildren, Madison, Gabbie, Marley and Cameron Aycock, Pensacola, Fla., Haley and Brianna Aycock, Fort Benning, Ga. A daughter, Theresa Marie Crist, a sister, Maude Helvie, and his first wife preceded him in death. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, with Dr. Sam Young and the Rev. Frank Hibbard will be officiating. Interment with full military rites will follow in the Walton IOOF Cemetery. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Masonic services will be conducted at 7 p.m. followed by a Shriners processional walk-by. Memorial contributions may be made to River of Life Christian Church building fund, Logansport Shrine Club transportation fund, Guardian Angel Hospice in Kokomo and the American Kidney Foundation. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Luke and view his video tribute online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.



Gerald F. Miller, 69, Peru, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness. He was born July 27, 1938 in Spangler, Pa. to Homer A. and Mary M. (Kritzer) Miller. Gerald retired from the U.S. Air Force after 23 years. He was a member of the VFW Lodge and Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include a son, Gary Miller, Peru; two daughters, Mandy Fisher and husband James, Amboy, and Sherrie Beene and husband Eric, Peru; six grandchildren, Kyonna, Jimmy, Josh, Zach, Alishea and Tamika; five great-grandchildren, Parker, Jabriel, JJ, Tia and Austin; eight brothers, Melvin Miller, East Falmouth, Mass., David Miller, Johnstown, Pa., James Miller, Colchester, Conn., John Miller, Mentor, Ohio, Robert Miller, Zanesville, Ohio, Frederick Miller, Willoughby, Ohio, Thomas Miller, Frederick, Md., and Donald Miller,

Springlake, N.C.; two sisters, Joan Stewart, Revenna, Ohio, and Sister Anita Marie, RSM, McKeesport, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Luella Grace and Judith Gumminger. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



Danny M. Keating Sr., 53, Denver, formerly of Kokomo, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008 in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born March 1, 1955 in Kokomo to Michael Franklin and Joy Ellen Keating. He attended Taylor High School, graduating in 1975. He later graduated from the Indiana Institute of Technology. Danny served in the United States Army from 1975 to 1978. He worked at Haynes International for 27 years. His marriage was to Annette Seal on Feb. 1, 1975 in Kokomo. They were later remarried on Sept. 23, 2005. He was a member of the Steel Workers Union 2958, where he served as vice president and financial secretary. He loved NASCAR and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He also loved deer hunting. Most important he loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughters. Along with his parents

and wife, Danny is survived by a son, Danny Keating Jr. and wife Kim, Kokomo; a daughter, Crystal Keating, Kokomo; five grandchildren, MaKayla Keating, Jazmyne Keating, Kinzey Keating, Mariah Dabney and Brayden Dabney, who is on the way; two sisters, Darla Allen and husband Greg, Indianapolis, and Dorothy Workman, Elkhart; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a mother-in-law, Lala Seal. He is preceded in death by a father-in-law, Ed Seal; and his maternal and paternal grandparents. Services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Ellers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Bill Emrich officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo, with military honors performed by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be directed in Danny's honor to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Envelopes will be provided at the mortuary. Online condolences may be sent to the Keating family at www.ellersmortuary.com.

Friday, June 06, 2008

Richard "Dick" Hensley, Jr., 46, of Chili, passed away at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his residence. He was born December 23, 1961 in Chicago, Ill. to Richard Sr., and Mary R. Spangler Hensley. Survivors include his parents of Chili; one sister, Pamela Southern and her husband Aaron, of Denver; and one nephew, Dakota Braun, Denver. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2008 at Chili Cemetery with Pastor Teri White officiating. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the arrangements.

Mary Jo (Hoppes) Thomas, 80, went to be with her Lord in peace June 4, 2008. Mary Jo was born in Redkey, Ind. She was a 1945 graduate of Peru High School and a proud graduate of Ball State University. A resident of Lockport, Ill. for more than 40 years, Mary Jo retired in 1989 after devoting her career to the education of third graders at District 92 in Lockport. Mary Jo was also a long-time member of the Bethel Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, W. Dale Thomas; a son, W. Brett (Collette) Thomas; grandchildren Liz (Brad) Thomas-Hansen, Heather (David) McDonough, Joseph and Miles Branch; great-grandchildren Jeffrey and Ashley McDonough; a brother Robert (Constance) Hoppes; a sister Joyce (Earl) Glassburn; nieces Marty (Glen) Gill, Angela (Jeff) Moore, Victoria (Doug) Teter; nephews Kent (Michelle) Glassburn, Robert (Kim) Hoppes, Jeff (Diane) Thomas, Mark (Debbie) Thomas, numerous great-nieces and nephews, and special friend Sherry Lindstrom. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Wavelene Hoppes, a daughter, Lisa; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Donald Thomas and nephew Conrad Hoppes. To celebrate her life, the family wishes to greet friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2008 at Goodale Memorial Chapel, 912 S. Hamilton St., in Lockport and again on Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Lockport City Cemetery in Lockport, Ill. Preferred memorials to Christian Youth Center, 1110 Manhattan Road, Joliet, Ill., 60433, would be appreciated.

Saturday, June 07, 2008

Debra "Debbie" E. Pegg, 57, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008 at her residence. She was born May 30, 1951 in Peru to Frank and Ruth Longstreth Pegg. Debbie graduated from North Miami High School in 1969. She then graduated from Ball State University in 1974 with a B.S. in elementary education. She also was a member of New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico. Survivors include a son, Derek J. Pegg, Mexico; her father, Frank Pegg, Mexico; two brothers, Darryl Pegg and wife Lora, Mexico, and Darren "Bud" Pegg, Peru; a sister, Denise Alberts and husband Michael, Peru; two nephews; two nieces; and her former husband, Jack R. Richerson, Camdenton, Mo. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Rob Baszner officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.



Ralph D. Franklin, 63, Peru, passed away at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born March 14, 1945 in Howard County to Vern and Ardella Franklin. Survivors include two nieces, Angela Rogers and husband Troy, and Darleen Harding and husband Jack, all of Peru; a nephew, John Culbertson, Warsaw; two great-nieces, Janel Harding and Amy Harding; two great-nephews, Michael Rogers and Jack Culbertson; a great-great-niece, Mikayla Rogers; and several brothers and sisters. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery. No visitation is planned.

Richard "Dick" Hensley, Jr., 46, of Chili, passed away at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his residence. He was born December 23, 1961 in Chicago, Ill. to Richard Sr., and Mary R. Spangler Hensley. Survivors include his parents of Chili; one

sister, Pamela Southern and her husband Aaron, of Denver; and one nephew, Dakota Braun, Denver. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2008 at Chili Cemetery with Pastor Teri White officiating. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the arrangements.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Dean E. Brubaker, 60, Peru, surrounded by his family, went to be with the Lord at 1:48 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2008 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Dec. 31, 1947 in Warsaw to Calvin O. and Mildred P. (Frailing) Brubaker. He married Linda (Howay) Brubaker April 6, 1947, and she survives. Dean served in the U.S. Air Force and retired from Chrysler. In addition, he was owner of Park Place, a member of the VFW, Leaning Tree Golf League, and enjoyed golfing, bowling, camping, racing and spending time with his friends, family and grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Kevin Matheny and wife Melissa, Bunker Hill; two daughters, Yvonne Edgington and husband Chris, Bunker Hill, and Michelle Wernert and husband Jon, Lanesville; six grandchildren, Chelsea, Courtney, Joshua, Jordan, Jacob and Linzie; a brother, Jim George, North Manchester; and a sister-in-law, Janice Brubaker, North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Howard County Hospice (Guardian Angels) and/or Rescue Resort.



Ivan Miller, 68, Kokomo, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, June 8, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born July 2, 1939 in Miami County to Perry and Mary (Gingerich) Miller. On July 23, 1960 in Lafayette, he married his wife of 48 years, Karen M. Synesael, who survives. Since his retirement from farming in 1999, he has worked in construction. He was a member of Kokomo Zion Church, where he served as secretary and treasurer of Exodus Sunday School class. Ivan loved his church and mission work. He made several mission trips to Haiti over the past 10 years, working with his family and friends. He had planned to leave Sunday morning with a group from Zion Church to do construction work as part of a mission team in Henderson, Ky. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Ivan "Tony" Miller and wife Robin, Tucker, Ga., and Terry R. Miller, Kokomo; one daughter, Teresa Cassell and husband Mike, Logansport; four brothers, Lester Miller and wife Marilyn, Peru, Ray Miller and wife Becky, Kokomo, Lloyd Miller and wife Sue, Amboy, and Perry Miller Jr. and wife Roberta, Claypool; and one sister, Millie Zody, Kokomo. He was preceded in

death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy Miller.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kokomo Zion Church, 5051 E. 400 North, Kokomo, with Pastor John Hogsett officiating. Burial will follow in Zion Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mission Fund of Kokomo Zion Church. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.hasler-stout.com. Hasler-Stout Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Thursday, June 12, 2008

Richard W. Hinz, 61, Peru, passed away at 11 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2008 at his residence. He was born Sept. 20, 1946 in Chicago, Ill., to Will and Lillian Hinz. When he moved to Peru in 1961, he was adopted and raised by Earl and Loretta Moore. Richard was a software developer for computer software and he worked for Boyer's Excavating. He was a graduate of Peru High School and received a bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University and a master's degree in mathematics from Indiana University. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and an avid astronomer. Survivors include two cousins, Tom Moore, Peru, and Jim Moore, Chicago, Ill., and his stepmother, Loretta Moore, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bob Hinz. Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. There will be no visitation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Kathern B. Shank, 78, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at her residence. She was born Dec. 21, 1930 in Peru to Herman and Genevieve (Anthony) Cox. She married Billy G. Shank June 25, 1953, and he preceded her in death Nov. 19, 2000. Kathern lived in Peru all her life and was a retired beautician. Survivors include two sons, David Shank and wife Tammy, and Bruce Shank and wife Darlene, all of Peru; a daughter, Sandra Bickel and husband Randy, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Shank, Peru; seven grandchildren, Cory, Kara, Jamie, Casey, Clarissa, Michael and Chelsey; four great-grandchildren, Ashlynn, Emily, Damion and David; a sister, Janice Baker and husband Rodrick, Peru; a sister-in-law, Betty Brown and husband Ed, Peru; and several nieces and nephews, including Steve Baker, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Parklawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Friday, June 13, 2008

Brenda C. Rife-Allison, 75, Kenosha, Wis., passed away Saturday, June 7, 2008. She was born July 14, 1932 in Wabash County to Claude D. and Floy L. Rife. She graduated from Wabash High School in 1950. Survivors include two daughters, Ranya Lynn Sibley and husband Brian, and Angela Lauder milk; grandchildren, Robert Trexler and Annalene Barbee, Joleen Rhodes and husband Jacob, Anthony Day and wife Flora; great-grandchildren, Alexandria Day, Ryan Markham-Day, Necole Barbee, Amy Foreman and Jayme Foreman, all of Loveland, Colo.; a brother, C. Duane Rife and wife Anita, Peru; a sister, Delores Young, Wabash; and friend and neighbor Jackie Langendorf, Kenosha, Wis. Her son, Robert Langley Allison, preceded her in death Dec. 23, 2001. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Louise Eaton, 84, Peru, passed away 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru. She was born May 10, 1924 in Bremen to Clarence and Marie (Richter) Thompson. She married Stewart Eaton Aug. 25, 1947 in Louisville, Ky. He preceded her in death May 28, 2001. Louise loved her job as a rural mail carrier in the Akron area and she worked at a factory in South Bend. She loved traveling and living in Barr Lake. Louise was a big NASCAR fan, never missing a race cheering for her favorite driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and a 50-year member of the Moose Lodge. Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Wiggs, Miami; two grandchildren, Nicole and Jeremy Musgrave, and Wes Wiggs and Brandy Wiggs, all of Peru; four great-grandchildren, Keenen and Alexis Musgrave, and Casie and Natalie Wiggs; and one brother, Francis "Whitey" Thompson, Akron. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son-in-law, James Wiggs; and a sister-in-law, Kathryn Thompson. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Father Frank Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

James L. Pitman, 65, Denver, passed away at 9:47 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at his residence. He was born Aug. 1, 1942 in Peru to James A. and Thelma Astling Pitman. On Aug. 1, 1992 at Center Chapel, he was married to Debra K. Swartz, and she survives. James was a graduate of Chili High school, and he retired after 38 years from Square D Corporation in Peru. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in Germany from 1960 to 1963. Survivors besides his wife include one son, Randy J. Pitman, Denver; two daughters, Sharon A. Harshman and husband Jeff, Denver, and Missy S. Hileman and husband Wade, Chili; and six grandchildren, Jeremy and Kevin Harshman, Michael and Lindsay Pitman, and Kristie and James Hileman. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Inge G. Gutowski Pitman, on Oct. 28, 1990; and one sister, Rita J. Statzer. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Bill Cook officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military graveside rites conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Marion.

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Raymond L. Reed, 94, Walton, passed away Friday, June 13, 2008 at the Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. He was born Dec. 15, 1913 on a farm near Onward. He was the son of the late Homer R. and Laura (Little) Reed. On Jan. 5, 1936 he married Josephine Carmin (Ramer), who preceded him in death April 4, 1998. Raymond was a graduate of Onward High School and attended the Purdue University Winter Agriculture Short Course. He was a farmer all his life. After his retirement he maintained a winter home in North Fort Myers, Fla. He was a member of the Onward Christian Church, where he served for many years as a deacon and a trustee. He was a founding member of the Onward Grange, a 50-year member of the Walton Masonic Lodge and Walton Eastern Star. In addition, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and served on the Cass County Council. He enjoyed all types of card games, especially duplicate bridge. He was an avid fisherman and a champion shuffleboard player. He and his wife traveled extensively both in the United States and around the world. Survivors include a daughter, Betty Mounts and husband, Gordon, Newtown, Conn.; three sons, Stephen Reed and wife Joyce, Walton, Joseph Reed and wife Barbara, Logansport, and James Reed and wife Joyce, Kokomo; ten grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife; a brother, Lowell Reed; an infant sister; and a nephew, Lewis Reed. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Murray Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Ministers Rod Mason and Joy Mounts officiating. Burial will follow at Onward's Deer Creek Cemetery in Onward. Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 pm Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Onward Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com

Nancy L. Ploss, 74, Peru, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 16, 1934 in Wabash County to George A. and Mable M. Craft Sharp. She married Paul A. Ploss in Peru on Aug. 23, 1953, and he preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1981. Nancy graduated from Peru High School in 1952 and was a bookkeeper at United Technology, retiring in 1988. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Bowling League. She was a lifelong resident of Peru and the Miami County area. She and her husband Paul lovingly raised four children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Survivors include

four children, Lynn Ploss, Detroit, Mich., Mark Ploss and wife Juli, Franklin, Rick Ploss and wife Sandy, Peru, and Amy Stadtler and husband Fred, Chicago, Ill.; a granddaughter, Shelley Ploss, Peru; a brother, David Sharp and wife Barb, Logansport; a sister-in-law, Margaret McClure, Peru; two brothers-in-law, Don Ploss, Kentucky, and R. Michael Ploss, Tennessee; several nieces, nephews and her dog, Frieda. A service celebrating the life of Nancy L. Ploss will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Monday, June 16, 2008

Martha Grace Hahn, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:20 a.m. Saturday, June 14, 2008. She was born Feb. 13, 1922 in Amboy to Merle and Bessie Overman Powell. She married Ivan M. Hahn July 20, 1941 at Amboy Friends Church, and he survives. Martha was a homemaker very much involved in the community and church affairs. She was a lifelong member of Amboy Friends Church, serving and directing numerous committees, teaching Sunday school classes, directing Bible School and the Primary Department for children for many years. She was a member of the United Society of Friends Women, serving as National Reading Course chairman and played an active role at Indiana Yearly Meeting sessions and Quaker Haven. For 14 years she served on the board of directors at White's Residential and Family Services Inc. She also served on the Gateway Board of Peru, now Bona Vista. She was a member of the Peru chapter of the DAR and served for years on the election board. In addition, she was a 50-plus member of the Indiana Extension Homemakers and was past president for many years of the Butler Happy Homemakers. She was a 4-H leader for girls and past president of the Amboy/Converse Tri-Arts. In early years she worked at the State Bank of Amboy. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Janellyn Borden and husband Glenn, Fort Wayne, and Phyllis Downey and husband J.D., Wabash; a son, James Hahn, Peru; seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Borden and wife Sara, Philip Borden and wife Catherine, Kyle Downey, Kristina Meyer and husband Jeff, Chad Hahn, Kimberly Hahn, and Clark Downey and wife Erica; a great-grandson, Jacob Borden; two sisters, Jeanette McKeefer, Converse, and Elizabeth Bunner, New Castle; and a brother, Ronald Powell and wife Barbara, Converse. She was preceded in death by a sister, Glennis Douglass. A service celebrating the life of Martha Grace Hahn will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with the Reverends Richard Martens and Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Amboy Friends Church.

Monday, June 16, 2008/Tuesday, June 17, 2008/Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Russell M. Hostetler, 89, Peru, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2008 at his residence. He was born on April 28, 1919 in Peru to Pleasant W. and Mary A. (Dice) Hostetler, and lived most of his life in the area. He married Sarah Brant on Dec. 8, 1945, and she passed away on April 17, 2005. Russell retired in 1981 from the Wabash Post Office and he was also retired from Pinkerton Security at Delphi Electronics in Kokomo. He was a Peru High School graduate, a member of Peru Grace Brethren Church and a World War II U.S. Army veteran. He served from March 1941 to October 1945. Survivors include a son, Larry Hostetler, Peru; a daughter, Darlene Kelly and husband Patrick, Peru; two grandsons, Larry Hostetler II and Xen Kelly; and a sister-in-law, Nelma Hostetler, Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Shirley; and a brother, Wayne Hostetler. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Peru Grace Brethren Church, with Pastors Dave Jodry and Ron Bowland officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Henry H. Troyer, 104, Greentown, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2008 at Century Villa Healthcare, Greentown. He was born April 29, 1904 in Miami County to Hiram B. and Amanda (Hochstetler) Troyer. On Nov. 10, 1923 in Howard County he married Silvia J. Hochstetler in Howard County, and she preceded him in death on May 31, 1989. Henry was a dairy farmer for most of his life, and he was a member of Bethany Fellowship Church. Survivors include a daughter, Celesta Bontrager, Middlebury; sons Paul J. Troyer, Twelve Mile, Ralph Troyer and wife Kitty, Kokomo, and Eldon Troyer and wife Sue, Kokomo; a son-in-law, Lyle Burkholder, Moulton, Ala.; 23 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, six step-great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; daughters Edna Mast and Clara Burkholder; sisters Katie Ann Bontrager and Salome Gingerich; daughter-in-law Barbara Troyer; sons-in-law Melvin Bontrager and Fred Mast; and one great-grandson. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 400 E. 1400 South, Miami County or 600 North 700 East in Howard County. Pastors Darlton Bontrager and Marvin Beachy will officiate. Burial will follow in Christner Cemetery, Kokomo. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Fellowship Church. Arrangements are being handled by Hasler-Stout Funeral Home in Greentown. Online condolences may be made at www.hasler-stout.com.

Gary Daily, 58, Peru, loved the Lord and went to be with the Lord at 3:10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at his residence. He was born Sept. 4, 1949 in Kokomo to George and Mary (Ennis) Daily. He married Darhonda Gaunt Nov. 20, 1981, and she survives. Gary graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1968 and retired from Chrysler Corp. in Kokomo after 39 years. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church, Logansport. He also was a NASCAR fan, loved farming and was a

member of the United Auto Workers Union. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Kokomo; two daughters, Mya Dawn Daily and Ellisha Haddix, Indianapolis; a son, Derrick Daily and wife Kirsten, Peru; a grandson, Ethan I. Haddix; a brother, Larry Daily and wife Jenny, Peru; two sisters, Sondra Summerton and husband Dick, Greentown, and Barbara Harmon, Peru; three sisters-in-law, Rena Walker and husband Roger, Kim Brooks and husband Chris, and Karen Marsh and husband Dave, all of Peru; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He also loved his cat, Kasey. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God Church, 831 Burlington Ave., Logansport, with Pastor Andy Weil officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gary Daily Memorial Fund.

Jack E. Leedy Jr., 4, University Park, Ill., passed away Thursday, June 12, 2008 and was the dearly beloved son of Jack and Cathy Leedy Sr.; special brother of Alanna and Martin; loving grandson of Jim Leedy, Joseph and Linda Wilson; dear great-grandson of Raymond and Mary Hoagland and Laura Johnson; loving godchild of Hershel and Terry Manhart. He also is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives. Resting is at Hirsch Funeral Home, 3501 W. Lincoln Hwy. (Rt. 30), Matteson, Ill., where friends may call on Friday from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be at 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the chapel to St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, 214th Governors Hwy., Matteson, Ill. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Michael Nacius officiating. Interment will be in Assumption Cemetery, Glenwood, Ill. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital-Child Life, 5721 S. Maryland Ave., MC8008, Chicago, IL 60637. For information or to express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, call (708) 748-8031 or visit www.hirschfuneralhomes.com.

Gary F. Wilkison, 56, Mexico, passed away Wednesday, June 11, 2008 while serving his country in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was born Dec. 29, 1951 in Peru to Ben and Wanda (Glassburn) Wilkison. He married Sharon Galbraith in Peru on March 6, 1976. With the children they brought from previous marriages they added another son and successfully blended into a close, loving family of which Gary was immensely proud. Gary had been working as a facilities/maintenance management mentor at a prison in Kabul, Afghanistan. Prior to serving overseas, he worked for six years at Miami Correctional Facility as a maintenance foreman. Gary also was a certified journeyman. Gary's friends and coworkers knew him to be committed to his work and forever in good humor. He always had a smile on his face. Gary was an avid outdoorsman. He was passionate about fishing, hunting and camping with his children and grandchildren. He and his wife especially enjoyed going on motorcycle adventures with friends. Gary could fix anything, taking on numerous projects of his own as well as those of his children and grandchildren. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene. Gary will be remembered for his quick wit, story-telling, love and loyalty to his family. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Chili; four children, Mickie Hoffman and husband Corey, Macy, Brad Wilkison, Denver, Natasha Eckerley and husband Brad, Peru, and Travis Wilkison, Mexico; six grandchildren, Damon and Gabby Hoffman, Jacob, Lucas and Caleb Eckerley, and Hannah Wilkison; two brothers, Stan Wilkison and wife Connie, Denver, and Kenny Wilkison, Chili; and a sister, April Stephens and husband Roger, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his father and his grandmother, Grace Keller. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastors Tony Winter and Brad Eckerley officiating. Following the service, there will be a motorcycle procession to the cemetery. Those wishing to participate are invited to ride. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Friday, June 20, 2008

Jessica Renae Lambert, 26, Lincoln, Ill., formerly of Macy, went to be with the Lord at 9:25 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. She was born Dec. 3, 1981 in Sevierville, Tenn. Jessica was a 2001 graduate of North Miami High School, and a member of Macy Christian Church. She enjoyed drawing, reading, watching Purdue basketball, and attending MDA Camp at Kendallville. Survivors include her parents, Lennie R. Lambert, Macy, and Sandra Hodges Reagan and husband Orville, Sevierville, Tenn.; a sister, Brandy L. Lambert, Macy; a brother, Travis J. Lambert, Macy; a nephew, Bradyn Michael Lambert; her maternal grandmother, Bobbie Hodges, Sevierville; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Jessica was preceded in death by her grandparents, Richard and Ethel Cattin, and James Frank Hodges. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor David Welsh and Skip Shambarger officiating. Burial will follow at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to help with final expenses.

Saturday, June 21, 2008

Helen "Jean" Miller, 87, Peru, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at her daughter's residence in Bloomington. She was born July 5, 1920 in Peru to William A. and Estella (Ellis) Comer. She married John A. Miller Aug. 31, 1940, and he survives. Helen was a homemaker and member of Oakdale Baptist Church. During her younger years, she was the first Girl Scout in Peru to earn the highest rank given to a Girl Scout and received over 48 badges. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, making crafts for her grandchildren and spending time with her great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed camping, and when her children were young, the family spent many summers traveling and camping across the U.S. She also enjoyed the fact that she had visited all 50 states. Survivors besides her husband of 67 years include two sons, William E. Miller, Russiaville, and

Walter A. Miller and wife Carol, Peru; a daughter, Janet Kay Caylor and husband Walter, Bloomington; seven grandchildren, William Miller II and wife Betsy, Heather King and husband Tim, Tammy Evans and husband Rick, Steve Caylor and wife Nicki, Matthew Miller and wife Cassie, Timothy Miller and wife Katie, and Daniel Miller and fiancée Staci; 15 great-grandchildren; a special adopted daughter, Caroline Palmer, and her daughter Johanna and grandson Spencer and a special niece, Joyce Creager; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Edith; two brothers, Theron and Ellis Comer; a daughter-in-law, Myra Miller; a great-granddaughter, Corinna Miller; and three nieces. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastors Robert Stuck and Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church and/or Southern Care Hospice.

Fairy M. Dawes, 92, Peru, passed away at 2:57 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Feb. 11, 1916 in Freelandville to Edward and Elsie (Robbins) Brown. She married Robert E. Dawes Feb. 6, 1943, and he preceded her in death. Fairy was a homemaker and member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. She also was a 50-year member of the Daughters of America and a member of the Esther Circle. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers and four sisters. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from noon until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church.

Senior Master Sergeant Howard P. Howard Jr., 72, San Antonio, Texas, formerly of Nyona Lake, graduated into the presence of the Lord on May 17, 2008 following a short illness. He was born in Memphis, Tenn. on June 20, 1935, and his family moved to Nyona Lake in 1946. Howard graduated from Fulton High School in 1953. Before serving his country in the United States Air Force for 26 years he worked as a meat cutter at the A & P Grocery in Rochester, and also drove a truck route for a local bakery. Howard retired from the Air Force while stationed in San Antonio, Texas, and remained there. Survivors include his wife Joan, San Antonio, Texas; his children, Howard P. "Bud" Howard III and wife Dolores, Dallas, Texas, Chris Howard and wife Marie, San Antonio, Meg Foster, San Antonio, Michelle Garcia and husband Rene, San Antonio, and Tim Howard and wife Shelley, also of San Antonio; several grandchildren, all in the San Antonio area; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Mary Lou (Lu) Cassel, Fort Wayne, and Robin Howard, Warsaw. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard P. Howard Sr. and Mary Howard, and also by his brother Noel Howard. Funeral services were held May 22 at Saint Monica's Catholic Church, Converse, Texas. Burial was in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with full military honors. Calling was May 21 at Colonial Funeral Home, Universal City, Texas.

Waneta Finster, 77, Florida, formerly of Peru, passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2008. A memorial service and Celebration of Life for Waneta Finster will be held Saturday, June 28, at the First Brethren Church, 135 E. Main St., in Peru. Visitation with the family will begin at 10 a.m. with a small service of prayers and songs at 11 a.m. Internment will follow at Rankin Cemetery near Bunker Hill. Waneta was a longtime resident of Peru and co-owner of the former Grapevine Christian Bookstore. Most recently she had authored and published two books "Mother's Madness," a Christian/fiction novel, and its sequel "The Singing Nurse." Both books are set primarily in Peru and North-Central Indiana.

Saturday, June 21, 2008/Monday, June 23, 2008/Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Retha V. Mollenhour, 99, Grace Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake, formerly of Mentone, passed away at 7:34 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 2008 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mentone First Baptist Church, 301 N. Broadway, Mentone, with the Reverend Norman McVey and Reverend Michael Wilhite officiating. Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Mentone First Baptist Church. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. King Memorial Home, Mentone, cared for arrangements.

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Thomas O. Hodgini, 81, Nokomis, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2008 in Venice Fla. He was born Nov. 17, 1926 in Peru to Jho and Etta Hodgini. He married Geneva Maggard, and she preceded him in death. Thomas was a retired circus performer and formerly owned the Circus City Photo in Peru. He also was the founder of the Circus City Festival, Peru Tribune's man of the year in 1960, won a Mason's Award of Gold and won Indiana Sagamore of the Wabash award in 1991. In addition, he was a member of First Christian Church, Venice, Fla., the Moose and Eagles lodges, Peru Masonic Lodge, Peru Maennerchor and a 1946 graduate of Peru High School. Survivors include two sons, Retired Col. Thomas J. Hodgini and wife Valle, Bettendorf, Iowa, Doctor Timothy J. Hodgini and wife Lisa, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Karen Kay Hodgini, Bunker Hill, and Linda Kay Porter and husband Terry, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Joseph Hodgini.



A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Venice First Christian Church. A celebration of life will be at 4 p.m. Friday at the Old Fire House, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Circus City Festival. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Richard L. Gerard Sr., of Peru, died at Spring Mill Meadows at 10:30 p.m. on June 23, 2008. He was 81. Richard was born on Sept. 3, 1926 in Mexico and on Nov. 19, 1945, he married Norma Scott, who survives. He was a retired railroad car inspector from the C/O. Richard was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Peru, where he also served as Deacon. He was a 1944 graduate of Deedsville High School and was a United States Army Veteran who served during World War II. He was born to Reynold and Julia (Morrison) Gerard, both of whom precede him in death. Richard had two sons, Richard Gerard Jr. (wife Nancy), of Indianapolis and James Gerard (wife Glenda), of Anderson. He was a member of the American Legion, Odd Fellows Lodge, Peru Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite - Fort Wayne, Murat Shrine - Indianapolis, York Rite College, Yeoman of York Amos- Fort Wayne, Meritorious Service Award - (Mason Award). Mr. and Mrs. Gerard also played Santa Claus for Area 5 and Richard was a member of the Eastern Star. Richard has three sisters: Lois Szczepankowski, Peru; Beverly Bowman (Robert), Mexico and Joretta Tilley (Junior), Sebring, Fla. All survive. Richard has six grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral for Richard L. Gerard Sr. will be Friday, June 27 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third in Peru. Eastern Star Service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday with Masonic Service at 7:45 Thursday with both services taking place at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society and/or Alzheimer's Association. There will be a military committal with that service provided by the Miami County Military Rites team.

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Terry A. Weller, 68, Peru, passed away at 1:24 a.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at Reed Hospital, Richmond, after an extended illness. He was born April 4, 1940 in Cass County to Lynn E. and Vernice (Culp) Weller. Terry retired from Redmon Basket Factory and Wallace Furniture Company. Survivors include a nephew and nieces, including Brenda Shultz, Peru, and Missie Morales, Wabash; and a brother, David Weller and wife Amy, North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Dwayne Cragin 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.

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Forrest Seymour Prince, 79, Rome City, passed into the Lord's hands at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2008 at his home. He was born June 30, 1929 in Miami County to Edna B. and Solomon Seymour Prince, Peru. He was an accomplished tool design engineer for several companies including Hughes Aircraft, General Electric and International Harvester, and contributed to creating many industrial patents during his career. In his retirement, Forrest served his community as a volunteer at Parkview Noble Hospital, and attended Saint John Lutheran Church of Kendallville.

Surviving are his longtime partner Shirley J. Croom, and their four children and spouses: David Prince, Fort Wayne, Keturah and Keith Henderson, Kennesaw, Ga., Kemuel and Vickie Prince, Rome City, and Dawn Renee and David Steinken, Kennesaw, Ga.; six grandchildren, Jason Bay, Kennesaw, Ga., Jennifer Heard, Newnan, Ga., Rachel Prince and Jared Prince, Rome City, Sara Anne Steinken, Kennesaw, Ga., and Ryan Prince, Phoenix, Ariz.; a great-grandson, Torin Harrison, Newnan, Ga.; and three step-children, Duanne Craig, Butler, and John Gardner and Kevin Ware, Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorena Jean Prince. A commitment ceremony will be held in the Chapel at Greenlawn Cemetery, 6600 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, at 2 p.m. Friday. A chapel service will begin at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Robert Shriner officiating. Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Foundation to benefit cancer patients in Noble County. Arrangements are by Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Hazel Marie "Pat" McLaughlin, 83, Ellenton, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away on Jan. 30, 2008. She was born Feb. 21, 1924 in Bedford to Norman and Cleora Lipscomb. Pat graduated from Arsenal Technical High School in 1941, and attended Indiana University Kokomo. She married Robert McLaughlin on April 20, 1944, and together they raised four sons. She was a homemaker, secretary, and aqua aerobics instructor in Florida. Pat enjoyed swimming, dancing, reading, old movies and summers at Lake Wawasee. Survivors include three sons, Robert McLaughlin and wife Joan, Cullawhee, N.C., James McLaughlin and wife Carla, North Port, Fla., and Tim McLaughlin and wife Vickie, Walton; six grandchildren, Jason (Trisha) McLaughlin, Groton, Conn., Mary McLaughlin, Hilton Head, S.C., Katy McLaughlin, New York, N.Y., Andy McLaughlin, Minneapolis, Minn., Robert (Cassie) McLaughlin, Flora, and Patricia McLaughlin, Walton; and four great-grandchildren, Izzabell, Ariel, Ethan and Kennedy. Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 2007; her parents; and a son, Chris David, in 1977. Memorial and interment services will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, with Pastor Jeff Harmon officiating. She was cremated in Ruskin, Fla.

Friday, June 27, 2008

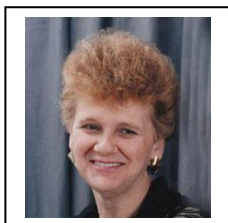
Richard Dale Hackley, MD, 85, Clarkston, Mich., previously of Burton, passed away at his home on Monday, June 9, 2008 surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec. 22, 1922 in Peru and raised here. Richard completed his premed education at Rutgers University as part of the Army special education program. In 1947 he married Elizabeth (Betty) Bowen. He graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine (previously Long Island College of Medicine) in 1949, and moved to Flint, Mich. to complete his internship and residency at Hurley Hospital. Although he established his private practice in Flint in 1952 he was called to active duty in 1954, and spent 18 months as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, serving at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C. Richard served 42 years as a physician in private practice in Flint and was on staff at St. Joseph, McLaren, and Hurley Hospitals. He served as chief of medical staff at St. Joseph Hospital, Flint from 1978 to 1986 (now Genesys Hospital, Grand Blanc) and chaired the Family Practice and Infection Control Committees. An avid gardener he also enjoyed such other hobbies as oil painting and making furniture. Richard was the husband of Maxine for 17 years; father of Kathryn Clayton and husband Ed, California, Richard Jr. "Rick" Hackley and wife Linda, Illinois, Ann Conroy, California, Barb (Tom Baker) Hackley, Connecticut, and Virginia Walls and husband Ken, Michigan; grandfather of Talia, Richard III, Michelle, Ian, Kai, Emma, Sarah and Clifford. He was preceded in death by his first wife Elizabeth "Betty" and his step-son, Kevin Fredenburg. Private family services have been held. Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Eye Bank. His family welcomes your comments at the online guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Saturday, June 28, 2008



God saw **Ernest Graber, 76**, Amboy, getting weary. He did what He thought best, as He took him in his arms and said "Come and rest" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2008 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born Aug. 19, 1931 in Davis County to Elmer and Elizabeth Stoll Graber. He married Emma Miller Nov. 2, 1952, and she survives. Ernest and his wife Emma owned and operated Graber Supply, Amboy. He and his wife lovingly raised 11 children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of Bethany Fellowship Church, where he served as pastor for many years. Survivors besides his wife include five sons, Benjamin Graber and wife Miriam, Bunker Hill, Raymond Graber and wife Laura, Amboy, Carl Graber and wife Linda, Kokomo, Kenneth Graber and wife Rita, Bunker Hill, and Ronald Graber and wife Waneda, Amboy; six daughters, Carolyn Beachy and husband Marvin, Amboy, Mary Ellen Knepp and husband Phillip, Macon, Miss., Tillie Lichty and husband Mervin, New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada, Linda Yoder and husband Richard, Amboy, Elmina Hochstedler and husband Keith, Amboy, and Roseanna Graber, Amboy; three brothers, Wilmer Graber, Peru, Lester Graber and wife Patty, Kokomo, and Benjamin Graber and wife Sylvia, Crawford, Miss.; a sister, Ruth Otto, Cannelburg; 51 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother and two grandchildren.

A service celebrating the life of Ernest E. Graber will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Bethany Fellowship Church, 500 N. 500 East, Howard County, with Darlton Bontrager and Marvin Beachy officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Bethany Fellowship School, 5169 N. 600 East, Howard County. Memorial donations may be made to Bethany Fellowship Missions Fund. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.



Betty Lou Saunders, 60, Logansport, passed away at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2008 at St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis. She was born April 10, 1948 in Rochester to William Ira Nickels and Mary Alice Warner. She married Boyd M. Saunders Nov. 3, 1978 in Logansport, and he preceded her in death March 4, 2004. Betty worked as an assembler for Total Electronics, formerly Controls. She enjoyed doing word searches, attending family gatherings and watching John Wayne movies. She always loved spending time with her grandchildren and playing with her German shepherd Krystal. Survivors include two daughters, Tina Bellar, Logansport, and Virginia Ransom, South Bend; two sons, James "Allen" Bellar and wife Shanna, Peru, and Billy Wilson, Elkhart; three grandsons, James D.

Bellar, Mexico, Jhonathan R. Bellar, Peru, and Adam K. Ransom, South Bend; two granddaughters, Kathrine N. Bellar, Peru, and Tala S. E. Ransom, South Bend; and five sisters, Donna Tyre, Peru, Janette Tow, Logansport, Delores Titus, Peru, Bonnie Miller, Logansport, and Wanda Sue Nickels, Logansport. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Association.



Monday, June 30, 2008

Marjorie E. Miller, 86, Amboy, passed away at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born July 1, 1921 in Miami County to Harry and Donna Smith Kane. She married Robert J. Miller Nov. 16, 1940, and he preceded her in death Jan. 9, 1998. Marjorie graduated from Clay Township High School and was a member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church. She was employed at Kresge and Montgomery Ward in Peru and retired from Montgomery Ward in Kokomo.

Survivors include a son, Max Miller and wife Kathy, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Dr. Marlene Thich, Bethlehem, Pa.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Harold Kane; and a granddaughter. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 East, Miami County, with Pastor Mark Hill officiating. Burial will be in Clymer Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made to McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

Logan Charles Parcel, 5, Kokomo, passed away at 7:26 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2008, at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. He was born Jan. 23, 2003 in Indianapolis. Logan was always smiling and he loved Spiderman, Harleys, helium balloons, going for walks, country music and being outside.

Surviving are his mom and dad, Ami Ramer and Mike Hummel, Indianapolis; a sister, Abigail Jacobs, Anderson; grandparents, Dave and Tami Garner, Peru; great-grandmothers Barbara Parcel, Indianapolis, and Judy Maggard, Peru; and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by two sisters; two brothers; a grandfather, Charles Ramer; a great-grandfather, Marvin Maggard; and a great-grandmother, Edith Jones.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be directed to Riley Hospital for Children or to the family to assist with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the Parcel family at www.ellersmortuary.com.

Joyce L. Maston, 71, Greenwood, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, June 29, 2008 at Community Hospital South, Indianapolis. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru.

Theodore "Ted" Foust, 71, Peru, passed away at 4:59 a.m. Saturday, June 28, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 28, 1936 in Peru to Anna (Fogle) Fouts and Theodore Fouts Sr. He married JoEllen Hiers June 23, 1978, and she survives. Ted retired from the Peru City Water Filtration Plant after 34 years of employment. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Ted Foust and wife Angie, West Lebanon; a step-son, Robert McCowan and wife Pam, Peru; a step-daughter, Lisa Carson and husband Dan, Peru; four grandchildren, Brandon, Chelsea, Cody and Dalton; a great-grandchild, Lillian; three step-grandchildren, George, Autumn and Blake; a brother, Robert Foust, Fort Wayne; and a sister, Julie Mullington, Rhode Island. He was preceded in death by his parents. No funeral or visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Tuesday, July 01, 2008

Theann "Annie" Ferrol Mollette, 40, Rochester, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, June 29, 2008 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 9 to 11 a.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Pauline W. See, 89, Peru, passed away at 3:38 a.m. Monday, June 30, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born July 23, 1918 in Chili to Charles W. and Ada Clendening Fouts. She married Gaylord W. See Nov. 11, 1939, and he preceded her in death Aug. 29, 1985. Pauline graduated from Chili High School in 1937 and from Wayne University of Beauth Culture, Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker, a member of Denver Baptist Church, Denver, and taught Junior Sunday School class for several years. She also was a leader for the Baptist Youth Fellowship and a leader of Girls BYF Baseball Team. She loved to work with the youth. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Wagoner and husband Terry, Peru; two sons, James G. See and wife Eileen, Denver, and Danny G. See and wife Virginia, Mexico; a sister, Ervina Rife, Indianapolis; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and a sister. Private graveside services will be held at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, at the convenience of the family. Chaplain Steve Fleck will officiate. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Shirley L. Sheneman, 83, Amboy, passed away at 8:48 p.m. Sunday, June 29, 2008 at her residence. She was born Feb. 6, 1925 in Miami County to Rex M. and Nellie Hite Finch. She married Stewart Sheneman April 14, 1941, and he preceded her in death Nov. 24, 2005. Shirley was a homemaker and a member of Amboy United Methodist Church and Amboy Rebecca Lodge. Survivors include five daughters, Susie Zirkle, Amboy, Cherry Cunningham and husband Buck, Amboy, Rebecca Van Horn and husband Don, Rochester, Casey Shafer and husband Eddie, Marion, and Peggy Myers and husband Steve, Macy; a sister, Cleo Ragsdale and husband Jack, Lafayette; 12 grandchildren, David Cunningham, Barbara Shaw, Bradley Zirkle, Randy Zirkle, Julie Orr, Lori Hazelwood, Jody Lee, Drew Griggs, Jeff Bowland, Amy Miller, Matt Myers and Kim White; and 14 great-grandchildren, Jessica Shaw, Josh Shaw, Bryan Zirkle, Mallory Orr, Trev Orr, Bradley Hazelwood, Shelby Hazelwood, Patrick Lee, Mason Myers, Kody Myers, Ethan Bowland, Emmy Bowland, Eric Bowland and Marina Lee. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Rex Finch and John Finch.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Amboy United Methodist Church or Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice.

Jerry Regenauer, 52, Shell Lake, Wis. passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at his residence. He was born May 24, 1956 in Minneapolis, Minn. to Gordon and Judith (Block) Regenauer. He attended Shell Lake and Spooner, Wis. schools; UW Barron County and UW Superior before receiving his doctorate of law degree at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif. Jerry worked his way through school with employment at Chicago NW Railroad, Leckel Trucking in mail transportation, and Rainbow Road Company as an actor/juggler. He worked in Miami County as a prosecutor and public defender before opening his own practice in Peru. After 15 years he returned to the Shell Lake/Spooner area. His passions included reading and libraries, Ping-Pong, tennis, marathon runs, coin collecting, harmonica and alternative energy sciences. To his family and friends he was a loving and compassionate person with an ever curious mind.

Survivors include his mother, Judy Dwinnell and husband Dennis, Fairfield, Ill.; two brothers, Kenneth Regenauer and wife Kathy, Middleton, Wis., and John Regenauer and wife Mina, Altoona, Wis.; a sister, Susan Hansen and husband Hal, Shell Lake, Wis.; two half-sisters, Stephannie and Sarah Regenauer, Rice Lake, Wis., a special friend, Colleen Brown, Spooner; four nieces, Vicki Miller and husband Hugh, Spooner, Sheila Johnson, France, Jennifer Regenauer, Altoona, Wis., and Ashlee Regenauer, Middleton, Wis.; two nephews, Jesse Regenauer and wife Heather, Altoona, and Christopher Regenauer, Sun Prairie, Wis.; 11 grand-nieces and -nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Jerry was preceded in death by his father. Memorial services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Pockat Funeral Home, Shell Lake, Wis. Interment will follow in Shell Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service.

Wednesday, July 02, 2008



Linda S. Tucker, 39, Mulberry, went to be with her Lord on Monday, June 30, 2008 at Seton Specialty Hospital, Lafayette, after her battle with brain cancer. Linda was born Oct. 10, 1968 in Peru to Richard and Marcheta (Glendening) Hostetler. She graduated from North Miami High School in 1987, Ivy Tech in 1997, and Indiana University in 2002. Linda was led to nursing for the care of others. She was employed as a registered nurse, I.C.M. case manager in Lafayette. On Oct. 16, 2004 she married Duane C. Tucker, and he survives. She moved from Mexico to Mulberry after her marriage. Linda was a member of Living Stone Church, and a member of the IU Alumni Association. Survivors besides her husband include her parents, Richard and Marcheta Hostetler, Mexico; her paternal grandfather, William D. Hostetler, Mexico; two brothers, Christopher Hostetler, Phoenix, Ariz., and Duane Hostetler and wife Jennilee, Leesburg, Fla.; and two nieces, Allison and Ashley. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on

Friday at Bodine Funeral Home in Rossville, with Pastor Stan Williams officiating. Burial will follow at Rossville Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Living Stone Church, P.O. Box 179, Rossville, IN 46065. Online condolences may be directed to www.bodinefuneralhome.com.

Monday, July 07, 2008/ Tuesday, July 08, 2008



Richard A. Onkes, 80, Peru, passed away at 6:07 p.m. Friday, July 4, 2008, at Caring Hands Health & Rehab Center of Peru. He was born August 8, 1927 in Elkhart to Ansel and Katherine (Fortney) Onkes. On July 3, 1975, he married Ruby L. Ailor. She survives. Before becoming ill, Onkes managed and owned Richard's rental properties around Kokomo. He had retired from Commonwealth Life Insurance Company after 15 years employment. Mr. Onkes had also owned and operated Richard's Dry Cleaning Store on East Markland in Kokomo. A graduate of Anderson High School, he was also a member of the Eagles Lodge for many years. He also enjoyed playing cards and fishing.

Surviving with his wife, Ruby L. Onkes of Peru, are his children, Tamera Riley and her husband Mike of Kokomo, Teresa Babb and her husband Terry of Peru, Jeff Webster and his wife Tracey of Kokomo, Robbin Roberts and Debra Conwell and her husband Max, all of Kokomo; grandchildren Mindy Johnson, Adam Oneal, Jessalynn Boruff, Ryan Glunt, Stephanie Webster, Nick Webster, Jason Bordinat, Megan Bordinat, Ryan Conwell and Jason Conwell; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Larry Onkes of Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother Marjorie Duncan Onkes.

The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St. in Russiaville, with Pastor Mark Markley officiating. Burial will be in the Russiaville Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday before the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. On-line condolences may be made to the family at www.stoutandson.com.

Monday, July 07, 2008

Francis L. "Whitey" Thompson, 86, Akron, died at 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 4, 2008, at Life Care Center of Rochester. Funeral service for Mr. Thompson will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial

will be at Akron Cemetery in Akron. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wee Care Day Care of Akron. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com



Alice Marie Jones, 72, Peru, passed away at 11:20 a.m. Friday, July 4, 2008, at her residence. She was born February 16, 1936 to Rev. Carl E. and Beulah Mae (Tarr) Harris in Wells County, but lived most of her life in Peru. On June 20, 1953, she married William D. "Bill" Jones, who preceded her in death on November 22, 2005. Formerly a self-employed businesswoman, Alice retired from her own day care business in which she cared for children newborn through 10 years of age. She had also been employed at Wallace Manufacturing, Essex Wire, A.G.P. Corporation and the Sewing Factory. Alice attended the Oakdale Baptist Church for more than 50 years and was a member of the Peru Moose lodge Chapter 104, where she baked pies for Moose dinners. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed crocheting. She is survived by three sons, Rex Jones and his wife Kitty of Louisville,

Ky., Rick Jones of Peru, and Lt. Col. Ronald Jones and wife Laura of Plainfield; two daughters, Loretta Jackson and her husband Larry of Brownsburg, and Carlotta Butts of Peru; five grandchildren, Nicholas Butts, Sara Jackson, Jessie Jones, Seth and Erin Jones; three sisters Martha Ann Gahman of Craigville, Velma Mae Schegel or Norris, Ill., and Imogene Hahn of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers Rev. John M. Harris and Paul E. Harris, and two sisters Freda Culp and Ida Marie Harris.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Rev. Phillip Harris officiating. Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Terry J. Crowe, 47, Peru, died at 1:54 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2008, at his residence. Funeral service for Mr. Crowe will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Pastor Donnie Crowe officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery in Akron. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1 p.m. Tuesday until the time of service.

Tuesday, July 08, 2008



Charles F. Greer Jr. 74, 1535 E. 9th Street, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Sunday July 6, 2008 at his residence. He was born on March 25, 1934 in Kewanna, Indiana the son of Franklin Charles and Delia Lenora (Lambert) Greer Sr. On September 27, 1952 in Knox, Indiana he married Patty S. Stingley and she survives. Mr. Greer had worked as a truck driver. He worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana for over thirty years and also had worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a fireman. Mr. Greer was a member of the Mentone Flying Club, Special Deputy for Fulton County Sheriff's Department, Radio Emergency Associates Communication Teams, Hamm Radio Operator and a Private Pilot. He especially enjoyed piloting helicopters in Orlando, Florida around all the amusement parks.

Survivors include his wife, Patty Greer, Rochester, Indiana, son, Don Greer, Peru, Indiana, daughter, Kathy and husband Mike Minns, Peru, Indiana, ten grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, two step grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, sisters, Carol Sheetz, Rochester, Indiana, Connie and husband Bruce Killingbeck, Remus, Michigan, sister-in-law, Darla Greer, Kewanna, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bob Greer.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday July 9, 2008 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Per Mr. Greer's request, his remains have been bequeathed to Indiana University School of Medicine. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

Bryant Matthew Scott, of Macy, passed away June 29, 2008. He was 18. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today in the Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends visited with the family Monday and may visit one hour prior to the service at the funeral home today. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Marie A. "Ree" Inglehearn Pilkowski, 74, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Nov. 27, 1933 in Philadelphia, Pa. to Lawrence and Alice (Founds) Inglehearn. Marie was a homemaker. Survivors include several nieces and nephews; a brother, Jack Inglehearn, New Jersey; and two sisters, Carol Burns and Lora Mickles, both of Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Lawrence "Larry" Inglehearn. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Betty Louise Henry, 84, Greenwood, passed away Wednesday, July 2, 2008. She was born Dec. 14, 1923 in Logansport to Edgar and Ruth Irene (Dibble) Hopper. Betty was a homemaker and a member of Southport Christian Church. Survivors include her husband, Melvin Henry; three daughters, Karen (Thomas) Gary, Cheryl (Charles) Eads, and Cindy (Wayne) Massey; her brother, Richard Hopper; her sister, Thelma Little; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday from 10 a.m. with services to follow at 11:30 a.m. at the Center United Methodist Church, 5445 Bluff Road, Indianapolis, with internment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Glenns Valley. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Alzheimers Association, 50 E. 91st Street, Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209 or Center United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at www.ghherrmann.com.

Friday, July 11, 2008



Imogene I. "Peggy" Lesley, 87, Peru, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born March 18, 1921 in Miami County to Albert Leroy and Olga Anna (Kemps) Vinson. She married Robert L. Lesley June 21, 1942, and he preceded her in death Aug. 11, 1976. Peggy retired from Square D Company after 37 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church. In addition, she loved God, her family and line dancing.

Survivors include two brothers, Francis M. Vinson, Hartford City, and Omer D. Vinson and wife Peggy Jane, Wabash; a sister, Marjorie Ann Gothard and husband Lawrence, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, Joseph and Albert L. Vinson Jr.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church Youth Fund.

Arlene Morris Todd, 92, passed away of natural causes at Miller's Merry Manor around 4 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. She was born May 15, 1916 to Chester Morris and Mamie Fay Harman in Akron, where she lived for the first third of her life. She then moved to Peru, where she lived and worked for the remainder of her life - nearly 60 years. She married Hyder Todd on July 24, 1960, and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1987. There were no children. Before living in Peru Arlene was a member of the Akron Church of God. She was an active member of the First Church of God at Third and Water streets in Peru after that. Until last summer she never missed a church camp meeting at Yellow Creek Lane outside Akron. The Peru Amateur Circus was special to Arlene, and she missed being in the circus parade where she dressed up as a clown and rode her three-wheeled bike.

Survivors include Larry and Kay Klein of Akron, who looked after her when Treva Klein passed away, and their children: Mel Klein, Fort Wayne, Kathy Klein Miles, Akron, and Gary Klein. Other nieces and nephews surviving are Jerry and Connie Klein, Roann, Ted and Nila Klein Kinney, Goshen, Don "Bub" and Donna Morris, Claypool, Richard and Sharodene Morris, Warsaw, Marcielle Morris Carter, Louisiana, David and Connie Morris La Rue, Claypool, and several cousins, great nieces and nephews. Arlene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sisters and brother, Treva Morris Klein, Mildred Morris Klein and Don Morris.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, Peru, with the Reverends Larry Klein, Kay Klein and Francis Gough officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Church of God, 252 E. Third St., Peru, IN 46970. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Saturday, July 12, 2008

Timo Masiuk, 94, Peru, passed away at 5:40 p.m. Thursday, July 10, 2008 at Maple Park Village, Westfield. He was born June 22, 1914 in Poltava, Ukraine to Kareton and Maria Masiuk. He married Frieda Masiuk April 26, 1946 in Mering, Germany, and she survives. Timo was a tool and die maker for Chrysler Corporation, retiring in 1980. He also was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Herbert Masiuk and wife Jan, Noblesville; two grandchildren, Nicholas Masiuk and wife Bryn, Indianapolis, and Tammy Hardiman and husband Greg, Avon; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Monday, July 14, 2008

Robert J. Hodson, of 432 S. Main Street in Amboy passed away Sunday, July 13, 2008 at Century Villa Healthcare Center in Greentown. He was 86. Robert was born on Jan. 21, 1922 in Converse, Ind., to Sherman H. and Margaret L. Ballard Hodson. On Oct. 26, 1940, he married Mildred L. Rust at Methodist Parsonage in Andrews, Ind. She survives. Robert was a retired Miami County farmer and was a graduate from Converse High School. Along with his wife, he is survived by a son, Jerry (Joy) Hodson, of Kokomo; a daughter, Linda Warren-Skinner and her husband Vernon, Marion, Ind.; a brother, Carl Hodson and his wife Deloris of Mexico, Ind., and a sister, Janet Austin and her husband Jack of Converse. Five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Richard M. Hodson and a sister, Helen M. Johnson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St. in Amboy. Reverend Randy Blankenship will officiate. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at Laird Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made through the Funeral Home to the Gideons Memorial Bible program.

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

Doris W. Butt, 74, Fairfield, N.C. passed away Thursday, July 10, 2008 at her residence. She was born Sept. 26, 1933 in Tilton, Ill. to the late John and Opal Lourine (Madden) Wilson. During her working years she served as a nurses aide and had

worked with Carolina Cardiology Consultants in Raleigh. She was a very active musician and served as the pianist with Engelhard Christian Church, Disciples of Christ until her illness. She enjoyed baking, crocheting, knitting, and crafting. Survivors include three sons, Floyd Braxter Butt and wife Barbara, Fairfield, N.C., John Douglas Butt and wife March, Mesa, Ariz., and David Wayne Butt and wife Tammie, Garner, N.C.; three daughters, Marilynne Jean Johnson, Pittsboro, N.C., Rebecca June Jenkins and husband Kenny, Hayes, Va., and Josie DiCesare and husband Leon, Greenville, N.C.; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and a special friend, Colleen M. Carawan. Doris was preceded in death by brothers Jack Ashbaugh and Dick Ashbaugh; and a sister, Betty Lou Weinke.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Engelhard Christian Church with Pastor Scott Sukeforth. The family suggests that memorials be directed to Community Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 130, Engelhard, NC 27824, or Hyde County Relay for Life, 7119 Sladesville-Credle Road, Scranton, NC 27875. Arrangements were by Bryan Funeral Home of Swan Quarter, N.C.

Martha Ann Hawley, 67, Vincennes, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2008 at her residence. She was born Sept. 28, 1940 in Johnston County, N.C. to William and Ethlene (Medlin) Johnson. She married Robert Lee Hawley in 1968, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1989. Martha graduated from Cleveland High School in 1958. She formerly owned and operated Valley Mobile Home Park, Peru, and was a member of Faith Community Church. Survivors include two sons, Shawn Hawley and wife Andrea, Vincennes, and Dane Hawley, Fort Wayne; a grandson, Stephen James Hawley, Vincennes; and a brother, Donald Johnson, North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Faith Community Church, 1480 Thunderbolt Drive, Grissom Aeroplex, with the Rev. Raleigh Adams officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Danny R. Phillipy, 59, Fairview, N.J., passed away on Tuesday, July 8, 2008. He was born Aug. 23, 1948 in Peru. He was a U.S. Marine who served in Viet Nam, and was working as a structural inspector for the Port Authority Trans Hudson in Jersey City, N.J. Beloved husband to Catherine (Pouchet) Phillipy; devoted father to Kyle and his wife Josephine, and Shane and wife Regina; cherished son to Patsy Jackson; dear brother to Sherry Elliot, Pam Poff and Scott Jackson; and loving grandfather to Massimo, Luca and Sofia.

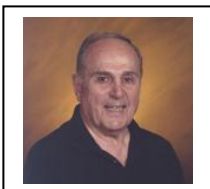
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 14, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Fairview, N.J. The family received friends Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the A.K. Macagna Funeral Home, 495 Anderson Ave., Cliffside Park, N.J. The family will receive friends at the graveside service at 2 p.m. on Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands. Local arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Judith Ann Hahn, 76, Caring Hands Health Campus in Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 6:35 p.m. Monday, July 14, 2008 at Caring Hands. She was born March 3, 1932 in Kokomo to Harry and Harriet (Hankins) Aaron. She graduated from Clay High School in 1949, and on Nov. 25, 1950 in Nead, she married Maurice Hahn, who survives. Judith was a member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church, Amboy, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, who was also a National Shuffleboard Champion.

Survivors besides her husband include her son, Mark Hahn and wife Cindy, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Teresa Stoner and husband Bryan, Kansas City, Mo.; granddaughters Stacy Hahn, Logansport, and Lindsey Shields and husband Coby, Muncie; a grandson, Aaron Stoner, Logansport; a granddaughter, Chelsie Stoner, Kansas City, Mo.; three brothers, Jack Aaron, Paul Aaron and Ronald Aaron; and a sister, Janet Timberman. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Aaron; and a sister, Betty Runk.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 East, Amboy, with Pastor Mark Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston. Memorials are suggested to McGrawsville United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, July 17, 2008



Robert Bernard Diehl, 85, Franklin, passed away on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 at the Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin. He was born on June 1, 1923 in Carrington, N.D. to Raymond G. and Anna (Iringher) Diehl. He married Mary June (Walsh) Diehl on May 17, 1947. Bob was a veteran of the Merchant Marines, serving during World War II. He was a 1947 graduate of Marquette University, and a mechanical engineer, retiring from the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry as director of building services. He also was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Franklin.

Survivors include four children, Kathleen A. Diehl, Franklin, Karen Diehl Bullington and husband Mike, Franklin, Robert T. Diehl and wife Janet, Mason, Ohio, and Thomas J. Diehl and wife Lisa, Valparaiso; two brothers, Raymond J. Diehl and wife Genevieve, and John G. Diehl and wife Charmaine; and grandchildren, David, Brian and Erin

Bullington, Lauren, Paige and Alec Diehl and Stephanie Gerbick. He was preceded in passing by his parents and his beloved wife, Mary June, on Feb. 12, 1989. Father Thomas Schliessmann will conduct a service on Friday at 9:30 a.m. at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. (U.S. 31 North) in Franklin. Friends may call on today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru at 3 p.m. on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Girl's Inc. of Franklin, 200 E. Madison St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Saturday, July 19, 2008



Richard "Sonny" Zimmerman, Tucson, Ariz., passed away on Monday, July 14, 2008 after many years of fighting cancer. He was born in Peru. He was a star basketball player and an amateur state golfer while in Indiana. He Attended USC in Los Angeles, Calif. on a basketball scholarship. He was a proud veteran of the Korean War. He worked in the family-owned businesses of retail sales and gourmet foods, until retiring 20 years ago to Tucson. He became a member of the Ventana Canyon Golf Club at that time. He is survived by his wife, Marlene; son Andy Zimmerman and wife Caroline, their children Alexandria and Jacqueline; son Ron; his sister-in-law, Ruth Rhett; and many loving, thoughtful and caring nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bud, and sister, Bobby. Many thanks go to the special treatment he received in the Radiology/Oncology Department at the Cancer Center, The Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center and Care Center and the 650 Adult Medical Unit at TMC. Services will be private.

A happy celebration of his life will take place later this year. All of his friends will see him watching them when they play a good round of golf. Arrangements have been entrusted to Angel Valley Funeral Home, Tucson, Ariz.



Dean W. Suma, 62, Peru, passed away at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2008 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born May 2, 1946 in Peru to Roy and Lois (Aukerman) Suma. He lived in Peru all his life. Dean graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. He retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after 32 years. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and VFW Lodge. He was an avid motorcycle rider and a member of the Gold Wing Motorcycle Association. In addition, he enjoyed snowmobile riding. Survivors include Rosie Bailey, his 20-year companion; and a brother, Jim Suma, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Larry Suma.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Chaplain Michael Morecraft officiating. Burial will be in Parklawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Monday until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lung Transplant Association.

James A. Carden, 77, Peru, passed away at 5:13 a.m. Thursday, July 17, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born May 4, 1931 in Peru to James A. and Nellie Estep Carden. He was raised by his grandparents, Arthur and Millie Estep. Jim married Phyllis Redmon at First Baptist Church Nov. 27, 1955, and she preceded him in death on March 30, 1982. Jim graduated from Peru High School in 1949 and served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal. He was employed as a Miami County deputy surveyor for many years, retiring in 2002. He took a great interest in many forms of aviation and for many years held a private pilot's license. He also was an avid model airplane builder and took great pleasure in attending various model airplane conventions throughout the country. Jim and his wife Phyllis lovingly raised two wonderful daughters. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of Faith Baptist Church where he served as both an elder and a deacon.

Survivors include his daughters, Lisa Dillon and husband Brad, Peru, and April Rosich and husband Ron, Carmel; three grandchildren, Ryan James Rosich, Elizabeth Nadine Rosich and Evan Carden Dillon; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Touloukian, Peru, Sherry Blair, Weatherford, Texas; and a brother-in-law, William Truitt, Peru.

A service celebrating the life of James A. Carden will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger 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 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to First Baptist Church.

Mildred Ann (Jones) Plothow, 89, Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Wabash Skilled Care Center. She was born in Peru on Nov. 15, 1918 to Albert and Clara E. (Gasper) Jones. She married Richard Eugene Plothow, and he preceded her in death on May 14, 1987. Mildred was a homemaker.

Survivors include five sons, Jerry L. Plothow and wife Sue, Peru, Jeffery S. Plothow, Peru; Jocques K. Plothow and wife Joan, Fort Wayne, K. Shawn Plothow, and Brett A. Plothow and wife Lori, all of Peru; two daughters, Kimberly S. Plothow, Peru, and Synda A. Lowe and husband Chris, Greensburg; and six grandchildren, Chad C., Miles C., Reese A., Jocquelyn N., Morgan P. and Patrick W. Mildred was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a brother, William Jones; a sister, Margaret Welch; and a grandson, Jason. A private funeral service was held for Mildred Ann Plothow on Friday, July 18, at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, with Deacon Truman Stevens officiating. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution may do so to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Monday, July 21, 2008

Marion A. Means, formerly of Peru, passed away at Davis Health Care Center in Wilmington, N. C., at 1:10 a.m. Saturday, July 19, 2008. He was 87. Marion was born August 31, 1920 in Onward, Ind., the son of George W. and Mae Babb Means, both of whom precede him in death. On March 16, 1947 Marion married Annabelle Eisenman Means in Peru. Annabelle died January 14, 1993. For 23 years Marion was a Tool and Die maker at Chrysler Corp., retiring on Aug. 31, 1982. He was an Onward High School graduate and served in the U.S. Navy, earning military decorations which include the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, African European Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. Marion attended Parkview United Methodist Church in Peru, and was also a member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge No.67 and the Knights of Pythias. Marion is survived by a son, Richard Means and his wife Jane of Davenport, Fla; a daughter, Becky Tomes and her husband Tony of Hampstead, N.C.; grandchildren Michael A. Tomes, Mark A. Tomes and his wife Tracy, Cassidy Clark, Stacey Krom and her husband Jerry, Derek Means and his wife Mary; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Margaret Pence and her husband Wayne of Peru; nieces Peggy Olson and her husband Craig, and Susie Hubler and her husband Charlie, all of Peru. Marion was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, daughter Patricia Clark, one brother and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 24 at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 South St. Rd. 19 in Peru. Reverend Tim Powers and Rev. J. Robert Clark will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Visitation for Marion will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. in Peru. A Masonic Service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to: Davis Health Care Center, American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008 - Monday, July 28, 2008

Carolyn S. Bruce, 67, Peru, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 2008, at her residence. She was born December 23, 1940 to Stanley and Bernice Facemeire Williams in Charleston, W. Va. On July 15, 1958, she married Phillipa "Buck" Bruce in Charleston, W. Va. He survives. A homemaker, Mrs. Bruce was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church in Bunker Hill. Survivors include her husband Phillipa "Buck" Bruce of Peru; sons Phillip E. "Sam" Bruce Jr. of Peru and Alan Bruce of Washington, D.C.; sisters Joann Sunday and Jane Oswalt, both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008, at the Free Will Baptist Church, 279 W. Broadway, Bunker Hill. Pastor Bill Sheets will officiate. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Oral Udene Kinzie, 94 of Logansport (formerly of the Twelve Mile area) passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor of Logansport. She was born in Toddville, Iowa on October 23, 1913 to Charles Louis and Irma (Boyd) Metheny. On February 22, 1941 she married Edward A. Kinzie and he preceded her in death on April 15, 2006. Mrs. Kinzie was a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church near Hoover. Survivors include two sons, Forrest Kinzie and his wife Anna Mae of Twelve Mile, and Eldon Kinzie and his wife Mildred of Logansport; two daughters, Julia Flora and husband Dennis of Peru, and Ellen Flick and husband Tom of West Manchester, Ohio; eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and ten step great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband Mrs. Kinzie was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Stanley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church near Hoover, with the Home Brethren officiating. Burial will follow services in the church cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, 2-8 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home in Denver. Family prayers will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.



Virginia Irene Reed, 88, of Twelve Mile passed away at 1:12 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2008 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Virginia was born on April 26, 1920 in Fulton County, Ind. She was the daughter of Omer and Hazel Rockey Zartman. On Oct. 3, 1942 she married Leonard D. Reed, and he preceded her in death on April 2, 1982. She was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women's Group, and over the years, she made many noodles and angel food cakes for the church's chicken noodle dinner. Survivors include a brother, Tom (Carolyn) Zartman, Rochester; and a sister, Velma Sue (Jim) Rigney, Rochester and several nieces and nephews. One brother, Von Zartman, preceded her in death. Funeral services will held at 11 a.m. on

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Fulton Cemetery in Fulton, Ind. Friends are invited to call from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2008 at McClain Funeral Home in Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Kaitlyn Angelia Wilson passed away July 26, 2008 at 1:08 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born to Johnny Wilson and Lora L. (Echelbarger) Wilson, both of whom survive and reside in Bunker Hill. Her grandparents: Jim and Olga Wilson of Bunker Hill, Allen and Juanita Echelbarger of Greentown, and Joe and Nancy Pierce of Kokomo; great-grandparents Anna

Tschiniak, Peru, Don and Barbera Echelbarger, Greentown and Bill Croddy of Kokomo; aunts Brianne Echelbarger, Greentown and Julie Wilson, Peru; uncles Jimmy (Mandy) Wilson, Peru, Ryan (Laurie) Shaffer, Greentown and Rod (Megan) Shaffer of Swayzee. Also surviving are cousins Morgan Wilson, McKenna Wilson and Madison Wilson. Kaitlyn's sisters, Kelsey Kinslow and Kendall Wilson also survive.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, July 29 at 11 a.m. with Pastor David Cox officiating at Sprindale Cemetery in Bunker Hill, Ind. There will be no visitation. Love offerings may be made to the Kaitlyn Angelia Wilson family through the Allen Funeral Home. Arrangements were made by Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill.

Berniece L. Piper, 102, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:40 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2008 at Life Care Center, Rochester. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008



L. Berniece Piper, 102, Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at 5:40 p.m. Monday, July 28, 2008 at Life Care Center, Rochester. For the past six months, she and her daughter, Mary Helen, have been residing at Wynnfield Crossing. She was born Dec. 9, 1905 in Economy to L. and Mabel Christopher Burnett. She married Frank Reeves Piper on New Year's Eve in 1921 in Richmond. He preceded her in death May 1, 1981.

In 1924, they moved to Peru and raised their children, Mary Helen and Bud. Berniece was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as worthy matron. From 1975 through 2005, Berniece wintered in Vero Beach, Fla. and attended Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church.

While she worked at the courthouse county clerk's office and treasurer's office as well as the Indiana Department of Licensing after her family was raised, at heart she was a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She was an inspired cook and wholeheartedly enjoyed the song of a bird, a beautiful sunset and a moonlit night.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Helen (Piper) Wells, Rochester; five grandchildren, Christine Wells, Rochester, Sandra Koerner and husband William Patrick, Jeffersonville, Mary Melinda Piper Perry, Sherrill, N.Y., David Reeves Piper, Mount Vernon, Wash., and Lisa J. Piper, Macungie, N.Y.; four great-grandchildren, Cali Marie Koerner Morrison and husband Bryan, Christopher "Kit" Koerner, all of Belgrade, Mont., Elizabeth Wells Honeycutt, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and M. Michelle Perry, Sherrill, N.Y.; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Piper, Scotia, N.Y.; a niece, Dianne Ducar Wieland, Bellingham, Mass.; a nephew, Charles P. Ducar, San Diego, Calif.; three great-nieces; five great-nephews; four great-great-nieces and four great-great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Arthur E. "Bud" Piper; and a sister, Mary Louise Burnett Ducar.

A service celebrating the life of L. Berniece Piper will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church or the Salvation Army.



Stanley C. Wilkison, 60, Denver, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008 at his residence. He was born Nov. 26, 1947 in Peru to Ben and Wanda (Glassburn) Wilkison, and lived in the area all his life. He married Connie Hoagland, and she survives. Stanley graduated from North Miami High School and was a member of IOOF Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, AMOS (Fort Wayne) and the SAL at the American Legion in Peru. He was a self-employed painter. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Chili; three step-sons, Dennis Van Arsdale and wife Angie, Mark Van Arsdale, all of Logansport, and Thomas Van Arsdale, Mississippi; a brother, Kenneth Wilkison, Chili; a sister, April Stephens and husband Roger,

Battle Creek, Mich.; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Gary Wilkison, who was killed in Afghanistan June 11, 2008. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor Tim Walker officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008/Thursday, July 31, 2008



Betty Ann Odum, 86, Indianapolis, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Monday, July 28, 2008 at Forest Creek Village, Indianapolis. She was born March 27, 1922 in Peru to David B. and Anna L. (Wey) Odum. Betty was a state employee in the Criminal Justice Department, retiring in 1989. Survivors include 14 nieces and nephews, including David Odum and Jane Helm, both of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, William Odum. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter & Paul Cathedral Chapel, 1347 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, with the Rev. Julian Peters, OSB, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A graveside committal service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the church. Memorial

contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Lloyd I. Granger, 92, Peru, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born March 10, 1916 in Ashland, Neb. to Clyde D. and Esther M. (Austin) Granger. He married Evan L. Wilkinson April 27, 1946, and she survives. Mr. and Mrs. Granger were former owners and operators of the Dairy Queen on West Main Street in Peru. They built it and opened it in 1949. Lloyd served in the U.S. Army Military Police from June 26, 1941 to Oct. 31, 1945. Survives besides his wife include several nieces, nephews and two sisters-in-law, Betty Barr and Dorothy Wilkinson, both of Moline, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday at Esterdahl Funeral Home, 6601 38th Ave., Moline, Ill., with Pastor Steve Wilkinson officiating. Burial will be in National Cemetery, Rock Island, Ill. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Local arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Thursday, July 31, 2008/ Friday, August 01, 2008

Richard J. Vrooman, 85, Peru, passed away at 11:18 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. He was born Dec. 11, 1922 in Wabash to LaVon E. and Rose A. Schmidt Vrooman. He married Jean Hiteshew Campbell Oct. 11, 1996 in Peru, and she survives. Richard graduated from Peru High School in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the Philippine Liberation Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and Meritorious Unit Award. He also was a landscaper with American Landscaping and a member of New Waverly United Methodist Church. Survivors besides his wife include two stepsons, Larry Campbell and wife Mary, Copperas Cove, Texas, and Patrick Campbell and wife Teresa, Kokomo; a stepdaughter, Kay Bacho and husband Kenneth, Lakewood, Ohio; a stepdaughter-in-law, Betty Jo Campbell, Logansport; a sister, Dorothy Holton, Wabash; a sister-in-law, Betty Vrooman, Peru; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Jerry Campbell; a sister, Vivian; a great-grandson; and two brothers, Arthur and William Vrooman. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Bob Peach officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash, with a graveside service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Saturday until time of services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice.

Friday, August 01, 2008

Janice A. "Arlene" Vassey, 73 passed away at 6:18 a.m. July 30, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Janice was born June 7, 1935 in Grass Creek, Ind., to William Ray and Goldie (Nickals) Siddall. In 1955, she married Larry J. Vassey, who survives. In 1999, Janice retired from Square D. Company and was active in the Moose Lodge as well as the Dukes Hospital Auxiliary. Janice is also survived by her three children: Jeffrey A. Vassey, of Sarasota, Fla., Kevin J. Vassey, of Marshalltown, Iowa and Chylena Woodsmall (husband Donnie), also of Marshalltown, Iowa. A sister, Jean Higgins, also survives as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her parents, a brother, Robert Dale Siddall and one sister, Maryella Godfroy, also preceded her in death. A memorial service for Janice will be Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Friends may call Saturday from noon until the time of the service at Flowers-Leedy, located at 105 W. Third St. in Peru. Memorials may be made to Dukes Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Saturday, August 02, 2008

Alice B. Tomten, of Burlington, Wisc., passed away at 3:40 a.m. on July 31, 2008 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born Sept. 21, 1923 in Mindoro, Wisc., to Bert Mikkelsen and Lillian (Larson) Mikkelsen. On April 29, 1945, she married Walter Tomten, who passed away in 1994. Together, they had two children: Nancy Briner, of Peru, and Burton Tomten, of Chicago. Both survive. Three grandchildren: Sheila Briner, Harold Briner and Joel Briner, as well as six great-grandchildren, Tina, Tiffany, Kevin, Amber, Harold and Krystal also survive. A sister, Rubye Hetland, of Mindoro, Wisc., also survives. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a sister, Laura Stetz. Funeral services will be Monday, Aug. 4, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Hasse Funeral Home, Twin Lakes, Wisc. Burial will take place in Mound Prairie Cemetery in Twin Lakes, Wisc. Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from noon until the time of the service. Local arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Lorne J. Doud, 92, Wabash, passed away Friday, Aug. 1, 2008 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. He was born Nov. 1, 1915 in Richland Township to Lorenzo V. and Elba (Reed) Doud. He married the late Betty M. Shortz on June 30, 1945 in Medaryville. She preceded him in death Feb. 8, 2002. Lorne was a member of Roann United Methodist Church where he was in the choir for many years, the Hanna Masonic Lodge and the Purdue University Band and the Varsity Glee Club. He and his wife owned and operated Doud Orchards in Miami County near Roann and north of Chili on State Road 19. Lorne served on the Indiana Horticultural Society executive committee from 1939 to 1953. He served as president of the society from 1948 to 1949. He was one of the first nurseryman in America, beginning in 1940, to produce apple trees on the

East Malling dwarfing rootstocks. Lorne helped found the Midwest Dwarf Fruit Tree Association; later it became the International Dwarf Tree Association. He served on its board of directors from 1958 to 1976 and as president from 1964 to 1965. In 1977 he received the Indiana Horticultural Society Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife received two Hoosier Homestead Awards for having two farms in the same family for 100 years or more. He and his wife traveled to Europe four times to study European fruit growing - mainly dwarf varieties.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Doud and wife Connie, and David Doud and wife Valerie, both of Wabash; a daughter, Diane Miller and husband Greg, Carrollton, Ohio; three granddaughters, Emma Doud, Cambridge, Mass., Theresa Doud, Greencastle, and Amy Miller, Carrollton, Ohio; and three grandsons, Michael Doud, West Lafayette, Quinn Miller and Colin Miller, both of Carrollton, Ohio. Lorne is preceded in death by his wife and a sister, Kathleen J. Poole.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa, Roann, with the Rev. Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Roann United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Midwest Apple Improvement Association. The memorial guest book for Lorne may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Terry Lee Burns, 59, North Manchester, passed away at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2008 at his residence. He was born Dec. 7, 1948 in Peru to William J. and Helen T. (Schumacher) Burns. He married Janice (Blackburn) Burns Nov. 12, 2004, and she survives. Terry retired from BKB in North Manchester. He also was a member of the American Legion 286 and Moose Lodge 1518, both of North Manchester.

Survivors besides his wife include two step-daughters, Frances Stouffer and husband Roger, Lagro, and Linda Miller and husband Mike, North Manchester; a step-son, Max Picco Jr. and wife Pat, Clarksville, Tenn.; a nephew, Scott Cooper; a sister, Carol Sue Cooper and husband Dale, Lagro; seven step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with the Rev. J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Terry Lee Burns family through the funeral home.

Mary Evelyn Itin, 80, West Lafayette, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2008, at University Place Health Care Center. She was born on Nov. 2, 1927, in Irving, Ky., to the late C.D. and Ruth (Samples) Gross. Evelyn was raised in Irving, Ky., later moving to Peru, where she finished high school. She then moved to South Bend, where she met Bruno Itin. They were married on Aug. 20, 1955 in West Lafayette. One week later she and Bruno opened Bruno's Pizza in West Lafayette. He preceded her in death on May 27, 2006. She was a member of Church of the Blessed Sacrament in West Lafayette. Evelyn marked many years at Bruno's Swiss Inn while raising her family. She enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling and winters in Florida in later years. She especially enjoyed Sunday afternoons with her granddaughters. She would teach them cooking skills.

Surviving are her three children, Orlando H. Itin, Bruno A. Itin and wife Karen, and Tina M. Wisma and husband Mike, all of West Lafayette; a sister, Atha "Toots" Eddings, Fort Wayne; a brother, Frank Gross, College Corner, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Ermida Itin, Lafayette; and six granddaughters, Krista L. Itin, Fishers, Holly A. Itin, Noelle Itin, Angela Itin, Ashlia Wisma and Alexa Wisma, all of West Lafayette. Evelyn was preceded in death by a daughter, Heidi A. Itin, three sisters and a brother.

Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament, with Father David Buckles officiating. Interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. The family of Evelyn Itin would like to thank all of the staff at University Place for their care and concern throughout her illnesses. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Heart Association. Soller-Baker Funeral Home, Lafayette, was entrusted with care. For more information, visit www.soller-baker.com.

Sunday, August 03, 2008



Ricky Lee Townsend, 48, Yukon, Okla., passed away Thursday, July 31, 2008 in Oklahoma City. He was born May 13, 1960 in Peru to Richard and Carol (Hartleroad) Townsend, and had been living in Yukon since 1998. Ricky was employed as a truck driver for Schwarz Ready Mix Concrete in Yukon, and had previously worked 13 years for Dayton Tires. He enjoyed his family and spending time with his grandchildren. Ricky also enjoyed traveling and being involved in outdoor activities. Survivors include his wife Julie; a son, Dustin Townsend and step-son, Cody Macklin, both at home; a daughter, Tanya Machado and husband Lorenzo, Moore, Okla.; two brothers, Robin Townsend, Arcadia, Okla., and Kerry Townsend, Peru; a sister, Teresa Miller and husband Mark, Logansport; two grandchildren, Alyssa and Lorenzo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death

by his parents and brother, Randy Townsend. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in the chapel of Smith and Turner Mortuary, Yukon, Okla.

Mary Evelyn Itin, 80, West Lafayette, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2008, at University Place Health Care Center. She was born on Nov. 2, 1927, in Irving, Ky., to the late C.D. and Ruth (Samples) Gross. Evelyn was raised in Irving, Ky., later moving to Peru, where she finished high school. She then moved to South Bend, where she met Bruno Itin. They were married on Aug. 20, 1955 in West Lafayette. One week later she and Bruno opened Bruno's Pizza in West Lafayette. He preceded her

in death on May 27, 2006. She was a member of Church of the Blessed Sacrament in West Lafayette. Evelyn marked many years at Bruno's Swiss Inn while raising her family. She enjoyed reading, cooking, traveling and winters in Florida in later years. She especially enjoyed Sunday afternoons with her granddaughters. She would teach them cooking skills. Surviving are her three children, Orlando H. Itin, Bruno A. Itin and wife Karen, and Tina M. Wisma and husband Mike, all of West Lafayette; a sister, Atha "Toots" Eddings, Fort Wayne; a brother, Frank Gross, College Corner, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Ermida Itin, Lafayette; and six granddaughters, Krista L. Itin, Fishers, Holly A. Itin, Noelle Itin, Angela Itin, Ashlia Wisma and Alexa Wisma, all of West Lafayette. Evelyn was preceded in death by a daughter, Heidi A. Itin, three sisters and a brother. Mass of Christian Burial is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Blessed Sacrament, with Father David Buckles officiating. Interment to follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. The family of Evelyn Itin would like to thank all of the staff at University Place for their care and concern throughout her illnesses. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Heart Association. Soller-Baker Funeral Home, Lafayette, was entrusted with care. For more information, visit www.soller-baker.com.

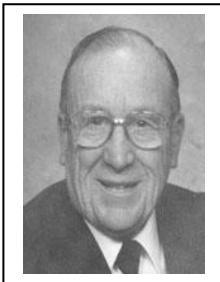
Monday, August 04, 2008



Charlene G. Hattery, 87, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 11:14 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 at her residence. She was born March 24, 1921 in Peru to Walter and Idella (Working) Gable. She married Charles E. Hattery June 7, 1942, and he preceded her in death Aug. 17, 2005. Charlene graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. She also was a homemaker.

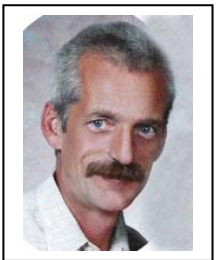
Survivors include two daughters, Carol A. Zumwalt and husband Larry, and Jodi Kotterman, all of Peru; four grandchildren, Kimberly A. Zumwalt, Rachel R. Zumwalt, Nathan C. Kotterman and Sarah J. Kotterman; and a brother, Richard Gable, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother; a sister, a granddaughter, Laura A. Kotterman; and a daughter, Linda Sue Hattery. Private graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Praise & Worship Center and/or Main Street United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.



Herschel L. Maus, 88, a resident of Blair Ridge, Peru, and formerly of Denver and Kokomo, passed away at 12:10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. He was born Jan. 20, 1920 in Miami County to Lyman and Fern Murphy Maus. On June 5, 1976 in Fulton, he was married to Gwendolyn "Gwen" Robert Shoemaker at the home of the Rev. George Hapner. On July 20, 1985 he was preceded in death by his first wife Bernice "Bunny" F. Farner, to whom he was married in 1947. Mr. Maus was a member of Deedsville United Methodist Church and was a 1938 graduate of Deedsville High School. He retired as a mechanic from Public Service Indiana in 1982 and had spent many years farming in the Denver community. Survivors include a son, Steven A. Maus and wife, Linda, Russiaville; one daughter, Beverly West and husband Chris, Missouri; two grandsons, Justin Maus, Kokomo and Andy Maus, Arcadia; one brother-in-law, Malcolm Shoemaker and wife Joan,

Denver; and two sisters-in-law, Marsha Steele and husband Ray, Wabash, and Connie Hunt and husband Doyal, Peru. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. George Hapner and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends are invited to call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. - also Tuesday, August 05, 2008



Timothy "Tim" C. O'Reilly, 46, Kokomo, passed away at 12:51 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Howard County. He was born May 3, 1962 in Durand, Wis. to Dennis and JoAnn (Hoesly) O'Reilly. He married Sandra (Shrock) O'Reilly June 25, 1982 in Lawrence Township, Marion County, and she survives. Tim had been partner and operator for Shrock's Dri Gas for the last 19 years. Survivors besides his wife include a brother, Mike O'Reilly, Hemlock; four sisters, Colleen O'Reilly, Anderson, Peggy Lukacsko and husband Jim, Frankfort, Ky., Kathy Kubiack and husband Randy, San Prebro, Calif., Erin Fifield and husband Pat, Lexington, Ky.; his father-in-law, Ken Shrock; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, a brother, Patrick; a brother-in-law, Rick Shrock; and his mother-in-law, Vi Shrock.

A celebration of Tim's life will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Meridian Street Christian Church, 205 N. Meridian St., Greentown, with Pastor Bruce Mumaw officiating. A private burial inurnment will be in Shrock Cemetery. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Meridian Street Christian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International. Arrangements are being handled by Hasler - Stout Funeral Home, Greentown. Online condolences can be made at www.hasler-stout.com.

Irene J. Carbone, 89, formerly of Peru, passed away at 3:35 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008, at Orchard Creek Nursing Home, Traverse City, Mich. She was born June 10, 1919 in Peru to Joseph M. and Rose M. Fortuna Carbone. A retired Wabash Valley Bank & Trust Company employee, Irene was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar & Rosary Society and Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include a sister, Ann Cannon, Traverse City, Mich.; a niece, Mary DeGrazia and husband

Gerald, Williamsburg, Mich.; two nephews, Dean Carbone and wife Linda, Indianapolis, and Michael Carbone, Allentown, Penn. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and one brother. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at noon Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Michigan.



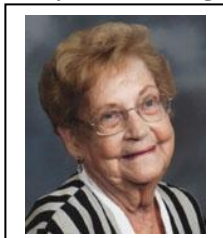
Lorne J. Doud, 92, Wabash, passed away Friday, Aug. 1, 2008 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. He was born Nov. 1, 1915 in Richland Township to Lorenzo V. and Elba (Reed) Doud. He married the late Betty M. Shortz on June 30, 1945 in Medaryville. She preceded him in death Feb. 8, 2002. Lorne was a member of Roann United Methodist Church where he was in the choir for many years, the Hanna Masonic Lodge and the Purdue University Band and the Varsity Glee Club. He and his wife owned and operated Doud Orchards in Miami County near Roann and north of Chili on State Road 19. Lorne served on the Indiana Horticultural Society executive committee from 1939 to 1953. He served as president of the society from 1948 to 1949. He was one of the first nurseryman in America, beginning in 1940, to produce apple trees on the East Malling dwarfing rootstocks. Lorne helped found the Midwest Dwarf Fruit Tree Association; later it became the International Fruit Tree Association. He served on its board of directors from 1958 to 1976 and as president from 1964 to 1965. In 1977 he

received the Indiana Horticultural Society Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife received two Hoosier Homestead Awards for having two farms in the same family for 100 years or more. He and his wife traveled to Europe four times to study European fruit growing - mainly dwarf varieties. Survivors include two sons, Steven Doud and wife Connie, and David Doud and wife Valerie, both of Wabash; a daughter, Diane Miller and husband Greg, Carrollton, Ohio; three granddaughters, Emma Doud, Cambridge, Mass., Theresa Doud, Greencastle, and Amy Miller, Carrollton, Ohio; and three grandsons, Michael Doud, West Lafayette, Quinn Miller and Collin Miller, both of Carrollton, Ohio. Lorne is preceded in death by his wife and a sister, Kathleen J. Poole.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa, Roann, with the Rev. Rick Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Roann United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund or Midwest Apple Improvement Association. The memorial guest book for Lorne may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Tuesday, August 05, 2008

Daisy Louise Berg, 77, Peru, our loving mother went to be with the Lord at 4:07 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008. She was born July 25, 1931 in Zoe, Ky. to Ollie and Etta (Morefield) Johnson. In July 1968, she married Donald K. Berg. He preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2003. Louise was a retired beautician and her shop was previously located for many years at 18 E. Canal. She retired previous to her lung transplant in September of 1997. Louise enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. She attended Peru First Baptist Church when her health would allow and would always watch Sunday morning worship on television. She is survived by her children, William (Marita Kay) Yentes, Kingston, Okla., Linda (John) Rodgers, John Yentes, Beverly (Jerry) Betzner-Mallow, all of Peru. Louise loved and enjoyed 12 grandchildren: Michell Roland, Nicole Yentes, Lisa Crawford, Robert Chumbley, Bret Rodgers, Kelly Adkins, Jamie



Yentes, Jason Yentes, Ben Gustin, Ryan Betzner, Michael Mallow and Lisa Fleener, and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to Barnes Jewish Hospital of St. Louis Lung Transplant Office. also Tuesday, August 05, 2008



John L. Dedman, 86, Converse, passed away at 1:10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Marion with his wife and son by his side. He was born Sept. 2, 1921 in Craighead County, Ark. to William Olin and Alice Baxter Dedman. On Sept. 20, 1941, he married Jewell Taylor Dedman in Jonesboro, Ark. She survives. John and his wife, Jewell, owned and operated Dedman's Mobile Home Park for 28 years. He was also co-owner of Dedman & Son Plumbing and a member of the Converse IOOF. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jewell Dedman, Converse; two daughters, Peggy Doxtater and husband Bobby, Carriere, Miss., and Patsy Davis and husband Adron, Jalapa; a son, Sherman

Dedman and wife Latha, Converse; six grandchildren and multiple great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael Dedman; six brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. Robert Preusz officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Rosanna Becker, 83, a lifelong Peru resident, passed away at 4:05 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, 2008 at the Sanctuary at St. Paul's in Mishawaka. She was born Jan. 6, 1925 in Peru to Joseph and Ann Haan Dorsam. She married Joseph R. Becker at St. Charles Catholic Church on Oct. 19, 1946, and he preceded her in death May 28, 1975. Rosie graduated from Peru High School in 1942 and was executive secretary of the Miami County Unit of the American Red Cross from 1978 to 1987. She was active in the Literary Program, drove for Meals on Wheels and was busy as an Avon representative for 30 years. She was a talented, strong woman of faith. Rosie loved her family, gardening, reading and music. She also enjoyed her pet dogs, Henry and Daisy-May, and the USO dances at the base during World War II.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Jo Sharp and husband Randy, Colon, Mich., Rita Siders and husband Wil, Peru, and Jane Bennett and husband Larry, South Bend; a son, Daniel Becker and wife Michele, Glenview, Ill.; a sister, Mary Jo Yentes and husband Johnny, Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Betty Dorsam, Peru; nine grandchildren, Shannon, Theresa, Erin, Ann Marie, Joe, Joan, Sarah, Julia and Robert; and five great-grandchildren, Connor, Logan, Taylor, Michael and Thomas. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Lt. Joseph Becker of the U.S. Navy; and three brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Rosanna Becker will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with Msgr. Robert L. Sell officiating. Burial will take place in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Hollis Branson Babb, 86, Lucerne, passed away Sunday morning, Aug. 3, 2008 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born June 5, 1922 in Anoka to Willard N. and Esta E. Turnpaugh Babb. On June 2, 1944 in Wabash, he was married to A. Pauline Doran, and she survives. He attended Bethlehem United Methodist Church near Twelve Mile and was a member of American Legion, Post 60 in Logansport. He was co-owner of B & S Transport, retiring in 1986 and was a United States Navy Veteran serving in World War II.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Richard Lee Babb and wife Bev, Logansport, and Michael Joe Babb and wife Donna, Twelve Mile; one daughter, Dianna Anderson and husband Don, Lucerne; grandchildren, Dick Babb and wife Tonia, Lafayette, Dan Babb and wife Jennifer, Florida, Mark Babb and wife Mary, Twelve Mile, Michaela Slisher and husband Bryan, Fulton, Monte Babb and wife Jana, Kokomo, Holly Grostefon and husband Doug, Brookston, and Barrie See and wife Susie, and Brook See and wife Tina, all of Twelve Mile; and 19 great grandchildren. One brother, Junior Niles Babb, and one sister, Norma Jean Lane, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bethlehem United Methodist Church Roof Fund.

Wednesday, August 06, 2008

George L. Dawald Jr., 83, rural Roann, passed away at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Dec. 31, 1924 in Miami County to George L. and Mary Floy (Gray) Dawald Sr. George married Betty Lou Conner in Indianapolis on Feb. 29, 1948. In 2004, they were awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award for having a farm in the same family 100 years. He was a 1942 graduate of Gilead High School, a farmer, a real estate salesman and broker, and co-owner of Dawald Realty in Peru. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as a paratrooper with the 81st and 101st Airborne Divisions stationed in Europe during World War II. He also was a member of the Wabash American Legion and the Macy Masonic Lodge. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Mary Lou Scholz and husband Ron, Crawfordsville; a son, Timothy George Dawald, Roann; a granddaughter, Haley Scholz, Crawfordsville; a sister, Marigold Lowe, Twelve Mile; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dick Dawald, who passed away in 2004, and Marx Dawald who passed away in 1977. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Enterprise Cemetery, rural Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to the Roann Fire Department. The memorial guest book for George may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Lois A. Reyburn, 79, Walton, passed away at 10:40 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, 2008 at her home in Walton. She was born June 10, 1929 in Cass County to Ralph and Mildred (Jackson) Cook. She married Francis Ray Reyburn May 29, 1948 in Cass County, and he preceded her in death April 19, 1990. Lois retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo Oct. 1, 1989 with 32 years of service. She also was a member of the Deer Creek Do-Ettes Home Ec Club for 23 years and enjoyed bird watching, camping, sewing, traveling and was an avid doll maker. Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Varelli, Galveston; three sons, Timothy Reyburn and wife Sherri, Peru, Kim Reyburn and wife Shirl, Russiaville, and Larry Reyburn and wife Melissa, Macy; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Karleen; two brothers, David and William Cook; and a sister, Bonnie Murray.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Larry Zehring officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in care of Bona Vista programs for Westdale Group Home and Michael Leicht. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Beverly J. "Jane" Jaberg, 70, Peru, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008 at her residence. She was born Jan. 6, 1938 in Peru to Jerald and Phyllis (Hines) McCreary. She married John W. Jaberg Aug. 30, 1957, and he survives. Beverly was a homemaker, attended Skinner Worship Chapel and was a member of the Red Hats Society. She also sold Avon for 13 years, loved being with her family and friends and reading, cooking and crocheting.

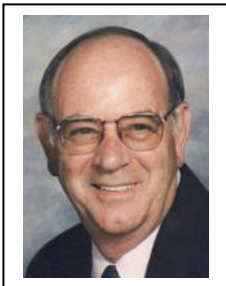
Survivors besides her husband include a son, John Bryan Jaberg and wife Lana, Peru; two daughters, Brenda Zell and husband Brett, Walton, and Laura Lee Golder, Peru; three grandchildren, Nicholas Jaberg, Christopher Jaberg and Brandon Zell; three step-grandchildren, P. Daniel Thiry and wife Jennie, Charity L. Knoy and husband Brian and Doug Golder and wife Mary; four step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Joe McCreary and wife Diane, Mississippi; a sister, Connie Jones and husband Bruce, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Kay Schrader.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Skinner Worship Chapel Church, Cass County, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Take U.S. 31 north to Indiana 16, go west approximately three miles and the church is on the left-hand side just into Cass County. Burial will be in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services at the church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. – also Thursday, August 07, 2008

Thursday, August 07, 2008

Dennis M. Krause, 48, Los Angeles, Calif. passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 in Los Angeles. He was born Nov. 7, 1959 in Indianapolis to Leland and Eleanor Jean (Barnum) Krause. Dennis was a 1978 graduate of Maconaquah High School and a self-employed construction worker. Survivors include his mother Eleanor in Peru; a brother, Dan Krause and wife Cherie, Baltimore, Md.; a sister, Denise Mirkowski and husband Klaudis, West Lafayette; and four nieces and nephews, Erin Krause, Lauren Krause, Zak Mirkowski and Claudia Mirkowski. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David Lee Krause. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Manfred Fremder officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Saturday from noon until time of service at the funeral home.

Friday, August 08, 2008



Truman L. Nordman, 75, Akron, passed away at his residence at 10:54 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008 after a three-year illness. He was born Oct. 17, 1932 in Disko to Adolph and Iva (Bolinger) Nordman. He married Doris L. (Hudson) Nordman on Jan. 16, 1955 at Olive Branch Church of God. Truman was a resident of Akron for 20 years, moving to Akron from Roann. He graduated from Gilead High School in 1950 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, earning the Korean Service Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. He owned and operated Nordman Buildings, Inc. in Roann. He then worked ten years at LAU Industries in Rochester, and retired in 1998. After his retirement he worked part-time as a funeral assistant at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, and enjoyed fishing as a pastime. He was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors besides his wife include three children, Phillip Nordman and wife Cheryl, Wabash, Peggy Owens and husband Dean, Mexico, and Craig Nordman and wife Bobbie, Amboy; four brothers, Wayne Nordman and wife Earlene, Roann, Frank Nordman and wife Barbara, Wabash, Paul Nordman and wife Virginia, Lebanon, and Johnson Nordman and wife Carol, Kokomo; a sister-in-law, Ruth Nordman, Silver Lake; seven grandchildren, Lyndi (Jay) Lancaster, Kimberly (Matt) Bentley, Jon Christopher Nordman, Kristoffer Owens, Elizabeth Holms, Steven (Nicole) Nordman and Dustin Nordman; and seven great-grandchildren, Anthony Hubartt, Bayley Lancaster, Braxton Holms, Madisyn Nordman, Preston Holms, Delaney Bentley and Jaxtin Holms. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lois Teeter and Novella Nordman; and a brother, Adolph (Junior) Nordman.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with the Reverend Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences to the family may be made at earllovefh@gmail.com.

Monday, August 11, 2008/ Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Esther Gochenour, of Rossville, Ind., died at her daughter's residence in Wauseon, Ohio at 10:35 a.m. on Aug. 8, 2008 after a brief battle with cancer. She was 72. She was born in Hicksville, Ohio on April 6, 1936, the daughter of Joseph and Amanda (Harding) Briskey. She married John D. Gochenour on Sept. 10, 1955. He survives. In the late 1970s through the early 1980s, she was the owner of Gochenour Upholstery in Pettisville, Ohio and was the co-owner of Wauseon Shoe Repair in Wauseon. In the late 1980s and into the 1990s, she moved to Rossville, Ind., and was co-owner of John's Shoe Repair in Lafayette, Ind., until she retired. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Julia D. Schroeder, of Wauseon, Ohio; and three sons: Rick and Connie Gochenour, of Fayette, Ohio, John Jr. and Natalie Gochenour, of Fayette, Ohio and Greg and RaeAnn

Gochenour of Frankfort, Ind., one foster daughter, Deb and Terry Gault, of Wauseon, Ohio, 11 grandchildren (Jason, Matthew, Shawn, Andrew, Brian, Sarah, Matthew, Luke, Abigail, Jeremy and Justin) and two great-grandchildren (Ethan and Ruth). Two brothers, Elmer and Kay Briskey, Fortville, Ind., and Raymond and Ilene Briskey of Rockville, Ind., also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Raymond Lee Gochenour, two sisters: Lydia Yoder and Barbara Beachey and three brothers: Bill Briskey, Wilmer Briskey and Dan Briskey.

Funeral services for Esther will be Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, at 10 a.m. Pastor Owen Mason will officiate with burial to follow at Mast Cemetery in Howard County. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon's. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Johanna "Jo" L. Kendall, 77, Amboy, passed away at 12:50 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008 at her residence. She was born Dec. 20, 1930 in Peru to John W. and Helen (Benedict) Sarver. She married Kenneth Kendall Aug. 4, 1948, and he survives. She had lived in Amboy since 1956. Johanna retired from Crop Maker-Soil Service, North Grove, and was an Avon representative for many years. She also was a member of the Kokomo Kennel Club, co-owner of Greentown Obedience Training, the driving force behind research and registry for a skin disease in poodle dogs, a member of the Afghan Hound Club of Kokomo and a dog and animal lover.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Jan Kendall, Peru; a daughter, Cynthia Lahr and husband Don, Marion; two grandchildren, Joshua Shepherd and wife Kim, Amboy, and Stacy Tiffany and husband Scott, Las Vegas, Nev.; and four great-grandchildren, Kateleen and Chase Shepherd, and Bryce and Kendall Tiffany.

Private services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Kendall Cemetery, Miami County. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kokomo Humane Society.



Dorothy E. "Precious" Clemons, 40, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Aug. 10, 2008 at her residence following an extended illness. She was born Jan. 31, 1968 in San Bernardino, Calif. to Lewis and Dorothy M. (Litman) Dennis. She was a phone room supervisor for American Stationery, a member of the Peru First Brethren Church and VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Survivors include her mother in Peru; three nephews, Voshon, Jamal and Parker Dennis; a niece, Shyla Dennis; and two brothers, Lewis Dennis, North Mankato, Minn., and Elijah Dennis and wife Christy, Des Moines, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her father. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor John Ragle officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family.

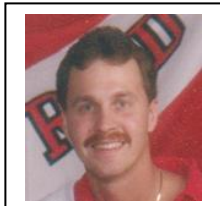


Wanda Kay (Slusser) Brigance, 47, Peru, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 12:57 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, 2008, in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Dec. 20, 1960 in Logansport to Russell Wayne Slusser and Audrey Kay (Lantz) Ray. Wanda graduated from Logansport High School in 1979 and was on the dean's list at Ivy Tech. She was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 3790 and the American Legion Auxiliary Post 418. She enjoyed crafts, music, flower and helping people. She also enjoyed fishing. Survivors include her mother, Audrey Ray, Logansport; her father and step-mother, Russell and Leona Slusser, Denver; one son, David Wayne Brigance, Logansport; a special friend, Eugene Helton, Peru; one step-brother, Jerry Hetzner and wife Julie, Kempton; one step-niece; one step-nephew; and several uncles, aunts and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Joshua Bault

officiating. Private burial will be in Clymers Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of services, where a VFW Ladies Auxiliary service will be held at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Wanda online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com

Ralph A. Musselman, 87, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008 at Caring Hands, Peru. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with burial to follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County with military graveside rites. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Thursday, August 14, 2008/ Friday, August 15, 2008/ Saturday, August 16, 2008



Gary Wayne Ridgeway, 41, Wabash, passed away at 8:35 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born July 21, 1967 in Wabash to Myron and Linda (Miller) Ridgeway. He married Teresa Wells in Wabash on Oct. 5, 1991, and she survives. Gary was a 1985 Southwood High School graduate. He was the manager and future owner of Wabash Portable Equipment, where he has worked since 1983. He attended the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Wabash, and was a member of the Online Christian Racing League. He enjoyed hunting, NASCAR, and especially enjoyed spending time with his daughter Makayla. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Makayla Renee

Ridgeway, Wabash; his parents in Andrews; a sister, Paula Whiting and husband Keith, North Manchester; a brother, Les Ridgeway and wife Dana, Milford; and his parents-in-law, Marvin and Glenda Wells, Danville, Ill. Funeral services will be held at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. The preferred memorial is his daughter, Makayla Ridgeway Education Fund. The memorial guest book for Gary may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Monday, August 18, 2008

Makayla Ann Dexter, 18 months, Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away at 12:57 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at Lebonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee. She was born January 25, 2007 in Honolulu, Hawaii to Mark Cory and Shalana Garretson Dexter. Makayla's father, Mark Cory Dexter, is in the U. S. Navy, stationed at Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Okane DDG 77. Survivors include Makayla's parents, Mark Cory and Shalana Dexter of Honolulu, Hawaii; paternal grandparents Sunday Hughes of Peru and Mark Dexter of Bunker Hill; paternal great-grandparents Janet and John Riggle of Peru and Nancy and Jerry Richardson of Bunker Hill; maternal grandparents Martha McGowan, Peru, and Ernest Garretson of Peru; maternal great-grandmother Sarah Brownlee of Peru; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., with Pastor John Thomas and Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2008, at the funeral home.



Samuel M. Murphy, 40 of Roann, passed away at 8:52 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2008 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 24, 1968 in Peru, to David P. and Grace Dalton Murphy. He married Lynda Struck in St. Augustine, Fla. on July 27, 2007, and she survives. Sam graduated from Peru High School in 1986, then attended Indiana State University, and received his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University. He was employed as a trainmaster for CSX Transportation. Sam attended Main Street United Methodist Church, and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. Survivors include his wife Lynda; his mother, Grace Murphy of Peru; sons Hunter Musselman, Colton Musselman, and Kaleb Murphy; daughters Savannah Musselman and Delaney

Murphy; siblings Mary Figert of Roann; Dave and Beth Murphy of Fort Wayne; Tim and Patty Murphy of Bennetts Switch; Pat and Darcee Murphy of Jacksonville, Fla.; Anne and Dave Howard of Sevierville, Tenn.; Jane and Wayne Mannies of Peru; Tom Murphy and Mark Redmond of Knoxville, Tenn.; Kevin and Tammy Murphy of Peru; and Jim and Leslie Murphy of Peru. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his father. A service celebrating the life of Samuel M. Murphy will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 18, 2008 at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 West Main, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Sunday, August 17, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Samuel Murphy Children's Trust Fund.

Monday, August 18, 2008



Anne Guyer, 80, Peru, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008 at Caring Hands, Peru. She was born Dec. 29, 1927 in Peru to Omer and Nellie (Harris) Enyeart. She lived most of her life in this area. Anne was a member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church, the Miami County Realtor's Association, Women of the Moose and Miami County American Business Women's Association. Survivors include a son, John R. Guyer II and wife Missy, Peru; two daughters, Nancy Anne Melling, Peru, and Deborah Kay Hullinger and husband Jay, Bunker Hill; five grandchildren, Stephany Astrup, Jessica Metcalf, Jillian Hullinger, Brogan and Maddison Guyer; and four great-grandchildren, Leif and Hayden Astrup, Courtney Hullinger and Camron Metcalf. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Patricia Mowery and Florence Worchel. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at

Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Memorial contributions may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church.



Robert A. Powell, 88, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at Grace Village, Winona Lake. He was born Aug. 3, 1920 in Logansport to Charles Arthur and Goldie Marie Knight Powell. On June 16, 1943 in Denver, he was married to Mary L. Behny, and she survives. Robert was a member of the Church of God, the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge No. 67 F. & A. M. where he served as past master. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, a member of the Murat Shrine, Indianapolis, and The York Rite. He also was a member of the Logansport Shrine Club, Peru Moose Lodge, and a lifetime member of the Peru Elks and Peru Maennerchor. He was a United States Army veteran, serving in the Asiatic Pacific during World War II. He was a member of the V.F.W., Peru,

and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Survivors besides his wife include one son, Monte Powell and wife Kim, Warsaw; twin grandsons, Marc and Matthew Powell; and three great-grandsons, Logan, Spencer and Dylan Powell, all of Warsaw. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Elbert, Charles L., Harold "Gene" and Floyd "David" Powell; and one sister, Mary Becker. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. The Miami County Military Rites Team will conduct military graveside rites. Friends are invited to call at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Alzheimer's Association.

Tuesday, August 19, 2008



Marion E. "Elb" Hiner, 92, Peru, passed away at 5:52 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Peru. He was born May 10, 1916 in Royal Center to Earl and Maude (Brewer) Hiner. In 1936 he married Sarah D. Barth. She preceded him in death in January 1971. A graduate of Peru High School, Marion was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru Maennerchor, the Moose Lodge, American Legion, Eagles Lodge and Elk's Lodge. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. In 1948, he joined the Peru Police Department, where he was employed until he retired as police chief in 1978. Hiner was the co-founder of the Miami Trucking Company and the Hi-Berry Horse Stable. He was a car guy - mostly Fords. He loved building race cars and racing them. He was also well respected on the racing circuit. Survivors include a son, Gary Hiner and wife Kay, Logansport; and a grandson,

Brice Hiner, Chicago, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; a brother, Jim; and four sisters, Mabel, Miriam, Margaret and Barbara.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

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Martha E. Douglass, 91, formerly of Amboy, passed away Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at 4:45 p.m. at the Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion. She was born in Miami County May 5, 1917 to Leonard and Elsie Mohr Overman. Martha married Merville E. Douglass in Amboy on Aug. 18, 1938, and he preceded her in death on July 14, 1962. Martha was a 1935 graduate of Amboy High School. She was a Birthright member of the Amboy Friends Church, was a cook at Quaker Haven Church Camp and at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Wabash. She was an active member of the Missionary Circle of Amboy Friends Church, a 4-H leader for many years and a member of the Jackson Township Home Economic Club. Martha also did knitting and crocheting for Afghanistan Children and for White's Institute. She is survived by two sons, Larry Wayne Douglass and wife Sue, Longmont, Colo., and Elliott Douglass and wife Sara, Greentown; two daughters, Camilla Shilling and husband Jim, Spencerville, and Judy Hill and husband Joseph, Valrico, Fla.; a brother, Darl Overman and wife June, Amboy; a sister, Rosalind Clark, Elkhart; eight grandchildren, Sandra Bazini, Mark Douglass, Terrie Adams, Amy Douglass, Brian Hill, Todd Hill, Dustin Hill and Scott Douglass; and 11 great-grandchildren, Kamerom Prince, Cyndee Davis, Cailee Davis, Michael Douglass, Gabriel Douglass, Therese Douglass, Sophia Douglass, Eva Hill, Isaac Hill, Madeline Adams and Hunter Adams.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, Lee Overman. A service celebrating the life of Martha E. Douglass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will follow at the Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Friends may call at the church from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, and memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Quaker Haven.

Dawn S. (Halterman) Bearman, 32, passed away Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008 at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne. Born in Logansport, she was a homemaker and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville. She was an honorary co-president of Holland Elementary School PTA, and past president of Northcrest Little League. Survivors include her husband, Matthew L. Bearman, Fort Wayne; a son, Ethan R. Bearman, at home; her parents, Robert L. and Sherry L. Halterman, Macy; three brothers, Anthony R. Halterman and wife Shirley, Hollywood, Fla., Andrew W. Halterman, Clinton, and Marcus J.A. Halterman, Macy; maternal grandparents, E. Wayne and Betty Wilson, Rochester; and paternal grandparents, Lewis A. and Shirley Halterman, Peru. Dawn was preceded in death by her grandmother, Jean D. Halterman. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Boulevard, Fort Wayne, with the Reverend James Tews officiating. Calling will be from 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and also at the church one hour prior to the service. The graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorials may be made to Ethan R. Bearman Education Fund and Mabel K. Holland PTA or Messiah Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Alma L. Dragstrem, 89, Kokomo, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2008 at 7:46 a.m. at the Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born in Miami County July 28, 1919 to Thomas and Lulu Rhinebarger Phelps. Alma married Howard A. Dragstrem at her parent's home on March 24, 1940, and he preceded her in death on June 6, 1992.

Alma was a 1937 graduate of Clay Township High School, a homemaker, worked in retail sales for 15 years and was a retired employee of the Wabash Valley Bank and Trust Co. Survivors include a son, James A. Dragstrem and wife Gloria, Kokomo; two grandsons, Tom Dragstrem, Brownsburg, and Bob Dragstrem, Amboy; and four great-grandchildren, Cory Dragstrem, Kayla Dragstrem, Megan Dragstrem and Allison Dragstrem. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Jeffery Dragstrem; and a sister, Alice. A service celebrating the life of Alma L. Dragstrem will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Norman Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church.

Robert Dielman, 69, Elberton, Ga., formerly of the Macy and Fulton County community, passed away at 11:11 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008 at his residence. He had been in failing health since June. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Plainview Cemetery in Macy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Monday, August 25, 2008

Charles F. Richardson, 92, Wabash, passed away at 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 at Autumn Ridge Health Care Center, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, with Chaplain Charlie Hall officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery. Calling will be from 10 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Wabash County Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Joyce W. Pellett, 82, Peru, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born April 6, 1926 in Peru to Lewis and Hilda (Doud) Watson. Joyce was a retired secretary from Square D Company and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Logansport. Survivors include two nephews, Steven Watson and wife Cindy, and David Watson and wife Sharon, all of Peru; three grandchildren, Jeremy, Jennifer and Julia; great-grandchildren and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Christine Moog; and a brother, Forest Watson. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 319 Seventh St., Logansport, IN 46947. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Wednesday, August 27, 2008

Arvilla M. Foust, 91, formerly of Miami, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 26, 2008 at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne, where she had resided since 1999. Arvilla was born in Cass County Jan. 13, 1917 to Harry A. and Minnie Benner Engel. She married Arthur Foust on Aug. 28, 1940 and he preceded her in death May 14, 1961. She was a member of the Salem Christian Church and retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo in 1978. Survivors include two daughters, Kay Cooper and husband Bobby, Hampton, Va., and Linda Carol Fraley and husband James, Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Bernadine DeLucca, Peru; and a brother, Donovan Engel of Logansport. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Robert A. Foust; and three brothers, Herman, Raymond and Everett Engel. A service celebrating the life of Arvilla M. Foust will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Burial will follow at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Doug Holley officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Howard L. "Larry" Reed, 57, Syracuse, formerly of Peru, passed away at 3:41 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008 at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen. He was born Dec. 8, 1950 in Plymouth to Howard and Pauline (Patterson) Reed. He married Carrie Sue Case in October 2003, and she survives. Howard was a self-employed construction worker. Survivors besides his wife include four sons, Wayne Binkerd and wife Sharon, Milford, Greg Reed and wife Nancy, Stanton, Ky., Howard "Howie" Reed and Howard Reed; two daughters, Tiffany Reed, and Karmen Collins and husband Ron, Cromwell; five grandchildren, Lacey and Hope Collins, Micky Hisey; Chance Reed and Brenna Reed; two brothers, Eugene Skinner, Marion, and Johnny Skinner, Gainesville, Ga.; and two sisters, Patsy Reed, Gainesville, Ga., and Linda Watt, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Larry D. Case; a brother, infant Bradley Reed; and a half-sister, infant Scarlet Skinner.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor John French officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Thursday until time of service at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Reed family.

Thursday, August 28, 2008

Darren C. Hanley, 38, Kokomo, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008 at St. Vincents Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born in Howard County on March 4, 1970 to Dick and Lora (Wyrick) Hanley. He married Katie R. (Schrader) on May 31, 2003 in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and she survives. Darren worked at Square D in Peru and before that he worked at Invensys in North Manchester for five years both



as an electrical and manufacturing engineer. He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1988 and graduated from ITT Technical with an electrical and manufacturing engineer degree. He was a avid Harley rider and also enjoyed fishing, golfing, camping and boating. Survivors besides his wife include his father, Dick Hanley, Rochester; his mother, Lora Stalter, Kokomo; his son, Justin C. Hanley, Kokomo; his sister, Michelle Hinze, Logansport, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Melissa and Craig Armstrong, Elkhart, Paul and Dawn Schrader, Mentone, and Sarah and Sean Garrison, Macy. Known to his nieces and nephews as "BoBo" and surviving is Collin Hinze, Colby Hinze, Michelle Armstrong, Graig Armstrong, Mike Schrader, Cayla Schrader, Bryce Garrison; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles "Jerry" and Eva Jane Hanley, Charles Wyrick and Wilma Wyrick; and one uncle, Ken Wyrick. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.shirleyandstout.com

Friday, August 29, 2008



Ruth Ellen (Yoder) Chagnon, 67, passed away at her home on Sunday morning, Aug. 24, 2008, succumbing to pancreatic cancer. She was born in Jefferson Township, Miami County, on May 14, 1941, to Truman R. and Eva P. (Shively) Yoder, one of ten children. A 1959 graduate of Jefferson Township High School, she moved to California after graduation where she met her future husband, Fernand Chagnon, who survives. They were married for 47 years. In addition, she leaves two daughters, Michele and Melinda Chagnon; a son-in-law, Enrique and the love of her last four years, her granddaughter, Angelina Juliette Contreras. Ruth Ellen leaves behind three sisters, Joan Fitzgerald, Logansport, Alvena Stahl, LaPorte, and Donna Myers, Amboy. Alvena and Donna were with Ruth

during her final days. She also leaves two brothers, William, Denver, and John, rural Akron. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, George, Victor, Paul and Jack Yoder. A remembrance gathering of family and friends was held at Community Mortuary in Chula Vista, Calif. prior to cremation. The family would like to thank San Diego Hospice staff and UCSD Medical Center for their efforts.

Wednesday, September 03, 2008



Covered by the grace of God, **Ellberta "Becky" Iliff** was surrounded by her family when she went home to be with the lord on August 30, 2008 at her residence. She was 65. Ellberta "Becky" was born on May 22, 1943 in Miami County, Ind., to James F. and Lula Mae (Ammerman) Metcalfe. Ellberta "Becky" retired from Chrysler and is survived by her five children: Shannon Black Connor and husband Jim of Oregon, Kevin Black and wife Laura of Peru, Cathy (Black) Willner and husband Simon, of Peru, Christopher Iliff and wife Stephanie, Peru and Jason Iliff and wife Nicole of Bunker Hill, Ind. A brother, Fred Metcalfe and wife Janet, also of Peru, survive as well as three sisters: Janice Mesaros of Texas, Ella

Ruth Warran and husband Chuck of Fort Wayne and Nancy Cover and husband Jerry of Peru. Ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. Arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Humane Society.

<http://www.miamicountylife.com/articles/2008/09/03/records/obituaries/obit88.txt>

Michael C. Watkins, 57, of Peru died at his residence Thursday, Aug. 28 at his residence. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Laird Funeral Home, located at 201 N. Main St. in Amboy. Calling hours will be after 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Pastor Kenny Cole will officiate and burial will be in the Santa Fe Cemetery in Santa Fe, Ind.

Ray Allen Lees died at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Ind., at 1:44 a.m. Sept. 1 2008 with his family by his side. Ray was born May 1, 1914 to Charles and Mae Belle (Nichols) Lees. He married Jennie "Bing" (Boyer) Clem on Sept. 10, 1964. She preceded him in death. Ray helped his father with well drilling and later worked at Chrysler, where he retired. He was also an ATA and ITA Trap Shooter. Ray graduated from Bunker Hill High School then served overseas in the European Theatre during World War II with the 35th Signal Company in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his wife and parents, five brothers: Elzie Lees, John Lees, Clyde Lees, Earl Lees and Donald Lees. Survivors include a brother, James Lees and wife Liz of Burlington, Ind., two sisters: Wilma Pearson of rural Kokomo and Louise Whybrew of Bunker Hill and one sister-in-law, Geraldine Lees of Peru a well as many nieces and nephews. Graveside funeral services for Ray will be Wednesday, Sept.. 3 at 11 a.m. at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Pastor George Dinkel will officiate. Arrangements were entrusted to Allen Funeral home in Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. The Miami County Military Rites team will provided military services.



Sam Michael "Mike" Cleaver, 60, Peru, passed away at 4:15 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Mike was born Dec. 19, 1947 in Wabash to Earl and Mary (Braxton) Cleaver. Mary survives in Freeport, Ill., while Earl preceded him in death. On Dec. 3, 1971 Mike married Linda K. Curtis, who survives. Mike worked at Custom Cartons in Wabash and was also a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Navy. Survivors besides his wife include four children, Michelle Lay and husband

Bob, Peru, Joyce Cleaver, Peru, Robert Cleaver and wife Michele, Logansport, and Brian Cleaver, Kokomo; a daughter-in-law, Karen Boucher, Logansport; six grandchildren, Lauren, Tori, Merisa, John Michael, Katelyn and Michael; two great-grandchildren, Devin and Bradley; one brother, Earl Cleaver, Florida; and two sisters, Carol Campbell, Illinois, and Mary Jean Simpson, Indianapolis. Memorial services for Sam Michael "Mike" Cleaver will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Mary Crider Richter, 92, Peru, passed away on Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 at 10:45 p.m. at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Mary was born on March 20, 1916 in Miami County to Chester and Phebe Cook Hileman. On Feb. 2, 1938 she married Richard P. Crider at Erie Evangelical United Brethren Church. Richard preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1983. On June 13, 1995, she married Richard B. Richter. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1995. Mary graduated from Chili High School in 1934 and was a member of the Church of Christ at Grissom. She co-owned and operated Mary-Dee's Dress Shop in Peru from 1967 to 1973 and was also employed at Plotner's in Peru from 1979 to 1993. Mary is survived by a step-daughter, Mary Ann Patterson, Bloomington; two step-grandchildren, Dawn Patterson and Kevin Patterson; one sister, Maxine Garber, Columbus; one brother, Robert Hileman and wife Deloris, Peru; and several nieces, nephews, step- nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands and two brothers, Dean Hileman and Francis Hileman. Funeral services for Mary Crider Richter will be at 11 a.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Raymond Maggard officiating. Burial taking place at Crider Chapel Cemetery, Miami County, with Raymond Maggard officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the National Parkinson Foundation.

Thursday, September 04, 2008

James L. Spangler, 75, Celina, Tenn., formerly of Marion, passed away Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 at 8:25 a.m. at Cookeville Regional Medical Center, Cookeville, Tenn. He was born in Peru Dec. 3, 1932 to Ralph W. and Bernice Malott Spangler. Jim married Carol Bell on Oct. 26, 1952 at the Loree Brethren Church, and she survives. Jim graduated from Clay Township High School in 1950 and served as an Indiana State trooper until his retirement in 1986. He was honored as the Grant County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 1980. Following his retirement from the Indiana State Police, Jim was a self-employed contractor. Jim and his wife Carol lovingly raised two children. A man of great faith and integrity, Jim was an active member of the Woodlawn United Methodist Church in Somerset, and following his move to Celina, Tenn. in 2005, he became an active member of the Celina United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Peru - Miami Lodge # 67 F&AM. He never met a stranger, had a twinkle in his eye, a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking with people. Jim loved to tease people and particularly enjoyed giving his brother, David, a hard time about anything and everything. During his years in the contracting business, Jim was notorious for his numerous and lengthy coffee breaks, but was also known as a hard worker who always strived to do things properly. He was a lover of animals especially his dog Poco. Surviving in addition to his wife is a son, James E. Spangler and wife Darlene, Warren; a daughter, Janet DiSilvestro and husband Robert, Dublin, Ohio; a brother, David Spangler and wife Julie, Lake Kiowa, Texas; a sister-in-law, Norma Spangler, Kokomo; grandchildren Kyle and Adam Spangler, Mindy Fairchild, David, Daniel and Lisa DiSilvestro; and great-grandchildren Ian, Isaac, Kaitlyn, Carly and Kayla Spangler. A brother, George Spangler, preceded him in death.

A service celebrating the life of James L. Spangler will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Woodlawn United Methodist Church, Somerset, with Pastor Ted Batson and Pastor J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Woodlawn United Methodist Church or the Celina United Methodist Church.

Friday, September 05, 2008

Lola L. Steenbarger, 85, Muncie, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Peru on March 19, 1923 to the late Dory F. and Zelma (Foust) Walker. She married Maurice E. Steenbarger on Oct. 9, 1949, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 1998. Lola graduated from Ball State University in 1948 with a nursing degree. She had worked in Chicago, at Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie, and Dukes Hospital Hospital, Peru. She loved to read and was an avid fan of public radio. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret Ann Linn, Fayetteville, N.C.; a son, David Maurice Steenbarger, Dayton, Ohio; and a grandson, David Francis Linn, Fayetteville, N.C. She was preceded in death by her husband. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset, with the Rev. Howard Clayton officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. No visitation is planned. Arrangements were entrusted to the Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse. Memorials may be made to Indiana Public Radio in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.owenweilertduncan.com.

Vera Rybarczyk, 92, Peru, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born June 17, 1916 in Peru, Ill. to John and Veronica Ankiewicz. She married Thomas Rybarczyk Sept. 11, 1937, and he preceded her in death Dec. 28, 1985. Vera graduated from LaSalle High School, Peru, Ill., in 1934. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include two

daughters, Carol Chamberlain and husband Titus, Peru, and Marilyn Holderman and husband Jack, Peru; a brother, Frank Ankiewicz and wife Florence, Ocean, N.J.; seven grandchildren, Cyndi Walters, North Manchester, Tim and Jenny Chamberlain, Green Bay, Wis., Michael and Jeanette Holderman, Cincinnati, Ohio, David Holderman, Peru, and Julie Schaaf, Peru; and nine great-grandchildren, Megan and Robert Bucher, Emilie Chamberlain, Jake Holderman, Zachary Schaaf, Jeremy Walters, Justin Holderman, Katelyn Schaaf and Abbie Chamberlain. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, John; and a sister, Dorothy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 4 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Elmer M. Lemon, 83, Peru, went to join his heavenly family at 4:55 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 at the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Petoskey, Mich. He was born Aug. 3, 1926 in Peru to Vincent and Helen Wahlig Lemon. He married Barbara Whitehead Sept. 2, 1950 in Peru, and she survives. Elmer graduated from Peru High School in 1944, attended Purdue University and then joined the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was employed as a conductor at the C&O Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1986. Elmer and his wife Barbara lovingly raised three children, Victoria, Matthew and Sara. He enjoyed his job, his retirement, traveling, his friends, but most of all his family and his cabin in Michigan. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Matthew Lemon and wife Anita, St. Claire, Mich.; a daughter, Sara Sharp and husband Dick, Peru; a son-in-law, Paul Florence and wife Ann, Frankfort; grandchildren, Jared and Beth Florence, Lathan and Cathy Florence, Al and Monique Cunningham, Arianne Lemon, Tom and Megan Renn; step-grandchildren, Shane and Angela Gehring; great-grandchildren, Savannah and Victoria Florence, Cole and Kylie Cunningham, Shelby Renn and her brother or sister to be born in February 2009. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Fred Lemon; a daughter, Vicci Florence; and a grandson, Mitchel Sharp. A portion of Elmer's ashes will be buried with his daughter, Vicci, in Peru and the remaining portion will be scattered into the Straits of Mackinac with his grandson Mitchel in their favorite fishing hole.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Elmer M. Lemon will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. The family will receive friends at the church after 3 p.m. Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1261 W. 86th St., Suite E-2, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Monday, September 08, 2008

Margaret Love Fouts, 97, formerly of rural Chili, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born Aug. 3, 1911 in Cincinnati, Ohio to William and Lucy (Manahan) Vert. Margaret married Andrew W. Fouts on Nov. 27, 1930 in Chili; he preceded her in death April 21, 1995. Margaret was a homemaker and a 1929 graduate of Chili High School. She enjoyed reading, playing cards and bingo. Survivors include two sons, Paul Dean (Marie) Fouts, Wabash, and Billy (Sarah) Fouts, Hazelhurst, Ga.; a daughter-in-law, Jan Fouts, Denver; five grandchildren, Beverly (Jon) Vanderpool and Tamra (John) Burnsworth, all of Wabash, James (Leann) Fouts and Susan (Paul) Donaldson, all of Mexico, and Alan (Bernadean) Stroud Jr., Peru; 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Judy K. Stroud, who died in 1970; two infant daughters; a grandson, Michael Fouts, who died in 1999; a great-grandson, Eli Fouts, who died in 2005; and one brother. Graveside services will be held at Chili Cemetery on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Don Cogar officiating. Preferred memorial is the charity of the donor's choice. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash is in charge of arrangements. The memorial guest book for Margaret may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Ruth Germaine, 79, Logansport, passed away at 3:28 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2008 in Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 18, 1929 in Logansport to Alvia and Ruth Beatle Wall. She was married to John Germaine, who preceded her in death Oct. 1, 2002. Ruth was a member of the Peru First Assembly of God. Surviving are two daughters, Deb Geary and husband David, Logansport, and Diana Delk, Peru; two sisters, Jane "Sam" Rocchio, Lemmer Grove, Calif., and Betty Jerry, Canada; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, with Rev. John Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of services. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Assembly of God Church, 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, Indiana 46970. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Ruth and view her video tribute online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Tuesday, September 09, 2008

Hazel M. Etue of Peru passed away at her residence at 11:15 a.m. on Sept. 7, 2008. Hazel was born on Nov. 15, 1922 in Red Bluff Arkansas, the daughter of Wyle and Lacie (Mathews) Pope, both of whom preceded her in death. She married Manual Etue and Ira Etue, both of whom preceded her in death. She was a member of the Apostolic Chapel Church and retired from Guild Crest. She is survived by her family: daughter Lacie Wright and husband Richard of North Carolina, daughter Marine Turpen and husband Roy of Peru, son Alvin Etue and wife Donna of Washington, son Robert Etue and wife Diane of North Carolina, daughter Cheryl Baines and husband Stephen of Peru, son Burl Etue and wife Patty of South Whitley, son Glen Etue of Louisiana and son Lynn Etue of Peru. Several other family members also survive including Hazel's sister, Evelyn Langston

of Logansport. Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be at Apostolic Chapel Church, 760 E. Jackson Ave. on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. Pastors Stephen Baines and Jeremy Baines will officiate. Burial will be in Metzger Cemetery in Miami County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Apostolic Church in Peru. Arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Hazel Etue family through a love offering.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Laura M. (Shupert) Kelly passed away at 3:08 p.m. on September 8, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was 45. Laura was born on Sept. 4, 1963 in Chicago, the daughter of Clyde and Shirley (Sinowski) Shupert. Clyde preceded her in death. Laura was a member of the Peru VFW and was a veteran of the United States Air Force and Desert Storm. Survivors include a daughter, Amber Kelly of Peru, daughter Michelle Elbassiouny of Norfolk, Virginia, special devoted friend Tracy Kelly of Peru, step-daughter Tiffany Wagner of Wabash, step-daughter Steffany Wells of Kokomo as well as Laura's beloved dog, Cubby. A brother, Anthony Shupert of South Carolina and two sisters, Jenny Jakalski of Chicago and Jackie Sheridan of Shelby, Indiana. Six grandchildren as well as her mother, Shirley of Lynnwood, Ill., also survive. Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 13 at Elmwood Chapel in Chicago at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Chicago. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 4-8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at Elmwood Chapel in Chicago. There will be a military service at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Donald R. Morrow, Jr., of Peru, Indiana (previously of Cape Coral, FL) went home to be with the Lord on September 7, 2008 after a brief battle with cancer. He was born May 5, 1953 in Xenia, Ohio to Donald R., Sr. and Maxine Heverly Morrow. In 1984 he married Kimberly Johnson in Cape Coral, FL, and she survives. Donnie, as known to his family and friends, graduated from Lima Senior High School in Lima, Ohio in 1971. He was a professional percussionist/drummer since the age of ten in the "We Three," and then with a variety of bands, most recently the "Street Legal Band" out of Wabash. Though he preferred jazz and big band music, he had played with rock and country bands. He retired from playing music at the age of 50. He worked at Lorentson Manufacturing in Kokomo since 1995 in skilled trades, and Lufkin Industries, Peru since 2007, as a machinist. He enjoyed camping, RVing, working on his stamp collection and being surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Survivors besides his parents and wife, are his children, Charlotte Haughwout and husband Kendall, Canton, GA.; Tammy Dammeyer and husband Scott, Covington, Ohio; James "Jamey" Morrow and wife Kathleen, Woodstock, Ill.; and Scott "Sam" Morrow and wife Bethany, Carmel, Ind.; his grandchildren Geoffrey, Victoria and Elizabeth Haughwout; Jessica and Emma Dammeyer; Natalie Ann Morrow and Madelyn Grace Morrow; and a new baby is expected in February, 2009; his brother Jeffrey Morrow and wife Linda, and sister Karen Stanton; nieces Melanie Reaves, Michele Dotson, Alicia Turner and Courtney Stroka, their children and a nephew Alexander Johnson of Cape Coral, Fla. There will be a private, family memorial service per his wishes. In lieu of flowers, gifts/donations may be made payable to "VNS Howard Regional Hospice Services, 2800 S. Reed Rd., 2nd Floor, Kokomo, IN, 46902, in his name. Calling hours will be 6-8 p.m. at the Rosewood Mansion, 54 N. Hood St., Peru, on Friday, September 12, 2008. Cremation being arranged by Stout & Son, Russiaville, Indiana. His cremains will be taken to his acreage in Tennessee.

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Freida Kathrine Smith, 90, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 at Bryan County Health and Rehab Center in Richmond Hill, Georgia. Freida was born on July 4, 1918 to Jonas Delman and Iris Hazel (Crousore) Hogg in Kokomo. She was a resident of Peru, then later in life she moved to Savannah, Georgia. She was a life time member of the Salvation Army of Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry V. Smith, three children, Nancy Feenor, James McCoy and Robert McCoy. Freida is survived by her daughters, Judith Soloman (William) of Orangeburg, S.C., Patsy Turner (Joe) of Amboy; Sandra Smith (Albert) of Savannah, Georgia; Gloria Briggs (Ken) of Longmont, Colo.; and Donna Burch (Ralph) of Pacific Junction, Iowa; and her sons, David McCoy of Warsaw, Larry McCoy (Marsha) of Metropolis, Ill.; and Frederick Smith of Peru. One sister, Fran Farrell of Leland, N.C., and one brother, Nelson Hogg of Kokomo also survive. She had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Freida faced many trials in her life, but kept her faith in God. She knew God was watching over her at all times. Freida was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to express their gratitude to the employees of Bryan County Health and Rehab Center for the wonderful care and love they gave Freida during her last few years she lived on Earth. Funeral service will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street, on Friday, Sept. 12, 2008 at 1 p.m. Friends may call at Flowes-Leedy on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sunday, September 14, 2008

Vigil Everett Bollman, 86, of Bunker Hill passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 surrounded by his loving family. Virgil was born in Nappanee on Nov. 11, 1921 to George W. and Mabel F. Bollman. He married Ruth Bryce on Nov. 21, 1942 in Wakarusa, Ind. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, spending most of his time in the state of Washington and later in Okinawa in the Pacific Theater. After the war, Virgil worked as a fireman for the Civil Service at Fort Benjamin Harrison and Grissom Air Force Base. He later retired from Maconaquah School Corporation after 20 years of service. Virgil

is survived by his loving wife of 65 years. One son, Duane and wife Julie and their children: Michael D. Bollman, Mandy Bowyer and Tyler Bowyer of Bunker Hill. Four daughters: Jean Wyant and husband Ralph and their children, Duane Wyant, Brian Wyant and wife Joy, all of Kokomo; Alice McVety and husband John, of Kokomo and their children, John Paul McVety of Michigan, and Tim McVety of Kokomo; Mary Gibson and husband Mike and their children, Robert Gibson, Matthew Gibson and wife Kayla, all of Peru. One daughter, Alecia Arnett, preceded him in death. Her son, Andrew Arnett of Kokomo survives. Six great-grandchildren: Ashley Wyant, Nathan Wyant, James Maddox III, Mitchell Maddox, Gennifer Wyant, all of Kokomo, Megan Jarvis of Florida and one great-great-grandchild, Brooklyn Jarvis of Florida all survive. He is also survived by one brother, Carl Wilbur Bollman of Frankfort, three sisters: Beulah Marie George of Wakarusa, Elsie Lucille Gygi of Elkhart and Ruth Ann Hartman and husband Bill of Syracuse. One brother, Harold Ray Bollman and one sister Violet Irene Shrider, as well as his parents, preceded him in death. The funeral for Virgil Bollman will be on Friday, Sept. 12, 2008 at 2 p.m. Family and friends may call two hours prior to the service at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Burial will be in Everest Memorial Park in Cass County.

Laura M. (Shupert) Kelly passed away at 3:08 p.m. on September 8, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was 45. Laura was born on Sept. 4, 1963 in Chicago, the daughter of Clyde and Shirley (Sinowski) Shupert. Clyde preceded her in death. Laura was a member of the Peru VFW and was a veteran of the United States Air Force and Desert Storm. Survivors include a daughter, Amber Kelly of Peru, daughter Michelle Elbassiouny of Norfolk, Virginia, special devoted friend Tracy Kelly of Peru, step-daughter Tiffany Wagner of Wabash, step-daughter Steffany Wells of Kokomo as well as Laura's beloved dog, Cubby. A brother, Anthony Shupert of South Carolina and two sisters, Jenny Jakalski of Chicago and Jackie Sheridan of Shelby, Indiana. Six grandchildren as well as her mother, Shirley of Lynnwood, Ill., also survive. Funeral services will be Saturday, Sept. 13 at Elmwood Chapel in Chicago at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Chicago. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 4-8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 at Elmwood Chapel in Chicago. There will be a military service at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Phyllis J. Snodgrass, 74, Marion, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Faith Apostolic Church, 902 W. 16th, Marion, with the Rev. Clarence Hand officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Barry L. "Bear" Riggs, 60, Mexico, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Hospital. He had suffered the last two years with kidney disease. He was born Dec. 16, 1947 in Pennsylvania to Harry and Marian (Drumheller) Riggs Long. He married D. Kay Dillman June 3, 1972, and she survives. Barry retired in 1998 from the Grissom Air Force Fire Department after 30 years of civil service, and served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He also was formerly the manager of the Grissom Air Museum gift shop for 10 years. He also was a member of the Mexico First Brethren Church, president of the church's men's missionary society, a member of the American Legion, a 1968 graduate of Mount Penn High School, Stoneycreek, Pa., past chief of the Mexico Fire Department, served on the Mexico Fire Department board, and was past Miami County Fireman of the Year. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Bethel, Pa.; two daughters, Mindy Johnson and husband Glenn, Peru, Amy Riggs, Mexico; three granddaughters, Erika Sutton and husband Korey, Spokane, Wash., Mary and Katherine Johnson, Peru; several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews; a brother, Richard Riggs and wife Ruthann, Oley, Pa.; three brothers-in-law, Ed Dillman and wife Carol, Indiana, Robert Dillman and wife Sharon, Deedsville, and Larry Dillman and wife Bernie, Bunker Hill; and a sister-in-law, Barb Stoeckert and husband John, Mexico. He was preceded in death by his father and stepfather, Paul Long. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. 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 Grissom Air Museum.

Opal Hesler, 90, Peru, passed away at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2008 at her residence. She was born Sept. 12, 1917 in Fairmount to Edward and Leona Mae (Enyeart) Felton. After the death of her mother in 1925 she was enrolled in Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home, Knightstown, where she graduated in 1936. On Nov. 25, 1939 she married Berle Hesler, and he preceded her in death in 1998. Opal moved from Frankfort to Peru in 1966, where she was employed by Peru Utilities until her retirement in 1988. Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Bennett, Peru; a son, Charles Thomas Hesler and wife Bonnie, Hartsville, Tenn.; a foster daughter, Nancy Deford, Peru; a foster brother, Devon Woody and wife Rovene, Frankfort; grandchildren Gayle Deford and her sons, Jennings, Jerral and Jensen; Shane Deford and wife Lana, and their children Brant, Krysta, Kameron; Ashley Bennett Pavilionis and husband James and daughter Alexa, all of Peru; Ryan Deford and wife Judi, and their children Zachary and Erica, Indianapolis; April Bennett Evans and husband Richard, with their children Kellie, Matthew and Jocelyn, Scotland; Thomas Hesler and wife Dorothy, and daughters Jessica and Jenna, Delphi; foster grandchildren, Tamara Deford and daughter Elizabeth, Lafayette; Kimberly Deford and children, Dolan and Alexandra, Peru; and step-grandchildren Debbie Irving and her children, Jamie, Michelle and Michael; LaMont and Jason Creekmore, all of Hartsville, Tenn.; Erica Pasch and her children Tyler and Jalyn, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her husband; a

grandson, Jon Hesler; a foster brother, Jon Woody; her parents; two sisters and two brothers. A service celebrating the life of Opal Hesler will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Hospice Chaplain Guy Provance and Kevin Shives officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Frankfort. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Wabash-Miami Home Health Care and Hospice Foundation, P.O. Box 548, Wabash, IN 46992.



Betty L. Hoover, 86, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Aug. 30, 1922 in Peru to Emery and Katie (Gustin) Hines. She married Kenneth Hoover Feb. 6, 1944 in Paris, Texas, and he survives. Betty was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, and retired from the Peru Junior High School lunch program. Survivors besides her husband include three daughters, Janice Wiedenhoef and husband Daniel, Kokomo, Barbara Hickman and husband Mark, Greentown, and Joette Miller and husband Gary, Peru; a son, Keith Hoover and wife Jean, Twelve Mile; eight grandchildren, Brian D. Wiedenhoef and wife Amy, Brandi D. Brown and husband Ben, Tammy Hickman, Brent Hickman, Jason Miller and wife Melissa, Megan Miller, Krystyna Martin and husband Todd, and Kassandra Hoover; eight great-grandchildren, Bailey Wiedenhoef, Thomas Wiedenhoef, Aubrey McClain, Bradley Brown, Tanner Martin, Emma Wiedenhoef, Zachary Miller, Jaxson Martin,

and two more great-grandchildren are expected, the first of two will be named Piper; and a brother, Paul "Ramie" Hines and wife Rose, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, John, Leonard and Earl Hines; and a sister, Marjorie Snyder. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., with Pastors Robert Adelsperger and Brad Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Monday, September 15, 2008

Harold W. Repass passed away at 3 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008 at his residence. He was 94. Harold was born on March 28, 1914 to Emmett and Ida Mae Wonnell Repass in Carmel, Ind. On Sept. 29, 1941 he married Ann Nelp and she preceded him in death on May 17, 1973. Harold was a pharmacist and managed Hook's Drug Store in the Broadway Plaza until his retirement in 1979. He was a 1936 graduate of Butler University's School of Pharmacy and was also a US Navy World War II veteran. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was also affiliated with the Peru Maennerchor, Peru Elks Lodge, American Legion Glen Owens Post No.14 and Miami County VFW Post No. 2067. Harold is survived by a sister-in-law, Kathleen Nelp of Peru, a niece, Kathy Nelp of Peru; two nephews, Jeffrey Nelp of Montrose, Colo., and Donald Repass of Indianapolis. Several great nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by sisters Veva Spencer, Lelia Cole and Orpha Shurtz and two brothers: Eldon Repass and Russell Repass. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, located at 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Chaplain George Dinkel will officiate with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008



Richard Oren Burns, 88, formerly of Denver, passed away at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Center, Peru. He was born Jan. 1, 1920 in Miami County to Verl and Ruth A. Imhoof Burns. On Feb. 13, 1943 in Peru, he was married to Nola Emlin Cammack, and she preceded him in death on June 1, 2001. A devoted Christian, he was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. A U.S. Army Air Force Veteran, he served during WORLD WAR II in Burma, China, and India. He retired in 1985 from the Miami County Highway Department after 25 years of service. Known as a Patriotic Person, he was influential in establishing a monument in Denver in honor of the towns' veterans. He was a loving father and never met a stranger. He made his TV debut when Biff Henderson of the David Letterman show came to Denver and interviewed him at the Denver Café. Surviving are three daughters, Barbara E.

Mikesell and husband Wade L., Rochester, Sharon R. Hartzell, Winchester, and Jayne M. Walker and husband John L., Peru; eight grandchildren, Elaine Howdeshell, Carl Hartzell, Richard Mikesell, David Hartzell, Holly Alber, Jennifer Musser, Scott Hartzell and Janet Lowe; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ed Burns, Denver; and three sisters, Mary Louise Day, Peru, Regina Vigar, Rochester, and Louella Davis, Wabash. His wife, two brothers, Victor and Robert Burns, and a son-in-law, Ronald Hartzell, preceded him in death. Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at the Denver Baptist Church, Denver, with Rev. Steve Bate officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorials may be made to the Denver Baptist Church.

Kurt Gutowski, 86, Offenbach, Germany passed away Sept. 1, 2008. He was born Jan. 2, 1922, and on Feb. 24, 1945 he married Martha Martin in Grebendorf, Germany. She survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Gisela Gutowski, Offenbach; three grandchildren, Sharon Harshman and husband Jeff, Denver, Randy Pitman, Denver, and Missy Hileman and husband Wade, Chili; six great-grandchildren, Jeremy and Kevin Harshman, Michael and Lindsay Pitman, and Kristie and James Hileman. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Inge Pitman; and son-in-law, James Pitman. Services were held

Monday, Sept. 15, in Germany.

Joseph M. Bowyer, 72, Walton, passed away at 9:42 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born June 1, 1936 in Logansport to Charles R. and Mary Ann (Chambers) Bowyer. On Feb. 14, 1960 he married Sally Krise in Young America, and she survives. Joseph graduated from Tipton Township High School in Onward in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army in the Security Agency Division from Dec. 15, 1954 to Nov. 26, 1957. He later went to work for the Indiana State Excise Police on Dec. 1, 1967 and retired Oct. 31, 1990 having attained the rank of captain. He also had farmed. He was a member of the Logansport Church of Christ, the Burlington Masonic Lodge F & AM #111, the Logansport Shrine Club, the VFW of Logansport, the Walton American Legion Post #418, the National Rifle Association, the Honda Riders' Club of America, the Cass County Coon Hunters Club and the Treeing Tennessee Brindle Breeders Association. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Brenda Burk and husband Mike, and Lori Maupin and husband Mark, both of Walton; a twin brother, James Bowyer, Morgantown; a sister, Mary Wilson, Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Michael Joseph Burk, Tressie AnnAyre Maupin and Maci Rose Maupin; his mother-in-law, Ethel Krise, Walton; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters. There will be a Celebration of Life service at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Logansport Church of Christ, 2347 S. S.R. 329, Logansport, with the Reverend Jeff Strite officiating. Burial will follow in Shideler Cemetery with full military rites. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Logansport Church of Christ. Memorial contributions may be made to the Walton American Legion Post #418 or the Walton First Responders. Envelopes will be available at the church. Online condolences may be sent to www.stoutandson.com. Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, is in charge of arrangements.

James E. Rhodes, 63, Peru, passed away at 4:36 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Feb. 3, 1945 in Indianapolis to J. Kenneth and Margaret C. (Woodburn) Rhodes. In 1994 he married the love of his life, Linda Maroney Curts, and she survives. Jim graduated from Peru High School in 1963 and served six years in the U.S. Army, working on helicopters. He was a retired brakeman from the C/O Railroad after 23 years. He was formerly employed with the Pharos Tribune in Logansport, Gaerte Engines in Rochester, and was an automotive salesman. He also loved sprint car racing and Steve Kinser was his favorite driver. Survivors besides his wife include his father-in-law, Robert Maroney and Martha, Logansport; three step-children, Angie Commorado and husband Joe, Indianapolis, Mike Curts and Sarah, Indianapolis, and Chris Curts and wife Carly, Fishers; two sisters, Carrell Rhodes, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Judi Jorgensen, Smyrna, Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews; a great-niece and a great-nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Jim was an animal lover, so please make memorial contributions to the Miami County Humane Society.

Friday, September 19, 2008

Carolyn L. Gaskill, 95, Peru, passed away at 12:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 22, 1913 in Dazey, N.D. to Wilbur F. and Lillie Mae (White) Montgomery. She married Eugene P. Spellman, then Lee M. McCarty and then Robert E. Gaskill. All three preceded her in death. Carolyn was a homemaker, member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, past president of United Transportation Union Auxiliary, a member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and past member of the Gamma Delta Chapter. Survivors include a daughter, Joan Spellman Palmer and husband Burwell, Costa Mesa, Calif.; a son, Kenneth H. McCarty, Peru; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; two brothers, Harold R.T. and Grant W. Montgomery; and a sister, Harriett L. Kintner. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 p.m. Monday until time of service at the funeral home.

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Timothy "Tim" D. Hamrick, 61, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born Nov. 25, 1946 in Peru to Earl David and Sally (Secaur) Hamrick. He married Barbara Eisenmenger April 2, 1967, and she survives. Tim graduated from Peru High School in 1966 and spent 21 years with Norfolk & Southern Railroad. The last few years he worked in the maintenance department at the Miami Correctional Facility. He was a member of Zion Chapel Church, loved just being outdoors and enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening and flowers. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Timothy Hamrick II and wife Candy, Kokomo; a daughter, Heather Helvie and husband Cliff, Noblesville; and four grandchildren, Mallory and Ryan Helvie, and Kendra and Noah Hamrick. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastors Rod Correll and George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Zion Chapel Church.

Monday, September 22, 2008

Richard A. Bostic, 88, Peru, passed away at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born Feb. 1, 1920 in Peru to Ray and Gussie Catlett Bostic Sr. He married Sara Nadine Gohl April 21, 1941 in Twelve Mile, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 27, 2006. Richard was a 1938 graduate of New Waverly High School and was a

retired cement finisher. He was an avid collector of many things, including license plates and hog oilers. He was a member for more than 25 years of the Auto Plates Collectors Association. A man of strong convictions, Richard also enjoyed having a vegetable garden and raising various flowers. A man of broad interests, he took great concern in the demise of butternut trees in Central Indiana and devoted many hours to the preservation of butternut trees. Survivors include six children, Joan Milroy and husband James, Peru, Janet Huff and husband John, Logansport, Jack Bostic and wife Connie, Royal Center, Joe Bostic, Hoover, Joy Kurtz and husband Bob, Roswell, N.M., and Jill McDowell and husband Gary, Logansport; grandchildren, Chris Milroy and wife Carrie, Michael Milroy, Michelle Bostic, John Huff, Jaime Huff, Jae Miller and husband Brad, Jodie Huff and husband Kevin Lippe, Allison Kurtz, Jamie Zepeda, Sammi Urban and husband Brad, Rob Williamson and wife Lesa, Jeremy Lobenthal and wife Cheryl, Lindsay Lobenthal, Angie Whipple and husband Keith, Richard McDowell, Kim Zepeda and Cindy Steven and husband Kenny; great-grandchildren, Kristen, Katie, Mike and Macey Milroy, Timothy Huff, Cullen Smith, Paxton Miller, Josh Zepeda, Michelle Roland, Missy Smith, Amanda and Trinity Whipple, Hanna Williamson, Jake and Thomas Urban and Colton Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant son, Jerry Richard Bostic; and four brothers, Ray H. Bostic Jr., John W. Bostic, Earl Bostic and Robert Bostic. A service celebrating the life of Richard A. Bostic will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Burial will follow at the Baptist Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and two hours before the service Wednesday.



Rex E. Mays, 71, Peru, passed away at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 2008 at his residence. He was born July 11, 1937 in Miami County to Lawrence and Pearl (Coleman) Mays. He lived most of his life in Miami County. Rex married Juanita G. Summers Oct. 18, 1959, and she survives. He graduated from Forest High School, Forest, in 1955 and served in the U.S. Army from July 1960 to July 1962. He retired from First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Peru, where he retired in April 1995 as vice president and treasurer. After retirement, he delivered Don Ray Drive Away (Decatur) Motor Homes to areas all over the country. He currently drove School Bus No. 1 for Peru Community Schools and took school students on field trips

and to different athletic events. He was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church. He was an IHSAA referee from 1957 to 1983 and refereed many basketball games in this area and the state. He was a member of the North Central Indiana Official Association, started in 1957 through 1999, and when he retired in 1999 was secretary and treasurer of the region. For many years he ran the Maconaquah Park Softball League, umpired many, many softball games, was a hobby farmer, an avid sports fan, and loved Purdue, the Indianapolis Colts and the Indiana Pacers. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Marcia Minard and husband Greg, Peru; two sons, Curtis Mays and wife Anna, Kingston, Wash., and Doug Mays and wife Karen, Wabash; six grandchildren, Dustin and Corey Minard, Lucas and Trevor Mays, and Parker and Kayla Mays; several nieces and nephews; a brother, Carl Mays, Delphi; and a sister, Marlene Ramsey and husband Don, Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview United Methodist Church, with Pastors Tim Powers and J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Miami County Community Foundation, 13 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, September 23, 2008



Terry L. Taylor, 52, Peru, passed away at 12:44 a.m. on September 22, 2008 at Howard Regional Health Systems in Kokomo. He was born in Indianapolis on January 28, 1956 to Carl C. and Chloie Wade Taylor. Terry was a supervisor at David Levin Company. Survivors include his mother of Peru; three daughters, Chrystal Callendar and Shaunna Taylor of Peru and Terrie Taylor of Van Buren; a brother, Dennis Taylor of Peru; four sisters - Joyce Wood and husband Ira, Warren, Kathy Kostura and husband Mike, Virginia, Carrie Taylor, Galveston and Loris Newsome, Peru; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, a brother, Bobbie Stewart and a sister-in-law, Sandy Taylor. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Thraillkill Cemetery in Grant County, with Mike Kostura officiating. Visitation is from 10 a.m.

to noon on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings can be made to the family. — also Wednesday, September 24, 2008 - Thursday, September 25, 2008 - Friday, September 26, 2008

Tuesday, September 23, 2008



Ronald E. Willis, 73, Denver, passed away on Saturday, September 20, 2008, at Woodlawn Hospital. He was born August 7, 1935, in Kokomo, to Clyde and Maude Willis. He married Sallie Mae Roseberry, on July 8, 1967, in Tipton, and she survives. He retired in 1994 from Chrysler after 35 years of service. He was a member of Local UAW 1160. He enjoyed fishing, bowling, hunting, and spending time with his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Sue Ann Willis, Peru, Ind., Penny Russell, Mexico, Ind., Lisa (husband David) Calvert, Indianapolis, and Phyllis Trospen, Bluffton; three sons, Ronald "Pete" (wife Judy) Willis, Louisiana, Thomas (wife Edith) Russell, Denver, Ind., and Gary Willis, Brownsburg; 14 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Genera (Willis) Higgins, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by six brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Rushing officiating. Burial will follow at Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.mem.com.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Marie Frances (Redmon) Price passed away on Monday, September 22, 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio, after a long illness. Marie Frances was a proud member of the Peru High School Class of 1937, and was instrumental in organizing their annual class reunions until her health failed. While living in Peru, she was a member of the Psi Iota Sorority. She left Peru to follow her husband in his career with the C & O Railroad, moving first to Huntington, W.Va., where her daughter was born; then to Grand Rapids, Mich.; and finally to Cincinnati, Ohio where she remained after her husband's death. Marie loved animals, plants, and nature in general. She spent her later years on her farm in Amelia, which she considered an earthly paradise. She returned to Peru every year for her high school reunion, up until their 70th reunion in 2007. She was the beloved mother of Deborah Price Rambo, and mother-in-law of Bill Rambo; dear grandmother of Brian and Christabel Rambo; and great-grandmother of Alexander Brian Rambo, all of Cincinnati. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Louise Ann Redmon; her nieces, Joan Redmon Weaver and husband Max; Laura Redmon Raimondi and husband Joe, and Mary Ann Redmon Jackson and husband Alan; and nephews Sam Redmon and wife Christi, and Scott Warren and wife Ann. Preceding her in death were her husband, Edwin V. Price; her parents, Marion and Dottie Redmon; her brother, William Redmon; her sister-in-law, Arliss Warren; and her nephew, Jeffrey Warren. Funeral services will be held at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main in Peru, at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008, followed by interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends may call on the family at the funeral home 5-8 p.m. Thursday, September 25.

Gerald "Jerry" Chute, 73, formerly of Peru passed away on September 10, 2008 in Port Charlotte, Fla. He was born in Cooperstown, Ill. on May 3, 1935, the son of James Halsted and Lucile Estes Chute. Jerry married Dorothy Smetzer in Elkhart, on August 31, 1958 and she survives. An entrepreneur, Jerry owned and operated J & L Transmission in Kokomo for more than 30 years. He was a Miami County farmer, and upon retiring and moving to Florida, he discovered his dream occupation - that of delivering RV's throughout the United States. Jerry was a member of the Erie United Methodist Church, the Rotunda Elks Lodge, and was a U.S. Navy veteran. Survivors include his wife Dorothy, Port Charlotte, Fla.; his children, Mark Chute of Indianapolis, Scott Chute of Kokomo, and Cathy Hunter of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren Christina Hunter, Zach Hunter, Josh Hunter, Levi Chute and Bailey Chute; brothers Vernon Chute and wife Norma of Greenville, Ill., and James Chute of Rushville, Ill.; and a sister Darlene Lahr and husband George of Medora, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Randall Chute, and a granddaughter, Ashley Chute. A memorial service celebrating the life of Jerry Chute will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Warrell Law officiating. Burial will be at Paw Paw Cemetery after the service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 p.m. Saturday, until time of the service. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Tidewell Hospice.

Friday, September 26, 2008

Willis E. Fouts, 87, of Sebring, Fla., passed away Tuesday, September 23, 2008, in Sebring. He was born July 26, 1921, to Frank and Beulah (Curtis) Fouts in Macy, Ind., and had been a resident of Sebring since 1982, coming from Macy. He was a postmaster for the U.S. government; was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army and a member of the Brethren Church. He was also a member for over 60 years of the Masonic Lincoln Lodge #523 in Macy, where he was a past master; York Rite in Sebring; the Highlands County Chapter #64 R.A.M. for over 55 years and was a past high priest. For over 45 years he was a member of the Heartland Council #43 R&SM; Bartow Commandery #15 K.T. for over 45 years; the York Rite College #31 in Orlando, Fla.; The High Twelve Club #575 in Avon Park, Fla.; the Egypt Temple Shrine in Tampa, Fla.; O.E.S. #65 for over 45 years, where he was past patron and the past commander of VFW #1343 in Rochester, Indiana, where he was a charter member since 1946. Mr. Fouts is survived by his son, Stanley D. Fouts, Sebring; grandchildren, Cathy Treloar and Steven Fouts and 3 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Audria E. (Norman) Fouts; daughter, Virginia Stephenson; brother, Harold Fouts and sister, Marjorie Fields. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, Fla, 33870



Joyce Marie Confer, 77, of Mexico, Indiana passed away at 4:35 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Monticello, Ind. on August 14, 1931 to Cecil Herbert and Alice Mae (Winegardner) Malott. On July 9, 1950 in Peru, she married Herbert Edgar Confer, who preceded her in death on April 23, 1985. Joyce enjoyed reading, crocheting, puzzle books, and she had participated in bowling leagues for many years. She was retired from the Sherrill Corporation in Mexico. Survivors include her four children: Debra Barnes, Macy; Michael Confer, Lowell, Mich.; Danny Confer and wife Beth, Mexico; and Barb Hoover of Peru. She had 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, three step great-grandchildren, a brother Terry Malott of Arkansas; and one sister, Jeanie Baker of Deedsville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, Sam and Dick Malott, and one sister, Shirley Pugh.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Saturday, September 27, 2008



Robert D. McKillip, 80, of Wabash, Indiana passed away at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2008 at his home. He was born October 12, 1927 in Wabash County, Indiana to Alvin and Amanda (Shinn) McKillip. Bob married Betty J. Roser in Converse, Indiana on October 19, 1947. He was a 1945 graduate of Chippewa High School. He was a retired farmer and past president of McKillip Seed Company, and had a lifetime of involvement in the seed corn business 1947-2008. Bob was a member and former deacon of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ and a member of the Hanna Masonic Lodge, both of Wabash. He was a former member of the Wabash County Plan Commission. Bob was a volunteer fireman and helped establish the Noble Township Fire Department. He was a 49 year member of the credit committee at Beacon Credit Union and was a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Betty J. McKillip of Wabash; three children, Michael D. (Debra) McKillip of Wabash, Marvin D. (Darlene) McKillip of Milton, Fla.; and Mina (Ken) Manns of Wabash; two brothers, Jack E. (Judy) McKillip and Ken D. McKillip, both of Wabash; two sisters, Beulah Lilves and Jean Myers, both of Wabash; sister-in-law, Lois McKillip of Wabash; six grandchildren, Michelle (Mitch) Snyder of Wabash, Angela (Brian) Monahan of Philadelphia, Pa., Nicole (Brian) Hoffman of Wabash, Courtney (Lorena) McKillip of Marion, Indiana, Ashlie Manns and Marcy Manns, both of Wabash; six great-grandchildren, Jacob Robert Snyder, Benjamin Snyder, Tristan Hoffman, and Callie Hoffman, all of Wabash, Mya McKillip and Jazzlyne McKillip, both of Marion, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his brother James D. McKillip who died June 26, 2008. Funeral services will be held at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. St. Rd. 15, Wabash on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. with John Leinbaugh officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and one hour prior to service Monday at the church. Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice, 710 N. East St., Wabash. The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Larry Joe Gaskins, 68, Kokomo, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster in Kokomo with Pastor Kevin Carr officiating. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary and one hour prior to services Monday. Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, with envelopes at the mortuary.



Vania A. (Abella) Shields, 33, of Franklin passed away September 25, 2008 as a result of an accident. She was born September 3, 1975 in Indianapolis. On November 29, 2005 she married Joe R. Shields in Indianapolis, and he survives. Vania was a 1993 graduate of Whiteland Community High School and a graduate of St. Francis Hospital Paramedic School where she graduated top of her class. Vania was very popular with her coworkers, and was a beloved member of the Bargersville Community Fire Department since September 25, 2007. She also worked as a paramedic with Wayne Township Fire Department in Indianapolis for six months, until the time of her death. Her husband Joe, also a member of the Bargersville Community Fire Department was recently hired as a career lieutenant and was scheduled to start October 1, 2008. Joe was a career firefighter with the Shelbyville, Ind., fire department and previously served as a career firefighter with the Peru Fire Department. She was a member of the International Association of Firefighters Indianapolis Local #416. She loved her family, friends, and especially her babies Audrey, Duke and Hondo. Survivors include her husband Joe R. Shields; daughter Leigha J. Shields of Lafayette; sons Garrett L. and Logan T. Shields, both of Peru; father Eustolio (Sandy) Abella Jr. of Greenwood; mother Gwendolyn (Ed) Nivens Gilbert of Franklin; three sisters, Kathy A. (Larry) Marshall of Franklin, Frances K. (Mike) Denney of Franklin, and Dee Dee M. (Dean) Moreland of Cominsky, Ind.; five brothers, Danny E. Abella of Indianapolis, Mike W. (Terry) Ridge of Greenwood, Mark T. Ridge of Greenwood, Raul Abella of Indianapolis, and Ricardo R. Abella of Roy, Washington; mother and father-in-law Ed and June (Schubert) Shields of Indianapolis; brother and sister-in-law Kevin and Megan Shields, Stafford, Va.; grandmother-in-law Plinia Cooper of Indianapolis, and very best friend in the world, Amanda Notaro of Westfield; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Francisca Rivera DeAbella.

The Reverends Roger Gifford, Tony Portell and Richard Jenkins will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Emmanuel Church of Greenwood, 1640 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. Friends may call Monday, 12-8 p.m. at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 300 South U.S. 31 (Morton Street) Franklin, and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until time of service at the church. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin. Family and friends may email condolences to maryswartz1@comcast.net and they will be forwarded to the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnson County Humane Society, 3827 N. Graham Road, Franklin, IN 46131.

Monday, September 29, 2008



K. Darrell Needler, 78, Kokomo, died at 11:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2008 at his home. He was born September 30, 1929 in Hartford City the son of Kenneth E. and Crystal (Leach) Needler. He married Marcia M. Salmon May 4, 1958 in Frankfort and she survives. Darrell was a 1947 graduate of Jefferson High School in Matthews, Indiana. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict as a store keeper on the Aircraft Carrier, Midway. He joined the Indiana State Police in 1957 and retired in 1984 after 27 years of service. At the time of his retirement, he was a Sergeant working as a Lab Technician. During his career, he completed many technical courses of study in police schooling and had earned the Million Miles Safe Driving Award. Following his retirement, he was employed by the city of Kokomo as

an Evidence Clerk in the police department for several years. Until he became ill he was employed as a driver for Kokomo Auto World. His memberships included Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, Pioneers of Indiana State Police, Fraternal Order of the Police, and Taylor Lions Club. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Governor Otis Bowen. He enjoyed woodworking and sharing items made with family and friends. He loved spending time with his five-year old great-grandson, Travis. He is survived by his wife, Marcia and a son, Brett D. Needler and his wife Terry and a daughter, Myra A. Pointer and her husband William, all of Kokomo; a granddaughter, Brooke A. Whitefield and her husband Jon of Seneca, S. C. and great-grandson, Travis Whitefield; four nephews, and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Dorine Smith, his twin, and Ruthalene Wolfgang, both of Marion. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road with Pastor Steve Gollner officiating. Burial will follow in Matthews Cemetery, Matthews, Indiana, with honors provided by the Indiana State Police. Friends may call on the family from 11:00 a.m. until service time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Diabetes Assn. with envelopes available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Marietta M. Barnhart, 87, a resident of River Terrace Estate, Bluffton, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at her home after an extended illness. She was born Sept. 8, 1921 in Amboy to Vern and Delora (Twible) Oden. She married Russell Barnhart, and he preceded her in death in 1996. Marietta retired from GC Murphy's in Peru. She also was a member of Liberty Gospel Mission Church, Amboy. Survivors include a son, Jay Barnhart and wife Bonnie, North Judson; a daughter, Sandy Moffatt, Peru; four grandchildren, Scott and Shelly, and Willis and Jason; a brother, Paul Oden, Jonesboro; a sister, Nina Bowland and husband Clyde, Amboy; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three sisters, Kathryn, Naomi and Lucille. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St with Pastor Arthur Jennings officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Thursday until time of service at the funeral home.

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Rose Ann Long, 89, Peru, passed away at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Sept. 16, 1919 in Peru to Thomas Lloyd and Caroline (Fasnacht) O'Connell. She married Robert L. Long April 21, 1953, and he preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1977. Rose retired from David Levin Co. after working there 25 years. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, gardening, and was a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan. Survivors include a son, Stephen Long and wife Ann, Peru; a daughter, Maryellen Blanton and husband Rex, Connersville; seven grandchildren, Robbie, Andy and Brad Blanton, Maureen and Brian Dyke, Rae Ann and Emma Long; a brother, Daniel O'Connell, Somerset, Ky.; a sister, Maureen Sweet, Oakton, Va.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Thomas O'Connell; and four sisters, Mary Alice Dolan, Helen Becker, Yvonne Brotherton and Patricia Wood.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles School. – also Wednesday, October 01, 2008



HARVEY RUSSELL DAVIS, 67

Harvey reached for the Lord's hand at 11:27 a.m. on Sunday, September 28, 2008 and went to his heavenly home. He was born December 31, 1940 to Daniel Davis and Pearl Davis Green, both deceased. He had two step-fathers, Herman Russell and Bill Green, both deceased. On May 21, 1961 Harvey married Janet Rose Rogers, in Wabash, with the Reverend Rudel Sparks officiating. Survivors include two sons, Daniel R. Davis and wife Jennifer of Peru, and William R. Davis and wife Lisa, also of Peru; a daughter, Debra E.

VanHoose and husband Keith, of Peru; grandchildren Stephanie Davis, Zackery Davis, Danielle Davis, Brooke Moser, Brianna Davis, Benjamin Davis and Keith Russell VanHoose, all of Peru. Also a great-granddaughter, Abigail Runyon. He is also survived by a brother, Alvie Davis of Peru; and two sisters, Dolly Spencer of Peru, and Martha Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded in death by five brothers, James, Paul, Irvie, Samuel and Roy Allen; and a sister, Bertha Ware. Harvey was known as the "Jack of all trades," and the miracle man. He loved having his family all together, being outdoors, tinkering in his garage, and collecting coins. He was employed with the Peru Foundry for 14 1/2 years until it burned down;

and then C & R Metals until he became ill with cancer in 1994. He was a member of Son-Rise Worship Center in Walton, where he found his peace and liked to sing for the church. Harvey was a very strong-willed, stubborn man who didn't like to give up. On May 19, 1994 he was given two weeks to a month to live but fought for 14 1/2 years. Doctors dubbed him a true Miracle Man - a fighter to the end!

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 84 W. Third Street, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Tinney officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral home. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Tuesday, September 30, 2008



David H. Berry, 77, of Mexico, Ind. passed away at 11:55 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. He was born in Indianapolis to Haney and Edith (Funkhouser) Berry, November 22, 1930. David married Norma Sherrill in Peru, on June 3, 1957 and she survives. Berry was a graduate of Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, and Butler University. He served in the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio in the Biotechnology Research Department. In addition to studying the effects of sounds on the ear, he helped perfect the ejection seat for airplanes. He also studied the effects of the G-Force on the human body. When he left the Air Force, he worked at the Regional Office of Shell Oil Company, in Indianapolis. He retired from the Sherrill Corporation in Mexico, Ind. and for several years worked for Payless Shoe Source. When he moved to Mexico, he became a member of the Starlighter's Orchestra. He played keyboard and enjoyed the entertainment business. David was a member of the Peru Elks Lodge, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and MENSA. Surviving in addition to his wife Norma, are four children: Michael Berry and wife Dawn of Rochester; Cynthia (Berry) Jellison and husband Larry, Bloomington, Connie Berry of Indianapolis, and Christopher Berry and wife Jennifer of Indianapolis. Ten grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Joe, who was killed in Normandy during World War II. A memorial service celebrating the life of David H. Berry will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2008, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Memorial donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Wednesday, October 01, 2008



Bethany O. Pettiford, 14, Peru, passed away at 8:49 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. She was born Sept. 14, 1994 in Peru to Zachary T. Allen and Felecia (McMinn) Pettiford. Bethany previously attended Noblesville Middle School and was a student at Peru Junior High School. She was involved in track and field, basketball, volleyball, choir and was president of choir. Survivors include her father; her mother in Peru; her maternal grandmother, Olivia McMinn, Hendersonville, N.C.; her grandmother, Elizabeth Hartwood, Peru; a niece, Sidney Young, Noblesville; a brother, Russell O. Pettiford, Lafayette; and a sister, Janina Pettiford, Noblesville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Maurice Reed officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

Friday, October 03, 2008



Wilma P. Moon, 95, Peru, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008 at Caring Hands Healthcare. She was born Nov. 30, 1912 in Clay County to Urzinus and Cordella (Kellum) Sendmeyer. Wilma retired from Maconaquah schools in 1978. She attended First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill. Survivors include two sons, Dee Moon and wife Lillian, Bowling Green, and Ted Moon, Peru; two daughters, Cheryl Caldwell and husband Mark, Bunker Hill, and Sue Lawson and husband Gene, Peru; 12 grandchildren, Terry Moon and wife Diane, Jodee Dyar and husband Steve, Randy Moon and wife Michelle, Marty Moon, Peggy Steves and husband Sean, Ted Alan Moon, Jim Moon and wife Jennifer, Chad Moon, Tony Caldwell and wife Mindy, Troy Caldwell and wife Ruth, Dana Baker and husband Jeff, and Kristi Xaver; 16 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; a sister, Edna Rumbaugh, Speedway; and a sister-in-law, Betty Sendmeyer, Greencastle. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, a grandson and a great-grandson. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from noon until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill.

Audrey Lynn (Krauskopf) Noble, 25, of Portage, Mich. and formerly of Battle Creek, passed away unexpectedly as a result of an automobile accident on Sunday, September 14, 2008 in Mattawan, Mich. She was born September 26, 1982 to Stephen A. Krauskopf and Beth Ann (Garber) Krauskopf in Jackson, Mich. She married Ryan Joshua Noble on June 27, 2003 in Battle Creek, and he survives. Audrey was a report coordinator for the pharmaceutical company MPI Research Inc., and had previously worked at Duncan Aviation in Battle Creek for about two years. Survivors in addition to her husband Ryan, are her

parents, Stephen A. and Beth Ann Garber Krauskopf, of Battle Creek; her maternal grandparents, J.O. and Joan Garber of Peru; an aunt, Brenda Hammond and her husband Jerry, Peru; her in-laws Timothy and Cindy Noble of Battle Creek; her sister-in-law, Heather Chapman of Battle Creek; her brother-in-law, Jason Noble and his fiancée Candace Coffman, both of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and a niece, Rachel G. Chapman.

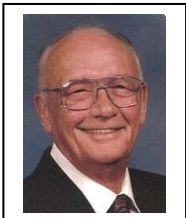
Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 19, 2008 in the Bachman Funeral Chapel, Battle Creek, Mich. Burial was at Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA, 424 East 92nd Street, New York, NY 10128-6804, or the Humane Society of South Central Michigan. Local arrangements were handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.



Pauline M. Johnson, 73, Kokomo, passed away at 1:13 a.m. Thursday Oct. 2, 2008 at Windsor Estates Health Care Center. She was born Feb. 9, 1935 in New Albany. Pauline was a homemaker and a member of the New Covenant Christian Center. She is survived by three daughters, Ronda Seymour and Paula Glover, both of Kokomo, and Jerra Moreland and husband Nathan, Peru; three sons, Kim Fortune and Robbie Johnson, both of Kokomo, and Tony Johnson, Claremore, Okla.; one sister, Ruth Ann Slinker, Delphi; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Pauline is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Mary Jane Walters and Pauline's twin sister, Geraldine Lamb. Pauline's funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Monday at New Covenant Christian Center, 2298 E. Markland Ave., with burial rites to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Pastor Rick Burgei will be officiating. Visitation will be from held from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Ellers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, and from noon until 1 p.m. Monday prior to the funeral at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the Johnson family at ellersmortuary.com.

Weldon F. Bell, 81, of North Manchester (formerly of Richland Township, Miami County) passed away at his residence at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. He was born Nov. 21, 1926 in Miami County to John Q. and Martha (Coblentz) Bell, both deceased. On January 22, 1954 he married Glorea A. Grossnickle, and she survives. Bell graduated from Chili High School in the class of 1944. He was a farmer and accountant in North Manchester for 45 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, stationed in Japan. He was a member of Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester. Survivors besides his wife include daughters Sharlyn K. Bell, Lori A. Bell, Sandra D. Bell and Jennifer L. Bell, all of North Manchester; and a sister, Lillian Lawrence and husband Michael, Denver.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 4, 2008 at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Calling hours are 1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Congregational Christian Church Technology Fund, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester, IN or the American Cancer Society, 250 Williams St., Atlanta, GA 30303-1002. Condolences may also be emailed to delaughtermckee.com.



Lonnie Neal Flinn, 81, Hot Springs Village, Ark., passed away Monday, Sept. 29, 2008 at a Hot Springs hospital. He was born Dec. 11, 1926 in Roosevelt, Okla. to Vernon Flinn and Ertie Jones Flinn. He married Adrienne Baxley Flinn, and she survives. Neal was a member of Jessieville Church of Christ. He had attended Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, Tenn. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Tim Flinn, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; two daughters, Pamela Flinn-Curtis and husband Roger, Hot Springs, Ark., and Cindy Flinn, Peru; a grandson, David Makin and wife Charlene, Peru; a nephew, Dave Flinn, California; and a niece, Brenda Shumate, California. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Burnie Flinn. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Jessieville Church of Christ with Brother Greg Balentine officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Memphis School of Preaching, 3950 Forest Hill Irene Road, Memphis, TN 38125 or Southern Christian Home, P.O. Box 649, Morrilton, AR 72110. Arrangements are under the direction of Cedarvale Funeral Home, Hot Springs Village, Ark. (501) 922-6100. You may sign the guestbook at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net

Monday, October 06, 2008

Rosemary (Butler) Monday, 75, of Indianapolis and formerly of French Lick, Ind., passed away on Oct. 3, 2008 at Lebanon, Ind. Rosemary was born in French Lick, Ind., on February 18, 1933, the daughter of Wilmer A. Butler and Laura Bledsoe Butler. Her parents and son, Curt Crider, preceded her in death. She married Bobby Monday on Oct. 20, 1974 and he survives. Rosemary was a beautician, operating several businesses in French Lick and West Baden Springs, Ind. Rosemary was also the fashion accessory department manager for K-Mart in Shelbyville, Ind., and Bedford, Ind., and before retiring, managed Crestwood Apartments in Indianapolis from 1989 to 1995. She was a graduate of West Baden Springs High School in 1951, the Royale Beauty Academy in Indianapolis, Ind., in 1958 and was a member of the Central Avenue Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Survivors including her husband Bobby are: one daughter, Christy L. Smith and husband Rick of Peru, Ind., two brothers, Warren Butler of Bartlett, Ind., and John B. Butler of Scottsburg, Ind., three sisters, Jeanne Stalcup of Paoli, Ind., Ruth Sager of Greencastle, Ind., and Betty Wininger of Lafayette, Ind., as well as four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 at 1 p.m. at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick, Ind. Friends may call from 11 a.m. on Oct. 7 until the time of the service at Brosmer-Kemple

Funeral Home in French Lick, Ind., with Pastor Charles Watson officiating. Burial will be at Sulphur Creek Cemetery in French Lick. Memorial contributions may be made to the West Baden United Methodist Church Food Bank in her memory.

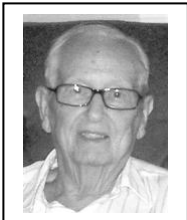
John David Gochenour, Sr., 75, of Rossville, Ind. and formerly of Pettisville, Ohio, died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008 in his son's home in Fayette, Ohio after a brief illness. He was born Jan. 15, 1933 to the late Orville and Mabel (Harding) Gochenour in Peru. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He married Esther (Briskey) Gochenour on Sept. 10, 1955. She preceded him in death in August of 2008. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he was co-owner of Gochenour's Upholstery in Pettisville, Ohio and owner of Wauseon Shoe Repair in Wauseon, Ohio. In the 90s, he moved to Rossville, Ind., and was owner of John's Shoe Repair in Lafayette, Ind., until he retired. Surviving him is one daughter, Julia D. Schroeder of Wauseon, Ohio, three sons, Rick and Connie Gochenour of Fayette, Ohio, John Jr. and Natalie Gochenour of Fayette, Ohio and Greg and RaeAnn Gochenour of Frankfort, Ind., one foster daughter, Deb and Terry Gault of Wauseon, Ohio, 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one sister, Evelyn L. Russell of Peru. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, William and Eugene Gochenour and one sister, Jo Ann Kerschner.

The Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru is in charge of the arrangements. Viewing is on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 from 4-7 p.m. The funeral is Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Gideon's or Hospice.

Mary Lou Snyder, 82, of Peru, passed away Saturday morning at the Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Ind. She was born in Rochester on Nov. 9, 1925, the daughter of Leonard J. and Bertha May Riddle Newcomb. Mary Lou married Herschel "Ed" Snyder in Rochester on May 22, 1948 and he survives. Mary Lou was raised by her grandparents, Elmer and Effie Newcomb, and she graduated from Rochester High School in 1943. She was employed at Armour & Company in Rochester from 1943 to 1948 and J.C. Penny in Peru from 1965 to 1990, and enjoyed continuing her friendship through the J.C. Penny retirees monthly luncheons. A woman of great faith, she was a life long American Baptist and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Peru. She was a past member of the Macy Chapter 124 Order of the Eastern Star and a past Worthy Matron.

Surviving in addition to her husband Ed are children L. Marcus Snyder and his wife Kay of Peru, Lyman A. Snyder and his wife Corbalou of Franklin, Ind., and Amy L. Snyder and her husband Mark of Indianapolis. Grandchildren Carrie A. Stutzman and her husband Jay of Boise, Idaho, Leonard Andrew Snyder of Franklin, Joshua M. Snyder and his wife Amber of Indianapolis, Virginia F. Lippert and her husband B.J. of Indianapolis, Loren A. Snyder of Franklin, Christopher C. Snyder of Fort Wayne and Jennifer K. Snyder of Indianapolis also survive. A service celebrating the life of Mary Lou Snyder will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru with Pastor Robert Adelsperger and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church, Peru. – also Wednesday, October 08, 2008

Friday, October 10, 2008



Thurell H. Hiers, 88, Kokomo, passed away at 10:36 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was born August 16, 1920 in Peru, Indiana, the son of Elbert and Lueyellen (Turnipseed) Hiers. Mr. Hiers graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and attended Fort Wayne Business College. He later served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1945. On December 5, 1941 he married Roseanna Kantzer, who survives. He was a clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1982 after 25 years of service. He loved working in the yard, taking care of his wife, camping and going to the lake. Surviving in addition to his wife is one son, Cary Hiers and wife Judy of Russiaville; and three grandchildren, Casey Hiers of Redondo Beach, Calif., Abby Carroll and husband Matt of Carmel, and Kyle Hiers of Russiaville. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Herbert Hiers; and one sister, Berneice Lunsford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 West Lincoln Road, with Pastor John Zwirn officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home Friday, October 10, 2008 5-7 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Foundation, with envelopes available at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Betty J. Hodson, 85, Peru, passed away at 12:32 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at Caring Hands Healthcare. She was born September 17, 1924 in Indianapolis to Bruce and Lola (Jackson) Babbs. On July 18, 1943, she married Ralph Hodson. He preceded her in death on August 11, 1989. Mrs. Hodson was a homemaker and was formerly employed for many years at the Hoosier Hills Apple Orchard. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Survivors include a son, David B. Hodson and wife Joan of Peru; a daughter, Linda J. Wolfe and husband Lonnie of Peru; grandsons Brian Hodson and wife Vickie of Mentone, Aaron Hodson of Chili, Chris Wolfe of Sullivan, Cory Wolfe and wife Keri of Evansville; granddaughters Amy Gunter and husband Mike of Mexico, and Carin Malanowski of Cincinnati, Ohio; five great-grandkids, Jade, Morgan, Braxton, Carly and Alyssa; a brother, Melvin Babbs and wife Katherine of Greenwood; sisters Delores Young of Bradenton, Florida, and Barbara Furniss and husband Jack of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, three brothers and two sisters. Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 12, 2008, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home,

105 W. Third St. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, October 11, 2008. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Herschel "Ed" Snyder, 88, of Peru, Ind. passed away Friday morning, October 10, 2008 at Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Ind. He was born September 3, 1920 in Rochester, Ind. to William H. and Madge (Groninger) Snyder. Herschel married Mary Lou Newcomb in Rochester May 22, 1948, and she preceded him in death October 4, 2008. Ed graduated from Rochester High School in 1939, and as part of America's greatest generation, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. His military decorations include the American Theatre Ribbon, the FAME Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. Ed was employed as an assistant manager of Armour Cheese Factory in Alton, Mo. 1960-1965. He was manager of Miami County Production Credit from 1965 until his retirement in 1984. He and his wife Mary Lou lovingly raised three children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, where he served as a Deacon. He was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather. Ed was a 50-year member of Peru-Miami Lodge #67 F&AM, Order of Eastern Star Macy Chapter 124, and the Peru Rotary Club. He thoroughly enjoyed local sports and was an avid Peru High School basketball fan. Ed had a twinkle in his eye and a smile that would warm your heart. Surviving are his children, Lyman A. Snyder and his wife Corbalou of Franklin, Ind.; L. Marcus Snyder and his wife Kay of Peru; and Amy L. Snyder and her husband Mark of Indianapolis; grandchildren Carrie A. Stutzman and her husband Jay of Boise, Ida., Leonard Andrew Snyder of Franklin, Joshua M. Snyder and his wife Amber of Indianapolis, Virginia F. Lippert and her husband B.J. of Indianapolis, Loren A. Snyder of Franklin, Christopher C. Snyder of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer K. Snyder of Indianapolis. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary Lou, a brother James Snyder, and three sisters Louise Hooven, Bernice Whittenberger and Janet Arnold. A service celebrating the life of Herschel "Ed" Snyder will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street in Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Rochester IOOF Cemetery, Rochester, with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, October 13, at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church, Peru, Ind. or the Rotary International Foundation.



Robert C. Keyes, M.D., passed away Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn, Ind. following an extended illness, at the age of 83. The previous nine weeks he was at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, after he suffered a brain aneurysm on July 31, 2008. He was born April 25, 1925 in Peru to Mary Edith and J. Lyman Keyes, and was a 1943 graduate of Peru High School. He graduated from Wabash College and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Dr. Keyes entered the V-12 program at Wabash. He became an Ensign in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Roi Aircraft Carrier during World War II. Keyes received his medical degree from Indiana University, and served his pediatric residency at Riley Hospital. He practiced pediatric medicine from 1954-1993, and was an emergency room physician at Lutheran Hospital from 1975-1986. He served in numerous other capacities throughout the years: Chairman of Fort Wayne Allen County Polio Immunization Program in 1967 and Measles Program in 1968; EMS Medical Director 1981-1984; and worked at the Neighborhood Clinic. He was an Emeritus Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics. After retirement in 1993, he worked at Urgent Care in Angola, Ind. until 2003. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Angola, Ind. Survivors include his loving wife Joline, of 33 years; sons Robert and wife Mary of Thornville, Ohio and Jeffrey and wife Lisa of Buckeye Lake, Ohio; daughter Anne Vogt of Estes Park, Colo.; step-son Gregory David and wife Jackie of Fort Wayne; step-daughters Deborah Wirts of Indianapolis, and Lynn Elzey of Hardy, Va.; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; sister Mary (Terry) Temple and two nephews, Bob Temple of Peru, and Mike (Janine) Temple of Angola; a niece, Elizabeth Yager of Apex, N.C.; three great-nephews and one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, James L. Keyes, and step-daughter Kelli Schenkel. He was truly loved and will be missed by his family and friends. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St. with Dr. John Stephen Park officiating. Visitation will also be 2-6 p.m. Sunday, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue and on Monday one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Riley Children Foundation, 30 S. Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.



Juanita Gaye Hall, 75, of rural Roann, Ind. passed away at 2:46 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital and Health Center in Kokomo. She was born in Macy, Indiana on January 26, 1933 to Carl J. and Florence E. (Macy) Grumpp. Juanita married Don D. Hall in Roann on October 9, 1954, and he preceded her in death on July 15, 1983. She grew up in Miami County and was a Chili High School graduate. She then received her certificate of cosmetology, and was a homemaker and babysitter. She was a member and former secretary/treasurer for the Roann First Brethren Church, and was also a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the church. She enjoyed mowing the grass, visiting friends and making noodles at the church. She was a #1 cookie baker. A volunteer at the 7 Mile Mini Mart in Urbana, she also

worked the arts and crafts building at the Roann Covered Bridge Festival for many years. Survivors include her five children, Sandy VanderVoort and husband Donald of Monterey, Tenn., Joseph Hall and wife Cindy of Roann, Ronald Hall, Rochester, Patricia Phenis and husband Ernie of Marion, James Hall and wife Carla of North Manchester; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, Lowell Grumpp and wife Opal of Denver, Ind. Juanita was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, Willis Grumpp, who passed away August 24, 1984. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with the Reverend Nikki Marker officiating. Burial will follow at Roann Community Cemetery in Roann. Friends may call Monday, 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Roann First Brethren Church. The memorial guest book for Juanita may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.



Freda June Brown, 89, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester (formerly of Akron, Ind.) passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2008 at Peabody. She was born June 11, 1919 in Fulton County, Ind. to Lee and Cora Zimmerman Coplen. She graduated from Gilead High School. On April 26, 1937 in Monticello, Ind. she married George E. Brown, who preceded her in death on November 17, 2005. Freda was a homemaker and had worked at Chamberlin Products in Akron, Ind. She attended the Akron Church of God. Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Malott and husband William of Akron, Ind.; a son Gary Brown and wife Bonnie, of Shepherd, Mich.; five grandchildren, Mike Malott and wife Amber, Todd Malott and wife Connie, Sondra McBride and husband Gary, Ramona Travis and husband John, Ronda Gould and husband Brian. She also is survived by seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Chandler of Indianapolis; four brothers, Dean Coplen and wife Helen of Mesa, Ariz.; Robert Coplen, Fort Wayne; Dale Coplen and wife Beverly of Akron, Ind.; Ralph Coplen and wife Barbara of Warsaw, Ind.; and a sister-in-law, Vada Coplen, Akron, Ind. She was preceded in death by her husband, two infant children, and two brothers, Charles and Wayne Coplen. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will follow in Athens Cemetery, Athens, Ind. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday, October 13, 2008 at the funeral home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Church of God, Akron, Ind. or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Online condolences at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Harold Dean McClaran, 60, of rural Roann, Ind., passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born June 8, 1948 in Peru to Robert L. and Norma Lee (Murphy) McClaran. Harold retired from Ford Meter Box in Wabash in April of 2008 after 34 years. He was a member of the Bunker Hill Freewill Baptist Church and also attended Center Chapel First Brethren Church in Miami County. He loved music, especially southern gospel, and also enjoyed bowling and loved life. Harold lived in Miami County most of his life and lived at 1364 Ontario Street in Wabash for 16 years. He is survived by his parents, Robert and Norma McClaran of Roann, two brothers, Jerry Alan McClaran of Peru and Michael McClaran of Macy; a nephew, Jonathon Ross McClaran in the United States Army in Iraq; two nieces, Kayla Rochelle McClaran of Bloomington, Ind., and Linette (Kevin) Stevens of Walton; and a great niece and nephew, Alyssa and Alexander Stevens, also of Walton. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road in Roann on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Bill Sheets will officiate. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery in Denver, Ind. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Harold may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

Robert A. Conrad, 83, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Logansport. He was born on January 14, 1925 near Twelve Mile, Ind., the son of Harry A. and Florence Beatrice Moss Conrad. On Dec. 5, 1948, near Mexico, Ind., he married Carolyn R. Conner, and she survives. Robert was a member of the Corinth Brethren Church, where he had served as a trustee. He was a United States Army Veteran, having served during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre. Survivors include three children, Diana J. Conrad, Indianapolis, John R. Conrad, Brooklyn Center, Minn., and Matt L. Conrad and wife Patricia of LaPorte, Ind. Preceding him in death were four brothers: Oscar A., Justin and Clifford Conrad and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 at McClain Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Corinth Cemetery near Twelve Mile. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. and 6-p.m. on Tuesday, October 14 at McClain Funeral Home, located at 3500 W. SR 16 in Denver.



Lois M. Miller of Peru, Indiana passed away at 2:50 p.m. on October 10, 2008 at Wabash County Hospital. She was 91. Lois was born on April 16, 1917 in Peru, the daughter of Harry Waymire and Ruby (Myers) Waymire. On September 23, 1937, she married Louis C. Miller, Jr. He preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 1989. Lois was a beautician for 20 years and was also a homemaker after she graduated from Peru High School in 1935. She also graduated from Wedikin Beauty College and was also an avid bridge player and dearly loved her nieces and nephews and also loved to crochet. She was a member of Peru First Baptist Church for more than 70 years. Several nieces and nephews survive, as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Brothers Edward Miller, of Peru, and Clayton Miller of Westchester Ohio, as well as sister-in-laws Majorie Cole of Kokomo and Ruby Quince, of Tennessee, also survive. Wilbur "Butch" Miller of Lake Helen, Fla, also survives. She was preceded in death by her husband, both parents, one daughter - Jane Ellen Miller and one sister, Dorothy Haines. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street in Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at Flowers-Leedy. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund. Arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy.

Rosellen "Dixie" Hunter, 86, Rochester, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She was born May 20, 1922 in Marshall County to William and Edna Wooldridge Dickson. She married Nelson G. Hunter Aug. 5, 1944 in Marshall County, and he preceded her in death. Rosellen lived in Fulton County for 63 years, moving there from Marshall County, and was a 1940 graduate of Culver High School. She retired from Hart Schaffner Marx of Rochester in 1985 after 27 years. She was a member of First Christian Church, the Fulton County Campers Association, was a 4-H leader, a Girl Scout leader, a lifeguard and gave swimming lessons. She liked to read romantic novels, crochet afghans for babies and make homemade noodles. She enjoyed creating laughter, dressing up like Santa Claus and eating breakfast with a group of friends on Friday morning. She also was a member of the Florida Red Hat Society. Survivors include four daughters, Lynda McCloughan and husband Ted, Rochester, Wanda Wilhelm and husband Richard, Macy, Kay Eiler and husband Robert, Alexandria, and Patsy Rowe, Peru; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandson, Brent McCloughan; a great-grandson, Colt McCloughan; a son-in-law, Patrick Rowe; a sister, Betty Ward; and three brothers, Ernest, William and Wayne Dickson. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. (Indiana 14 West), Rochester, with Pastor Kate Gandy officiating. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County and to the American Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.



Mabel L. York, 94, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, October 12, 2008 in Wesleyan Health Care and Rehab Center, Marion, Ind. She was born February 6, 1914 in Borden, Indiana to the late George W. and Bessie (Dowling) Durham. Mrs. York was a member of Fairmount Christian Church. Survivors include three sons, Tom Winslow and wife Roberta, Fairmount, Bill York and wife Jay, Indianapolis, and Jim York and wife Bethann of Peru; a daughter, Jane A. Baker of Peru; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Thomas Winslow in 1955, and Kenneth P. York in 1990. Two brothers and four sisters also preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Jack St. John officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until services Wednesday at the funeral home.



Chloie Dean Taylor, 90, of Peru passed away at 11:03 a.m. Sunday, October 12, 2008 at Caring Hands Health and Rehab, Peru. She was born June 18, 1918 in Allen County, Ky. to Oscar J. and Mattie (York) Wade. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist Church. Survivors include her children: Dennis Taylor of Peru, Joyce Wood of Marion, Carrie Taylor of Galveston, Kathy Kostura of Churchville, Va., and Lora Newsome of Peru. Eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Carl Taylor; and sons Bobby Stewart and Terry Taylor. There will be a graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Trailkill Cemetery, Swayzee, Ind. with Mike Kostura officiating. Burial will be at Thrailkill Cemetery. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main in Peru.

Linda L. Eads, 66, Peru, passed away at 7:16 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born June 3, 1942 in Louisville, Ky. to Dan E. and Ruby (Reed) Barnes. She married Ronald K. Eads Nov. 29, 1965, and he survives. Linda was a homemaker and attended Main Street United Methodist Church. She was a member and past president of Peru Garden Club and a member of the North Central Indiana District Garden Club. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Rhonda L. Bockover and husband William, Franklin, and Kay Bowman and husband Mark, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Lindsey and Nick Bowman and Kelsey and Spencer Bockover; a brother, Charles E. Barnes and wife Betty, Shepherdsville, Ky.; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Barnes, Shepherdsville, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Stephen Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Garden Club of Indiana Scholarship Fund.

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Gene Virgil Lohrman, 82, Logansport, passed away at 7:27 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 in Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. James Abbott and Rev. Alvin Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Davis Cemetery near Burnettsville. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, where a Deacon Grange service will be held in the evening. Memorial contributions may be made to the Anoka United Methodist Church building fund, the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Gene and view his video tribute online at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.

Friday, October 17, 2008

Eleanore A. Kerr, 90 of Akron passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. Private services will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Ind. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to Akron Library or the Kosciusko County Hospice.

Laurie Ann Martin, 41 of Macy, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

William B. Reep, 83, of Peru passed away at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Hickory Creek in Peru. He was born June 10, 1925 in Peru to William S. and Mary Alice (Borden) Reep. He graduated from Peru High School in 1943, and worked as a switchman with the C & O Railroad. Mr. Reep was a member of Peru Moose Lodge #249 and United Transportation Union. Survivors include a son, David Reep and wife Louise, Kokomo; a daughter, Susie Blackman and husband Steve of Franklin; grandchildren Erin Reep, Albany, N.Y., Sarah Kluesner, Carmel, Michael Reep, Kokomo, and Chad Blackman, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2008 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru, with the Reverend Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2008 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Moose Lodge #249.

Monday, October 20, 2008

Larry Arthur Campbell, 68, Fairview Heights, Ill., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, Ill. He was born June 23, 1940 in St. Louis, Mo., to Albin and Dorthea (Schlutow) Campbell. Larry retired after 20 years of service as a captain in the United States Air Force and also retired from the federal government in 2003 for a total of 40 years of service. He was stationed at Grissom Air Force Base from 1983 to 1985 and 1988 to 1991. He also served a tour in England from 1985 to 1988. Surviving are his loving wife of 36 years, Helen (Doran) Campbell, Fairview Heights, Ill.; his sister, Judith Chadlek, Kenyon, Minn.; and his sister-in-law, Alexandra Hilton and husband John, Bonnyrigg, Scotland. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at noon Thursday at Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, Ill. Interment will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo. Upon Larry's wishes, cremation was to be held. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Larry to Friends of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 211 S. Third St., Belleville, Ill. 62220.

Brayden Tyler Hostetler, 3, Amboy, passed away at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2008 in Greentown. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at Bethany Fellowship School, 5169 N. 600 East, Greentown, with Marvin Beachy officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery. Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Clara E. "Peggy" (Sharp) Carroll, 74, passed away on Friday, October 17, 2008 in La Mirada, Calif. She was born May 24, 1934 in Peru, Indiana. Long time resident of Artesia, Calif., she was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, William "Bill" Carroll on December 21, 2007. Survivors include their four children, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Peggy is also survived by her sister, Bertha Miller of Peru, Indiana, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 3888 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, Calif.

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Laurie Ann Martin, 41, Macy, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on March 13, 1967 in Miami County to John Raymond Wilson and Barbara A. Reffitt. Survivors include her parents; one son, Aaron Wilson; one daughter, Brittany Wilson; and two grandchildren, all of Winchester, Ky. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Macy Christian Church, Macy, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is entrusted with arrangements.

Betty M. Ramer, 82, of Peru passed away at her residence at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. She was born in Peru on February 9, 1926 to Cecil and Lola (Townsend) Banks, both deceased. She married Vermont L. Ramer in 1944, and he

preceded her in death. Betty lived in the area all her life and was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Dennis Ramer of Peru; daughters Gloria Bockover and husband William, Maryann Fuqua and husband Merle, and Joyce Bockover, all of Peru; and a brother, Cecil Banks Jr. of Peru. Betty is also survived by nine grandchildren: Lisa Bockover, William R. Bockover II and wife Rhonda, John Fuqua and wife Bobbey, Randy Fuqua, Lori Bostic and husband Bob, Carol Craw and husband Rich, Jason Ramer and wife Alania, Amy Savini and husband Travis, and Michael Bockover and Sherri. Also 15 great-grandchildren: Kelsey Bockover, Spencer Bockover, Travis Fuqua, Shayna Fuqua, Tiffany Fuqua, Kaylee Hileman, Morgan Craw, Avery Craw, Nora Beth Craw, Ethan Ramer, Emmalee Ramer, Whitney Savini, Trinity Bockover, Hope Bockover, and Brayden Bockover. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a son-in-law John Bockover, and a brother, Lewis Banks. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 24, 2008 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Gene Ousley, 47, of Zephyrhills, Fla., passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2008. He was born July 2, 1961 in Howell, Mich. to Melinda and Millard "Gene" Ousley. Tom graduated from North Miami High School in 1979, then entered the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in California for four years. Since then he has been the Colts #1 fan, has enjoyed traveling, going on cruises, boating, riding his Harley, working in construction, and most of all, loved spending time with his grandson. Survivors include his wife Ronda Ousley, Zephyrhills, Fla.; a grandmother, Dicksie McCarthy of Howell, Mich.; parents Melinda McCarthy of Denver, and Millard and Jean Ousley of Stockbridge, Mich.; father-in-law and mother-in-law Ronald and Judy Howell of Kokomo; a daughter, Jackie Bailer and husband Luke of Angola; a son, Tom Ousley Jr. of Zephyrhills, Fla.; a stepson, Kenneth Young of Kokomo; a grandson, Dylan Bailer of Angola; three brothers and three sisters, Michael Ousley of Greencastle, Catherine Brown of Dover, N.H., Carol Ousley, Denver, Ron Ousley, Denver, Chris Ousley and wife Becky, Peru, Jennifer Nord and husband Brad of Peru; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws. A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Denver Community Building, with Pastor Kenny Cole of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 4 p.m., and all are welcome to stay after the memorial and join the family in reminiscing over dinner. In Tom's memory all guests are asked to wear their Colts apparel.

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Lauretta M. Lee, 88, Rochester, passed away at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008 at her residence.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rochester Rotary Woodlawn Hospital Expansion Campaign. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

Luke Bryson Nordman, infant, Peru, passed away at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 at IU Medical Center, Indianapolis. He was born at 9:23 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008 in Indianapolis to Steven and Nicole Nordman, Peru. Survivors include his parents; a sister, Madisyn, 4, at home; paternal grandparents, Phil and Cheryl Nordman, Wabash; maternal grandparents, Jim and Marsha Gilkey, Peru, the Rev. Carl and Mary Sweet, Peru, and Kathryn Hann, Peru; and great-grandmother, Doris Nordman, Akron. He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Mary Gilkey and Truman Nordman. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery, 411 N. Grant St., with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family of Luke: Steven and Nicole Nordman, 915 Cherry Lane, Peru, IN 46970. The Earl-Love Funeral Home of Akron is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be made at earllovefh@gmail.com.

Monday, October 27, 2008

Dennis M. Sylvain, 57, Rochester, passed away at 2:36 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 at Northwood Village in Kokomo. Burial and graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com. Arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Joyce Ann Watkins, 72, Lagro, passed away Friday, October 24, 2008. Graveside services will be at Mount Etna Cemetery, Huntington County, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Robert Luis McClaran, 81, rural Roann, passed away at 10:57 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 9, 1927 in Hobart to Harry Shaw and Alta Irene (Dorland) McClaran. Robert married Norma L. Murphy in Denver on Dec. 14, 1947, and she survives. Robert worked for Pennsylvania and C&O Railroad many years and retired from Ford Meter Box in Wabash in 1991, after 28 years. He was a World War II Army veteran. Robert was a member of the Bunker Hill Freewill Baptist Church, but attended the Center Chapel First Brethren Church in Miami County. He loved

fishing, hunting and mushroom hunting, and especially loved Butch, his dog. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jerry McClaran, rural Peru, and Michael McClaran, rural Macy; three grandchildren, Jonathan Ross McClaran in the U.S. Army in Iraq, Kayla Rochelle McClaran, Bloomington, and Linette Stevens and husband Kevin, Walton; and two great-grandchildren, Alyssa Stevens and Alexander Stevens, both of Walton. He was preceded in death by his son, Harold Dean McClaran, who died Oct. 11; two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, on Wednesday at 2 p.m., with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to the American Heart Association or Miami County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Catherine I. Fewell, 87, formerly of Bennetts Switch, passed away at 12:25 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Campus in Peru. She was born July 14, 1921 in Milan to Edward and Idella (Livingston) Haase. She married Everett Fewell in February of 1940 in Milan, and he preceded her in death March 22, 1985. Catherine was a sales associate in retail clothing, working for Carl Ann and Wassons in Kokomo. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Kokomo, Order of the Eastern Star, # 375 Royal Center, and enjoyed painting. Survivors include a son, Larry Fewell and wife Tamara, Amboy; a daughter, Joyce Lake and husband Dennis, Peru; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Everett; three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christ Lutheran Church, 3401 S. Dixon Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Mark Sloss officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Calling will be from 4 to 8 Tuesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with Eastern Star services at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, Kokomo. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Harrie D. Lanning, 86, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born July 17, 1922 in Mount Cory, Ohio, to Harrie D. and Treva Leathers Lanning. He married Martha (Marty) Merz March 21, 1962 in Muncie, and she survives. Harrie graduated from Bloomdale High School, Bloomdale, Ohio, and was active in the retail car business primarily as a sales manager in the Fort Wayne and Huntington area. He moved to Peru in 1970 and was sales manager at Paul-Richard Chevrolet until his retirement in 1987. Upon retirement from the car business, he joined his sons and started H. D. Lanning & Sons Construction and they are in the new home construction business. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the First Christian Church where he has served as a trustee. He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge of Fostoria, Ohio, Scottish Rite-Valley of Fort Wayne, Shrine Murat Temple of Indianapolis, Circus City Shrine Club of Peru, Fraternal Order of Police and the Indiana Sheriff's Association. Harrie was a quiet man with a twinkle in his eye and a dry sense of humor. He thoroughly enjoyed walleye fishing in Canada, deer hunting in Pennsylvania and winter vacations in Florida. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Richard Lanning and wife Rose, Peru, and Kenny Lanning, Kokomo; a sister, Beverly Harrold, Fostoria, Ohio; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Beth Hamilton, Risingsun, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sharyn Lewis; and two sons, David Lanning and Greg Lanning.

A service celebrating the life of Harrie D. Lanning will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to First Christian Church, Peru.

Beth Kahre Martin, 81, of Kokomo passed away peacefully at her residence at 11:42 p.m. Sunday, October 26, 2008. Beth was born March 28, 1927 in Peru, Ind., the daughter of Dr. Raymond and Ruby (Yount) Kahre. She married Robert C. Martin in Peru on June 12, 1949 and he preceded her in death on August 3, 1999. Beth graduated from Peru High School and from Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo., and Butler University, Indianapolis. A homemaker, she and her husband Robert lovingly raised two children. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kokomo. Survivors include a son, Lance Martin and his wife Felicia, Mundelein, Ill.; a daughter, Stephanie Bjork and her husband John, Lake Forest, Ill.; grandchildren Sean Bjork, Jeffrey Martin and Brianna Martin; a sister-in-law, Barbara Kahre of Peru; and a brother-in-law, Steve Rothermel of Lake Charles, La. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Robert; a brother, Conrad Kahre; a sister and brother-in-law, Pam and John Myer; and a sister, Rhea Rothermel.

A service celebrating the life of Beth Kahre Martin will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 30, 2008 at the Kokomo First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Joyce Harris officiating. There will be a graveside service at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru at 2 p.m. Thursday. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Kokomo, through the funeral home.

Thursday, October 30, 2008

Joseph Maurice Van Dalsen II, 60, Macy, passed away 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008 at his residence. He was born Sept. 13, 1948 in Rochester to Joseph Maurice and Nora (Maggie) Magdalene Graham Van Dalsen. Joseph was railroad

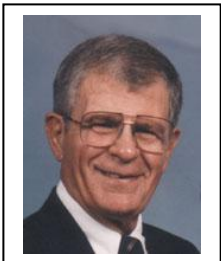
engineer for CSX, retiring after 30 years (on Aug. 29, 2001). He was a United States Army veteran, serving during Vietnam. He played trumpet and served an attachment at the United States School of Music in Little Creek, Va. He was a 1974 graduate of Ball State University, receiving his degree in social science education. He was known as an expert of Macy and Allen Township history. Joseph was a member of the American Legion, Rochester Post 36 where he served as bugler for almost 30 years; Elks, Peru; Abate Indiana; and was a member Peru Circus Band for many years. Survivors include his mother, Nora (Maggie) Van Dalsen, Albany, Ky.; two sisters, Joyce Spitler and husband Bing, Mason, Ohio, and Jane Angeline and husband Dan, Corpus Christi, Texas; a niece, Nanette Durr and husband Kevin, Le Mars, Iowa; a nephew, Scott Joseph Spitler and wife Amy, Glen Allen, Va.; and several great nephews and nieces, Aiden Spitler, Glen Allen, Va., Emily Spitler, Glen Allen, Va., Curtis Durr, Whitney Durr and Jackie Durr, all of Le Mars, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Fr. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy, with military graveside rites provided by the Fulton County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Gladys E. Deeds, 90, Rochester, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 at her residence. She had been in failing health for a year. She had lived in Rochester for 44 years, coming from the Miami County community of Deedsville. She was born March 27, 1918 in Wabash County, near Roann, to Harvey "Pop" and Ida Ochey Walker. She married Earl O. Deeds in 1937, and he preceded her in death Nov. 18, 1986. Gladys was employed by Hart Schaffner & Marx of Rochester and later worked for Owens Illinois of Warsaw, retiring in 1980. She was a member of the Paw Paw Church near Roann, and she was a Stanley woman, selling cleaning products to her family and friends. Survivors include two daughters, Janice Armstrong, Rochester, and Deanna A. Bagley and husband Stan, North Manchester; two sons, Eugene O. Deeds and wife Karen, Rochester, and Earl O. Deeds Jr. and wife Carolyn, Rochester; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; a sister, Mary Kathryn Campbell, Akron; and two brothers, Clifford Walker and wife Hazel, Peru, and Melvin Walker and wife Jewell, Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters and seven brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Richard Fox officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may visit with family from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Sunday, November 02, 2008



Robert C. Larson, 77, Peru, fondly known as "Coach" to most Peruvians, passed away at 3 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 at his residence. He was born in Chicago, Ill. on Sept. 22, 1931 to John and Victoria Koszil Larson. He married Dixie Waite in Peru June 7, 1958, and she survives. Bob graduated from Lindblom High School in Chicago in 1948, Arkansas State University in 1952 and received his master's degree from Purdue University in 1956. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He came to Peru in 1956 as assistant football coach and served as head football coach for the Peru Tigers from 1960 to 1973. He was head wrestling coach for 10 years and served as athletic director from 1969 until his retirement in 1993. Following his retirement from Peru Community Schools, he was an associate funeral director with Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, until his retirement in 2007. He was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather and a true "gentleman." A man of great faith and integrity, Bob was an active

member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon and elder. Bob was president of the Miami County Sheriff's Merit Board, a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Police, life member of the Peru Elks Lodge, life member of the Peru Maennerchor, a member of the Miami County Retired Teacher's Association, Indiana State Retired Teacher's Association, Retired Indiana Athletic Director's Association and American Legion Glen Owens Post #14.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Ingrid Kuepper and husband Michael, Peru; a son, Jan Larson and wife Diane, New Palestine; a sister, Muriel Carlton and husband John, Sahuarita, Ariz.; and four grandchildren, Emilee Elise Larson, Brant Read Larson, Alex Michael Kuepper and Andrew Robert Kuepper.

A service celebrating the life of Robert C. Larson will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor John E. Hess 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 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to First Presbyterian Church or the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Carolyn S. Shell Hatfield Ganz, 75, passed away on Oct. 30, 2008 at her residence in Detroit Lakes, Minn. She was born on Sept. 26, 1933 in White County, Ind., to Edwin T. and Mildred Louderback Shell. She married Charles Ganz and he preceded her in death. Carolyn was a liquor control investigator for the state of Nebraska. She also was a Monticello High School graduate. Survivors include three daughters, Shelli Hatfield, Papillion, Neb., Teri Buschette and husband Jeff, Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Paula Hatfield, Chicago, Ill.; a son, Thomas Hatfield and wife Jeannie, St. Paul, Minn.; three grandchildren, Travis, Jared and Lauren; and two sisters, Pat Phebus, Peru, and Shirley Schroeder and husband Fred, Monticello. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating and burial to

follow at Indiana Creek Cemetery, Pulaski County. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association or to a Parkinsons charity.

Monday, November 03, 2008



Betty Ernestine Albert, 76, Peru, went to her heavenly home at 10:34 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 at Riverview Hospital, Noblesville. She was born Nov. 16, 1931 in Peru to Ernest and Georgia Spurgeon Wendt. She married John "Jack" E. Albert at St. John's Lutheran Church on July 10, 1949. He preceded her in death on July 7, 2001. Betty graduated from Peru High School in 1949. She worked at Senger's Department Store for seven years, at Cutler hardware for 21 years, at United Technologies for four years and at Arnold's Candies. Mrs. Albert was a woman who dedicated her life to God, her family, her multitude of friends and acquaintances, and anyone else who needed help, a smile or a positive thought. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she volunteered to assist wherever needed. Every Monday, she could be found helping count weekend collections at the church. Missing

her love and emotional support will be surviving daughters, Colleen Buesching and husband Dan, Noblesville, and Deborah Binney and husband Mark, Peru; daughter-in-law Donna Albert, Peru; sisters Kay Wray and Esther Bragg, both of Peru; grandchildren Angela Musall, Clint Almon, Aubree Binney, Seth Buesching, Kathleen Buesching, Logan Buesching and Emily Albert; great-grandchildren Ashlyn Almon, Alyson Almon, Nathan Pearson, Kelcy Almon and Kenzi Almon; and step-great-grandchildren Johnna Musall, Jacob Musall and Jordan Musall. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Wendt; and two sons, Tom Albert and John R. Albert.

A service celebrating the life of Betty E. Albert will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Cemetery Fund.

Tuesday, November 04, 2008



Bill L. Reed, 75, Peru, was called to his heavenly home surrounded by his loving family at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born Aug. 24, 1933 in Tell City to Walter and Rhoda Reed. He married Barbara Brown in August of 1978, and she survives. Bill served two years in Korea with the U.S. Army. He was employed in the banking business for 40 years. He retired as vice president of Frances Slocum Bank and was formerly employed at First of America Bank. He was a member of First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon, and he served on the Peru Utilities Service Board and was a member of the Tell City Jaycees Club. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Ginger Hughes and husband Neil, Tamila Gosney, all of Peru, and Sherri Doty and husband David, Logansport; three sons, Jeff Reed and wife Lora, Peru, David Reed, Logansport, and Doug Caley and wife

Lisa, Wabash; 14 grandchildren, Carrie, Zane, Taylor, Megan, Allison, Jeremi, Jonathan, Lyndsey, Kyle, Brandon, Shayla, Derek, Rachel and Sarah; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant twins, Billy and Joyce Reed; and two brothers, Kenneth and Cubby Reed.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Daniel "Dan" C. Harvey, 66, Peru, passed away at 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 at his residence. He was born Dec. 29, 1941 in Peru to Ernest L. and Katherine W. (Griffith) Harvey. He married Pansy R. (Blankenship) Harvey on July 28, 1963, and she preceded him in death. Dan graduated from Peru High School in 1960 and was a member of First Church of Christ. He worked as a brakeman for C & O Railroad for 30 years. Survivors include a son, Richard Todd Harvey, California; several nephews and nieces, Jeff E. Harvey and wife Stacey, Melissa Clark, Scott Harvey, Kathy Land and Laura Hawley; two great-nieces, Aubrie and Delanie Harvey; two brothers, Ernest D. Harvey and wife Mary, Peru, and Edward L. Harvey, West Harrison; a sister, Nancy L. Hawley and husband Gary, Danville; and a grandchild, Jerod Harvey. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a son, Kirt D. Harvey.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Howard Whittlesey officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 05, 2008

Henry W. "Butch" Guyer, 70, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 1, 1938 in Peru to Paul and Nira (Amos) Guyer. He married Judith Bonney Dec. 14, 1958, and she survives. Henry was former owner and operator of Guyer the Mover and was a member of Christian Life Fellowship Church. He was past president of the Circus City Festival, a member of the Eagles Lodge, the Peru Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne. In addition, he loved his pet dog, Gracie Marie. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters,

Elizabeth Lee and husband James, Logansport, and Cheryl Wallace and husband William, Shelbyville; a son, Greg Guyer and wife Brooke, Peru; four grandchildren, Lauren and Justin Clark and Delaney and Addisyn Guyer; a great-granddaughter, Madisyn Coleman; five brothers, Charles Guyer and wife Shirley, Kokomo, Harold Guyer and wife Sonja, Texas, Gerald Guyer and wife Paula, John Guyer and wife Joan, and Harvey Guyer and wife Mary Jane, all of Peru; and two sisters, Katie Wheeler and husband Ivan, Louisiana, and Jean Ellers, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George (and his wife Marjorie); a brother-in-law, Don Ellers; and a sister and her husband, Helen and Bud Young.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor John Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Life Fellowship Church, 2372 W. Old Stone Road, Peru.

Friday, November 07, 2008

Nellie Laura Duggins, 73, of South Whitley, died Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 5, 2008 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Surviving relatives include her husband of 53 years, Stanley Duggins; a son, Lynn (Renee) Duggins of South Whitley; a daughter, Tina (John) Duggins-Foust of Peru, five grandchildren, Shea Duggins, Callista "Calli" Duggins, Cole Duggins, Bill Foust and Haley Foust and nine siblings. Service for Nellie will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel Funeral Home in South Whitley. Burial will be in South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Condolences may be made at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Saturday, November 08, 2008



Patricia Marie Bowland, 56, Amboy, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008 at her residence. She was born Nov. 8, 1951 in Muncie to Paul E. and Hazel M. Little Colgan. She married Forest "Wayne" Bowland Aug. 14, 1979 in Peru, and he preceded her in death March 2, 2004. Patricia was a homemaker. Survivors include seven children, Mack C. Eudy Jr. and wife Alethea, Roann, Gregory Eudy and wife Christine, Peru, Jeffery Eudy and wife Donna, Converse, Shane Bowland and wife Christina, Roann, Wayne Bowland Jr. and wife Natalie, Nancy Danniels and husband Clay, and Angie Farmer and husband Johnny, all of Victoria, Texas; a brother, Bruce A. Colgan and wife Susan, Deer Creek; two sisters, Marcia Eudy and husband Press, Roann, and Donna Foust, Tippecanoe; a special friend, Clifford Martin, Amboy; 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one grandson.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Amboy United Methodist Church, 202 E. Pennsylvania, Amboy, with the Rev. James McDowell officiating. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Indiana, Suite 1180-S, 115 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Funeral arrangements were handled by Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Monday, November 10, 2008

Maxine E. Whitt, Henderson, Nev., formerly of Peru and Kokomo, passed away at 8:22 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 in Henderson, Nev. She is survived by three daughters, Cindy Richardson and husband John, Peru, and Candace Somers and Lana Whitt, both of Henderson, Nev.; two grandchildren, Kelly Correll and Blain Richardson, both of Peru; and four great-grandchildren. There will be no services. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, assisted locally with arrangements.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Kristopher George Light, 27, Wabash, passed away Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 in Peru. A memorial service and burial will occur at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Wabash County Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Jean E. Brown, 93, North Manchester, formerly of Converse, passed away at 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, 2008 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester. She was born Feb. 22, 1915 in Stockton, Ill. to Avery and Sadie Ellen (Lutz) Stouffer. She married Leicester H. Brown on June 26, 1938, and he preceded her in death Aug. 17, 2002. Jean taught business and music at Pearl City (Illinois) High School from 1937 to 1938 and at Deedsville from 1938 to 1942. She co-owned Brown's Hatchery in Converse with her husband from 1942 to 1978. She graduated from Lena, Ill. High School in 1932. She received her bachelor of science degree at Manchester College in 1937. She was a member and past president of Pierian Club, and member and past president of Department Club, both in Converse. Jean enjoyed reading, playing the keyboard, visiting with friends and playing cards. While living in Converse, she was a member of Richland United Methodist Church, where she served as organist and choir director for 25 years. Survivors include a daughter Linda Chapman and husband Roy, Naples, Fla.; a sister, Evelyn Bowman and husband Paul, Lenexa, Kan.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and a son, Larry Brown, who passed away in 1979.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East Street, North Manchester, with Pastor Larry Ray officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Marion, at 2 p.m. Thursday. Calling is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the

chapel. Memorials may be made to Leicester and Jean Brown Scholarship Fund at Manchester College, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962 or Timbercrest Senior Living Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, IN 46962. Condolences may be e-mailed to debaughtermckee.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Delaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester.

Barbara Ellen (Booth) Owens, 56, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008 at her residence. She was born Aug. 2, 1952 in Wabash County to Eugene and Lucyille (Mullins) Booth. She married Marvin L. Owens in 2005, and he survives. Barbara worked at Hardee's and was a member of Revival Center, Peru. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Robert Sopher, Macy; a daughter, Tonia Shockey, Converse; two brothers, Geare Booth, Logansport, and Raymond Booth; two sisters, Shirley Dianessee, Macy, and Debora Boyd, Peru; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dewayne Booth. A memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Revival Center, 15 W. Warren St., Peru, with Pastor Rick George officiating. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Marian Louise Dewart, 90, formerly of Wabash, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center in LaFontaine. She lived at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center since February 2006. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Friday at 2 p.m., with Pastor Rob Rensberger officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to the donor's choice. The memorial guest book for Marian may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Greg A. Long, 49, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 6, 2008, in Bunker Hill. He was born August 9, 1959 in Lafayette to Theodore Long and Madonna (Elwood) Grim. He served in the United States Navy. Survivors include Companion Kim Johnson; daughter Autumn Long and companion Rickie Frye of Elwood; sons Nathaniel Long and Damon Long, both of Peru; sisters Vicky King of Marion and Kim Stahl and husband Bruce of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father Denzil Grim. A private family memorial service will be held Thursday with Pastor Gary Dalton officiating. There will be no visitation. Arrangements were handled by Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill.

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Thursday, November 13, 2008

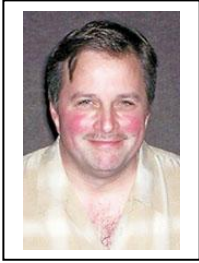
Rosida Reed, 81, Cedar Park, Texas, formerly of Galveston, went home to be with her Lord at 4:35 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 at the home of her daughter in Texas. She was born Oct. 15, 1927 in Mexico to Lafayette and Rebecca (Eikenberry) Shoemaker. On Sept. 18, 1949 in Denver, she married Richard E. Reed, and he preceded her in death March 28, 2005. Rosida was a homemaker and worked at McDonald's, retiring in 1997. She was a member of Bon Air Nazarene Church in Kokomo, a member of Gideons International for 39 years and a founding member of the First Brethren Church in Kokomo. She enjoyed fellowship with her church family and gardening. She is survived by two sons, Kent R. Reed and wife Cindy, Galveston, and Jack L. Reed and wife Christie, Kokomo; one daughter, Jill Daugherty and husband John, Cedar Park, Texas; a foreign exchange son, Leo Moron and wife Amy, Caracas, Venezuela; 15 grandchildren, Jackie Huffer, Jeremy Reed, Tyler Reed, Delton Reed, Kaysey Reed, Rebecca Reed, Nick Reed, Amy Reed, Janson Golightly, Darian Golightly, Justin Engle, Janel Engle, Elizabeth Daugherty, Karen Moron and Arianna Moron; and four great-grandchildren, William, Austyn and Devon Huffer and Jaden Manriquez. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband (Richard) and brother (Herman). Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Bon Air Nazarene Church in Kokomo, with the Rev. Dennis Riggs officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Logansport. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Friday, November 14, 2008

Eliza Mae Clark, 85, of Coldwater, Mich. formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at Maple Lawn Care Center in Coldwater. She was born in Miami County to Charles and Grace (Fouts) Overly on September 16, 1923. On September 16, 1939 she married Marion D. Clark, and he preceded her in death on April 12, 1989. Eliza was a member of Peru Grace Brethren Church. Survivors include a daughter-in-law Alice Clark, Tekonsha, Mich.; a daughter, Susan Saunders and husband Norman Scott, Yuba City, Calif.; niece Geraldine Pries Schuler and husband John, North Manchester; a nephew, Don Pries and wife Marty of Kokomo; a half brother, Dave Overly and wife Alice, Peru; a brother-in-law, Dale Clark and wife Rose, of Lafayette; a sister-in-law, Eileen Sullivan and husband Ellis of Peru; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents and her husband; a son, Keith Clark; a daughter, Beverly Sue Clark; and one sister, Lavaughn Clupper. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Peru Grace Brethren Church, with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service on Saturday at

the Peru Grace Brethren Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to Peru Grace Brethren Church.

Saturday, November 15, 2008



Gregory A. Peter, 51, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at St. Anthony Memorial, Michigan City. He had lived in Rochester since 1970, moving here from Homewood, Ill. He was born Aug. 30, 1957 in Harvey, Ill. to Donald George and Marilyn E. Raney Peter. On July 30, 1978 Greg married his best friend and the love of his life, Julie Ann Johnson in an outdoor ceremony near Rochester in the family's home. Their marriage of 30 years produced three children, Lanae, Jessica and Aaron. Most recently his grandson, Adarius, was added to the family tree.

As a talented fabricator, Greg worked for the sheet metal division of Climate Makers Inc., Peru. Earlier he was co-owner of Mid-West Sheet Metal and later owner of Air-Tec. As a young man he learned the fabrication trade and apprenticed with Al Zeyen. Julie and Greg enjoyed growing a variety of exotic hybrid orchids in their home. A fun day for the family was a day including "Home Improvement,"

working on projects, led by Greg, together as a team. Being very meticulous, Greg made certain the closets, tool chests and kitchenware met his specifications for organization. He was known for his excellent taste in selecting trendy clothing and jewelry for his wife and children. Many weekend mornings Greg would awaken first and cook breakfast for the household. He also enjoyed grilling out and gardening, and was a member of Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, and the 1975 class at Rochester High School.

Greg was a gifted member of well-known bands Brandy Creek, Treated & Released and Undercover Blues. He played the bass guitar and was on vocals for the bands. To relax Greg enjoyed reading mysteries and suspense. He also enjoyed antiquing and collecting nesting dolls, Delftware and Fostoria crystal and art glass. Christmas was Greg's favorite holiday. He loved to decorate for the holidays both in his home and outside. He was delighted each year to assemble the village and train set on the hutch and oak table in perfect sight for all the holiday visitors to see. Gift wrapping was his forte' as he spent hours employing the perfect designs that would rival his chief competitor Martha Stewart. His family was paramount in his mind. He adored his grandson Adarius, treasured his children, and was devoted to his loving wife, Julie. He always had time to help his mother and sisters and brother. He delighted in playfully wrestling with his nephews and nieces. Greg leaves behind his loving family, fellow band members, colleagues from Climate Makers and many friends he made during life's journey to cherish his memory.

Other survivors besides his wife and mother include two daughters, Lanae Peter, Rochester, and Jessica Peter, at home; a son, Aaron Peter, at home; a grandson, Adarius W. Ranstead, Rochester; three sisters, Laura S. Berkey and husband Scott, Goshen, Donna Ortmann and husband DelRoy, Kokomo, and Joellyn R. Detjen and husband Matt, Indianapolis; a brother, Daniel G. Peter and wife Kelli R., Lafayette; his mother-in-law, Sue Johnson, Rochester; two brothers-in-law, Paul Johnson and wife Melinda, Columbus, and Dave Johnson and wife Shelly, Fulton; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father on May 19, 2007. A celebration of life for Mr. Gregory Allen Peter will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 E. 1200 North, Roann, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. He will be laid to rest at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with Greg's family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and an hour prior to services at the church. Preferred memorials may be made to Shop with a Cop or the Olive Branch Church: Instrumental Music Fund.

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

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

Monday, November 17, 2008

Jean M. Balmer, 50, passed away at 8:19 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, 2008. She was born on Oct. 14, 1958 in Rochester, Ind., the daughter of Robert F. Smith and Norma J. Shaffer. On Aug. 27, 1977 she married Stanley R. Balmer in Rochester. Stanley preceded her in death on May 23, 2008. Jean was a bus aid for North Miami School Corporation and also had memberships with the Leroy Shelton American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 36 and Eagles Aux. 852 of Rochester. She was a graduate of Rochester High School in 1977. Jean was a very active member of the New Life United Methodist Church in Mexico, Ind. Jean also loved crafts and enjoyed her grandchildren.

Survivors include her parents, Robert and Norma Smith of Rochester, one daughter, Debra (husband Samuel) Cole, Wheatfield, Ind., one son, David Balmer (fiance Holly Oldham) of Peru, two granddaughters, Allison and Hayleigh Cole, one brother, John (wife Rhonda) Smith of Shelbyville, Ind., father-in-law Bill Balmer of Rochester and mother-in-law, Alice Balmer of London, Ken. Funeral services for Jean M. Balmer will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 at New Life United Methodist Church on the corner of U.S. 31 and Miami County Road 400 N. in Mexico. Pastor Bill Bergstrom will officiate with burial in Gilead Cemetery in Gilead, Ind. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 at New Life United Methodist. Funeral services are being handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. in Akron, Ind. Memorial Contributions can be mad to New Life United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Monday, November 17, 2008/Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Kenneth L. Kendall of Amboy passed away at his residence at 8 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2008. He was 83. Kenneth retired from McGrawsville Feed and Grain and was also employed at Crop Makers at North Grove, Ind., and Cardinal Oil in Peru. He was born Oct. 8, 1925 in Greentown, Ind, the son of oscar and Bertha (Kessler) Kendall. On Aug. 4, 1948, he married Johanna "Jo" Sarver. She passed away on Aug. 9, 2008. Kenneth served with the CEE BEE's in the U.S. Navy, where they built the runway on Wake Island. Kenneth was also a member of the Amboy American Legion Post No. 429.



Survivors include a son, Jan Kendall of Peru and a daughter, Cynthia (husband Don) Lahr of Marion. Also two grandchildren, Joshua Shepherd (wife Kim) of Amboy and Stacy Tiffany (husband Scott) of Las Vegas, four great-grandchildren, Kateleen and Chase Shepherd and Bryce and Kendall Tiffany. Several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews also survive. Three sisters-in-law, Pat Kendall of Greentown, Mary Kendall of Kokomo and Glennis Kendall of Kokomo all survive. Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, parents, three brothers: Robert Lee, Emmett Wayne and Gerald Kendall and four sisters: Marjorie Kendall, Bernece Dickey, Betty Scott and Helen Brown. Burial will be in Kendall Cemetery in Miami County. A private service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amboy American Legion Post No. 429. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Edward "Ed" J. Sharp, 63, Peru, passed away Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 at his residence. He was born Oct. 19, 1945 in Peru to Pearl Edward and Vivian Virginia (Ginny Cain) Sharp. He married Barbara Rose (Lindsey) Sharp Jan. 14, 1967, and she survives. Ed graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a member of First Baptist Church and retired from Square D on Aug. 22, 2008 after 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, Maggee (the cat), family, friends, and most of all his grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Michelle Transier and husband Rodney, Converse; four grandchildren, Nicholas and Morgan Magee, Alexandrah and Wesley Transier, Converse; a brother, James "Jim" Sharp and wife Joellen, Peru; two sisters, Judy Fischer and husband Mike, Kokomo, and Jill Musselman and husband Dallas, Twelve Mile; a brother-in-law, Lynn Robertson, Peru; nieces and nephews, James (Lucky) Nye, Brett Nye, Melissa (Nye) Dice, Stacey (Ashbaugh) Frischkorn, Hope Ashbaugh, Mark Ashbaugh, Fred Maricle, Tom Maricle, Angie Maricle, Jim Sharp, Mike Sharp, Danny Sharp, Dana Bonfiglio, Nikki Pugh, Dawn Lowrence, Beth Ernsberger, Brian Robertson, and Michelle (Robertson) Jones; and longtime family friends Dave and Kathy Briner. He was preceded in death by his parents; both in-laws, Willard (Purt) and Rose Marie Lindsey; a sister, Julie (Sharp Nye) Robertson; two brothers-in-law, Wayne Lindsey and James Lindsey; a sister-in-law, Rebecca (Neblock) Lindsey; and a nephew, James Purt Lindsey.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor John Hess officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military services conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Edward Sharp family through the funeral home.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Robert F. Stephens, 79, Hickory Creek at Peru, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Aug. 17, 1929 in Carthage to William and Gladys Stephens. He married Mary Jane, and she preceded him in death. Robert served in the U.S. Marine Corp. from October of 1947 to 1951, and then in October of 1951 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from Essex Wire Corporation. Survivors include a daughter, Floyd Stephens, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Bob Peach officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from noon until time of services Friday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Elroy Bates, 84, Walton, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008 at 8:03 a.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Feb. 18, 1924 in Rowan County, Ky. to William Royal and Eva (Stone) Bates. He first married Betty Jo (Berryman) Bates June 21, 1942 in Walton Christian Church in Walton, and she preceded him in death April 19, 2006. On June 30, 2007 he married Doris (Correll) Dalton Bates, and she survives. Elroy served in the Army Air Corp during World War II, from 1941 to 1945. He was a crane operator for 35 years and a member of Operating Engineers Local #103 for 50 years. He also was a farmer, member of Pilgrim Nazarene Church in Greensburg and attended Cole Rain Holiness Church in Wabash. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Carolyn Zimmerman and husband E.B., Kokomo, and Pamela Elpers and husband Tim, Walton; two sons, Rev. Donny Bates and wife Cheryl, Greensburg, and William E. Bates, Kokomo; five step children, Glenda Dalton, Twelve Mile, Greg Dalton and wife Melody, Fulton, Dan Dalton and wife Glenna, Wabash, Darlene Tyson and husband Carl, Peru, and Deb Hecker and husband Dane, Wabash; 11 grandchildren, Todd and Suzy Pounds, Kokomo, Scott and Kelly Pounds, Indianapolis, Tammy and Mike Neal,

Greentown, Anthony Wayne Bates, Shelbyville, Sherri Ann Bates, Indianapolis, Donnetta Jo and Brett Dayton, Lewiston, Idaho, Rev. Don and Amy Bates, Winchester, Melissa and Randy Hynes, Lewiston, Idaho, Jeffery Scott and April Bates, Nashville, Amber Lynnette and Shaun Miller, Fort Wayne, Andrew and Laura Elpers, Fort Wayne; 10 step grandchildren, Jeremy Townsend, Jennifer Roush, Walter Dalton, Brad Dalton, James Dalton, Alicia Dalton, Jeff Tyson, Joe Tyson, Holly Hecker and Angie Dalton; 21 great-grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters, Virginia Siggelkow, California, and Veatrice Lewis, Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Walton Christian Church, 103 Bishop St., Walton, with the Rev. Donny Bates officiating. Burial will be in Walton IOOF Cemetery, Walton. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California St., Galveston. Memorials may be made to the We Care Trust Foundation, Kokomo.

Surrounded by her family, **Edna Louise Frye, 61**, Bunker Hill, went to be with the Lord at 12:23 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008 at her residence. She was born July 3, 1947 in Corning, Ark. to Virgil and Gladys (Lloyd) Patterson. She married James E. "Jim" Frye May 1, 1965, and he survives. Edna was a home health aid and a member of Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church. She enjoyed WFRN Radio, and spreading and talking about the gospel to everyone she met, especially the young people. She also enjoyed working for the church and helping people out any way she could, even if she had to sacrifice something. Survivors besides her husband include seven children, James E. "Jimmy" Frye Jr. and wife Peggy, Kokomo, Robin Nolen and husband Cody, Texas, Angel Culbertson and husband Shane, and Tina Frye, all of Kokomo, Josh Frye, Bunker Hill, Kim Long, Kokomo, and Tim Frye; a brother, Joe Patterson, Kokomo, several nieces and nephews; and 15 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ruth Morrow and Patsy Wheeler.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at the church. Love offerings may be made to the Edna Louise Frye family through Allen Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Bunker Hill, IN 46914.

Thursday, November 20, 2008



Joanna L. Grubbs, 79, of Peru, Indiana passed away Friday, November 14, 2008 at 10:40 a.m. at Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Visalia, Calif. She was born November 23, 1928 in Peru, the daughter of Raymond and Mable Kelley. She married Roger L. Black in October 1944 and he preceded her in death in October 1955. On December 14, 1963 she married Peru Tribune Managing Editor Donald H. Grubbs, and he preceded her in death on June 26, 2002. Jo was an employee of the Peru Community Schools, working in the high school cafeteria for more than 35 years, until her retirement in May of 2007. Early risers in Peru could spot Jo every school day walking North on Broadway at 6:45 a.m., as she completed the first leg of her daily three-mile walk to and from work. She and her husband Don lovingly raised their family of three sons and three daughters. She had a passion for living, and an infectious love of life, family and friends. A

woman of great faith, she was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Jo is survived by her children: Connie Hoverman and husband Larry, Van Wert, Ohio; Penny Wise and husband Charles, Peru; Teresa Yost of Exeter, Calif.; and Blair Grubbs and wife Esmeralda of Los Angeles, Calif. Her grandchildren include Carrie Beyer and husband Robert of Columbus, Ohio; Heather Butz and husband Robert of Wichita Falls, Texas; Holly Ward of Peru; Hillary Godwise and husband Jason of Peru; Nathan Hoverman and wife Rachel of Van Wert, Ohio; Ryan Meyers and wife Summer, Visalia, Calif.; Aaron Lekof of Visalia, Calif.; and Rhett Mast and wife Sonja of Fort Wayne. Also surviving are 15 great-grandchildren, along with her close and dear friends Vicky and Donnie Birner, and their sons Nicholas and Craig.

A mass celebrating the life of Joanna L. Grubbs will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends and family will gather on Monday, November 24, 2008, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street in Peru. There will be a prayer service Monday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru High School Volleyball Program or to the St. Charles Catholic Church. – also Saturday, November 22, 2008



Patricia "Pat" Ann (Parkman) Supples, 73, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 18, 2008 at her residence. She was born July 13, 1935 in Attica to George B. and Willa Mae (Buster) Parkman. She married Robert F. "Bob" Supples Sept. 10, 1961, and he survives. Pat retired from civil service and was a member of First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill. She loved cooking, sewing, crafts, spreading the gospel and spending time with her family and friends. Survivors besides her husband include a son, James B. Supples and wife Melody, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Roberta Louise Supples, Brandon, Fla.; two grandchildren, James B. Supples and wife Shelley, Delphi, and Christina Rich and husband Silas, Kokomo; three great-grandchildren, Trinity Supples, Tristen Supples and Damian Supples; several nieces and nephews; two brothers, Richard Parkman, Florida, and Frances David Parkman, Tennessee; and a sister, Susie Sicho, Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Nancy Parkman.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons and/or Bunker Hill First Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

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Alta B. Ridenour, 98, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, passed away at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born July 26, 1910 in Roann to Harvey and Ellen (Keim) Provines. Alta married J. Robert Ridenour in Roann on March 5, 1932; he died Jan. 30, 1993. Alta was a Laketon High School graduate, a member of the Roann First Brethren Church and attended the North Manchester First Brethren Church the past few years. She and her husband Robert lived in Sarasota, Fla. many years and bought a home in Roann when they retired at age 65. For many years, they spent their winters in Sarasota and summers in Roann. They moved to Peabody Retirement Community in 1988. She and her husband farmed and raised chickens in the Roann and Urbana areas, and she worked three years at Kroger Egg Exchange in Wabash. Alta enjoyed traveling, especially to the Holy Lands, and visited 48 states, most of the provinces of Canada and Mexico. Survivors include a sister, Eunice Brower, Englewood, Fla.; two nieces, Connie (Howard) White, Cape Haze, Fla., Phyllis (Marvin) Eastlund, Fort Wayne; three nephews, Ted (Delinda) Brower, Roann, Kent (Gwen) Brower, Fort Wayne, James D. (Bonita) Abshire, Akron, Penn.; and 14 great nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by a brother, a sister and a great niece. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Kurt Stout officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Eileen Margaret Householder, 92, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born July 14, 1916 in Peru to O.C. and Henrietta Balter Burbank. On September 6, 1936 she married Wilbur Frank Householder at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. He preceded her in death on October 31, 1999. Mrs. Householder graduated from Peru High School in 1936. She worked at American Stationery for 21 years, retiring in 1979, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, a lifetime member of the Miami County Historical Society, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Eveready Home Economics Club. Survivors include her son, Allen Householder of Mesa, Ariz.; grandchildren Kirk Householder and Kayla Householder of Arizona; Daniel Householder and Debra Burns, both of Peru; great-grandchildren Karsten and Kira Householder of Arizona; Kyle Glen Burns, Ashley Danielle Burns, Braden Matthew Burns, Holly Householder and Ashley Black, all of Peru; a sister, Clio Biviano of Plainfield, Ind.; and daughter-in-law Dianna Householder. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Peru Police Lieutenant Glen Householder in 1973; and a sister, Mary Helen Gaunt. A service celebrating the life of Eileen M. Householder will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2008 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 West Main in Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. John's Lutheran Church.



Thomas K. Keller, 48, Peru, passed away at 7:11 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 at St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis. He was born June 18, 1960 in Kaiserslautern, Germany to Richard E. and Hannelore (Knots) Keller. Thomas graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1978 and served in the U.S. Navy. Prior to going on disability, he was a cable TV lineman for QC Communications. Survivors include his companion, Shari Losier; his ex-wife, Linda Keller; 10 nieces and nephews, Jessica, Amber H., Michael, Matt, Josh, Ashley, Amber K., Ivory, Mercedes and Erik; a brother, Rick Keller and wife Michelle, Peru; and two sisters, Christine Holland and Shirly Keller, both of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Jon. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor John "Jack" Hess officiating.

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Hazel E. Wooton, 97, Largo, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:03 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008 at Arden Assisted Living, Largo, Fla. She was born Aug. 2, 1911 in Chanute, Kan. to Charles W. and Eva (Bryan) Sebree. She married Hansford Wooton Feb. 10, 1951, and he preceded her in death Feb. 22, 2002. Hazel was a homemaker, a member of First Christian

Church in Peru and the Eastern Star. Survivors include several nieces and nephews and a sister, Gladys Puterbaugh, Greentown. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Harry and Robert Sebree; and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.



Virginia W. Walther, 88, Kokomo, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 at 10:58 a.m. at her home. She was born March 21, 1920 in Kokomo to Elsie Webb. She married Clarence Walther in 1944, and he preceded her in death Nov. 23, 1963. She retired in 1987 from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after serving there 44 years. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene and the UAW Local #292. Survivors include one son, Steven Walther and wife Sally, Sioux Falls, S.D.; one daughter, Matilda "Tillie" Stickley, Kokomo; eight grandchildren, Melony Vasho, Tarpon Springs, Fla., Gregory Lawrence, Coldwater, Mich., Monica Easter, Kokomo, Timothy Lawrence, Tarpon Springs, Fla., Michael Lawrence, Jacksonville, Fla., Anthony Lawrence, Jacksonville, Fla., Mark Walther, Size Rock, Ky., and Stacey Wier, Little Rock, Ark.; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death are her parents; husband; one son, Jeffrey C. Walther, on Jan. 22, 1974; and one granddaughter, Melinda Lawrence. Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2734 S. Washington St., Kokomo, with Pastor David Leeder officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Virginia loved flowers, but memorial contributions may be made to American Red Cross. Envelopes will be available at the church. Online condolences may be sent to www.stoutandson.com. Stout & Son Funeral Home Russiaville Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Janet S. Deardorff Layton, 66, Rockport, Texas passed away November 12, 2008 in Indianapolis. She was born November 14, 1941 in Kokomo to Ralph M. and Agnes F. Markley Deardorff. She was the widow of Michael R. Layton. She served in the United States Air Force as an Airman Second class from 1958 to 1962. She also worked for Mabell Telephone Company in California and as an insurance claims adjuster for USAA Insurance Company in California. She retired to Rockport, Texas and spent her summers in Rochester and Redding, California. She is survived by her children, Ralph R. (Denise) Layton of Vancouver, Washington, and Michael Rogers of Redding, California; grandchildren Kyle, Richard and William; stepsons Michael (Karen) Layton Jr. of Lancaster, California, and John (Gladys) Layton of Scranton, Pennsylvania; brothers John (Kathy), Kerry Sr. (Vicki), Emerson and Michael (Renee) Deardorff and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Saturday, November 15, at Feeney-Hornak Keystone Mortuary in Indianapolis with burial at Lawn Crest Memorial Park Cemetery in Redding, California.



William "Bill" Mahlen Paxson, 70, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born in LaPorte, Ind. on January 10, 1938 to Harrold and Helen (Wendling) Paxson. Bill was a lifelong resident of Walton and Logansport. Bill had served in the U.S. Navy, and was a past member of the Logansport Shrine Club, Masons and FOP. He was also a member of the Izaak Walton League Gun Club. He enjoyed woodworking, crafts, fishing, and most of all, telling jokes and stories. He worked at Logan Machine and was a heavy equipment operator and truck driver. Survivors include his mother Helen Gunter; two brothers, P.D. Gunter and Dave Paxson; two daughters, Paula Marshall and husband Joe, and Pam Foster and husband Larry; two grandchildren, Mitch Michael and Kristi Michael. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, and his longtime friend, Sheila Davis. He was preceded in death by his father Harrold, stepfather Paul Gunter; daughter Polly Ann; Aunt Virginia Kinnaman, and grandmother Laura Wendling. His body was donated to Indiana University Medical Science, which was his lifelong wish. Contributions may be made to the IU School of Medicine, 635 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202. A memorial celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2008 at the First Methodist Church, 800 E. Broadway, Logansport, Ind. with Pastor Teri White officiating.

Monday, November 24, 2008



David Eugene "Bear" DeWitt, 60, Kokomo, passed away at 1:44 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 2008 at his home. He was born at 7:37 p.m. Dec. 4, 1947 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru to Butch and Bonnie (Enyeart) DeWitt. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 13 years, Jean (Adair) DeWitt. David was a 1966 graduate of Peru High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from August of 1967 through March of 1969. Before retiring in 1999 with a medical disability, (PTSD), he was employed at Haynes International for 27 years. He was a former member of the Milwaukee Iron Motorcycle Club, as well as a life member of the VFW. He enjoyed riding his Harley and watching sports on TV. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three sons, Brian David DeWitt, serving with the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Va., Matthew Scott DeWitt, Monticello, and Justin David DeWitt and wife Holly, Kokomo; four grandchildren; two sisters, Denise Moeller, Odenton, Md., and Debbie Turnbull, Marianna, Fla.; three nieces, Cora Hamilton, Bonnie Cruea and Hayley Turnbull; an uncle, James A. DeWitt; and several cousins. "Bear" is now at rest with his God and his parents. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Jefferson Street Chapel, 414 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, with Deacon Ron Morrow officiating.

and "Bear's" sister Denise delivering the eulogy. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the Kokomo Military Rites Team. The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family requests casual dress for all attending. Online condolences may be left at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Margaret Jane Bell Lutz Piercy, 91, Clifton Forge, Va., passed away Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 in Alleghany Regional Hospital, Low Moor. She was born in Peru on Oct. 11, 1917 to the late John B. And Mayme Derringer Bell. Margaret was a retired ward clerk at the former C & O Hospital in Clifton Forge, and was a previous owner/operator of Webers Florist and Alleghany Floral. She was a very active member of the Central United Methodist Church where she served in the Wesleyan Fellowship, administrative board, co-director of the puppet ministry, and the Men's Chorus pianist. Margaret had played the piano for numerous organizations and church throughout her life. She was a member of the Martha Chapter #21, Order of the Eastern Star. She was preceded in death by husbands Charles William Lutz in 1971 and by Harley Everette Piercy in 1997. Margaret is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and John Boone, Clifton Forge, and Kristi and Michael Perkins, Louisburg, N.C.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William Charles "Billy" Lutz, James Robert "Jim" and Ilse Lutz, Celina, Tenn.; a brother, Robert Jackson "Bob" Bell, Anderson; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Nicely Funeral Home, with the Rev. Barry Burkholder, Rev Lee Dotson and Rev. W. Pembroke Hall officiating. Interment will follow in Alleghany Memorial Park, Low Moor. A funeral service conducted by Martha Chapter #21 Order of the Eastern Star will be conducted Monday evening at 6 p.m. at Nicely Funeral Home, followed by visitation until 8 p.m. The family suggests memorial tributes take the form of contributions to the Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 16, Clifton Forge, Va. 24422 or to the Alleghany Humane Society, 304 Karnes Road, Low Moor, Va. 24457. To send a condolence to the family online, visit www.nicelyfuneralhome.com.

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

Donna Jane Rock Crispen, 51, Rochester, passed away Sunday morning, Nov. 23, 2008 in Miami County as a result of injuries from a motor vehicle accident. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to The Old Cross Road Baptist Church of Gilead. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.



LaVaughn "Bun" A. Gahs, 86, Peru, passed away peacefully at 1:02 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 2008 at home with his family at his side. He was born June 11, 1922 to George and Katie (Eberle) Gahs, Peru. He married his beloved wife, Shirley (Schram) on Sept. 4, 1948, who remained by his side throughout their 60 years of marriage. He had been in failing health for the past several years. He was the proud father of six children, Kathy Kranz and husband Joe, Peru, Lavita Berglan and husband Jim, Peru, Linda Hegg and the late Darryl, Richfield, Wis., Lanette Combs and husband Jeff, LaFontaine, Lanita Ferré and husband Kerry, Peru, and Danny Gahs and wife Michele, Peru. LaVaughn was a dear grandfather to Carrie, Kevin, Heath, Matt, Becky, Amanda, Eric, Erin, Tyler, Alicia, Emily, Ethan, Emma and Eden. He also was blessed with great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Macee, Makenna, Christopher, Ada and Nathan. Also surviving is his dear sister, Larelda Ralston and husband Thurman, Warren; and mother-in-law, Maggie Schram, Caring Hands. LaVaughn was a farmer and hod carrier all his life. His love for farming created his passion in collecting toy tractors. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Katie Gahs; his infant daughter and one brother, Lamoine Gahs. Pall bearers will be his six grandsons, Heath and Matt Berglan, Kevin Kranz, Eric and Tyler Combs and Ethan Gahs.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Burial will follow in Peoria Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association in honor of LaVaughn Gahs.

Roy E. Brown, 85, Peru and Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008 at his home in Peru. He was born Feb. 14, 1923 in Galveston to Harry and Letha (Deisch) Brown. He first married Margaret L. (Haschert) Oct. 12, 1945, and she preceded him in death April 26, 1996. On Nov. 12, 1996 he married Helen (Brock) Boyer in Bonita Springs, Fla., and she survives. Roy was an oil truck driver for Farm Bureau for 20 years. He also worked for Haynes Stellite for 10 years. He retired to Bonita Springs, Fla. in 1988. He was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member and past master of the Walton Masonic Lodge #423 F.&A.M., and a member of Scottish Rite Valley, Indianapolis, the Walton Lions Club and First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs, Fla. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Thomas Brown and wife Michele, Broomall, Pa.; a daughter, Judith Wolfenbarger and companion Mary Ann Oaks, Bonita Springs, Fla.; a stepdaughter-in-law, Christina Boyer, Logansport; two stepsons, Larry Boyer and wife Phyllis, Galveston, and Ron Boyer and wife Terri, Peru; and grandchildren, Marci and Neil Glavin, Bel Air, Md., Mindi and Brad Cherry, Schwenksville, Pa., Megan Brown, Broomall,

Pa., McKenzie Brown, Broomall, Pa., Dawn and Jack McKinney, Kokomo, and Jennifer and Chad Creason, Miami; six great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; one great-great-grandchild; six stepgrandchildren and ten stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife (Margaret), two brothers, one sister and one stepson.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with the Rev. Edward E. Brock Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until service time on Friday at the funeral home, with Masonic services at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice, 412 W. Sycamore St., Kokomo. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com.

Friday, November 28, 2008



Henry August Zimmerman, 67, Osprey, Fla., passed away Friday, Nov. 21, 2008 in Osprey, Fla. after a courageous battle with cancer with his companion and caregiver, Gloria Kongsvik, at his side. He was born April 27, 1941. He was a retired regional sales rep for Tee Jays Manufacturing in Florence, Ala. Hank and his family moved from Crown Point to Mexico in 1976 to manage the Senger Dry Goods Store. Hank loved his family, golf, fishing and searching the beaches of Venice, Fla. for shark's teeth. Survivors include two sons, Jeff Zimmerman and wife Christy, Peru, and Brian Zimmerman, Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Kelli Perry, Noblesville, and Kim Coy and husband Chad, Kokomo; and seven grandchildren, Devin and Weston Zimmerman, Cole and Katie Perry and Alexa, Reis and Maxx Coy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Edna Zimmerman, Toledo, Ohio; and a brother, Carl Striggle, Hillsdale, Mich. A celebration of life will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, with a service at 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. The family suggests memorial contribution tributes go to the American Cancer Society.



Gerald F. Helton was called to his heavenly home surrounded by his loving family on November 26, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital. He was 86. Gerald, a Waupecong, Ind., resident, was a retired Continental Steel worker and was also formerly employed at Hoosier Iron in Kokomo and Waupecong Feed Mill and Hatchery in Waupecong. Gerald was born Oct. 22, 1922 in Kokomo, the son of Andrew Jack and Fannie (Gregson) Helton, both of whom preceded him in death. On April 8, 1944, he married Maxine Glassburn and she survives. Gerald was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Kokomo for 67 years. Survivors include two daughters: Paula Sue Lyons (husband James) of Waupecong and Donnie Bakehorn (husband Ray), also of Waupecong. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Melissa Lyons, Steven Lyons (fiance Angie Cooper), Heather Williamson (husband Heath) and Holly Bakehorn and fiance Mike Dalton. Three great-grandchildren, Hayley, Hayden and Meagan also survive. A brother, Fred Helton and wife Dory, of Kokomo, also survive. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: James, Harold and Wayne Helton, as well as a sister, Deloris. Funeral services will be Monday, Dec. 1, 2008 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Kenneth Greenwalk officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, 2008. – also Saturday, November 29, 2008

Saturday, November 29, 2008

Audrey Ellene (Smith) Siegfred, 91, Peru, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital from congestive heart failure. She was born Jan. 2, 1917 in Onward to Orton Henry and Mabel Marie (Winters) Smith. She graduated from Peru High School and married her childhood sweetheart, James Harold "Stein" Siegfred, on Feb. 2, 1937. They were married for 69 years until his death Oct. 14, 2006. They were the parents of two children, Michael James (1944-61) and Veda Kay. Audrey was a member of the Methodist Church for 76 years. She was baptized and joined the church in Peru on March 27, 1932, along with her sister, Juanita. She loved music and sang in the choir for several years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 62 years and also Women of the Moose Lodge, where she and Stein spent many happy times. Audrey was a homemaker and was fondly known for her delicious homemade pies. She was a loving wife and mother and always willing to help in times of need. Audrey and Stein lived with their daughter and family for several years and enjoyed the togetherness they shared. In her final years, she was afflicted with Alzheimer's and resided in Dukes Continuing Care and Miller's Merry Manor from March 2005 until her death. She loved and appreciated all who cared for her and referred to them as her "family." She will be remembered for her smile and laughter and a wave of her hand.

In addition to her daughter, Veda, she is survived by her son-in-law, Ray Sutton, Peru; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Michael and Susan Sutton, Wyatt and Carter, Orlando, Fla., Chris and Angie Riendeau and Adam, West Palm Beach, Fla., Zachary and Kristen Sutton, Riley and Sierra, Peru, and Chad Sutton (Kelli Wright), Peru; her loving sister, Beulah (Cleo) Haynes, Avon; nieces, Janet (Harold) Ealy, Peru, Pam (Sid) Cover, Denver, Cindy Click (Phil Wyatt), Denver; and nephew, Eric (Joyce) Allman, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son; sister and brother-in-law, Juanita and Harry Allman; and a nephew, Steve Schmidt.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with the Reverend Steven Ailes of Main Street United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the music department at Main Street United Methodist Church. – also Monday, December 01, 2008

Alfred F. Cagle, 85, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away 2:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008 at his residence. He was born June 20, 1923 in Bragg City, Mo. to Sam and Ruby (Northcut) Cagle. He married Marjorie P. "Polly" Duke July 21, 1945, and she preceded him in death Oct. 22, 2004. Alfred served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1943 to 1946. He was a retired conveyor attendant for Fisher-Body, Marion. Survivors include two daughters, Winnie R. Case and husband Milton, Peru, and Paula K. Kennison and husband Mark, Troy, Ohio; a son, Larry R. Cagle, Peru; seven grandchildren, Joseph Case and wife Leah, Peru, Donna Miner and husband T.L., Superior, Ariz., Art Reed III and wife Michelle, Kokomo, Shannon Collins and husband Keith, Wabash, Stephanie Morton, Peru, Sabrina Austjfor, Cavalier, N.D., and Michael Case, Joshua Tree, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren, Sarah, Haidein, Kinzi, Kylie, Tabitha, Jade, Taylor and Trey; two brothers, Melvin Cagle, Kennett, Mo., and Bill Cagle, Dardanella, Ark.; and a sister, Betty Hunter, Branson, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a granddaughter, Sheila; and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Monday until time of service at the chapel. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. – also Monday, December 01, 2008

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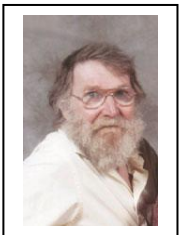
Jeanette McKeefer, who was born March 20, 1906 to Merle and Bessie (Overman) Powell in Miami County near Converse, Indiana, passed away at her home on November 29, 2008. As a child, Jeanette attended school at College Corner School and Church at South Union Friends Meeting, a small country church. After graduating from Converse High School in 1924, she attended Earlham College for one year before going on to Ball State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree, with a license to teach English and Home Economics. She taught several years in Wells, Cass and Miami counties, before retiring from Peru Community Schools in 1969.

On April 12, 1930, she married Harold E. McKeefer, who preceded her in death on April 7, 1970. Her husband and members of his family raised and sold certified small grains known as McKeefer Seeds for more than 50 years.

Mrs. McKeefer was a lifelong member of Amboy Friends Church and served in many capacities there, including as organist for many years. She was a 50-year member of Converse Chapter OES and was the first Mother Advisor of Converse Rainbow for Girls; a past president of both Miami County Home Demonstration Clubs and Miami County Women's Federated Clubs; and a member of Colonial Dames, Seventeenth Century, Marion, and Miami County Retired Teachers. She also was active in local organizations in her younger years, including Tri-Arts Club and Jackson Township Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolann (Tom) Pulley, Converse, and Sara McKeefer of Syracuse; six granddaughters, Janis Cornett, Julia (Scott) Rogers and Emilie Trent, all of Converse, Lori Davis of Amboy, Mariann (Robert) Newman of Cromwell, and Rebecca (Jeremy) Sponseller of Syracuse; one grandson, Darin Dilts, Syracuse; seven great-grandchildren Bryan Zirkle and Robyn Cornett of Converse, Victoria and Isabella Davis of Amboy, and Joshua, Michael and Elijah Trent of Converse; a brother, Ronald (Barbara) Powell of Converse; a sister Elizabeth (Ralph) Bunner, New Castle; a brother-in-law Ivan "Bud" Hahn, Peru. Mrs. McKeefer was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Lee McKeefer, and two sisters, Glennis (Bernard) Douglass, Converse, and Martha Grace Hahn, Peru.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at Amboy Friends Church, located at the corner of East Pennsylvania and North Poplar in Amboy, with Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Friends may call at the Amboy Friends Church from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

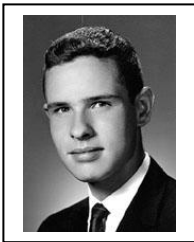


Ronald D. "RD" Betzner passed away at his residence at 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 29, 2008. He was 65. Ronald was born on Nov. 3, 1943 in Richland Township in Miami County to Cecil R. "Jake" and Evelyn (Smith) Betzner. Both preceded him in death. Ronald was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and was a farmer. One daughter, Carmen Dielman (husband John) of Gilead, Ind., and a son, Ryan Betzner (wife Angie) of Peru survive. Also surviving: a special friend, Tina Raider, and seven grandchildren: Michael Sarver, Levi Dielman, Candace Dielman, Bryce Dielman, Kirstin Jacobs, Ross Betzner and Eli Betzner. Several nieces and nephews also survive as does a brother, James Betzner and wife Nola of Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Carol Fouts, a brother-in-law, David Fouts, an infant brother,

Richard Betzner and a nephew, Jerry Fouts. Grandson Michael Sarver will officiate the service for Ronald. That will be Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third Street. Burial will be in Paw Paw Cemetery in Northern Miami County. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tuesday, December 02, 2008

Ferdinand David Black, 62, passed away at 3 a.m. on Sunday, November 30, 2008 in North Richland Hills, Fort Worth, Texas. David was born January 21, 1946 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Ind., to George J. and Catherine I. Black. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in November 1984 and died due to a secondary infection. He grew up in Galveston, Ind., and



attended Galveston United Methodist Church. He was in the last graduating class of Galveston High School in 1963. He attended his first two years of college at Indiana University-Kokomo, and then transferred to Indiana University Bloomington, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in physics and math at the end of the fall semester in 1968. After graduating from Indiana University he moved to Fort Worth in February 1968 and worked as a geophysicist for a short time. While in Fort Worth he made the decision to go to seminary and was admitted to Brite Divinity School, across from the Texas Christian University Campus. He earned a master of divinity degree in May 1973. Also while in Fort Worth, he met his future wife, Carol Nelms at First United Methodist Church where they married on September 6, 1973.

They had just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on September 6, 2008. David and Carol lived in Galveston, Ind. for 26 years. He had a disability retirement from Delco Electronics in Kokomo, after 11 years of service. He previously served one year in the ministry in Huntington County, South Parish, Huntington, Ind. His interests were in music, electronics and ham radio. He was a member of Firebirds Ham Radio Association, Indiana University Alumni Association, Brite Divinity School Alumni Association, and National Multiple Sclerosis. He was also a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Carol Lynn; brother-in-law, Doug Nelms of Morro Bay, Calif.; sister-in-law Tracey Nelms of Morro Bay, Calif.; nephew Nick Nelms; cousins by marriage Brant Austin of Fort Worth, Greg and Linda Austin of Georgetown, and Ed and Mary Johnson of Fort Worth; cousins Ray and Mary Hogan of Peru; and numerous other relatives. David was preceded in death by his parents, George J. and Catherine I. Black; a brother; grandparents Ferdinand William and Carrie McConnell Drifmeyer; step-grandmother, Mrs. Ferdinand Drifmeyer; an uncle, Richard Drifmeyer; an aunt, Mrs. Lambert Elizabeth Grave; step-aunt Mrs. Margaret Zeiger; and numerous other descendants. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at Faith United Methodist Church, with interment to follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the Mount Olivet Funeral Home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tuesday, December 02, 2008



1930-2008 - **Frederick Harmon Fishburn, 78**, of Peru, Indiana passed away at 12:27 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born July 18, 1930 in Miami County, he was the only child of Merritt Fredrick and Sarah Flo (Harmon) Fishburn. On February 2, 1955 he was married to Norma Jean Moore in Vigo County, Indiana, and she survives. He was a United States Army veteran, having served in Germany following WWII. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association. He worked several years for Deeds Brothers Excavating and farmed his entire life. Other survivors include one son, Floyd H. Fishburn and his wife Talitha "TJ," Denver; two grandchildren, Michelle Ann Fishburn and Nathan Kyle Fishburn, both of Denver. He is also survived several brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December

4, 2008 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico with Military Graveside Rites conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4-8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Colleen M. Waggoner, 85, of Peru, Ind. passed away at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, November 30, 2008 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport, Ind. She was born in Peru, Ind. on May 8, 1923 to Marion and Marie (Murphy) Mowrey. Colleen married Richard A. Waggoner on March 4, 1944, and he preceded her in death January 27, 1994. Colleen attended Peru High School, and was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. She had been employed by Square D Company, and Lee Furniture. Survivors include her children, Max Waggoner and wife Carol of Rochester, Robert Waggoner of Niles, Mich., William Waggoner of Peru, Phillip Waggoner of Logansport, and Karen Bowman of Niles, Mich.; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. A service celebrating the life of Colleen M. Waggoner will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Steven Bate officiating. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru.

Hermel E. Stevens, 77 of Delong, Ind. passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, 2008 at his residence. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th in Rochester with Brothers Austin Knipp and Eurie Barker officiating.

Thursday, December 04, 2008

Thomas L. Clarkson, 55, rural Peru, passed away at 1:54 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born April 17, 1953 in Covington, Ky. to Robert and Elaine (Siebold) Clarkson. He graduated from Northfield High School in 1971, and earned an associate degree in accounting from Ivy Tech. Thomas married Debbie (Speicher) Christman in Auburn on Dec. 4, 1976, and she survives. Thomas was a self-employed antique dealer, a member of the Peru Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity Lambda Division, and enjoyed golfing and antiques. Survivors include his wife, Debbie Clarkson, Peru; three brothers, Robert Clarkson and wife Arlene, Richvalley, James Clarkson and wife Valerie, Syracuse, and Blandy Clarkson, Wabash; a stepdaughter, Lora Rosencrans and husband Lance, Alexandria; a stepson, Andrew Christman, Muncie; and three step-grandchildren, Jessica Christman, Lincolnville, Ryan Christman, Muncie, and Liam Rosencrans, Alexandria. He was

preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Michael Clarkson. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Burial will follow at Mississinewa Memorial Cemetery in Somerset. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity. The memorial guest book for Thomas may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Friday, December 05, 2008

Charles Thomas Stout, 73, Peru, passed away at 11:51 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on June 16, 1935 in Madison County to Archie M. and Mae R. Stout. On Sept. 2, 1965 in Peru, he was married to Rosanna Lee Kline, and she survives. Charles was retired after 30 years of service from the Miami County Highway Department. He served in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean Conflict. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Susanne Stout; four sons, Michael Stout, Steven Stout, Charles Stout and Thomas Stout; and six brothers, Howard Stout, James Stout, John Stout, Donald Stout, Archie Stout and Arthur Stout. His parents preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with military honors provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with medical and final expenses.

Saturday, December 06, 2008

Robert W. Cook, 84, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 5:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 at his residence. He was born April 7, 1924 in Miami County to Harry Cook and Elnora (Kunkle) Cook Houk. He married Pauline A. Glassburn in 1947, and she preceded him in death. Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired farmer and state highway employee. Survivors include two sons, John R. Cook and wife Linda, and Dan L. Cook and wife Rita, all of Peru; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sons, Don L. and Jack F. Cook; two brothers, Kenneth and Paul Cook; and a sister, Dorothy Anderson. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating.

Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St.

Monday, December 08, 2008

Juanita L. Miller, 88, Amboy, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Saturday, December 6, 2008 at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Peru. Mrs. Miller was born September 8, 1920 in Howard County to Benjamin Oliver and Elsie Harrel King. On February 6, 1939, she married Charles Robert Miller in Howard County. Mr. Miller survives. Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Charles Robert Miller; her sons, Robert L. Miller of Converse and Thomas Miller and his wife Laura of Amboy; grandchildren Tracy Brown, Raegean Maus, Juanita Roy, Todd Miller and Lorinda Fuller; Great-grandchildren Taylor Shuck, Joshua Roy, Carmen Roy, Daric Fuller, Morgan Fuller, Toby Miller, Kaysi Miller, Janette Miller and Lori Miller; two sisters Kathryn Hostetler of LaFontaine, and Mildred Holder of Marion. Funeral services for Mrs. Miller will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Bond Cemetery in Miami County with the Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will follow at Bond Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Arrangements were prepared by Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

Earl Edward Steininger, 58, Akron, passed away at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 6, 2008, at his residence. Earl was born October 9, 1950 in Rochester to Calvin Edwin and Alice Lucille (Moore) Steininger. On June 14, 1969, he married Mary Jo (Coldren) Steininger at the Church of Nazarene in North Manchester. A farmer and millwright, Mr. Steininger resided in the Akron area for 38 years after moving from Fulton, Indiana. He was a 1969 graduate of Rochester High School and was a member of the North Central Antique Tractor Pullers Association. Mr. Steininger is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Steininger; four children, Julie Anne (Terry) Moore of Macy, Kimberly Sue (Donald Jr.) Caudill of Akron, Chad Edward (Judy) Steininger of Akron, and Mellisa Kay Steininger of Akron; seven grandchildren, Joshua Allen Moore, Christopher Earl Moore, Jordan Michael Moore, all of Macy, Chelsea Lenea Caudill, Dereck Allen Caudill, Nicholas Ryan Caudill and Jonathan Calvin Steininger all of Akron; two sisters, Ruth Elizabeth (George) Hoff of Akron, and Patty Lou Shafer of Fulton; one brother, Junior Forest Steininger of North Manchester. Mr. Steininger was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Henry Sherman Steininger and Richard Calvin Steininger, a sister Barbara Lucille Steininger and a daughter Nicole Lee Steininger.

Funeral services for Mr. Steininger will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2008, at the Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron, with Rick Baber officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Earl Steininger, c/o Mary Jo Steininger. On-line condolences may be sent to earllovefh@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Kim A. Trexler, 51, Peru, passed away at 12:04 p.m. Monday, December 8, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born in Peru on October 7, 1957 to Leon and Mary (Tucker) Trexler. Kim attended Peru Community Schools. He enjoyed attending car shows, riding his moped, and was an avid collector of 1957 car models. Survivors include his sisters, Linda Kline and husband Jerry, Peru, Sandy Howard, Peru, Pam Shrock and husband Larry of Peru, Carol Trexler of Peru, and Maribeth Wides of Bunker Hill; a brother, Todd Trexler and wife Rhonda of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Mary Trexler; a brother Jim Trexler; and a half brother, Garry Stackhouse. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 2008 at the Mt. Hope Chapel, 411 N. Grant Street in Peru, with Michael Trexler officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN 46970, to the American Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peter William Terpstra Sr., 83, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 at the home of his son in Athens. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Hostess Sarah Purkey of Hope Hospice. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Anne E. Earl, 89, Bunker Hill, passed away at 9:38 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born in Canastota, N.Y. on April 7, 1919 to James and Catherine Dondaro Malvaso. She married Adrian N. Earl in St. Agatha Catholic Church, Canastota, N.Y. on Nov. 14, 1953, and he survives. Anne graduated from Canastota High School and worked as an inspector for Oneida Silver. A woman of great faith, Anne was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar & Rosary Society. She was a volunteer at Family Service at Grissom Air Force Base for more than 25 years and was honored by the Department of Air Force Chaplain Service in 1994 for her exceptional service. Anne was an avid reader, loved watching movies, quilting and loved animals. In addition to her husband, Adrian, she is survived by her daughter, Joanne Worden and husband Mark, Chicago, Ill.; and two granddaughters, Rebekah Worden and Katherine Worden. Anne is the last survivor of the 14 children in her family. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Anne E. Earl will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline presiding. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church or the Howard County Humane Society.

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Edward J. Strack, 73, Denver, passed away Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10, 2008 at his home. He was born May 30, 1935 in Allen County to Charles L. and Priscilla (Freiburger) Strack. Survivors include his wife, Darlene (Walker) Strack; six children, Edward C. Strack, Garrett, Michael A. Strack, Angola, Eva Schnetzler, Angola, Monica Howard, Hicksville, Ohio, Estella S. Plohr, Fort Wayne, and Alexander L. Strack, New Mexico. Viewing is from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Arcola, with the funeral Mass following at the church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery near Arcola. Memorials may be made to His Glory Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Betty A. Williams, 78, Peru, passed away at 9:27 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 in the emergency room at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on Jan. 22, 1930 in Nead to Charles and Katherine Fisher Schmidt. She married J. Robert Williams on Sept. 23, 1951, and he survives. Betty was a 1948 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and worked as a bookkeeper in many businesses in the Peru area, including the Wabash Valley Bank and Trust Company, the Peru Trust Company and General Tire. She attended McNeely Memorial Church, was a member of the McNeely Women's Fellowship and was a volunteer with the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Betty valued most her domestic life with her family. She and her husband, Bob, lovingly raised four sons. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Surviving in addition to her husband Bob are four sons, John Williams and wife Debra, Walton, Steve Williams, Walton, Gary Williams and wife Teresa, Peru, and Ronald Williams and wife Tammy, Galveston; a brother, Alvin Schmidt and wife Hilda, Peru; nine grandsons, Nick Williams, Brandon Williams, Seth Williams, Michael Williams, Adam Williams, Shawn Williams, Scott Williams, Ryan Williams and Kyle Williams; and 15 great-grandchildren. A service celebrating the life of Betty A. Williams will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Busta Brown officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.



Mary Jane (Swank) Kerber, 79, passed away on Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, 2008 in Oceanside, Calif. after a courageous battle against cancer. She was born in Peru on Dec. 31, 1928 to Lowell and Thelma (Riffel) Swank. Mary Jane's ancestors (Swank, Riffel, Hamblin, Fulton) settled in and around Peru in the mid-1800s. In August, 1930, two families piled into a 1929 Oldsmobile and headed west, settling in Long Beach, Calif. They included Mary Jane, her parents, sister, and her aunt and uncle Louie and Maude (Riffel) Steinbach and their three children. Mary Jane was a real estate broker in Palos Verdes for 20 years and in Oceanside for 19 years. She met her husband, Bob Kerber, while teenagers and later married in 1948 and first settled in Torrance, Calif. She was very active in the Torrance Junior Women's Club among many other activities. She worked after getting married to help put her husband, Bob, through UCLA. After a very successful career in real estate in Palos Verdes, Mary Jane and Bob retired to Ocean Hills Country Club (OHCC) in Oceanside. She couldn't stand retirement and continued her career very successfully. She was very active at OHCC in many clubs and especially the Village Tappers (tap dance club). They put on many performances over the past 19 years and Mary Jane coordinated trips overseas to perform in Australia, New Zealand, Italy and England. During 60 years of marriage, Mary Jane and Bob loved traveling and visited 55 countries. Mary Jane was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Bob; two sons, Patrick, Seattle, and Richard (Cheryl), Moreno Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Judy Van Woy (Frederick), Point Loma, Calif.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Swank, Oceanside (OHCC); and a brother, James Swank (Jean), Eagle, Idaho. A Celebration Of Life will be held at Ocean Hills Country Club on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009. A private burial will be held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Pt. Loma, Calif. Contact pat@patkerber.com.

Marylois DaWalt, 96, of Peru passed away at 9:14 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 at Caring Hands HHC in Peru. She was born in Miami County on Aug. 8, 1912, the daughter of Walter and Jennie Fann Sharp. She married C. Edward DaWalt on October 28, 1933 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1988. Marylois was a 1931 graduate of Peru High School. From the days of her youth, she was involved in countless 4-H activities including serving for nine years as a 4-H Leader for Washington Township, a member of the 4-H Governing Board and a member of the 4-H Fair Board. Marylois was a member of the Miami County Historical Society and the Washington Township Worthwhile Home Ec. Club. She and her husband Ed lovingly raised two children. A woman of deep religious conviction, Marylois was an active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. She was a loyal, devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving is her daughter, Rebecca Powell and her husband John of Peru., daughter-in-law Nancy DaWalt of Peru, grandchildren Curt and Evelyn Powell and their daughters Claire and Betsy of Peru, Kelly and Kelly Forth and their children Amy, Jacob and John of Nashville, Tenn., Bradley and Susan Powell and their children Adam and Kathryn of Greenwood, Ind., Todd and Michelle DaWalt of Peru, Brian and Beth Wicker and their children Brittany and Bailey of Peru, Mark and Angela DaWalt of Royal Center, Lynda Wood and her son Kyle of Peru and great-granddaughter Bridgett Harshman and her daughter Addison. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ed, a son Jay DaWalt, an infant son Max DaWalt and two brothers, Walter and Donald Sharp.

A service celebrating the life of Marylois DaWalt will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, located at 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Pastor Steve Ailes will officiate. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Lorraine S. Church, 79, formerly of Jonesport, Maine, passed away peacefully at 2:08 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She had lived in the Peru area since 2001 when she moved from Fayetteville, N.C. She was born June 18, 1929 in Princeton, Maine, the daughter of Harry and Althea Scott. On January 18, 1947 she married Thomas W. Church, and he preceded her in death on July 28, 1999. Lorraine graduated from Jonesport High School in 1947. She was a homemaker and food service worker in SAD #42, Mars Hill, Maine for many years. She loved music and was organist for the Congregational Church in Jonesport, Maine up until her husband's death and her subsequent move to Fayetteville, N.C. She attended Peoria Church when her health permitted. She had a deep love for domestic animals, and you could always find cats and dogs living with her from time to time.

Survivors include her daughter, Terry L. Celcer and husband Glen of Fayetteville, N.C.; three sons, Gary L. Church of Peru, Thomas H. Church and wife Wanda of Grafton, Va., and Colin F. Church with companion Johnna Knowles of Glenburn, Maine. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Gary Glen Celcer of Key West, Fla., Ryan Celcer of Fayetteville, N.C., Chad Celcer of Fayetteville, N.C., Travis Church of Grafton, Va., Tyler Church of Bellendorf, Iowa, Tiffany Church of Grafton, Va., and Michael Church of Las Vegas, Nev. Several great-grandchildren also survive. Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. It was Lorraine's wishes to be cremated and her remains returned to the state of Maine. There will be no funeral or viewing, with arrangements being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Jonesport, Maine in late Spring or early Summer of 2009. Memorial donations may be made to charities of your choice.

David Eugene Loftus, 62, of Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 11, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born March 21, 1946 in Royal Center to Clinton and Gladys Loftus, who preceded him in death.

David retired from the Monon Trailer Corporation in 1997, and was a member of the Literary Aid Society. Survivors include three sons, Earl Loftus and wife Carrie of Peru, John Loftus of Denver, and James Wieggle of Monon; a daughter, Dawn Dewitt of southern Indiana; a sister, Evelyn Goodnight and her husband Lloyd of Peru; nine grandchildren, Jacob, Nicholas, Charlie, Josh, Curt, Misty, Patricia, Amber and Chantel; nine nieces, Lisa Martin and husband Dennis, Karen Pope and husband Charles, Nicole McCord and husband Dale, Melissa Greer and husband J.R., Nancy Miller and husband Matt, Beth, Evelyn, Misty, Mashell; four nephews David Yeakley and wife Stephanie, DJ Martin and wife Courtney, Brandan Martin and fiancée Heather, and "lil" David, all of Peru; and many great nieces and nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Clinton Loftus, Jr.; and many aunts and uncles. There will be a memorial pitch-in dinner at the Literary Aid in Peru at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2008 to celebrate his life. Interment will follow at Thompson Cemetery in Royal Center. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in David's honor. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru.

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Irene I. Chaffee Land, 89, Peru, passed away at 4:26 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born Aug. 9, 1919 in Bloomington to Robert and Erma (Duff) Johnson. She married Leland Chaffee in 1944, and he preceded her in death. She then married James Land in 1980, and he preceded her in death. Irene worked at Hamilton Standard and was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Helton and husband Stan, Peru; a son, Myron Chaffee, Peru; a brother, Emery Johnson, Kokomo; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands. Funeral services will be at noon Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Irene Chaffee Land family through the funeral home.

Francis W. Shrock, 66, Mechanicsburg, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Drury & Leppert Mortuary, 2400 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Friends and family will gather from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. You may visit the Web site, www.druryleppertmortuary.com, to sign his online register and leave a personal message.

Saturday, December 20, 2008

Esther Schini, 94, Peru, passed away at 8:40 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born in Hoover, Ind. on January 9, 1914, the daughter of Roy and Mary Bloomer Huddleston. Esther married Carl E. Schini in the St. John's Lutheran Church on January 13, 1946 and he preceded her in death on January 4, 1998. A woman of great faith and integrity, Esther was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. She was known for her cooking, especially cake baking, as well as for having a servant's heart. Her sugar cookie recipe is used by family and friends around the world and they were especially made for and enjoyed by her grandson, Jason! She made several trips to Hong Kong where the Weber family lived for 16 years and also traveled twice to visit her family in Shanghai, where they have been for nearly 11 years. Esther is survived by a daughter, Louise Schini Weber and her husband Michael of Shanghai, China, where Louise, an educational missionary for the Lutheran Church, is the elementary school principal for Concordia International School, a school that was started by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; a grandson, Jason Weber of McHenry, Ill.; and sisters Margaret Burkhardt and Ann Musselman of Denver, Marie Mays and husband Charles of Onward, Irene Hollarman and husband Jim, and Mae Brackenhamer of California. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Carl; and four brothers - Leonard Huddleston, Howard Huddleston, Jason Huddleston and Lewis Huddleston.

A service celebrating the life of Esther Schini will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.



D. Ryan Massengill, 33, of Elkhart, Ind., died December 16, 2008 due to injuries suffered in a car accident. Born July 31, 1975 in Kokomo, Ind., he was the son of Dennis and Pamela (Rinehart) Massengill. They survive in Huntington, Ind. On April 21, 2004, Ryan married Michele (Emmons) Massengill. She survives in Elkhart. Also surviving are three children, Tori Neal, Keegan, and Cadence Massengill; one sister, Marnie (Curt) Cornell of Osceola; and his maternal grandparents, Paul and JoAnn Rinehart of Kokomo. Ryan loved the Dallas Cowboys, IU basketball, golf, and all Fantasy sports. He also loved music, one of his favorite bands were the Beatles. However, first and foremost, he loved his family. Friends may call on Thursday (today) from 5-8 p.m. at the McGann Hay, Granger Chapel, enter off Cherry Rd. Funeral Services will be on Friday, also at the funeral home, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the United Way or The Community Foundation. To send condolences, please visit www.mcgannhay.com

Loren P. Spaulding, 71, of Peru passed away at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2008 at his residence. He was born October 18, 1937 in Peru to Thomas and Marie (Fivecoate) Spaulding. Loren was a 1955 graduate of Peru High School, and

was employed as a welder at Bryan Steam Corporation for 40 years, until his retirement in 2002. Survivors include his sons, Craig Spaulding and his wife Debbie, Auburn, Travis Spaulding and his wife Susie, Peru, and Randy Spaulding of Sarasota, Fla.; a daughter, Audra Cobble and her husband Chris of Kokomo; grandchildren Levi Spaulding, Ashli Spaulding, Ethan Spaulding, Luke Spaulding, Micah Spaulding, Joel Spaulding, Mark Spaulding, Sarah Cobble and Jacob Cobble; and a great-grandson, Milo Spaulding. He is also survived by a brother Robert Spaulding and wife Doyne, Logansport, and his companion Gwen Harris of Jonesboro. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a grandson, Connor Spaulding. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2008 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be held after 2 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2008 at the funeral home.

Monday, December 22, 2008



Mary E. Wideman, 94, North Grove, passed away at 5:04 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Peru. She was born in Perrysburg on Dec. 30, 1913 to William and Jessica Lockwood Teel. On Nov. 13, 1937, she married Clayton Wideman in North Manchester. He preceded her in death March 12, 1996. Mary was a graduate of Deedsville High School, a homemaker and a member of the North Grove Church. Survivors include two sons, Donald Wideman of North Grove, and Roland Wideman and his wife Alberta of Kokomo; a daughter, Marcella Harris and her husband John of Fort Wayne; grandchildren Todd Wideman and his wife Deanne of Kokomo, Troy Wideman and his wife Jackie of Noblesville, and Lisa O'Brien and her husband Shawn of Fishers. Three great-granddaughters also survive along with a brother, Joseph Teel of Twelve Mile; and a sister, Naomi Knauff of Perrysburg. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clayton; a daughter, Janis Kay Wideman; a brother, Glen Teel; and a sister, Vilma Glendening. A service celebrating the life of Mary E. Wideman will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. John Haines officiating. Burial will follow at the Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Friends may call at the funeral home after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Grove Church.

Tuesday, December 23, 2008

Elsie E. Landis, 82, Peru, IN, passed away at 6:01 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2008, at Howard Regional Health Hospital in Kokomo, surrounded by her loving family. Elsie was born in Cass County on August 10, 1926 to Virgil E. and Mattie DeLee Miller Vore. On August 15, 1942, she married Chester W. Landis Sr. in Cass County. He preceded her in death April 3, 1984. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Ladies of the Moose and retired from United Technologies in Peru in 1993. Elsie and her husband, Chester, lovingly raised three children. She had a passion for living and an infectious love for life, family and friends. Elsie had energy that would daunt a lesser person but fueled her life in every facet and allowed her to open her heart to all those around her. Family and friends were a priority to Elsie and she thoroughly enjoyed cooking and baking for them. She will be especially remembered for her homemade noodles, apple dumplings and cheese balls. She is survived by daughters, Arleita Sue Conger and her husband Henry of Nyona Lake and Linda Lou Allman and her husband Dennis of Avon Park, Fla.; a son, Chester W. "Bud" Landis Jr. of Kokomo; a sister, Lois Sparks of Peru; sister-in-law Joyce Shanabarger and her husband Frank of Kokomo; a brother-in-law Dick Landis and his wife Sharon of Venice, Fla.; grandchildren, Henry Conger, Brian Allman, Craig Allman, Terri Lawson, Anthony Erich Landis and Kimberly Allen; 12 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and a special friend, Ralph Richeson Jr. of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Chester, a grandson James Conger, a daughter-in-law Ingrid Landis, four sisters and two brothers.

A service celebrating the life of Elsie E. Landis will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, 2008, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to Noon Wednesday, December 24, 2008, at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Friday, December 26, 2008

Robert E. McKenzie, 87 of Peru, passed away at 12:40 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at Hickory Creek at Peru. He was born in Frankfort, Indiana on February 22, 1921 to Albert and Evangie (Mendenhall) McKenzie. He married Mary Jane Hershberger on April 20, 1947 and she survives. Robert graduated from Lebanon High School, and attended Canterbury College in Lebanon. He served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Air Force during World War 2, 1942-1945. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and American Legion. Robert enjoyed playing golf at Peru Municipal with his buddies.



Survivors other than his wife include a son, Jon B. McKenzie and wife Chris of Peru; a daughter Jyl A. Hight and husband Dale E. of Peru; three grandchildren, D.J. Mills and wife Deb, Kate S. Draper and husband Jason and Daniel C. Hight; three great-grandchildren, Corbin, Collin and Ian Mills. He is also survived by a sister Eris Sallee and husband Don of Lebanon. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Alberta Wiley. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, December 27, 2008 with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites unit. Friends may call Friday, 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street in Peru.



Debra Gail Rader, 51, passed away on December 20, 2008 in Del City, Okla. after a long and brave battle with cancer. She never let the pain show or slow her down. She was born in Kokomo on September 6, 1957 to Nadine (Lewis) and Andrew Starr. Debbie never met a stranger anywhere she went. She was compassionate, loving, and loved life. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and wife. She will be missed by all who knew her. Survivors include her companion Rod Clouse of the home; two daughters, Christy Fuller and husband Robert of Pauls Valley, Ashley Rader of Norman; two sisters, Linda Stranahan and husband Dan of Peru, Diann Biddle and Mike Higgins of Logansport; three grandchildren, Austin Ingram, Korie Fuller, Nikki Rader; the father of her children, Jerry Rader, and a

host of nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as her loving extended Clouse family and close friends.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Sooner Road Church of God in Midwest City. Visitation with the family prior to the service will be 10-11 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Havenbrook Funeral Home in Norman, Okla. Services are under the direction of Havenbrook Funeral Home of Norman, Okla. Donations may be sent to National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation, 4990 Northwind Drive, Suite 121, East Lansing, Michigan 48823. Online condolences may be sent to www.havenbrookfuneralhome.com/Obituaries.htm



Sherle J. Holland, 55, of Peru passed away at her residence at 7:38 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2008. She was born May 13, 1953 in Wabash to Charles and Juanita (Jones) Boring. On June 15, 1999 she married Christopher "Chris" L. Holland, and he survives. Sherle retired from Square D in 2007. She was recording secretary at Miami Lodge #2069. Survivors include her parents in Peru; sons Robert Huston of Millersburg, Ind., Aaron Huston and wife Marysabel of Atlanta, Ga., Joshua Holland of Peru; daughters Crystal Graves and Brooke Holland, both of Peru; a brother, Richard D. Easterday of Shelbyville; mother and father-in-law John and Vicki Brown of Peru; special friends Josie and Ted Tomes of Mexico and Nola Hines of Rochester; a sister Robin Herber of Austin, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd in Peru, with Pastor Robert Engle officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Cass County.

Friends may call Saturday, at the funeral home, 11 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Virginia V. Mendenhall, 92, formerly of Richvalley, Ind. passed away at 11:35 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. She was born January 30, 1916 in Richvalley, Indiana to L. Milton and Ethel (Votaw) Barnett. Virginia married Byron "Barney" Mendenhall in Peru on October 14, 1942, and he passed away on April 4, 1976. She was Dr. Bill Pearson's medical assistant for five years and had worked ten years in the Medical Records Department of Wabash County Hospital, retiring in 1971. She and her husband owned the Standard Oil station in Richvalley for many years. She was a member of the Richvalley United Methodist Church, and was a champion archer. She lived at Grace Village in Warsaw for five years before relocating to Peabody.

Survivors include two nephews, Joseph F. (Mavis) Barnett of Elwood, Steve (Claudia) Bell of Albuquerque, N.M.; four nieces, Joanie Younce of Warsaw, Ann (Brian) Jones of Centerville, Ohio, Leigh (Curt) Baer of Hoffman Estates, Ill., Susan VanZant of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; several great-nieces and nephews; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Barnett of Wabash, Winona Barnett of Elwood; and former brother-in-law, Ray Bell of Dayton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, L. Milton "Bud" Barnett, Jr. and Robert Barnett, and her sister, Mary Frances Bell. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue in Wabash at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 27, 2008 with Pastor Forrest Bowers officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12-2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Richvalley United Methodist Church. The family would like to thank the staff at Peabody for their care of Virginia. The memorial guest book for Virginia may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Douglas W. Moser, Lt Col, USAF (ret.) age 60, of Peru passed away at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at his home. He was born August 20, 1948, the son of Max W. and Betty (Hisey) Moser. Doug married Wantana "Sandy" Kongpo in Las Vegas on October 25, 1974, and she survives. Doug was a graduate of Maconaquah High School, Purdue University and Ball State University. He was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, Miami County VFW Post #2067, and the Peru American Legion Post #14. He retired from the United States Air Force Reserve on August 20, 2004 after a career of 32 years. His career included active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Federal Civil Service time. Lt Col Moser worked as a KC-135 pilot in the 74th Air Refueling Squadron. He served on active duty during Vietnam, Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom conflicts. Among his more than 60 medals, he has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Air Medals and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross. His flying career took him to more than 28 countries. Doug was a loyal, devoted and loving husband, father, son, brother and uncle. He was a lover of animals, and thoroughly enjoyed his dog Jasper. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and scuba diving. A perfect day was one spent scuba diving with his son, Jimmy. Surviving in addition to his wife Sandy, is a son, James E. Moser of Peru; his mother, Betty Moser of Peru; a brother Lynn Moser and his wife Karen of Peru; a nephew Gregory Moser of Oxford, Ohio and a niece, Stacy Moser, Jacksonville, Fla.

A service celebrating the life of Douglas W. Moser will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2008 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with the Reverend J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery with military graveside services provided by members of the U.S. Air Force. Visitation will be Sunday, December 28, 2008, 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the ALS Association.

Saturday, December 27, 2008

Joseph E. Hoover, 60, passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2008 in San Diego, California. He was born in Peru, Indiana on July 12, 1948 to Donald and Whilemina Miller Hoover. Joe graduated from Peru High School in 1967, and was active in sports. He was Peru's first All-State football lineman in 1966 under Coach Robert Larson. Joe was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and was retired from Pacific Bell Telephone Company. He enjoyed life, especially being with family. Survivors include his wife Nina; sons Donald and Roger, and his grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings John Hoover and wife Pat of Kendallville, Don Hoover and wife Colette of Kokomo, Shirley Petermeier and husband Ray of Galveston, Bill Hoover and wife Billie of Peru, Ellen Geise and husband John of Syracuse, Jerolyn Cash of Chesnee, S.C., Ray Hoover and wife Kim of Peru, Mike Hoover and wife Vickie of New London, Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Carmel Hoover, and a brother-in-law, Tim Cash. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 29, 2008 at Glen Abbey memorial Park and Mortuary in Bonita, California. Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru.

Wilbert J. "Cowboy" Durocher, 59 of Peru, passed away at 5:48 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Pontiac, Mich. on May 19, 1949 to William and Patricia (Bennett) Durocher. He married Bonnie Burk Sutton on April 18, 2008 and she survives. Wilbert was in the U.S. Navy, and served during the Vietnam conflict. He was employed at Square D for 30 years, and was a member of the American Legion, Eagles Lodge, the VFW, and Coon Hunters Association.

Survivors include sons Brandon Durocher, currently serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq; Shane Durocher and wife Ashley of Indianapolis; stepsons Erick Sutton of Peru and William Sutton of Bay City, Texas. He is also survived by his sisters, Linda Bardellini of Fort Worth, Texas, Ellen Mohon of Fort Worth, Texas, Jeannie Jones of Rochester, Cladie Shiveley of Peru, and Terry Adams of Abilene, Texas; and a great-grandson, Owen. Several nieces and nephews also survive. They are, Chris McKinney (wife Christina and daughter Kaylen), Jamie McKinney (daughters Sophey and Dylaen), Jason Bardellini, Adam Trask, Michelle Bardellini, Tracey Mohon and Tammy Vachon. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a step-granddaughter, Lincoln Sutton. There will be no funeral service, although friends may call Monday, December 29, 2008, 4-6 p.m. to pay their respects at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru.

Anna L. Alspaugh, 88 of Peru, Indiana passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru. She was born September 17, 1920 in Miami County to Olen and Rose (Shepler) Kunkle. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1938. In 1941 she married Robert L. Alspaugh and he preceded her in death on May 1, 2008. Anna was a member of the First Christian Church, and also of the VFW Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, Rodney Alspaugh and his wife Sandy of Peru; grandsons Roderic Alspaugh and wife Theresa, and Shane Alspaugh; great-grandsons Cole Alspaugh and Jared Alspaugh. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers, and two sisters. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 29, 2008 at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, with Pastor Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Monday until time of service.

Monday, December 29, 2008

Ralph E. Birk of Peru died at 5:50 a.m. on Dec. 27, 2008 at Dukes Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. He was 78. Ralph was born in St. Joseph County, Ind., on Oct. 6, 1930, the son of Ralph Clayton Birk and Helena Mae (Fisher) Birk. Both preceded him in death. On Aug. 1, 1954, he married Susan Schaefer and she survives. He was a 1948 graduate of Lapaz High School in Lapaz, Ind., and went on to serve in the US Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953. During the war, the Army was in dire need of men who could type and he had taken typing in high school and so stationed him in Japan. Ralph also served in the National Guard from 1948-1951.

As a teenager, he helped his dad farm with work horses on the family farm. Only when he went off to service did his dad finally buy a tractor. In high school, he also worked for his uncle who was a general contractor. He built their first home that his new wife and future children grew up in north of Plymouth in 1954.

He worked for Associates Investment from right after graduation to 1966 (except for his military service) in the data processing and computer departments. In 1966, he and Susan purchased the One Hour Cleaners in Peru and moved from Plymouth in 1967. He founded Miami Computer Services, Inc. in July 1968, and worked there until his retirement in 2006. Miami Computer provided computer services to companies such as Nixon Newspapers, Heinz Pickle, American Stationery, American Standard (Kokomo), Kingston (Kokomo), The Shirt Shed (Wabash), Cuneo Press (Kokomo) among many others. He worked with computers and their predecessors (punch card equipment) all his adult life.

He owned, bred and raced standardbred horses for over 20 years and was a member of the USTA (United States Trotting Association). He played fast pitch softball many years at South Bend, Walkerton and Peru. He was a pitcher. Most folks did not like to catch for him because the pitches he threw were fast and hard. At Peru, he played for the Peru Merchants softball team. He retired from pitching due to back problems in the late 1960s.

Two sons survive - Christopher Birk of Peru and Alan Birk (wife June) of Phoenix, Ariz. One grandson, Regan Birk, also survives as do several nieces and nephews. A brother, Robert Birk (wife Jan) of Roann, Ind., and three sisters: Dorothy Woolley of Plymouth, Ind., Esther Paege (husband Harry) of South Bend and Norma Bunnuck (husband Devon) of Claypool, Ind., also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Eleanor Lowman and a brother, Larry Birk. The family also wants to acknowledge the love and care he received from his dialysis doctor, Dr. Dawn Sabau of Kokomo, Lori Lees, who assisted with his care, Virginia and Alan Blair who transported him to dialysis three times a week and Pastor Evan Strong, who visited him often.

Funeral services for Ralph will be Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, located at 105 W. Third. Pastor Evan Strong will officiate. Burial will follow in Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and/or the Grissom Air Museum. – also Tuesday, December 30, 2008



C.B. Ray went to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ after a long and courageous battle with a brain tumor for the last 20 years. At that time, his life changed completely. He was baptized along with his wife in 1989. He served Jesus with all he had by spreading his word and love through his voice and heart. His love for the outdoors led him to West City Ball Park, helping girls softball and later on, taking care of the ball fields. He passed away on Dec. 26, 2008 at his residence. He was 67. He was born on Jan. 26, 1941 in Blyville, Ark., the son of Silas N. Ray and Freddie K. (Rose) Ray, both of whom preceded him in death. On Oct. 28, 1966 he married Mary Ousley, and she survives. C.B. was a member of the Independent Christian Fellowship Church and was formerly employed by the Miami County Highway

Department as a truck driver.

Five children survive. They are: a daughter, Nancy Boggs Walton (husband Romie) of Peru, Linda Ream (husband Randy) of Peru, Gracie Camden of Peru, Harold Michael Ray of Peru and Silas Ray (wife Nancy) of Logansport, Ind. Ten grandchildren: Lance Walton, Shaina Walton, Jonah Walton, Kody Stahl, Brody Stahl, A.J. Ream, Morgan Camden, Alexandria Camden, Colton Ray and Sophie Ray also survive. Two brothers: J. T. Ray (wife Joyce) of Peru and Norman Ray (wife Cathy) of Kewanna also survive as do two sisters, Patsy Garling of Peru and Linda Duty of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Tommy, Paul and Frank Ray.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at 3 p.m. with Pastor Butch Sparling officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Ind. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Independent Christian Fellowship Church.

Harriet J. Mills of Peru, Ind., passed away at Miller's Merry Manor of Peru on Dec. 28, 2008. She was 80. Harriet was born on April 10, 1928, the daughter of Howard H. Hott and Pearl (Ramer) Hott. Both preceded her in death. On Aug. 3, 1952, she married Robert E. Mills. He passed away on July 7, 2003. Harriet was a member of First Christian Church and was also a homemaker. She was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School and she was also a graduate of Fort Wayne Business College. One daughter, Karen Comerford (husband Carl) of Peru, survives. Also surviving is a grandson, Eric Comerford (wife Kelly) of Houston, Texas, a granddaughter, Andrea Feller (husband Matt) of Peru and a great-granddaughter, Olivia Comerford, of Houston. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 1 p.m. with Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Flowers Leedy. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church.

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Jessie L. Hoover, 84, Rochester, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2008 at her daughter's Akron residence. She had been in failing health for six months following an automobile accident. She was born Aug. 10, 1924 in Goodman, Wis. to Leroy and Flo (Deeds) Brown. She married Glen C. Hoover Oct. 5, 1945, and he preceded her in death Sept. 17, 2006. Jessie retired from the former Torins in Rochester. She enjoyed making crafts and taking them to the Trail of Courage. She served in the Canadian Women's Army Corp. She also enjoyed entering various contests, which she would make special envelopes for her entry to win the various prizes. Survivors include a daughter, Ethel Wood and husband Larry, Akron; a son, Sidney Hoover and wife Judy, St. Joseph, Mo.; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Allen Hoover, on April 30, 1978; one granddaughter; two sisters and six brothers. Following Jessie's wishes, the family will have a private family service at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Brian Sewell officiating. Burial will be in Deedsville IOOF Cemetery, Deedsville. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, P.O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. Online condolences may be made at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



Frances E. Webb, 101, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2008 at 5 p.m. in Century Villa Healthcare in Greentown, Indiana. She was born January 8, 1907 in Chili, Ind. to Charles and Emma (Ward) Black. On August 20, 1961 she married Asa B. Webb, who preceded her in death on January 29, 1976. Frances received her bachelor's degree from Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio, and a master's degree from Ball State University in Muncie. She had taught school in Gambier, Ohio and also in Denver, Indiana and Kokomo Public Schools for a total of 42 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Kokomo, the Young Women's Christian Association (YMCA), and the State and Local Retired Teachers Association. Frances is survived by a cousin, Peggy Discoe, of Hurst, Texas. She had

one brother, who preceded her in death.

Private graveside services and burial will be held Friday, January 2, 2009 in Chili Cemetery, Chili, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at www.hasler-stout.com. Hasler-Stout Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

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