



# Peru Tribune Obituaries: 2012

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, January 2, 2012

**Beverly A. Fairchild**, 81, Peru, passed away 8:15 p.m. Dec. 30, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor after an extended illness. She was born Dec. 20, 1930 in Peru to Paul Rogers and Lola (Stierwalt) Jordan. She married Clifford Fairchild Sept. 11, 1948 and he preceded her in death March 31, 2010. Beverly was a homemaker, a member of the Geology Society and a former member of the Eastern Star. She is survived by daughter Karen (husband James) Baldwin, Peru; two granddaughters Stephanie (husband John) Straub and Angeline (husband Steve) Tenhoor; four great-grandchildren J.T., Chris, Katie and Anna; and sister Nancy Herkenroder, Elkhart. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters, Marcia and Helen; and five brothers, Paul Jr., Bob, Jack, Dick and Don. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Jack Baldwin officiating. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy from 12 p.m. until the time of services Wednesday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 3, 2012

**Ruth Butzin Schultz Ohmart**, 95, of Albany, Ga. died peacefully at home on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, following a lengthy period of declining health. Her remains have been cremated and a memorial service will take place on today at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Earl Steffens officiating. Ruth was born in Peru Dec. 21, 1916 to George and Mannie Butzin and spent much of her life there. She had been a resident of Albany since 1966 and was retired from JC Penny. She was predeceased by her husbands, Arthur Schultz and Ben Ohmart and by her son, James Schultz as well as one brother, Herman Butzin and her sister Helen Sease. She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Arleen Schultz and Vickie Omhart (Tim Barfield) both of Albany; three grandsons, Benjamin (Mayomi) Ohmart of Kyoto, Japan, James (Beth) Schultz of Lafontaine, Ind. and Jody (Kim) Schultz of Leesburg; and a brother George Butzin of Kokomo, Ind. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and some old friends from Peru. She was formerly a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. Ruth also leaves behind two "daughters," Jan walker and Vickie Evans, who were very special to her and who provided her with loyal friendship through the last years of her life. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to members of the staff of Albany Community Hospice for their kindness and their compassionate care during the past year. The family request that donations be made to Albany Community Hospice, 320 Foundation Drive, Albany, GA, 31707.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 4, 2012

**Eleanor M. Flowers**, 97, a resident of Millers Merry Manor since March 29, 2006, went to be with her heavenly father at 10:40 a.m. on Sunday morning Jan. 1, 2012. She was born in Moline, Ill. on Feb. 13, 1914 to Stanley (Jack) Thomas Sr. and Mary Casner Thomas. On Nov. 16, 1937 she married Alfred C. Flowers. In 1945, Mrs. Flowers and her husband moved from Hammond, Ind. to Peru after having purchased the Drake Funeral Home. They worked as a team serving families both in Peru and Miami County until Alfred's passing in January 1975. Mrs. Flowers continued to work at the funeral home until the age of 83. Mrs. Flowers is a member of the First Christian Church of Peru. She is a licensed funeral director in the state of Indiana having received her 50-plus year pin. She was a member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority during her early years in Peru. In addition she did some volunteer work for the Pink Ladies of Dukes Hospital. She was also a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Anne Flowers-Leedy and son-in-law Tom, her granddaughter, Julie Anne Leedy-Ressett and companion Alan Walker, her three great-grandchildren, Gracie Ellen Ressett, Colton Austin Ressett and Aubrie Jo Ressett, one brother, Jack Thomas of South Bend, Ind., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Adele Cromer, and her brothers, Al Thomas, Chuck Murphy and Gerald Murphy. Visitation will be on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. There will be a private family funeral service on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Mrs. Flowers was the heart and soul of her family. She was loved and respected by all who were lucky enough to know her. She will be sadly missed by those whose lives she touched.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 4, 2012

**Katherine Margaret Critchfield**, 88, of Peru passed away at 9:05 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor in Peru. She was born in Holyoke, Mass. Aug. 12, 1923 to Thomas James and Margaret Grace (Knapp) McCarthy, both deceased. She married Howard D. Critchfield in 1945, and he preceded her in death. Katherine was retired, and was a member of the Anderson Valley Christian Church. She was a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge. Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Critchfield Heatherington and husband Ed, Siberia, Ind.; two grandchildren, Steven Critchfield of Nashville, Tenn., and Melissa Evans also of Nashville; a great-granddaughter, Abigail Hawkins. She was also the beloved aunt of Kathy, John, Beth, Alanna, Paul, Tricia and Blake Lease. She was also survived by a brother, Thomas McCarthy of Peru, and a sister, Dorothy Mary "Dottie" Lease, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a son, Scott Howard Critchfield; and three

brothers, Joseph, Raymond and John McCarthy. A memorial service will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 with Pastor Ed Heatherington officiating. Friends may call 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at the Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 4, 2012

**Mary Jane "Janie" Hein, 76**, of Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Peru on March 31, 1935 the daughter of Robert F. and Mildred Maxine Struble Hartwick. Janie married Ted E. Oldaker on May 23, 1959 and he preceded her in death on May 19, 1997. She then married Freddie McGuire in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Aug. 4, 2000 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2005. Janie then married Richard Hein on Sept. 30, 2008 and he survives. Janie was a 1953 graduate of Peru High School, and worked at the cafeteria at the Peru High School for many years. She was a member of the Ladies of the Moose and the Peru Elkettes. Janie valued most her domestic life with family. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She touched people's lives with enthusiasm and generous spirit. Janie was a lady with a memorable smile that would light up a room. She is survived by her husband, Richard; sons, John Oldaker and his wife Liz of Peru, James Oldaker and his wife Linda of Vero Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Cindy Hunt and her husband Pete of Belle Vernon, Pa.; grandchildren, John A. (Casondra) Oldaker, Robert Oldaker, April Oldaker, Ami (James) Roberts, Amanda (Dan) Wilkinson, Nikki Jayne (Caleb) O'Connor, Teddi Marie Kunkle, Nicholas (Alicia) Thomas, Kaysey Heckathorn, Ryan Heckathorn, Jamie Weber, Chris Weber, Adaam Hochstetler and Jessica Hochstetler; great-grandchildren, C.J. Oldaker, Johnnothen Oldaker, Makayla Oldaker, Christopher Oldaker, Ryleigh Hall, Christian Weber, Hayden Oldaker, Benjamin Roberts, Holden Burkholder, Zana Wilkinson and Audrey Bodkin. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Ted Oldaker and Freddie McGuire; a daughter, Teddi Thomas and a brother, Robert Hartwick. A service celebrating the life of Janie Hein will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Family and friends will gather at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Friday. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 4, 2012

**Micheal A. Engel, 59**, of Richmond, Va. (formerly of Bunker Hill) passed away at his residence on Dec. 31, 2011. He was born in Peru Nov. 21, 1952 to John H. and Vera (Klise) Engel of Bunker Hill. Micheal married Debra Voliva on June 20, 1999 and she survives. He was retired, and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Euless, Texas. Mike was a loving and kind soul, and grandpa. Survivors include his parents of Bunker Hill; a step-daughter, Danielle Hinkle of Richmond, Va.; step-son Derrick Degraw of Bedford, Texas; two grandchildren, Landen Hinkle and Alyssa Degraw; and a brother, John H. Engel and wife Jayne of Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Lou Ege. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at Allen funeral Home, 136 S. Elm in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Ron Bowland officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill with a military committal service by the Miami County Military Rites team. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday, 1 p.m. until time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 5, 2012

**Clint "Bud" Fisher** of Bunker Hill passed away Tuesday at 2 a.m. at Blair Ridge Health Care Center in Peru, after a five-month illness. He was born in Mexico, Ind. Nov. 17, 1925, the son of Carl C. and Marie (Donaldson) Fisher. He graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1943, but considered is greater education to come from those who mentored him as a teenager and young man while working for different businesses in Mexico to help his family during the Great Depression. He married Betty Smith Reece in Bunker Hill, on Nov. 18, 1945. They celebrated 60 years of marriage before she passed away on Aug. 17, 2006. Clint worked in various agri-businesses during his lifetime, including the Bunker Hill Elevator and Lumber Company, which his father managed. He retired from Wilson Foods in Logansport, in 1985, where he worked as a livestock buyer. He was also in real estate development and assisted at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill for many years. Clint was an active member of the Republican Party for over 50 years. He was elected to serve on the Miami County Council in 1974 and served 22 years, 15 of those as Chairman, retiring from the council in 1996. He served on the Miami County Fair Board from 1964 to 1976. He was appointed to the Dukes Memorial Hospital Holding Corporation and was its secretary when they built the 1972 hospital addition. He also volunteered as a Red Coat for the hospital for more than 20 years. Clint was a trustee of the Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill from 1951 to 1998. In 1948 he was one of the primary organizers of the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department and was elected as its first fire chief. He was later made an honorary life member. In 1986 he was chosen by the Peru Tribune as Miami County Citizen of the Year. He is survived by his two daughters, Peggy Ann Frye and husband Larry of Mooresville, and Susan Marie Leicht and husband Don, of Kokomo; five grandchildren, Brian Frye,

Christopher Frye, Alana Vayhinger, Amy Turner, and Denisa Brock. Other survivors include nine great-grandchildren; his brother Don E. Fisher; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Charles and Kathleen Garber; a sister-in-law, Marilyn Shreve; special cousins, Leon and Jane Allen, plus several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Betty, he was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Eileen Knauff and her husband Glen; sister-in-law Dorothy Fisher; and a brother-in-law, Richard Shreve. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. William Hoover and the Staff of Blair Ridge Health Care Center for their compassionate, professional care of our father and grandfather. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church where Clint was a member, and served as a teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class for 50 plus years. Pastor Evan Strong will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Springdale Cemetery. Friends and family may call at the church 3-7 p.m. on Friday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society. Death opens the door to heaven for Believers. He was a Believer! Arrangements are entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 6, 2012

**Kenneth A. McCrosky** of Peru, passed away at his home on Jan. 4, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 6, 2012

**Shirley Benner**, 81 of Peru, passed away at her residence on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 7, 2012

**Gary D. Thorpe**, 54, South Bend (formerly of Peru) passed away at Memorial Hospital in South Bend at 7:50 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012. He was born Dec. 1, 1957 in Peru to Mowbray and Caroline (Wright) Thorpe, both deceased. On Nov. 2, 1987 he married Pamela S. Stormoen, and she survives. Gary was retired. Survivors include a son, Douglas Thorpe of Peru; daughter, Stephanie Clark of Kokomo; son Eric Thorpe of Elkhart; son James Backus III of Peru; son Kevin Backus of Peru; and son Justin Backus, also of Peru. He is also survived by a brother, Charles "Chuck" Thorpe of Goshen, and a sister, Lena Faye Banks of Elkhart; and 11 grandchildren. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Paul. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru, with Pastor LaDonna Hemminger officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 11 a.m. until time of service. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home to help defray funeral expenses.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 7, 2012

**Shirley J. Galbraith Benner**, 81, Peru, passed away at her residence Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at 2:30 a.m. She was born June 15, 1930 in Peru, to Clark F. and Bernice (Thompson) Iliff. She married Herbert Galbraith, Sept. 14, 1955 and he preceded her in death August 1971. Shirley was a member of the First Baptist Church. She retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Company. She is survived by Ted Mowery (companion) and Shirley adopted his family. Step-daughter Beverly Enyeart (husband Charles "Chuck" Sr.) Peru, several cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her husband and step-son Jerry Galbraith. A service will be held Monday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Mount Chapel with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 7, 2012

**Virgil W. Wagoner**, 91, of Rochester passed away at Hickory Creek of Rochester Jan. 6, 2012. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, January 9, 2012

**Kenneth A. McCrosky**, 57, Peru, died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012 at his residence. He was born April 28, 1954 in Peru to Lloyd and Mary Lou (Rose) McCrosky. He worked in housekeeping at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Surviving are cousins, including Paul and Christine Rouch, and Dwight and Delores Stougt, Bunker Hill; and an aunt, Juanita and Gerald Evans, Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at Mount Hope Chapel, with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. No visitation. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Love offerings may be made to the family. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, January 9, 2012

**Virgil William Wagoner**, 90, Rochester, died at 3:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2012. Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is at 9 a.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 10, 2012

**Terry Wayne Blackburn**, 62, of Wabash, Ind., died at 3:10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at Norwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Huntington. He was born July 21, 1949 in Marion, Ind. to Russell and Arlene (Christian) Blackburn. Terry married Mary Ring in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on July 6, 1999. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the Dusters, Quads, and Searchlights, and the Disabled American Veterans. He retired from the Wabash City Schools Corporation. He enjoyed old cars, fishing, football, Ultimate Fighting Championships, and especially loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Blackburn of Wabash; father and step mother, Russell & Betty Blackburn of Gas City, Ind.; four children, Shannon (Tyrone) Brody of Warsaw, Ind., Jeremy Garner of Knox, Ind., Cassie (Donald) Pearman of Andrews, Ind., and Daniel Blackburn of Wabash; four grandchildren, Trevor Roach, Miquela Mathis, Alexis Brody, and Caleb Garner, all of Warsaw; two sisters, Monica Adkins of Gas City, and Tina (Jeff) McQuarrie of West Branch, Michigan; brother, Rusty Blackburn of Marion; and his uncle, Glenn Blackburn of Marion. He was preceded in death by his mother, Arlene Blackburn and his uncle, Wayne Blackburn. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 at 10 a.m. with Pastor Charles Dye officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8pm Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Terry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

On Jan. 8, 2012, **Darrel Blane Wooten**, 68 years young, reached the last rung of that Golden Ladder and entered God's presence. Darrel was born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Jan. 28, 1943 to Ralph D. and Wilma D. (Morgan) Wooten (both deceased). On April 19, 1986 Darrel married his wife and best friend Sara (Patterson). Darrel and Sara have resided in Bunker Hill for over 25 years. Darrel and Sara have one son, Seth Thomas Wooten. Both Sara and Seth survive. Seth and fiancée Stephanie Mockler reside in Kokomo, Ind. Darrel served on the Peru Fire Dept. for 33 years. Darrel was an EMT at the Fire Dept. and retired as Assistant Fire Chief. Upon retirement from the PFD, Darrel continued his public services Miami County Building and Zoning Administrator for seven years. Darrel was the fifth of six children. Darrel's siblings and their spouses are: Tom (deceased) and wife Pat Wooten of Kokomo, Ind.; Harry (deceased) and wife Connie Joyce Wooten of Peru, Ind.; Larry and wife Jody Wooten of Marion, Ind.; Connie and husband Ronnie (deceased) Vincent of Peru, Ind.; Sharon and husband Dave Sites of Peru, Ind. Darrel and Sara also shared six daughters and one son from previous marriage, all of whom survive: Jodie (Don) Armstrong of Greentown, Ind.; Cliff Wooten of Marion, Ind.; Julie Alexander of Indianapolis, Ind.; Joy (Steve) Knutson of Knob Noster, Mo.; Angie (Brian) Baker of Peru, Ind.; Jessica (Scott) Arwood of Peru, Ind.; and Gwen Wolfe of Kokomo, Ind. Also surviving are Darrel's 11 grandchildren Danielle Armstrong of Bettendorf, Iowa; Elin Sumner and Jesse Sumner of Knob Noster, Mo.; Michael Andrzejewski of Winter Park, Fla.; Ashley Alexander and Nicklaus Alexander of Indianapolis, Ind.; Braden Baker, Wesley Baker and Cyrus Baker of Peru, Ind.; Nathaniel Briner and Sara Briner of Peru, Ind. Darrel's one great-grandchild, Abigail Hall of Bettendorf, Iowa survives as well. Friends may call between 2-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Allen Funeral Home, 136 South Elm St., Bunker Hill, Ind. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13th, at Allen Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Rankin Cemetery, Peru. Donations, in memory of Darrel, may be to the Peru Fire Department in lieu of flowers if desired.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Donna Lou Carter**, 60, Montpelier, died at 4:27 p.m. Jan. 8, 2012 in Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Wells County. She was born Oct. 29, 1951 in Rochester to Dean and Marie (Wright) Mathias. She married Mike Kenneth Carter March 2, 1974 in Miami County. Donna graduated from North Miami High School in 1970. She lived in Montpelier for 13 years and worked at Heckman Bindery, Coffles Family Market and babysat. Donna and her husband were foster parents of several children for 18 years. She is survived by her husband; Mike Carter, two daughters; Beth Carter of Upland, and Maria (spouse Adam) Saldana of Montpelier, three sons; Jamie Carter of Marion, Dan Enyeart of Fort Wayne and Doug Carter of Montpelier, one brother, Ray (spouse Lisa) Mathias of Roann, two sisters; Rita (spouse Roger) Hughes of Macy and Virginia (spouse Steve) Kurtz of South Whitley, her mother; Marie Mathias of Roann, eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, two nephews; Randy Hughes and Dylan Carter. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron. Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron with Pastor Wayne Balmer of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church

officiating. Burial will Gilead Cemetery in Gilead. Memorial contributions may be made to the Riley Hospital for Children, 705 Riley Hospital Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Arrangements by Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron. Online condolences may be sent to [earllovefuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:earllovefuneralhome@gmail.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Linda M. Erickson**, 66, of Bunker Hill, died 5:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 at her home. She was born March 11, 1945 in Kokomo, the daughter of Robert Bruce and Lucile (Irick) Snow. She married Everett C. Erickson April 17, 1965 at Bible Baptist Church, and he survives. She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1963 and was homemaker and worked at Delco Electronics for 10 years. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church and loved traveling, cooking, and especially spending time with her family and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Everett C. Erickson; and the father who raised her and her mother James H. and Lucile Collins of Kokomo; her children are John R. Erickson of Denver, Colo., Cynthia L. Erickson and partner Karen Hyatt of Eugene, Ore., Charles L. (Heather) Erickson, of Galveston; three brothers Michael A. (Sue) Snow of Sharpsville, James R. Collins of Kokomo, Jeffery (Linda) Collins of Beulaville, N.C.; her grandchildren are Dereck Schrader, Dakota R. Erickson, Dayton J. Erickson, Makinsey R. Erickson, Jessica R. Erickson; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and one brother Robert Snow. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St. Russiaville, with Rev. Keith Treadway and Rev. Bill Carmichael officiating. Burial will follow in Middlefork Cemetery. Calling hours are 4-8 p.m. today at Stout & Son Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Guardian Hospice. Online condolences at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Luella Mae Emery**, 82, of Macy, passed away at 1:41 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. She was born in Fulton County July 22, 1929, to Virgil Lyman and Fleetie (Crippen) King. She married Doyne F. Emery in Fulton County on Jan. 2, 1949. Luella was a homemaker. Luella graduated from Fulton County High School in 1947. She was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple, where her faith was evident through her work with AWANA, prayer groups, choir, and other church activities. She enjoyed singing, gardening, sewing, and cooking. Mrs. Emery especially enjoyed making cakes for weddings, anniversaries, and all other special occasions. Her most requested cake was red velvet. Her favorite pastimes were supporting her grandchildren in their sporting events and 4-H activities, and spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband, Doyne Emery, Macy; son David Emery and wife Donna, Macy; son Douglas Emery and wife Patricia, Macy; daughter Julie Bailey of Macy; daughter Fleetie Jane Shriver and husband Jeff, Rochester; granddaughter Tara Sarver and husband Bob of Holland, Mich.; granddaughter Tristan Kirby and husband Travis, Lafayette; granddaughter Morgan Munson and husband Kyle, Rushville; grandson Kyle Emery and fiancé Rachel, Twelve Mile; granddaughter Stephanie Shriver, Rochester; grandson Benjamin Shriver, Rochester; granddaughter Shayleigh Shriver, Rochester; great-grandson Jackson Sarver of Holland, Mich.; a brother, Lyman King and wife Helen, Rochester; and a sister-in-law, Maxine Scutt, Coldwater, Mich. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Stephen Doyne Shriver, and two sisters, Anna Hartman and Alice Friedrich. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 at the Fulton Baptist Temple with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 at Fulton Baptist Temple, Fulton, Ind. Memorials may be made to the Fulton Baptist Temple or to Gideon's International. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Gundrum Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Tonia Lynn Sopher Shockey**, 39, Converse, passed away at 6:50 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at her residence surrounded by her loving family and close friends. She was born on May 10, 1972 in Peru. Tonia had worked at Community Care in Wabash. She enjoyed walking, watching cooking shows on TV, making latch-hook rugs, working crossword and jigsaw puzzles and spending time with her family. She is survived by her parents, Roger D. Sopher and wife Lonetta "Rae", Huntington; and Judy A. Armstrong and husband Greg, Converse; a son, Michael Joseph Shockey, at home, and his father Todd Joseph "Joe" Shockey, Macy; two brothers, Roger D. Sopher, Jr. and wife Karri, Marion; and Robert E. Sopher, Macy; one sister, Michele A. Mosley and husband Richard, Peru; one brother-in-law, Mark Howard, Wabash; and two sisters-in-law, Alisa March and husband Jason, Lucerne and Rachel Eads and husband Scott, Wabash; along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins and her precious nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Barbara Ellen Booth Owen. A memorial service will be 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Converse Church of Christ with Pastor Rob Schwarze officiating. Arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 11, 2012

**Walter Gerald (Bill) McCrosky**, 100, Rochester, died Tuesday Jan. 10, 2012. Service: 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 in the Good Family Funeral Home, with a Masonic service at 10:45 a.m. Visitation: 9-10:45 a.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 13, 2012

**Buddy E. Richardson**, 82, of Kokomo, passed away at 10:19 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 at Howard Regional Health Systems. Buddy was born Dec. 10, 1929 in Peru to the late William and Evelyn Richardson (Glassburn). His marriage to the former Rita D. Dietrich was on Oct. 27, 1951 in Flora. He was a 1949 graduate of Onward High School. Joined the U.S. Army, and was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked for Indiana Bell for 33 years as a supervisor and was a member of the Pioneer Club at Indiana Bell. He also was an avid golfer. Survivors include; his wife Rita D. Richardson of Kokomo; two sons, Mike and Dr. Melody Richardson of Peru, Mark Richardson and companion Sabia Rennaker of Kokomo; a brother, Jesse, and wife Charlene Richardson; a sister Vera Sagarsee; and a sister-in-law Evelyn Richardson; grandchildren, Erin, Nicholas, Cameron, Taylor, Buddy, Maggie, Michael, Carson and Suzanne. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Ned and wife Melba Richardson, and Leonard Richardson. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the mortuary with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating. The committal service will be 1 p.m. at Ever Rest Memorial Park 8315 E. U.S. 24 Logansport, IN 46947. There will be military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the Cass Co. Honor Guard at the cemetery. You are invited to read Buddy's obituary online at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, or send a personal message for the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 13, 2012

**Kathy J. Elburn**, 53, of Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Kokomo to Vernon and Mary (Copeland) Hunt. She married Curtis L. Elburn on April 19, 1979. Kathy was employed with Kroger in Peru. She was a member of the National Red Bone Association and enjoyed participating in dog shows. Survivors along with her husband include her parents, Vernon and Mary; her daughters, Nicole (Michael) Rorvik of Peru, and Andi Elburn, also of Peru; four grandchildren, Abby, Morgan, Wyatt and Colton. Also surviving is her brother, Matt (Kathy) Hunt of Rochester. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Hunt. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at the funeral home, 105 W. Third St., in Peru. Memorials may be made to the Kathy Elburn Memorial Youth Coon Hound Scholarship.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 14, 2012

**Kathy J. Elburn**, 53, of Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Kokomo to Vernon and Mary (Copeland) Hunt, both deceased. She married Curtis L. Elburn on April 19, 1979. Kathy was employed with Kroger in Peru. She was a member of the National Red Bone Association and enjoyed participating in dog shows. Survivors along with her husband include her daughters, Nicole (Michael) Rorvik of Peru, and Andi Elburn, also of Peru; four grandchildren, Abby, Morgan, Wyatt and Colton. Also surviving is her brother, Matt (Kathy) Hunt of Rochester. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Karen Hunt. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, 105 W. Third St., in Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 14, 2012

**Lena Lucille Wright**, 80, Indianapolis, passed away at 9:25 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at Community North Hospital. She was born in Risner, Ky. Sept. 4, 1931 to Leonard and Nancy Jane (Salmons) Ousley, both deceased. She married Willie Wright, Jr. Oct. 9, 1948, and he preceded her in death March 6, 2010. Lena was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Stan (Clara) Wright of Bellefontaine, Ohio; a daughter, Vivian (David) Wright-Defrees of Indianapolis; and a sister, Evalee Campbell of Safety Harbor, Fla. She is also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Lena was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Edith Ousley and her husband Jimmy; and a brother-in-law, Stuart Campbell. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Bob Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Family visitation will be 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 and public visitation to follow, 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home. There will also be visitation Monday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to services. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 17, 2012

**Charles Lundberg**, 49, formerly of Peru, has passed away. He was the son of Velma and the late Charles Lundberg.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 17, 2012

**David G. Harding**, 92, of Peru, passed away at 8:10 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Peru, on April 25, 1919, the son of William S. and Emma Fike Harding. David married Lois J. Wise in Peru on Aug. 20, 1965, and she survives. David was a 1939 graduate of Peru High School and attended the First Presbyterian Church in Peru. He was employed as a tool and dye designer at Kingston Products, Kokomo. Following his retirement at Kingston he worked at Delco Electronics in Kokomo. David is survived by his wife of more than 46 years, Lois; sons Eric Rogers and his wife Deeanna of Phoenix, Ariz., James Harding and his wife Theresa of Peru, and John Harding of Peru; a daughter, Jane Ann Harding and her companion James Keown of Peru; a sister Emma Jean Fincher of Greentown; grandchildren Brant David Bell, Todd Bell, Ashley (Adam) Constable, Elyse (Tommy) Carlson, Levi Brousseau, Amber (Ryan) Harris and William (Carissa) Redilla; great-grandchildren Tobias Bell, Quinton Carlson, Luv Carlson, Zian Constable, Liam Brousseau, Paige Harris, Madison Harris, Abigale Harris, Braxton Redilla and Lexi Redilla. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. A service celebrating the life of David G. Harding will be 3 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Larry Moslener officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church, Peru. Online condolences may be to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

**Evelyn J. Maugans**, 94, North Manchester, passed away at 2:50 p.m. Jan. 13, 2012 at Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester. She was born April 25, 1917 in Miami County, the daughter of William J. and Hazel J. (Wrights) Mills and raised by her step-mother, Margaret Mills. On Feb. 28, 1935 she married Willis W. Maugans, who preceded her in death on September 19, 2006. Evelyn was a 1934 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. She was employed at Vickery Tape, Dukes Hospital in Peru, the Monticello Public Library and was a matron with the Caldwell Home for Women. She was a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, Home Demonstration Club in Pipe Creek and Monticello and the Literary Club of Bunker Hill. Surviving are son, J. Conrad and wife Jo Ella Maugans, Kokomo; daughter-in-law, Linda Maugans, Kokomo; grandchildren, Cary Middlekauff and Terri Railey, both of Kokomo; Tim Middlekauff, Peru, Laney Dezelan, Fishers, Lisa Driver and Stacy Maugans, both of Valparaiso, and Kristen Lynch, Blanchardville, Wis.; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Terrance and Stephen, daughter-in-law, Judith Maugans; and one brother. Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, with Pastor Ed Johnson and Chaplain Carol Pfeiffer officiating. Private burial will be in Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call at the chapel from 2:30-4 p.m. on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Timbercrest Senior Living Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, IN 46962 or to the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, 4483 West 400 South, Peru, IN 46970, with envelopes available. Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

**Fred Ditmire**, 75, of Leiters Ford passed away Jan. 16, 2012. A celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

**James Lane Thomas**, 76, passed away Jan. 15, 2012 at Heritage Pointe, Warren, Ind. He was born Feb. 9, 1935 in McCook, Neb. and raised in Cheyenne, Wyo. by his parents, James William and Jessie (Lane) Thomas. He attended the University of Colorado where he met and married Della May Jenks. James graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1958 as a chemical engineer, and spent the major part of his career (31 years) with the 3M Corporation in Hartford City, Ind. and St. Paul, Minn. Over his lifetime Jim was a member and officer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Area Planning Commission, his own TV business, a member of the Optimist and Rotary Clubs. He also was a member of a Barber Shop Chorus, the Avion Travelcade Club, living in Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Indiana, Minnesota again, Colorado and back to Indiana. Survivors include his wife, Della (Jenks) Thomas of Warren; daughters Gwen (John) Mays of Raleigh, N.C., and Lane (Allen) Bahney of Gilead; granddaughters Sara (Kyle) Thomas, Melanie Mays, and Bailie Martin; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in



death by his parents, an aunt and uncle. Ferguson and Glancy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Cremation and interment will take place at a later date, by the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with interment in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

**Russell L. Spradley**, 79, Peru, passed away at 9:04 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Tecumseh, Neb., Oct. 8, 1932 to Claude and Dorothy (Pabst) Spradley. He married Nancy Monesmith in 1953, and she survives. Russell retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service, as a Chief Warrant Officer, Artillery. He was a member of the Peru Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine Club in Indianapolis, and was on the board of directors of the Miami County Museum. Survivors include his wife Nancy; a son, David Lee Spradley of Huntington Woods, Mich.; two grandsons, Bruce and Aaron; two great-granddaughters, Tachiana and Valencia; along with several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his sisters, Fern (Larry) Hughes of Texas, Hope (Delmar) Brannen of Lincoln, Neb., Janice Eldridge of Lindsborg, Kan., June (Eldon) Boyer of Kansas, and Carol Nichol森, also of Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Larry; and a sister, Donita Brannen. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Carl Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at the funeral home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital. There will be a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

**Teddy Joe Morris**, 64, of Macy passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital at 5:26 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012. He was born Dec. 17, 1947 in Peru to Delson Morris and Freida Berniece (Hatfield) Morris Webb. Teddy was retired from Ford Meter Box Company after 35 years of service. He was a graduate of North Miami High School, and he enjoyed woodworking. Survivors include his daughter, Tammy Morris and fiancé Ron Tapp, New Haven, Ind.; a grandson, Arizona "AJ" Morris, New Haven; granddaughter Terra Tapp, New Haven; and a sister, Melba Smith of North Manchester. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Burial will follow in the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home, preceding service. Memorial contributions may be made to donor's choice of charity. Online condolences may be made at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 19, 2012

Mrs. **Helen M. Barker**, 90, Peru, formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born June 27, 1921, in Terre Haute, to Raymond and Claudia L. (Akers) Cunningham. She married Ralph L. Barker, Oct. 12, 1940, in Roachdale. He preceded her in death in 2003. Mrs. Barker was a homemaker; a graduate of Russellville High School; member of the Portland Mills Christian Church; the Order of the Eastern Star; and in her free time enjoyed working with her flowers. She is survived by her daughters: Patty (Boyd) Sharp, Kingman, Ind.; Donna (Daniel) Day, Peru; Deborah (David) Rawlings, Hagerstown, Md.; and Linda (Earl) Taylor, Harrisonburg, Va. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by sisters: Enola Clodfelter and Alberta Spencer; and a grandson: Randall Bowman. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Portland Mills Christian Church. Burial will be at the Portland Mills Cemetery. Friends may call at Powers-Priebe Funeral Home, 315 S. Washington St., Crawfordsville, Ind., from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. Online condolences may be sent to: [powerspriebeffh.com](http://powerspriebeffh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 19, 2012

**Mariel W. Neff**, 87, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Born in Martinsville, Mariel was a member of Macy United Methodist Church. She had a great love for flowers, birds and the beautiful farm that she and Robert shared for 51 wonderful years. Surviving are her daughters, Barbara (Jerry) Sanden of Ventura, Calif., Susan Beach of Fort Wayne and Janet (Patrick) Hunt of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Jeff (Joi) Beach, Denise (Mike Flynn) Beach, Katherine Sanden, Andrea Hunt, Ryan Hunt; great-grandchildren, Kanan Flynn and ZZ Flynn; four brothers and two sisters. Mariel was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Winifred Brown; husband, Robert Neff; son, Leon Robert Neff; and one brother. Service is 2 p.m., Jan. 21 at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Rev. Douglas Croucher officiating, with calling beginning at noon. Burial in Chili Community Cemetery, Indiana. Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 20, 2012

Rev. **Robert James Gatchel**, Sr., 91, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 at Autumn Ridge Healthcare Center in Wabash. He was born May 18, 1920 in Wabash to Foster W. and Florence (Hart) Gatchel. Bob married Melba Bitzel in Wabash on Dec. 15, 1945; she died Oct. 24, 2005. He was a minister 50 years. Bob attended the Hillside Holiness Church in Laketon. He was ordained of voice in the Nazarene Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII. He is survived by three children, Pandora (Jim) Miller of Tamarac, Fla., Randall E. (Cindi) Gatchel and Ronald L. (Debby) Gatchel, both of North Manchester; daughter-in-law, Juanita Gatchel of Wabash, and son-in-law, Ron Myers, Sr. of Mt. Vernon, Ind.; two brothers, James Gatchel, and Foster W. "Mick" Gatchel; two sisters, Jackie Stackhouse and Shirley Ann Hobbs, all of Wabash; 20 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Robert J. Gatchel, Jr.; daughter Priscilla Myers; great granddaughter Aaliyah Paige Gatchel; five sisters; and one brother. Funeral services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Saturday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Mike Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 12-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association. The memorial guest book for Bob may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Frank H. Miller**, long-time agricultural educator, died on Nov. 29, 2011, in Portland, Ore. We celebrate his 98 years of love and care as a steadfast partner and parent, wise and encouraging guide, seeker of Divine direction, adventurer, volunteer and farmer. Born Jan. 10, 1913, Frank grew up on the plains of Oklahoma. He earned a B.S. in animal husbandry from Oklahoma A&M and an M.S. in agricultural economics from Purdue University. His was a life of service. Besides teaching at the University of Wisconsin and Connors State College (Okla.), Frank managed several of the top Aberdeen Angus herds in the nation before buying his own farm in Indiana. He spent 10 years as the Veterans On-Farm Training program instructor for Wabash County. In 1959, he joined Purdue's Cooperative Extension Service and their Better Farming & Better Living program. Frank also consulted with farmers as a Farm Management and Livestock agent serving nine counties. He retired in 1979 as County Extension Director for Wabash County. In later years, his passion was supporting Heifer International. He sought livestock donations from dairymen in three states, helped launch a community-wide fundraiser that generated thousands of dollars annually, and delivered livestock to remote villages in Guatemala. Frank also saw exploration - both inner and outer - as important. He grappled with soul-filled questions and journeyed throughout the U.S. as well as abroad with trusty camera and family in tow. Resiliency was his signature trait, caring for two wives with serious illnesses, tackling open-heart surgery when he was 89, and persevering through life-threatening infection and loss of independence and mobility in recent months. Family was important to Frank. He celebrated 50 years of marriage with Esther I. Book, later moving to Portland at the age of 80 for 18 more years with Ruth M. Hauck. Esther and Ruth preceded him in death in 1986 and 2011. Survivors include adult children Robin, Michael, Judy, and Lynette; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for this spring. Details via <http://tinyurl.com/MillerObit>. Donations to Heifer International via <http://tinyurl.com/MillerHeifer>

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Josephine Mildred Fields**, 89, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Millers Merry Manor East, in Wabash. She was born Nov. 8, 1922 in Peru, to John E. and Daisy (Jackson) Mooney. She married Roy Fields, July 5, 1947 and he preceded her in death in September 1979. Josephine retired from General Electric in Rockford, Ill., as a production worker. She is survived by nephew Wesley Mooney of Texas and several other nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a brother Jack Mooney of Holtville, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sisters Hazel Arnold, Louise Mills, Mabel Eileen Tabor, Bertha Rogers, Mary Mooney, Ethel Spradling, Daisy Eytcheson and Eileen, two brothers Chester and Donald Mooney. Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home, on Saturday from 11 a.m. till the time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Patricia Yvonne Grimmertt**, 71, of Peru, passed away at 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Jeff, Ky. on Jan. 25, 1940, the daughter of Leck and Minne Fraly Whitaker. Patricia married Carl B. Grimmertt on Oct. 22, 1960 and he survives. Patricia graduated in 1958 from Frankfort High School, Frankfort, Ky. and attended Nazarene College. She was a United States Navy Veteran. Patricia is survived by her husband Carl; sons James R. Grimmertt and his wife Lori of

Williamsport, Ind., Joey Grimmer of Williamsport, Ind.; a daughter Yvonne Hilgeman and her husband Blake of Walton; grandchildren Greg Grimmer and his wife Heather, Stacey Grimmer, Daniel Hilgeman, Amanda Grimmer and Alyia Hilgeman. Family was paramount to Patricia and she was a wonderful wife and mother that will be greatly missed. She gave so others could enjoy. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, January 23, 2012

**Carol "Sue" Hawkins**, 75, Peru, died at 6:57 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Claypool, Ind. to Howard and Cozette (Fenimore) Gordon on Sept. 6, 1936. She married Robert "Bob" A. Hawkins on Dec. 31, 1955 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 9, 2006. Carol was a homemaker. She is survived by a son, Jeff Hawkins, Peru; a daughter, Bobbie (Ron) Dausch, Peru; grandchildren, Krysten, Austin, Cori, Daniel, Tim, Michael and Christopher; a brother-in-law, John (Sandy) Hawkins, Goldsboro, N.C.; and several great grandchildren also survive. Carol was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Hawkins, and a son, Tim Hawkins. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Helping Hands.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 24, 2012

**Charles William Nicholas**, 81, Logansport, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012. A celebration of his life will be at 3 p.m. Jan. 30, 2012 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 24, 2012

**James Lane Thomas**, 76, passed away Jan. 15, 2012 at Heritage Pointe, Warren, Ind. He was born Feb. 9, 1935 in McCook, Neb. and was raised in Cheyenne, Wyo. by his parents James William and Jessie (Lane) Thomas. He attended the University of Colorado where he met and married Della May Jenks. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1958 as a Chemical Engineer and spent the major part of his career, 31 years with the 3M Corporation in Hartford City, Ind. and St. Paul, Minn. Over his life Jim was a member and officer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Area Planning Commission, His own TV Business, the Optimist and Rotary Clubs, A Barber Shop Chorus, The Avion Travelcade Club, living in Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Indiana Minnesota again, Colorado and back to Indiana. Survivors include: wife : Della (Jenks) Thomas of Warren, Ind.; two daughters: Gwen and husband John Mays of Raleigh, N.C., and Lane and husband Allen Bahney of Gilead, Ind.; three granddaughters: Sara and husband Kyle Thomas, Melanie Mays and Bailie Martin and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents, an aunt and an uncle. Private family services were held on Monday Jan. 23, 2012 at the Gilead Cemetery, Gilead, Ind. with the Rev. David Welsh officiating. Arrangements were handled by Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Ind. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 24, 2012

**Virginia "Ginny" Kelley**, 57, died on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 at home in the company of her loving family. Ginny was born June 27, 1954 in Genoa, Ohio to Julian and Ninfa Zapata. She graduated from Genoa Area High School in 1973 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in December 1974. From March 1975 until December 1978 she was assigned to the 305 th Security Police Squadron at Grissom Air Force Base and was tremendously proud of her military service. She was employed as a telecommunications operator with the Indiana State Police at the Peru Post from 1979 until she retired as the communications supervisor in 2009. The people at Peru Post were like a second family to Ginny and for many years she organized the annual Post Christmas party, doting over the children of her friends and assuming the role as Santa's helper. Her family at Peru Post supported Ginny throughout her extended battle with pancreatic cancer. A lifelong member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Ginny participated in countless community activities; helping families at Christmastime, supporting local Red Cross blood drives and volunteering in charitable events to support a variety of social agencies and health related causes. She was active in the Oak Brook Community Church. Ginny's family would like to thank her sorority sisters as well as her friends at Oak Brook for their heartfelt concern and assistance during her illness. Ginny is survived by her daughter; Annie (Grant) Robb, and son: Michael (Mandy) Kelley. Four grandchildren; Raegen Robb, Grant Robb, Addison Robb and Maci Kelley as well as her friend and former husband; Tom Kelley. Sisters; Helen Zapata and Mary Estrada and Brother Michael Zapata, all of Toledo, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Julian Zapata and sister Irene Benavidez. Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Shirley and Stout funeral home Lincoln Rd. Chapel 1315 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, Chaplin John

Murdock officiating. Burial with military rites will be in Mound Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Online condolences can be left at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 25, 2012

**Bertha E. Foreman**, 86, of Peru passed away at 1:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born March 3, 1925 in Huntington County. Bertha was married to James L. Foreman for 67 years, and he preceded her in death December 4, 2007. She retired from GenCorp in Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Phyllis Hansen and her husband Ron, of Peru; two grandchildren, Andrea Egan and Selena Murphy. Also surviving are seven great-grandchildren. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years; her parents; three children, Larry, Cheryl and Dennis. A private service will be Jan. 25, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 25, 2012

**Donald J. Linden**, 73, of Logansport, passed away at 10:56 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born in Logansport on Sept. 7, 1938, the son of Russell and Mary Lucille Hunter Linden. Don was Methodist by faith and a retired truck driver. He is survived by daughters, Leona Wilson and her husband Rick of Logansport; Sonya Roberts and her husband Ken of Logansport; sisters, Nelda VanBaalen of Peru; Lois Wilkinson and her husband Ken of Rochester; and Bonnie Seeger and her husband Gene of Ft. Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son Russell Linden. Graveside Services for Donald Linden will be 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass Co., with Pastor David Ross officiating. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 25, 2012

**Harriet Emma Withers**, 87, passed away at 9 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born March 20, 1924 in Peru, to Grover C. and Anna E. (Whipple) Good. Harriet graduated from Peru High School, was a member of The Church of the Brethren and a U.S. Army veteran. She lived in Peru her entire life except for her time as a nurse in the Women's Army Corps during WWII for which she earned four medals for her service. Harriet worked in the hospital at Grissom Air Force Base for 32 years and was the longest serving civil servant on base when she retired. She was devoted to both her family and her dogs. She was a hard working, selfless woman, who spent much of her life quietly helping others. Survivors include one brother, Louis D. Good of Peru; her son Ron E. Withers and wife Dixie of Macy; six grandchildren - Eli Withers and wife Ivi of Lake Charles, La.; Audra Peterson and husband Davion of Indianapolis; Hayley Overmyer and husband Andrew, Valparaiso; Lucy Withers of Indianapolis; Sally Young and husband Charles of Findlay, Ohio; and Cyrus Withers of Peru. Harriet also leaves behind six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, William who passed away in 1987, and Edward, who was killed in action in southern Germany April 25, 1945. At her request there will be no funeral service, but friends may attend a memorial in her honor on Friday, Jan. 26, 2012 at the home of her son Ron, 3048 West 1500 North, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Animal Shelter. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, January 25, 2012

**Wendell D. "Windy" Ringle**, 88 of Rochester passed away at his home Friday, Jan. 20, 2012. There will be no services. Good Family Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 26, 2012

**James "Jim" E. Hullinger**, 86 of Bunker Hill, passed away Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 at North Woods Village in Kokomo. He was born in Howard County July 30, 1925 to Clarence and Francis (Cooper) Hullinger. Jim married Mary Matt Crenshaw Oct. 18, 1945 and she preceded him in death Aug. 18, 2002. Jim graduated from Clay Township High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946. He was a pioneer in the drag racing industry, having founded and operated the Bunker Hill Drag Strip from 1956 to 1997. The track was the first permanent drag racing facility in Indiana, which continues to run today as one of the oldest facilities in the country. Highlighting his many contributions to the sport, he innovated roller platforms dubbed "Safe-Start" that replaced the sometimes dangerous and time consuming practice of having to push start dragsters in the 60s and 70s. Parts of the design were patented and nearly 40 units were installed at major race facilities across the country. Additionally, he worked at Continental Steel and Syndicate Sales. Jim enjoyed all forms of racing, and was a leading stock car and modified racer at Kokomo and Warsaw Speedways in the 50s. After retirement his pace slowed a bit, as he enjoyed his

Model-T that he, Harold Myers and friends rebuilt. Jim was a member of the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge No. 683, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, the Izaak Walton Wabash Chapter and the Model T Club of America. He is survived by daughter Janet (Bill) Frank of Plainfield; son Ike (Jan Rouch), Fort Wayne; son Jay (Debbie), Bunker Hill; two brothers, Don (Joan) Hullinger, Kissimmee, Fla. and Dale (Janice) Hullinger, LaFountain; sisters, Georgianna (Johnny) Myers, Bunker Hill, Mildred (Eldon) Miller of Galveston, Doris Moss of Galveston; five grandchildren, Chris (Richelle) Frank, Stephanie (Paul) Chiodo, Jason (Crystal) Frank, Jessica (Mark) Metcalf, Jillian (Todd) Bellaw; and seven great-grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary, and two sons, Mike and Jerry. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home with pastor Paul Sutherland officiating. Burial will follow at Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Racers for Christ or D.R.A.W. (Drag Racing Association of Women).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 26, 2012

**Pauline Marie Youmans**, 90, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Funeral services will at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Mexico Church of the Brethren, Mexico with Pastor Dave Beebe officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday at the church. Arrangements are by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 26, 2012

On Jan. 24, 2012 at 1:05 a.m., **Sandra "Sandy" Wiley King** went peacefully to be with her Heavenly Father, after a long hard struggle with liver disease. She was born April 3, 1947 to Harvey L. and Bonnie (Brunner) King. She graduated from Pendleton Heights High School in 1964. Richard "Randy" King was the love of Sandy's life from when they met in 1997, until her death on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24, 2012. Sandy worked 18 years for Target Department Store in Kokomo, as a front line supervisor and soft line supervisor, retiring in 2003. She also worked a year for Alco in Peru, until diagnosed with liver disease, forcing her to quit. Sandy was an active member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, most recently enjoying serving food to children in the summer lunch program, called "lunch bunch." Sadly, her illness forced her to stop many of the activities at the church due to her physical weakness. Sandy was loved by her church family and will be truly missed. Many will remember her pleasant personality, quiet gentleness and ready smile. She enjoyed a special relationship with Virginia Blair, whom she considered a sister. Survivors along with her husband, include her daughter, Lynn Vega; grandson, Nathan Stanley, and granddaughter, Emily Stanley; cousins Keith Allen King and Christy King; nephews Jeff king, Michael King, David King, and niece Beth King; three great nephews and three great nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Steve King. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, Pastor Evan Strong officiating, with graveside services to follow at Springdale Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Friday until time of service, at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of love offerings to the family, through the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, 115 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, January 26, 2012

**Virginia (Capper) Gady Kinsel**, 85, Rochester, passed away at 8:35 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, 2012 at her residence. She was born May 17, 1926 in Chicago, the daughter of John S. and Romaine (Tiffany) Capper Jr. On Sept. 24, 1944 in Star City, she married Elmer C. Gady. He preceded her in death on May 9, 1973. On April 4, 1998 in Rochester, she married Don M. Kinsel and he survives. Mrs. Gady Kinsel had been a school librarian media specialist in the Peru Community Schools and a school teacher at Riddle Elementary School in Rochester. She also was the first children's librarian at the Fulton County Public Library, where she enjoyed storytelling and puppetry with the children. She had been a member of the Rochester Rotary Club, where she was past president and instrumental in organizing the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, CASA, Fulton County Literacy Coalition, National Education Association, Fulton County Retired Teachers' Association and a member of the Grace United Methodist Church where she had been a Sunday School Teacher. In her spare time she enjoyed following sports, especially Indiana University Basketball and Chicago Cubs Baseball. She enjoyed making charitable contributions to various organizations, including the Bashor Childrens Home of Goshen. Survivors include her husband, Don M. Kinsel, Rochester; daughter, Ann Gady-Keller, Mount Shasta, Calif.; sons, Richard Elmer and wife Debra Gady, Lakewood, Colo., Joe Ernest Gady, Argos, David John and wife Amy Gady, Cape Cod, Mass.; step-children, Cindy and husband Duane Border, Rochester, Mark Kinsel, Florida, Al and wife Cindy Kinsel, Port St. Lucie, Fla.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; brother, Tom Scott and wife Tressa Capper, Star City; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents; brother, Jack Capper; sisters, Betty Ley and Marilyn Heinsen; and one



grandson, Bryson Gady. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Bashor Childrens Home, P.O. Box 843, Goshen, Ind. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimemrmanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimemrmanbros@rtcol.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 27, 2012

**Georgia Anne (Allen) Myers**, 80, Peru, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Service: Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Treaty Church of Christ, 6739 S. 50 E., Wabash, Ind.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 27, 2012

**Pauline Marie Myers Youmans**, 90, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born March 30, 1921 in Walton, Ind. she was the daughter of Clarence Edgar and Edna Alma Slusher Myers. On Aug. 10, 1946, she was married to Lester Howard Youmans, Jr, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 1975. In 1938, Pauline graduated from Peru High School. She later worked for an abstract company at the Miami County Courthouse. Pauline was an active member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren where she played piano, taught Sunday school, and participated in many of the women's fellowship projects, especially making baby comforters. She enjoyed sewing, traveling, running around with the girls and playing dominoes and other games. She was also a member of the Psi Iota Sorority. Pauline leaves behind her beloved family, three daughters, Barbara J. Daniel and husband Rick, Proctorville, Ohio; Nancy E. Woytinek and husband A.J., Monticello; Rosemary C. Clemons; one son, Richard Dale Youmans and wife Pam Berry, Greentown; 10 grandchildren, Mike Daniel and wife Anne and their son Paul, Paula Daniel, Joe Daniel, Leslie Jackson and husband Chris along with their sons Daniel and Andrew; Katy Lawson and husband Nate along with their sons Ryan and Matthew, Roger Powell, Maryann Miller and husband Justin, Janet Riley and husband Mike along with son Micah, Joelle Orem and husband Jared, and Emma Berry-Youmans. She was preceded in death by one brother, Donald E. Myers, one son-in-law, Rex Powell, and one daughter-in-law, Teresa Youmans. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at the Mexico Church of the Brethren with Pastor Dave Beebe and Chaplain Jason See officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012 at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Church of the Brethren.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, January 28, 2012

**Nelda June Rude**, 84, Kokomo, passed away at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012 in her residence. She was born June 15, 1927 in Howard County to the late Harold and Veda (Myers) Roth. On May 18, 1943 in Kokomo, she married Omer L. Rude; and he survives. Nelda attended Howard Township School. She was a home-maker and had worked at J & L Produce. She was a member of the Chapel Hill Christian Church, and also was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Mexico, Ind. where she had served as Worthy Matron, and also was a member of Home Economics Clubs in Howard County and later in Miami County. Surviving is her husband; Omer L. Rude, Kokomo, one son and a daughter in law; Dave and Mary Rude, Tucson, Ariz., three daughters and sons in law; Mary Ann and Kevin Angell, Montpelier, Vt., Myra and Todd Moser, Kokomo, Barbara and Jerald Harkness, Indianapolis, six grandchildren; Charlie and Sam Angell, Chase and Drew Moser, Kara and Kiley Harkness, sister; Jean Miller, Kokomo, and an aunt; Annagene Welsh, Kokomo. Also surviving is a brother in law; Wayne Mast. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons; Rex Rude and Dennis Rude, and one sister; Waneta Mast. Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 at Chapel Hill Christian Church, 2600 W. Alto Road, with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Mast-Hensler Cemetery in Howard County. Friends may visit with the family from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. and from 1:30 p.m. until time of service on Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Foundation, envelopes will be provided at the funeral home on Sunday and at the church on Monday, or you may make a contribution directly on their website at [www.stjoseph.stvincent.org](http://www.stjoseph.stvincent.org). You are invited to read Nelda's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message or order flowers for the family. Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street, is in charge of arrangements. Billie B. Graham, 83, Peru, passed away 8:34 a.m. Jan. 27, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Aug. 23, 1928 in Washington, Ind., the son of Forrest and Gladys (Grover) Graham. He married Dorothy Adams Nov. 2, 1948, and she preceded him in death Aug. 30, 2010. He was a retired Tool and Die Room supervisor from Square D in Peru. He enjoyed woodworking and camping. He is survived by daughter Linda Yoder, Peru; son Jack E. Graham and wife Sherryl, Peru; granddaughters Melissa Boone and husband Gary, Heather Holman and husband Jason; grandsons John Yoder and wife Toma, and Jason Graham; six great-grandchildren Braxton, Camron, Brayden, Tanner,



Brandon and Breann; brother Charles Graham and his wife Jeannie, Granger; and sister Betty Sipe, Peru. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a sister, Wanda Wilson. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, January 30, 2012

**Frank J. Apt**, 87, Logansport, passed away at 7:48 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, in Hickory Creek of Rochester. Born Dec. 31, 1924, in Peru, he was the son of Frank and Roxie Forrey Apt. On Nov. 24, 1946, in Peru, he was married to Mildred Robinson, who preceded him in death Dec. 23, 2007. Frank was the retired corporate treasurer for Logansport Machine Company. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church and a U. S. Army veteran. Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Judie Apt, Rochester; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Daniel Gilligan, Fairfax, Va.; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Private services will be held. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, P. O. Box 621, Rochester, IN 46975. Kroeger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 31, 2012

**Harriett Mattingly**, 91, of Indianapolis, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012. She was born March 19, 1920 in Washington, Ind. to the late Ralph and Essie (Walker) Leonard. She was married to Nelson Mattingly, who preceded her in death. She was a volunteer at Community East Hospital. Survivors include her loving children, Carolyn (Ron) White, Buzz Mattingly, Nancy (Mike) Shank, Donald Mattingly, Diane (Keith) Thompson; siblings Juanita Carnahan, Joella Nolly, Thomas Leonard, Charlotte Bentley, and Patty Campbell; 21 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, Tom Mattingly, and a sister, Marilyn Hovis. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. Funeral services will be at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012. Memorial contributions may be made to Post Road Christian Church, 1112 N. Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 31, 2012

**James L. Corder**, 79, of Peru, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Peru, Sept. 13, 1932 to Roy and Thelma (Cleveland) Corder, both deceased. James graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1951, and was retired from the Indiana Laborers Union. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and enjoyed woodworking and guns. Survivors include several cousins. A special thank you to Lee Maxwell, his friend and care giver whom he loved very much! A thank you also goes to the staff at Caring Hands Health Care facility. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru with Pastor Donald Cleveland officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. There will be a military committal service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 31, 2012

**Michael Brown Murphy**, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 at 1:10 a.m. at the Reche Canyon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Colton, Calif. He was born Oct. 6, 1940 to Donald Carl Murphy and Patricia Brown Murphy in Peru, Ind. Mr. Murphy taught in the San Bernardino, Calif. school system for 35 years, retiring in 2002. His teaching specialty was Spanish and his foreign-language classes regularly won top honors in school competitions. After graduating from Peru High School in 1958 and Indiana's Hanover College in 1962, Mr. Murphy enlisted in the then-brand new U.S. Peace Corps, created by President John F. Kennedy to further world peace. He was among the first Peace Corps volunteers and was assigned to Costa Rica, where he taught English and other skills. Since his ground-breaking service, over 200,000 Peace Corps volunteers have contributed their skills in developing countries. In the early 1970s, Mr. Murphy created and ran a popular student exchange program with U.S. and Costa Rican students called "Experiment in Foreign Life." He maintained lifelong ties with families he had met in that country, carrying forward JFK's dream of world peace through better international understanding. Mr. Murphy was a member of the Sitzmarkers Ski Club and a private pilot. He took advantage of summer vacations for trips around the country and much of the world. He was unfortunately also a cigarette smoker until late in his life, which contributed to his demise. He leaves behind his father, Don C. Murphy and two brothers, Kevin D. Murphy and wife Ellen of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., and Colin Timothy Murphy and wife Sheryl of Costa Rica. Services will be private.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 1, 2012

**Abraham S. Leach**, 54, of Peru passed away at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 at Dukes Hospital. He was born June 20, 1957 in Chicago to Abraham Saul Leach, Sr. and Mattie Mae Lewis Trayweeks Leach, both deceased. Abraham was a laborer. He was married to Debra Boyd for 14 years, and she survives. Survivors with his wife are his parents; three children from a previous marriage, all of Chicago; a brother, Stanford Trayweeks and wife Janice of Chicago; two sisters, Inez Ewing of Georgia and Yolanda Horne and husband George, also of Georgia; two nephews, 10 nieces, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Salvation Army, with Lt. Becky Barringer officiating. Love offerings may be made to the family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 1, 2012

**Julie Diane Emery Bailey**, 51, of Macy, passed away at 9:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. She was born in Rochester Aug. 23, 1960 to Doyne F. and Luella (King) Emery. A 1978 graduate of Caston High School, Julie also attended Purdue University where she was a member of the Purdue Musical Organizations University Choir. She was an active member of the Fulton Baptist Temple and enjoyed singing in the church choir, for weddings and special occasions. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially supporting her nieces and nephews in their sporting and 4-H events. Julie was a clerk for UPS at Bourbon, Ind., and formerly owned and operated Bailey Embroidery in Warsaw. Survivors include her father, Doyne Emery of Macy; brothers David Emery and wife Donna of Macy, and Douglas Emery and wife Patricia of Lafayette; a sister, Fleettie Jane Shriver and husband Jeff of Rochester; niece Tara Sarver and husband Bob of Holland, Mich.; niece Tristan Kirby and husband Travis of Lafayette; niece Morgan Munson and husband Kyle of Rushville; nephew Kyle Emery and fiancé Rachel of Twelve Mile; niece Stephanie Shriver of Rochester; nephew Benjamin Shriver of Rochester; niece Shayleigh Shriver of Rochester; great-nephew Jackson Sarver of Holland, Mich.; uncle Lyman King and wife Helen of Rochester; aunt Maxine Scutt of Coldwater, Mich.; and Aunt Judy Emery of Byron Center, Mich. She was preceded in death by her mother, Luella Emery, and a nephew, Stephen Doyne Shriver. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at the Fulton Baptist Temple in Fulton, Ind. with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at Fulton Baptist Temple, and one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday, at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Fulton Baptist Temple or Hope Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 1, 2012

**Warren K. Wittman**, 53, of Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012 at his residence. He was born Feb. 12, 1958, the son of Rosie Griffith Brummett and Warren Wittman. He was employed at Delco Electronics for 20 years, until his health forced his retirement. He read and knew the Bible quite well, and was a member of the First Christian Church. Warren leaves behind his long time companion, Sue Geiselman Clark. She was the love of his life; also his adopted Geiselman and Clark families; his mother and step-father; three sisters, one brother, several nieces and nephews of Martinsville, Ind.; and his dear friend Rod McNary. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother. A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 2, 2012

**Chester L. "Punkin" Pendleton**, 66, of Lafayette, died at 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Brandenton, Fla. He was born Nov. 3, 1945, in Lafayette, to the late Walter and Goldie McCracken Pendleton. He graduated from Southwestern High School in 1964. On May 9, 1998, in Mexico, Ind., he married Teresa Bowyer, and she survives. Mr. Pendleton worked nine years at Russell F. Davis Construction, Reith Riley Construction 22 years as construction foreman and job superintendent, and later a heavy equipment operator for A & K Construction. Mr. Pendleton was a 40 year member of the Laborers Union Local #274. Mr. Pendleton most enjoyed time with family and friends, but his most favorite time was spent with his grandchildren, whom he named The Corporation, Noah, Connor, Ethan and Drake. Surviving are his wife, Teresa J. Pendleton of Lafayette; two sons, Matthew Pendleton of Lafayette, Wesley Pendleton (wife: Tara) of Lafayette and stepson Ryan Williams (wife: Alison) of Indianapolis; one daughter, Abby Pendleton of Lafayette and stepdaughter Shelley Conyers (husband: Brian) of New Castle; two sisters, Betty Pfeiffer of Linden and Patty Hicks (husband: Ray) of Lafayette; a brother, Tony Pendleton (wife: Deb) of Lafayette; and four grandchildren, Noah and Ethan Pendleton, Connor Williams and Drake Pendleton. Preceded in death by a sister, Martha Jean Gellenbeck. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012, at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel. Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Monday at Soller-Baker Lafayette Chapel, with Tim Deardorff

officiating. Burial will be at Wyandote Cemetery. Those wishing may contribute to the American Heart Assoc. Send online condolences to [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 2, 2012

**Mary Elizabeth Hunt**, 84, of Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 in Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru. Born Aug. 16, 1927 in Kokomo, she was the daughter of the late Daniel Copeland and Esther (Surrige) Copeland. On June 18, 1949 in Ft. Wayne, she married Vernon Samuel Hunt, and he survives. She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Survivors include her husband Vernon Samuel Hunt of Peru; one son Dallas Matthew (Katie) Hunt of Rochester; one son-in-law Curtis Elburn of Peru; two sisters-in-law Mary Copeland of Ft. Wayne, and Eunice Cowin of Kokomo; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters Kathy Elburn and Karen Hunt, four brothers and one sister. Services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 in Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo. Pastor Randy Blankenship will officiate. Burial will follow in Crown Point Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel is handling arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 4, 2012

**Betty Jean Winters**, 88 of Indianapolis, passed away Feb. 1, 2012. She was born Feb. 5, 1923 in Seaton, Ill., the daughter of Paul and Effie Morris. She was a school photographer for Life Touch Photography; a member of the Eastern Star, and a member of Carmel Christian Church. Betty is survived by her husband Hobart, son James, and daughter Tamela. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Robert. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at Harry W. Moore Funeral Home, 8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. Burial will follow at Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward, Indiana. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Assoc., 50 E. 91st St., Indianapolis, IN 46209.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 4, 2012

**Doris Mae (Dalton) Bates**, 75, of Wabash, died at 9:20 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born Dec. 15, 1936 in Peru, Indiana to William Glen and Lucille (Culver) Correll. She first married Glen Dalton on Feb. 13, 1952; he died May 21, 1993. She then married Elroy Bates on June 30, 2007, and he died Nov. 16, 2008. Doris was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Peru. She also taught Sunday school for 30 years. She enjoyed reading her Bible, going to yard sales and spending time with her family. She will always be remembered as an outstanding cook. She is survived by four children, Glenda Dalton of Twelve Mile, Darlene (Carl) Tyson of Peru, Deb Hecker of Wabash, and Greg (Melody) Dalton of Fulton; daughter-in-law, Glenna Dalton of Wabash; two sisters, Judy (Roger) Curl of Peru, Marlene (Dave) Wilhelm of Frankfort; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sons, Daniel, Dale, and Jeffery Dalton, a daughter, Teresa Lynn Dalton, a great-granddaughter Emily Roush and a brother, Bill Correll. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Tony Winters and Greg Dalton officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Servia. Friends may call 4-8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Doris may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 6, 2012

**Ruth M. Grady**, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:45 a.m., Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru on Oct. 2, 1921 the daughter of Orlie and Fern Griswold Black. Ruth married Charles R. "Dick" Grady at St. Charles Catholic Church on July 4, 1942 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1992. Ruth graduated from Peru High School in 1940. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Ruth and Dick lovingly raised six children. She was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella, Altar and Rosary Society, Miami County Historical Society and a charter member of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. Ruth also volunteered many hours for the American Red Cross Blood Drives, the Adult Literacy Program, the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul. She is survived by daughters Mary Harding and her husband DeWayne of Peru, Ruth Gooch and her husband Wayne of Jacksonville, N.C. and Deborah Grady-Ruth and her husband David of Lafayette; sons John Grady and his wife Darleen of Peru, Charles Grady and his wife Betsy of Indianapolis and James Grady of Peru; grandchildren Michelle Grady, Angie Kaufman, Shaun Grady, Kirsten Blakely, Damian Harding, Terry Harding, Kathi Jackson, Theresa Chumbley, Arthur Wayne Gooch III, Wendy Boughton, Mary Elizabeth Grady, Katherine Grady, Margaret A. Grady, Victoria Grady, and Christopher Grady; 28 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren;

a brother Jerry Black of Florida, sisters Rosetta Burns of Ft. Wayne, Marjorie Edwards of Mesa, Ariz., Mary Ellen Hoagland of Peru, Patty Ann McIntosh of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Nancy Norris and her husband Dennis of Twelve Mile. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dick, a great-grandson Brandon Harding and two brothers Carl "Bud" Black and John "Jack" Black. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Ruth M. Grady will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Miami County Helping Hands. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.weddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.weddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 6, 2012

**Shirley Gayle Piatt**, 60, a Peru resident since October of 2010, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2012. She was born in Bradenton, Fla. on April 6, 1951, to Charles W. and Blanche (Stewart) Piatt. She is survived by one brother, Calvin Piatt, Peru; two sisters, Martha (Dale) Bowerman, Ohio, and Lee Maxwell, Peru; and several nephews and nieces. She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Hank Piatt. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The funeral will be held after visitation starting at 11 a.m. with Rod Correll officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Local Kidney Foundation through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 7, 2012

**Janet S. White**, 77, of Peru, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at 6:27 a.m. at Northwoods Village Healthcare Center in Kokomo. She was born Feb. 9, 1934 in Miami County to Harry and Mabel (Waters) Zehring. Janet graduated from Clay Township High School in 1952, then graduated from Indiana Business College. She retired from Bryan Steam Corporation in 2000 with over 30 years of service. She was a member of the Mount Zion Free Methodist Church for more than 50 years. She loved life and was always on the go. She enjoyed reading, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Janet is survived by her daughter, Sherri Reyburn, Kokomo; grandchildren, David and Tonya Wininger, Jill and Randy Chilcutt, Jessica White, Matthew and Ginny White, Heather and Bill Roberts and Ricky and Constance Hancock; daughter-in-law, Cindy White, Peru; and sister Carmen and Eddie McClure, Kentucky. Also surviving are 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her two sons, David and Randy White; and "Special Son" Mike Wininger; two brothers, Dale and Lewis Zehring; and a sister, Marion Wyrick. A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston, with the Rev. Russ Veldman officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery. Calling hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 7, 2012

**Norma J. Laymon**, 83, of Peru, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 at Caring Hands Healthcare Facility. She was born Jan. 2, 1929 in Nappanee, Ind. to George O. and Mildred I. (Rowe) Fisher, both deceased. In 1948 she married Robert Moore and he preceded her in death in 1982. In 1983 she married Arvil Laymon, and he was deceased in 2010. Norma is a member of the Nazarene Church in Peru, and was a homemaker. Survivors include daughters Sharon Haviland of Michigan, Luann (Jeffery) Althouse of Coatsville, Ind.; sons Robert (Vicki) Moore of Kokomo, and Gene (Sharon) Moore of Twelve Mile; a step-daughter Lisa (Rick) Rutledge of Ft. Wayne; grandchildren Wendy, Nicole, Tori, Shannon, Jordan, Gabby, Amber, Josh, Michelle, Brandon, Donnie, Matthew, Robbie, Heather, Hope, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Daniel, Travis, and Ashlie; and several great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers Richard "Dick" Fisher, and Raymond (Marilyn) Fisher, both of Peru. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, a son, Steven R. Moore, and a brother, Ernest Fisher. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of service on Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nazarene Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 9, 2012

**Joyce R. Keyes**, 84, Mexico, Ind. passed away at 2:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Born Jan. 29, 1928 in Mexico, Ind. she was the daughter of Walter Edward and Carlotta May Kotterman Lesley. On Sept. 14, 1959 in Peru, Ind. she was married to Blaine J. Keyes and he preceded her in death on March 14, 1998. Joyce was a

member of the Mexico First Brethren Church for over 70 years where she was active in the Women's Missionary Society. She was a 50 year member and Past Matron of the Vashti Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Mexico. She enjoyed reading, puzzle books, bicycling, gardening, and traveling. She enjoyed time with the Literary Book Club and spent many hours volunteering as a Pink Lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital. In 1946 she graduated from Jefferson Township High School in Mexico. She then attended and graduated from the Good Samaritan School of Nursing at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. For over 41 years, she worked as a Registered Nurse in Peru primarily at Dukes Memorial Hospital and Miller's Merry Manor. Survivors include her daughter, Jennifer L. Keyes, Mexico; one brother, Ed Lesley and his wife Hazel, Mexico; two step-sisters, Mary Ruth Keeling, Mexico, and Linda Woodhouse and husband Richard, Ky.; three sisters-in-law, Wilma Lesley, Mexico and Claris Ann Richie, Peru., and Barbara Webb, Hobart; along with numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by two brothers Bill and Fred Lesley, one sister, Judy Mongosa and her husband Lyman "Rud;" and one sister-in-law, Ethel Mae Keyes. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed towards Kokomo Rescue Mission, Riverside School in Lost Creek, Kentucky, or Camp Shipshewana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, February 10, 2012

**Clara Bianca Lynn Pickens** was born at 4:47 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo. She blessed our lives for four precious hours. She is the daughter of Cara Bianca (Mongosa) Pickens and Daniel Franklin Pickens. Clara is survived by many loving family members. A memorial service will be Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Clara will be laid to rest in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends and family may call prior to the service, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Love offerings can be made through the funeral home in memory of Clara, to help with funeral costs.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, February 10, 2012

**Donald R. Jerrels, Sr.**, 75, Peru, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born April 23, 1936, in Dugger, Ind., to James and Mary (Buckner) Jerrels. On Nov. 20, 1989, he married Marcia Miller, and she survives. He graduated from Union High School, in Dugger, and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force, retiring after 36 years of service. He served in the Vietnam War and Desert Shield. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge in Bastrop, Texas and the VFW in Columbus, Ind., as well as a member of the U.S. Air Force Association, the DAV, the 71 Shadow Group, the Wabash Valley Coon Hunters, and Peru Grace Brethren. In addition to his wife, Marcia Jerrels, he is survived by two sons, Donald R. (Beth) Jerrels, Jr., Carmel, Ind., and James Jerrels, North Charleston, S.C.; two daughters, Sonia (Mark) Brooks, Ardmore, Ala., and Shelia Smith, Kokomo, Ind.; one step-son, David (Pam) Diaz, Fla.; one step-daughter, Deborah (Steve) Bales, Peru, Ind.; five grandchildren, Chris Smith, Rachel Smith, Jacqueline (Scott) Bronson, Alex Brooks, and Ana Brooks; 12 step-grandchildren, Trischa (Louise) Cruz, Nicole (Jeremy) Gibson, Shane Douglas, Patrick (Kayla) Diaz, David Douglas, Michael Diaz, Steven Bales, Alex Diaz, Hanah Diaz, Lehua Diaz, Charles Diaz, and Abby Diaz; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Etta (Eddie) Diehl, Linton, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, Ind., with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery with military honors. Visiting hours will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online messages of condolence may be made at [www.sunsetmemorygarden.com](http://www.sunsetmemorygarden.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, February 10, 2012

**Orville L. Thompson**, 89, of Peru passed away at 6:40 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. He was born July 17, 1922 in Auburn, Ill. to Roy and Clara (Thompson) Thompson, both deceased. Orville was a retired auto dealer from Oregon, and was a U.S. Army Paratrooper during World War II. Survivors include daughters Carolyn Crist of Peru, and Kathy Williams of Portland, Ore. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Michelle Zielinski and Heather Williams; two great grandchildren, Zackary and Tiffany; and one great-great grandchild, Trae Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and a sister. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, Peru, with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday from 11 a.m. until time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Charles E. Lundberg**, 49, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 in Billings, Mont. due to complications of diabetes. He was born in Peru, Ind. on June 11, 1962 to the late Charles L. Lundberg and V. Sue Lundberg. Chuck was a 1980 graduate of Peru



High School. He enlisted in the Air Force, and was a member of the Laborers International Union, Local 1686, Billings, Mont. Chuck is survived by his mother, Sue Lundberg, brother, Michael Lundberg, sister, Laura Bates, all of Peru, Ind.. Also survived by nieces Leera Arguello, Kearney, Neb., Lindsay Lundberg, Peru, Ind., and Bronlyn Bates also of Peru, Ind. Great nephews Maclyn McDermott, Kearney, Neb., and Jamison Lundberg, Peru, Ind. Cremation took place in Billings, Mont. with burial in Peru, Ind. There will be no services. Memorial contributions can be made in honor of Chuck to the American Diabetes Association or to your local Humane Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**James "Pete" Jarding**, 76, of Peru, Ind. and Ellenton, Fla. passed away at 6:57 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, Fla. He was born March 18, 1935 in Glendive, Mont. to Raymond and Maxine (Moe) Jarding, both deceased. He was a graduate of Dawson County High School in Montana, was a Montana State Doubles tennis champion, and was a graduate of Montana State University. Pete served in the U.S. Air Force, and was stationed in Japan. Mr. Jarding was a member of the A.I.C.P.A.; an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus; a life member of the Peru Chapter of B.P.O.E. #365; a member of the Moose; past officer of the Peru Circus Board; a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Peru and St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church in Parrish, Fla. He was an active fundraiser for cancer drives in Fla., and a member of National Wildlife Federation. He also was a member of Defenders of Wildlife, the American Legion in Ellenton, Fla., and AMVETS in Ellenton. Survivors include daughters Michelle Jarding of Indianapolis; Lisa (Tim) Comerford of Peru; grandchildren Ajahnique "AJ" and Ralph Davenport of Indianapolis; Amy Comerford of Baltimore, Md.; Joe and Grace Comerford, both of Peru; James and Daniel Comerford, both attending IU Bloomington. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Rae (Bob) Grundhauser of Boise, Ida, and a brother-in-law, Jim (Carolyn) Kane of Fort Wayne. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Janetta B. Klock**, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born Feb. 28, 1926 in Harbor Springs, Mich. to Thomas H. and Lenora (Wilfong) Ford, both deceased. She was married to Edward L. Klock, and he preceded her in death in 1961. Janetta was formerly employed at Marty's Café, Circus City Café, and Maverick's Lounge. She was a former member of the Moose, VFW, and American Legion auxiliaries. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia A. (Daniel) Davis of Peru; sons Harold J. Klock of Peru, Michael W. (Mary) Klock of Anderson, Arthur (Kathy) Klock of Kokomo; grandchildren Jennifer (Terry) Gunter, Christina and companion Justin Patterson, Billie Davis and companion Blake Hull-Cochran, Penny Townsend, and Michael Klock. She was also survived by a brother, June Ford of Pellston, Mich., and a sister-in-law, Lillian (Doyle) Holmes of Peru. Janetta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Hank Ford, a son, Douglas Klock, a daughter Betty Lou Klock, and two sisters, Violet Mummert and Vinetta Kilpatrick. There will be no funeral service, but visitation will be held 4-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Love offerings may be made to the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Mary Louise Sheneman**, RN, 89, of Peru, passed away at 1:50 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care Center. She was born in Logansport, Jan. 3, 1923 the daughter of Joseph Frank and Marie Deininger Kerber. Mary Lou married Harley Everett Sheneman on Oct. 20, 1948 and he preceded her in death July 16, 1986. She was a 1941 graduate of Logansport High School and a 1944 graduate of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, Lafayette. Mary Lou was employed as a Registered Nurse at the Wabash Railroad Hospital and Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the St. Elizabeth Nurses Alumni, the Altar Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Surviving are her children Jeffrey Michael Sheneman of Peru, Gary Joseph Sheneman and his wife Linda of Peru, Anita Louise Thomas of Warsaw and Denise Marie Saylor and her husband Ronald of Clearlake Oaks, Calif.; a brother Richard Kerber and his wife Betty of Lafayette; grandchildren Elizabeth Barnett and her husband Scott, Shelley Sheneman, Hannah Gentz and her husband Luke, Geoff Saylor and his wife Monica and Chris Saylor and his fiancée Sabrina and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harley, two sisters Gertrude Frantz and Rita Nagel, a brother William Kerber and a half brother Joe Kerber. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Mary Louise Sheneman will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather after 11 a.m., Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to Miami County Helping Hands. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Roy A. Straub**, 80, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 9:25 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Staunton, Ill. on Jan. 14, 1932, the son of Otto and Cora Allen Straub. He married Roma Lee Swires in 1951, and she preceded him in death Dec. 17, 1999. A U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, Roy's decorations include The United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Roy was employed by the Norfolk & Western Railroad for more than 29 years, retiring in 1980. He was also the caretaker for the Miami County Fairgrounds from 1972 until 1985. He was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church and the American Legion Glen Owens Post #14. Roy will be missed by all that knew him. He was a very kind and generous man and a good friend to all. He was an avid woodworker, gardener and thoroughly enjoyed going to auctions. Roy is survived by his children Clarence Worley and his wife Carla of Peru, Kenneth Worley and his wife Bonita of Westfield, Roy Edward Straub and his wife Carol of Wasilla, Alaska, Kathleen Brehmer and her husband Charles of Peru, and his fiancée Pauline Gentry. Surviving also are 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of Roy A. Straub will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor Kenneth Worley, Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4-7 p.m., Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to New Life United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Troy David Fuqua**, 47, died Feb. 7, 2012 in Mississippi. He was the son of Jerry and Nancy Fuqua. Riverwood Funeral Home, Brookhaven, Miss. handled the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 13, 2012

**Henry H. Miller**, 90, of rural Kokomo, passed away at 11:22 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 at Century Villa Healthcare, Greentown, surrounded by his loving family. Henry was born in Miami County March 25, 1921, the son of Harvey and Fannie Helmuth Miller. He married Pauline Shrock March 16, 1946 at the Zion Parsonage and she preceded him in death May 8, 2011. A paragon of America's Greatest Generation, Henry enlisted in the US Army in 1942 and spent two and one half years in the European Theater during World War II. He participated in campaigns in Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. His military decorations include the Good Conduct Ribbon, the EMAE Theater Ribbon with six Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal and 6 Arrow Heads, one for each of the six combat operations he participated in. Henry and his wife Pauline farmed in Miami County until their retirement in 2002. He also worked at Plevna Implement for 20 years retiring in 1973. A man of great faith and integrity, Henry was an active member of the First Assembly of God in Kokomo, where he served as church usher for more than 20 years and a Deacon for 6 years. He enjoyed woodworking, was an avid fisherman and a member of the Amboy American Legion. Surviving is a son Roger Miller and his wife Elizabeth of Amboy, a daughter Linda Cravens and her husband Glenn of Lexington, Ky., a sister Ida Lane and her husband George of Peoria, Ill.; grandchildren Paul Miller, Robbie Miller, Michelle Cravens and Heather Taylor and her husband Joshua and great-grandchildren Macie Cravens, Mikiah Cravens, Kennedy Cravens and Joshua Taylor. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Pauline, brothers Ezra, Levi, Perry, Monroe and Harvey Miller and a sister Nona Miller Slabach. A service celebrating the life of Henry Miller will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E 1400 S, Kokomo with Pastor Chuck Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Shrock Cemetery in Howard County with military graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4 -8 p.m. Tuesday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made to the First Assembly of God, 1520 Apperson Way, Kokomo, IN 46901. Arrangements have been entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 13, 2012

**James Peter "Pete" Jarding**, 76, of Peru and Ellenton, Fla., passed away at 6:57 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012 at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla. He was born March 18, 1935 to Raymond and Maxine (Moe) Jarding, both deceased. He married Barbara Kane on March 2, 1957 and she survives. He was preceded in death by infant daughter Dawn Marie and son David (died in 1991 at 31). Pete was a graduate of Dawson County High School in Glendive, Mont. where he was a state

doubles tennis champion. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Japan for two years. He graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with an accounting degree and passed his CPA exam on the first try. He moved his family to Peru in 1964 when he worked at AGP Corporation, before starting his own CPA practice. He then founded D.I.S. with his son, David. He was a member of the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Peru and St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church in Parrish, Fla. He was a member of the following: the A.I.C.P.A., honorary lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus and Peru Chapter of B.P.O.E. #365, the Moose and past officer of the Peru Circus Board. He was an active fundraiser for cancer drives in Florida as well as a member of the National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, the American Legion and AMVETS. Survivors including his wife are two daughters, Michelle Jarding (Indianapolis) and Lisa (Tim) Comerford (Peru); a sister, Mary Rae (Bob) Grundhauser (Boise, Idaho); grandchildren Ajahnique "AJ" and Rajah Davenport (Indianapolis), Amy Comerford (Baltimore, Md.), James and Danny Comerford (both attending Indiana University in Bloomington) and Joseph and Grace Comerford (both of Peru); brothers-in-law Jim (Carolyn) Kane (Fort Wayne) and David Kane and John Kane (Milwaukee, Wis.); sisters-in-law Kathleen Payne and Mary Kane (Milwaukee, Wis.); several nieces and nephews and his cousin, the Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, M.S.W., D.D., bishop of Idaho. A memorial mass will be held at a later date, but memorial contributions can be made to St. Charles Catholic Church. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 13, 2012

**Richard C. Benner**, 76, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012 at 10:20 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Benner was born May 26, 1935 to Boyd R. and Edna B. (Shafer) Benner. He was retired from Fisher Body in Marion, after which he worked at Walmart in Kokomo. He was a member of the American Legion in Kokomo, Moose lodge, Fraternal Order of the Police, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Peru Maennerchor. He served in Korea with the U.S. Marine Corps for four years when he was enlisted. He is survived by a son Joe (Gina) Benner of Peru; a brother, Lyman Benner of Peru; two sisters, Mildred Catey of Peru and Shirley Benner of Peru; two grandchildren Taylee Jo and Nicholas J. Brenner; special friends Ralph and Anita Cupp; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Lois R. See and Pauline Benner. Burial is to take place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 14, 2012

**Harold L. Beecher**, 84, Logansport, passed away at 11 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 14, 2012

**Leonard L. Berryman**, 84, Peru, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care and Rehab. He was born in Cass County. on March 3, 1927, the son of Merle and Letta Azbell Berryman. He married Dorothy Redmon Aug. 29, 1948 at the First Baptist Church in Peru, and she survives. Leonard was a graduate of Peru High School and a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, serving in China and the Philippine Islands. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church where he had served as a Trustee and a Sunday school teacher. Leonard had a lifelong love of aviation, was an avid golfer, and member of Gideon's International. He had been employed by W.C. Redmon and Sons, owned and operated a Marathon Station in Peru, the Cycle Center in Peru and was a realtor with Carriger Realty. Surviving in addition to his wife Dorothy, are sons Todd Berryman and his wife Patricia of Eustis, Fla., Lance Berryman and wife Louanne of Peru, and Dale Berryman and wife Cynthia of South Bend; grandchildren Andrew (Laura) Berryman, Kelly Berryman, Michael (Melanie) Berryman, Joshua (Darrell) Berryman, Benjamin Jones and Emily Berryman; eight great-grandchildren; brothers Lowell Berryman of Leesburg and David Berryman of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Olivia Berryman. A service celebrating the life of Leonard L. Berryman will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St. in Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church. Condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**Harold Larkin Beecher**, 84, Logansport and formerly of Twelve Mile and Rochester, passed away at 11 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born May 2, 1927 in Cass County, Ind., he was the son of the late Clinton E. and Grace Condon Beecher. On July 9, 1940 in Perrysburg, Ind. he was married to Norma Jean Knauff, and she preceded him in death on May 1, 2006. He was a member of Corinth Brethren Church, near Twelve Mile. He graduated from Twelve Mile

High School in 1945. He was a longtime dairy farmer in Fulton County and was best known as the breeder of Beecher Arlinda Ellen, who was the world milk production champion in 1975 and held that record for the next 19 years. He was a longtime active member of the Indiana State Holstein Association. Survivors include eight children, Stanley Beecher and his wife Barb, Ft. Wayne; Steven Beecher and his wife Libby, Brattleboro, Vt.; Susan Beecher, Indianapolis; Sherry Brunden and her husband Kurt, Media, Pa.; Scott Beecher and his wife Lisa, Howe, Ind.; Shirley Ott and her husband Eric, Logansport; Paul Beecher and his wife Joyce, Craigville, Ind.; and Patricia Webb and her husband Warren, Valparaiso, Ind.; eight grandchildren, Casey and Tori Ott, Terry and Jon Boggs, Larkin Webb, Nils Brunden, and Keegan and Ridley Beecher; one great-granddaughter, Adelyn Grace Ott; five step-grandchildren, and eight step great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Corinth Brethern Church with Pastor Ben Phippen officiating. Burial will follow in Corinth Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Corinth Brethren Church, American Heart Association, or Salvation Army. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 16, 2012

**Janet Conner**, 80, of Republic, Ala. (formerly of Montgomery, Ala.) passed away Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012. A loving wife and mother, she will be missed by her friends and family. Mrs. Conner was an active member of Republic Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Chuck Conner; her son, Mike Conner; her daughter-in-law, Tammy Conner; and her grandchildren, Shane Conner, Jeremy Conner, and Rachel Conner. A visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 from 6-8 p.m. at Gardendale Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Gardendale Funeral home, with burial to follow at Bivens Chapel Cemetery, the Rev. Gary Moore officiating.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 16, 2012

Mr. **Richard Harts**, 92 of Rochester, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012 at his home. On this day he moved to his eternal Heavenly home, ironically the same day - 120 years ago his dad was born Feb. 14, 1892. Born in Miami County on Sept. 20, 1919, Richard was the son of Roy and Opal Strebin Harts. As one of four children he shared his childhood growing up on the farm with a sister, Mildred and two brothers, Donald and John. During this time he developed a strong work ethic, a passion for animals and love and appreciation for agriculture, his lifelong occupation. In May of 1937, he graduated from Clay Township High School where he played basketball during his high school years. During his youth, Richard enjoyed cruising around on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. His courtship with a beautiful girl named Marilyn and enjoying many cycle rides with her, led them to be lifelong partners of over 71 and a half years. On September 15, 1940 Richard married the love of his life and best friend, Marilyn Jenkins, in the McGrawsville Methodist Church. Their union produced two children, Ellen and Larry. Over the years the family tree flourished with the addition of seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Without doubt the only thing that eclipsed the planting season was the bountiful harvest, as Richard enjoyed turning the fresh soil while planting corn, beans and wheat on their 100 acre farm. The family milked a fine herd of Holsteins, raised cross bred pigs, had an assortment of ducks, sheep, billy goats and Arabian horses. Ellen's pony Champ was a coveted pet. Richard also treasured the company of his Rat Terriers, Tuffy and Tippy. During his 70 years of farming Richard experienced an evolution of change. The purchase of his John Deere B was memorable, as it had the amenities of lights and a starter, a luxury in the day. In 1962 the Harts moved to Rochester from the farm in Miami County, although Richard continued to drive back and forth to tend to the farming operation. In 1990 he retired from farming, turning the farm over to his son Larry. For nearly two decades Richard served the children of Clay Township Schools as a bus driver, retiring in the early 1960s. A life member of the Moose and Elks Lodges, Richard was a proud 50 year member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a devoted member of the Maennerchor Lodge in Peru. An avid outdoorsman, Richard loved to hunt deer and also hunt mushrooms near the railroad tracks on his farm, or other undisclosed locations. She and Marilyn enjoyed the warmth of the sunshine in Florida, as they wintered for 40 years in Bradenton's Castle Park. As an adventurer, Richard and Marilyn cruised on his shiny black Harly on day trips around northern Indiana. To Las Vegas they went, to enjoy the slots, and his favorite team was the Chicago White Sox. Paramount in Richard's life was his family. As the proud patriarch of four generations, he adored Marilyn, cherished Ellen and Larry and loved the visits of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, doting on them. Richard is lovingly remembered by his wife Marilyn, at home; a daughter Ellen Scott and husband Doug of Rochester; a son, Larry Harts of Bunker Hill; seven grandchildren, Stacy and J.D. Heckathorn, Melissa Music of Rochester, Kiley White of Indianapolis, Roger and Sandy Harts of Cicero, Robyn Macy of Converse, Steven Scott and Stephanie Rensberger of Rochester; 11 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Younce of Rochester; and one brother, Donald Harts of Amboy. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother John Harts, and a grandson Evan Harts. A celebration of the life of Richard Harts will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W.

18th St., Rochester, with Mr. Dennis Harts officiating. He will be laid to eternal rest on the family plot in the Santa Fe Cemetery in Miami County's Clay Township. Friends may visit with the family 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County. You may wish to sign Richard's electronic guestbook or light a candle to honor his memory at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, February 17, 2012

**Ethel Schmidt**, 97 of Peru, entered into eternal life at 11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 at Dukes Hospital in Peru. She was born June 18, 1914 in Chicago, to Charles and Elsie (Boest) Kurz. She married Paul O. Schmidt June 17, 1934, and he preceded her in death in 1984. Ethel was an employee of the Peru Tribune for over 30 years. As a young lady she enjoyed ballroom dancing. After retirement she enjoyed bingo, Euchre, Pinochle, and going to the Senior Center. Ethel had also been a member of the Literary Aid and Nyona Lake Fishing Club. She was a socialite and enjoyed being on the go. Survivors include one son, Paul Schmidt, Jr., ten grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two daughters, Joyce Ulery and Connie Schwingle, and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the funeral home, 2-6 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, February 17, 2012

**Richard L. "Dick" Tyler**, 77, Peru entered into eternal life at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 at Visiting Nurse and Home Hospice in Fort Wayne. He was born April 24, 1934 in Peru, to Perry and Anna (Newburn) Tyler. He married Beverly Sue Ricker Blair Tyler July 27, 1974, and she survives. Dick was a graduate of Peru High School, and attended Wabash Valley Vocational School where he studied small engine repair. He was a member of the Peru Moose and the Peru Eagles, where he was a Golden Eagle. He served in the U.S. Army for two years, during the Korean Conflict. Dick was employed with Circus City Beverage and retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation where he worked for 15 years. After his retirement, he operated a small engine repair business until the time of his illness. Survivors include his wife; his children, Diana Smiley of Peru, Rhonda Elks of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Amy Blair (Bob) Hiers of Peru, and Rick (Angelika) Blair of Germany; grandchildren Jennifer Smiley Workman of Peru, Stephanie (John) Swiler of Colorado, Steven Critchfield of Nashville, Tenn., Melyssa Critchfield (Bryson) Evans of Nashville, Tenn., Jonathan (Angela) Smiley of Columbus, Ga., Nicole Hiers (Paul) Clark of Peru, and Eric (Ashley Ramer, fiancé) Hiers of Peru. Also surviving are great-grandchildren Bradley Swiler of Japan, Tasha Swiler of Colorado, Tiffany Workman of Peru, Abigale Hawkins of Nashville, Tenn., Aiden Smiley of Columbus, Ga., Alyssa Hiers of Peru, and two great-great grandchildren, Kaysin Workman and Devon Swiler; sisters Rose Brannum, Violet Edmonds, and Carol Hutchison, all of Peru; sister-in-law Martha Tyler of Wabash; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Annie Conley, and brothers Floyd, Walter, James, Charles, and John. Visitation will be 3-6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Pastor Phil Cruea will officiate at 6 p.m. followed by a Military Committal service. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 18, 2012

**Donovan R. Engel**, 84, of Kokomo passed away at 5 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 at his home. He was born July 30, 1927 in Miami County to Harry Allen and Minnie Ethel (Benner) Engel. He married Evelyn Sue Browning on Feb. 14, 1969 in Logansport. Donovan retired from Wilson's Food after 21 plus years of service. He was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church, and an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a family man and cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren. Survivors include his wife Evelyn, Kokomo; a daughter, Donna Lee Marohl and husband Richard of Monticello; daughter Debra Ellen Eldridge of Peru; son Rodney Richard Engel and wife Heidi of Kokomo; daughter Cynthia Powell of Carmel; 10 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Everett, Ray and Herman Engel, and two sisters, Arvilla Foust and Bernadine DeLucca. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Tom DeFries, Pastor Keith Treadway, and Pastor Zach Washler officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Logansport. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of service on Saturday. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice or your favorite charity. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences to [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 18, 2012

**Ethel M. "Marie" Ribble**, 94, of Peru, passed away at 1:20 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport. She was born Jan. 5, 1918 in Mitchell, Ind. to Everett and Maude (Burton) Neal, both deceased. She married Howard A. Ribble on Feb. 27, 1940, and he preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1990. Marie was a member of the First Christian Church, and was a homemaker. Survivors include sons Gary (Maria) Ribble of Nappanee, Don (Kitty) Ribble of Peru, Curtis (Dana) Ribble of Peru, David (Elizabeth) Higgins of Logansport; daughters Brenda (John) Boyer of Peru, Barbara Roth and companion LD Conrad of Peru, Paula Myers of Bunker Hill, and Pamela Ribble of Wabash. Marie also had 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, two granddaughters, three brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru, with Pastor Jim Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call Sunday, 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, February 18, 2012

**Miriam L. Weller**, 86, of Peru, passed away at 6:37 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012 at her home. She was born Sept. 6, 1925 in Macy, to Verl and Elsie (Knauff) Sowers. She married Wesley "Dale" Weller March 11, 1945 and he preceded her in death Dec. 13, 2003. Miriam graduated from Macy High School. She was employed with Peru Community Schools, at Victory School from 1958 until the school closed, and then at Peru Junior High until she retired. Miriam was a member of the Macy Christian Church from 1925 to 1966, and a member of the Salem Christian Church 1967 to the present. She was a teacher and a leader. Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Weller Brandt of Peru; a sister, Mary Shewman of Peru; sister-in-law Elaine (Bob) Gottschalk. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Michael Weller; her parents, a son-in-law, David Brandt; a brother, Orlan Sowers; and a brother-in-law, the Reverend Bill Shewman. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third, Peru with Pastor John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be at the Macy Plainview Cemetery at a later date. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday, 4-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to either the Salem Christian Church, and/or No Limits Diabetes Foundation.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 21, 2012

**Bessie E. Piotter Thomason**, 87, Macy, passed away at 11:25 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at her residence. Born Oct. 22, 1924 in Washington, Ind., she was the daughter of Oscar T. and Ona Burton Ross. She married Arnold H. Piotter in Gulfport, Miss. on April 12, 1944; he preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1967. On June 18, 1988 she was married to Billy Ray Thomason, and he preceded her in death on May 13, 1999. Bessie was the head cook at North Miami High School for numerous years in addition to her responsibilities on the family's dairy and grain farm in rural northern Miami County. She helped farm for over 60 years and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. Bessie was the proud mother of three children: Jerald H. "Pete" Piotter and wife Carol A. (Hahn), Macy; Sharon L. Dillman and husband Robert E., Macy; and the late Glen A. Piotter who is survived by his wife Helen (Evrard), Macy. She also leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Kimberly J. Eilers and husband Brian, Crestwood, Kentucky; Philip A. Piotter and wife Lisa, Macy; Leanna Bishop and husband Rob, Macy; Laura Johnson and husband Zach, Macy; Billy Dillman, Macy; Arnold Piotter, Macy; Bridget Buck and husband Brian, Macy; and Lisa Guse, and husband Tim, Peru; her eleven great grandchildren; and five siblings, Frank Ross, Mary V. Miller, William I. Ross, Oscar E. Ross, and Shirley J. Woosley. She was preceded in death by one son, Glen A. Piotter; two grandsons, Jerald H. Piotter Jr., and Robert A. Dillman; and one sister, Snofa Hanes. Funeral services are being scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru or Hope Hospice, Rochester. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 21, 2012

**John Sweeney** was a friend, father, grandfather, and loving husband.

He was born Aug. 16, 1938 in Hamilton, Ohio. He was a graduate of Richwood (Ohio) High School in 1957. He worked for the G.C. Murphy Company and this is where he met his true love Wendy (Young) Sweeney. They were married in 1959. John moved his family to Peru in 1970. He worked for Murphy's, Amtrol and retired from Bryan Steam Corp. Most people knew John because of his Orange Mini Cooper, golf clubs in the backseat and his license plate SWEENDG. There wasn't a person that John met that didn't become his friend. During his time here he loved going on his annual trip to Florida with his golfing

buddies, Visiting Put-In-Bay in Ohio with the guys, and golf (which wasn't a sport to him but his obsession). Being the family man that he was, he never missed a football game that his son or grandson played in. He also loved sitting down and watching football and making a "famous" bowl of his popcorn for everyone to enjoy! He always brought a smile to everyone's face. If he could tell us one bit of information today it's that putting is the most important part of golf! It's what wins you the game. John was a Past President of the Peru Lions Club, Miami County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Izaak Walton Peru Chapter, and the Peru Maennerchor. John is survived by wife Wendy, New Waverly, Indiana; Daughter Carrie Milroy (Chris), New Waverly, Ind., Son Jeff Sweeney, Fishers, Ind., Sister Sonja (Jerry) Byrd, Warsaw, Ind., five Grandchildren; Jeremy (Cheryl) Lobenthal, Lindsay Lobenthal (Fiance Jason Fincher), and Madison Sweeney, Kristen Milroy, and Katie Milroy, three Great Grandchildren; Ty, Chace, and Gavin, and several nieces and nephews. John is preceded in death by his mother Martha, father Arthur, and his brother Jimmy. Visitation will be Wednesday, Feb. 22, 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St. Peru, Ind. Funeral service will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy with graveside service immediately following at Ever-Rest Memorial Park U.S. 24 E. Logansport, Ind., with Pastor Gregory Elkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association in memory of John Sweeney.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 22, 2012

**Dennis "Denny" B. Grismore**, 72, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:40 a.m. Feb. 20, 2012 at his residence. Born Oct. 1, 1939 in Miami County, he was the son of Alvin Leon and Helen Mary (Boone) Grismore. He married Nenieta (Cueno) Grismore and she survives. Dennis served in the U.S. Army, and retired from Chrysler. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist. He is survived by son, Rocky Allen Grismore, of Peru. Also surviving are brothers Rex Grismore, Bunker Hill, Galen Grismore, Tipton, sister Patricia Schwarz, Mercedes, Texas, Marcia Wilson, Monticello, Joanne Bentjen, Ellijay, Georgia, and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, and one brother, Byron L. Grismore. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Javier Quiles officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A military service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Memorials can be made to the Miami County Military Rites Team through the Allen Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Sherry Klotz was born Ida Cherille Todd on Feb. 16, 1922 in Kenosha, Wisc. to John LeRoy and Ellen (Runals) Todd. After graduating from Michigan State University (MSU) in 1943 with a B.S. degree in home economics, she worked for the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D. C. during WWII. On March 22, 1944 she married Dr. Bruce Klotz in Kenosha. In 1947, they acquired their in-home veterinary practice in Peru caring for livestock, circus animals and family pets until their retirement in 1991. Sherry was active in the community and along with assisting in the veterinary practice and raising her three children she was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority at MSU, the Peru chapter of Tri Kappa Choralets, president of the Peru League of Women Voters from 1956-1957, a member of the Peru Country Club, and a member the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1954, she was the first woman in Miami County to obtain her private pilot license. Countless hours were spent pontooning on the Mississinewa Reservoir and entertaining friends and family on the front porch of their home at 12th and Grant Streets. For 30 consecutive years she attended the Indianapolis 500 and was an avid MSU Spartan fan. Some of her most enjoyable pastimes were tennis, golf, reading and family vacations. Sherry always made the best of situations and even though she was totally blind the last three years she managed to enjoy listening to 225 "talking books" provided for free by the Indiana State Library. She was a true friend, nurturing mother and supportive grandmother. Mrs. Klotz passed away peacefully on her 90th birthday in her son's home in Indianapolis, where she has resided since her husband's death on Nov 29, 2009. The family would like to thank all the Peru caregivers, friends and caring citizens who took care of and assisted the Klotzes before 2009. A private family ceremony will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the Miami County Historical Society and Museum. Survivors: Brother Donald Todd of Sun City Center, Fla.; son John (Jane) Klotz of Indianapolis; daughters Cherille (Jim) Arsenault of Farmington, Utah, and Barbara Johnson of Ft. Wayne. Grandchildren: Danielle Klotz, Indianapolis; Sheri (Jeff) Zogg, Park City, Utah; Michael (Allison) Arsenault, Jenny Arsenault, Salt Lake City, Utah; Tom Arsenault, Burbank, Calif.; Jennifer Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Ft. Wayne; and seven great-grandchildren.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 23, 2012

**Emma Jean Hartley**, 92, Peru, died at 3:52 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2012 at Millers Merry Manor, Logansport. She was born Aug. 27, 1919 in Cass County to James O. and Catherine (Wolf) Calloway. She married Marion M. Hartley Oct. 11, 1942, and



he preceded her in death Sept. 11, 1997. Emma was a 1937 graduate of Royal Center High School. She was a homemaker and a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church. She is survived by her sons, Dean (Kay) Hartley, Logansport, David (Patricia) Hartley, Peru, and Michael (Paula) Hartley, Peru; her grandchildren, Greg (Mary) Hartley, Brian (Dani) Hartley, Alexa Hartley, Kendra (Bill) Hoover and Jena (Adon) Revilla; great-grandchildren, John, Trisha, Gabi, Ali, Adria Hartley, Reese Hartley and Hartley Hoover; and her sisters, Maxine Eikelburner, Logansport, and Freida Acheson, St. Mary's, Ohio. A funeral service will be 3 p.m. Saturday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Mandie Gould officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to New Waverly United Methodist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 23, 2012

**Robert Eugene Holland**, 65, Macy, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at his residence. Born March 13, 1946 in Macy, Ind., he was the son of Albert and Pauline G. Vayett Holland. On Sept. 2, 1967 in Macy, Ind. he was married to Reba J. Holland, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 2003. On Nov. 10, 2007 he was married Carmen D. Holmes, and she survives. He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru. He was an avid lover of cars and took great pride in his 1954 Ford Customline, which he enjoyed showing others. Robert leaves behind his wife, Carmen Holmes-Holland, Macy; three children, Linda Michelle Martin, Peru; Kristina Jo McIntyre and husband Shawn, Rochester; and Robert N. "Bobby" Holland and his companion Linnea Clemons, Peru; five grandchildren, Ross Martin, Peru and Sarah Martin, Lindenhurst, Ill.; Ashton McKee, Macy; Dustin McKee, Logansport; Johanna McIntyre, Rochester; two brothers, Paul Holland and wife Linda, Denver; and James Holland, Riverdale, Michigan; Mary Myers, Kokomo; and Waynetta Douglass and husband Melvin, Walton. He is also survived by the four children and families of his wife Carmen, Kristie M. Ossello and husband John, Topeka, Kan. and their children, Bailey, Kylie, and Jack; Sean G. Holmes and wife Sarah, Cleveland, Mo. and their children, Sage and Solomon; Kelley Douglass and husband David, Peru and their children, Rachel, Nathan, Hannah, and Kyndal; Erika Holmes, Centennial, Colo. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow in Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Charles Catholic Church or Helping Hands.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, February 23, 2012 - Friday, February 24, 2012

**Wallace Dean "Wally" Eikenberry**, 87, formerly of Mexico, Ind., passed away at 3:25 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 at his home in Lake Placid, Fla., surrounded by the family he loved so much. Wally was born Nov. 11, 1924, in Mexico, Ind., to Walter Bryan Eikenberry and Madeline Ruse Eikenberry. He married Anne J. Morris on Oct. 28, 1950 in Peru and she preceded him in death on May 27, 1991. Wally spent most of his life on his home farm west of Mexico, Ind. on the Miami/Cass County line. In his youth, he picked blackberries, hazelnuts and butternuts to sell and add substance to the family. He spent a lot of time as a youngster trapping on the Eel River. Wally graduated from Jefferson Township High School. In later years, with family, he fished on Eel River providing many happy times on Sunday afternoons. Throughout his lifetime, Wally assisted many of those who needed an extra hand in life for which a simple thanks was sufficient. He coached little league in Mexico, participated in tractor pulls and collected Indian artifacts from the fields he cultivated. After 40 years of farming and the death of his first wife, Anne, he retired and sold the home place. He then met and married the second love of his life, Betty Hillman Adams and they moved to Lake Placid, Fla. in 1994, where they both enjoyed the milder weather with Wally ever the consummate sports fan. Wally was a member of the Peru Elks, Rochester Moose Lodge, Peru Maennerchor and Farm Bureau association. Wally was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Eikenberry, sisters Eleanor Eikenberry, Barbara Buckles, Ada Baldwin and Marjorie Kepner. Survivors include his wife Betty, sons Miles Eikenberry (Shenghong) of Las Vegas, Braxton Eikenberry (companion Gretchen Copen) of Akron, Ind., granddaughter Heather Stoner (Byron) of Indianapolis, great-granddaughters Luna and Evie Stoner of Indianapolis, stepson William Adams (Julie) of Terre Haute, stepdaughter Holly Ridgley (Darryl) of Valdosta, Ga., step-great-granddaughter Lauren Adams, step-great-grandsons Drew, Max and Sam Ridgley. A service celebrating the life of Wallace D. Eikenberry will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Tim Powers officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind. Family and friends will gather from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Helping Hands or the Good Shepherd Hospice, Sebring, Fla. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Dale N. Cook**, 84, a lifetime active member of the community in Miami County, died 7:23 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 at Autumn Ridge Healthcare Center, Wabash. Born Nov. 22, 1927, he was the son of Horace D. and Ethel (White) Cook. He married Frances C. Lutz Oct. 15, 1950, and she preceded him in death July 21, 2007. Dale was a 1945 graduate of Butler Township High School. He was a lifelong farmer and retired after 31 years from the U.S. Postal Service. He was active in the political process and served eight years on the Miami County Council. He was also involved in Indiana Farm Bureau, the Miami County 4-H Council, the Miami County Fair Board, the Richvalley Lions Club and was a charter member of the Peru Ringmasters Chorus. Dale was a member of the Main Street United Church and loved to sing in the church choir as well as numerous community choirs. He enjoyed traveling across America and often drove group tour buses. Dale is survived by four daughters, Carol (Kevin) Edmonds, Leesburg, Shirley (Larry) Wentzel, Mt. Vernon, Ellen (Mike) Lo, Killeen, Texas, Nancy (Wayne) Ilderton, Peru, and one son, Ron (Maureen) Cook, Peru. Grandchildren are Justin (Kim) Land, Mariel Land, Kylie Edmonds, Daniel Wentzel, Christina Nunn, Susan (Kevin) Cupka Head, Dorothy Cupka, Holly (Andrew) Tyler, and Andrew Cook. Three great-grandchildren are Katie, Maggie and Aubrey. Surviving also are sisters Ruth Hunt, Amboy, Doris Rees-Kuntz, Oregon City, Ore., sister-in-law Lois Cook, Nappanee, and several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother Rev. Ross Cook, and brothers-in-law Byron Hunt and Larry Rees. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, and also 10 a.m. until the time of service Wednesday at the church. Pastor Steve Ailes and Pastor Dave Scifres will conduct the service. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Delores A. "Sammy" Smyth**, 65, Peru, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 at 10:22 p.m. in her home. Delores was born to Donald Barnes and Emma Jean (Clemons) Barnes Smyth Sonafrank July 25, 1946 in Akron. The homemaker was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and she loved to play bingo and go fishing. She is survived by a companion, David Sonafrank; daughters Billie (Don) Fortner, Oklahoma City, Okla., Phyllis Smyth, Peru and Pam (John) Woodhams, Peru; grandchildren Erica Fortner, Nathan Fortner, Haley Altman and Eric Altman; step-grandchildren Ben and Alli Woodhams; great-grandchild Kacilyn Fortner; sisters Barbara Babcock Peru and Debi (Garry) Hartleroad, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Erma "Suzie" Scarlett, Linda Chappa and Georgie Cook; and a brother Larry Dean Barnes. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 3 – 7 p.m. and the funeral will take place at the funeral home Thursday March 1 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Kenny Binnion officiating. Burial is to take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Donald David Alber**, 88, of rural Wabash, died peacefully at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 at Wabash County Hospital. He was born Nov. 26, 1923 in Wabash County to Paul and Marie (Swihart) Alber. Don lived on the Alber family farm that had been in the family since 1869. Don attended Chippewa High School. He married Ruth H. Ahlfeld in Peru on March 5, 1944. He was a retired farmer and a lifelong Wabash County resident. Don was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. He was a founding member of the Ole Boys Toys in Wabash. In his youth, he enjoyed horses and rode in 4-H fairs on his favorite horse Beauty. He also enjoyed tractors and tractor pulls. Don was known for tractor pulling on a Farmall 560 with a flower box on the front. He also enjoyed spending time in the woods, gardening, cutting wood and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Ruth H. Alber of Wabash; son, Scott (Barbara) Alber; and his granddaughter, Ruth Claire Alber, both of Bloomington, Ind.; and his sister, Bernice Frank of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his son Greg Alber who died in 1948, and his sister Ruth Alber who died in 1940. Funeral services will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at 10 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth A. Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash. Preferred memorial is St. John's Lutheran Church. The memorial guest book for Don may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

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Services for **Dwight Hentgen**, 83, of Roann, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Flossie Virginia Smith Cover**, 89, formerly of Denver and Peru, went to be with her heavenly father at 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at North Woods Village in Kokomo. Born Sept. 18, 1922 in Putman County, Tenn., she was the daughter of Ernest Newton and Josephine Crook Smith. She was married to Donald E. Cover, and he preceded her in death. She was baptized at Emmanuel Church of God in Tennessee. Flossie's passions were fishing, Yahtzee, playing cards, bingo and mushroom hunting. More than anything, she loved cooking and hosting family dinners. Her peach cobbler was out of this world. She enjoyed her life to the fullest! She is survived by her children, Geda (Gailon) Garling, Twelve Mile; Ernest Leon (Kathy) Jones, Baxter, Tennessee; Jerry Lee (Jonetta) Jones, Monticello; step-daughter, Kathy (Bill) Strahlem, Logansport; several grandchildren including Leon Jones, whom she raised, along with Tana (Smith) Sons, Raymie Smith, Donnie Smith, Jerry Lee Jones, Jeffry Jones, Shawn Jones, and step-granddaughter Kim (Caine) Allen; several great and great-great-grandchildren; her surviving siblings, Herman Bud (Virginia) Smith, Columbia City, Ernest (Velma) Smith, Coeville, Tenn.; Aaron Smith, Peru; and Mary Sue Goodman, Peru. She was preceded in death by twin sisters, Aleen and Cleo Smith, Benjamin Smith, Dorothy Thorpe, step-daughter Donna (Cover) Blizzard, and grandson Bryan Jones. Funeral services will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Father Richard Lightsey officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Marjorie L. Coppernoll**, 91, Peru, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012 at 8:40 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born March 4, 1920 to Ray and Joy (Sawyer) Hand. She married Carl W. Coppernoll Sept. 30, 1944 and he preceded her in death on April 12, 2005. Marjorie was a homemaker and lifetime member of the Moose Lodge Auxiliary. She is survived by sons Richard E. (Dawn) Cress Jr., Peru and David (Christine) Coppernoll, Peru; a daughter, Mary Alice (Tere) Green, Peru; brothers Bill (Phyllis) Hand, Peru and Herbert "Herbie" (Diane) Hand, Peru; grandchildren Rod and Randy Cress, Michelle Calendine, Chad Poorman, John Black, David E. Coppernoll Jr., Heather Conger, Rosanna Atkinson, Kim Phillips and William Phillips; 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson Richard E. Cress III; a brother, Ray Hand Jr.; sisters Peggy Burns, Eileen Boettjer, Maebell Venice, Jeanine Sharp and Bernice Finicle and an infant son Billy. Visitation will take place Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The funeral will take place at the funeral home Thursday at 11 a.m. and burial will take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, February 27, 2012

**Thomas Wayne "Tom" Haworth**, 76, of Kokomo passed away at 11:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 in Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Born March 18, 1935 in Kokomo, he is the son of the late Thomas Charles Haworth and Cecil (Conwell) Haworth. He was a graduate of Kokomo High School. On Nov. 7, 1953 in Borger, Texas, he married Mary A. Sanchez. She preceded him in death on March 1, 2004. He was a veteran and retiree of the United States Air Force from 1953-1973. He received numerous awards while proudly serving our country from 1966-1967 in Vietnam. He then was employed with the Civil Service at Grissom AFB from 1974-1999, at which time he received the Superior Performance Special Achievement Award October 1981-1982. He was also with GRA at Grissom from 2000-2002. He loved to cook for his family; especially enchiladas at family reunions. He also loved his sports, fishing and was an avid NASCAR fan. Survivors include three daughters Diane Day of Kokomo, Mary L. Carswell of Moncks Corner, S.C., and Sandra (Joe) Rodriguez of Stone Mountain, Ga.; three sons Thomas Wayne (Kim) Haworth Jr. of Kokomo, Joe (Sandra) Haworth of Hemlock, and Phillip Haworth of Kokomo; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; his companion Marilyn Little; one sister Nancy Stalter, one brother Richard Haworth, both of Kokomo; and Homer, his loving cat. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, five brothers and five sisters. Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 in Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo. Rev. Kenneth Spangler will officiate. Burial with military rites by the U.S. Air Force and the Kokomo Military Rites Team will follow in North Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorials may be directed to The American Cancer Society or to the Macular Degeneration Association with envelopes available at the mortuary. You are invited to read the Haworth obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, order flowers, make a memorial donation, or share a personal message to the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 28, 2012

**Barbara J. Butcher**, 77 of Rochester passed away Feb. 25, 2012 at Life Care in Rochester. Private family services will be at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with burial in Chicago.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 28, 2012

**Che Che Jan (Hines) Roberts** passed away at 9:25 a.m. Feb. 15, 2012 at Caring Hands Health and Rehab Center, with family and friends by her side. She was born Feb. 24, 1960 in Peru to the late Earl (Jim) and Helen (Teaboldt) Hines. She married Lonnie Roberts on Sept. 23, 1995, and he preceded her in death. Che Che was an eight-year cancer survivor, and fought until her last minute of life. She participated in the Relay for Life for the past eight years in Frankfort, and in Peru, and this was very dear to her heart. She graduated from Peru High School in 1978, worked at McDonald's, and had worked as a bartender and waitress at several local clubs. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and was a Past Madam President of the women's auxiliary, and also a member of the VFW women's auxiliary. Che loved life and all the people around her, and she never met a stranger. She loved the color purple, and Pandas. Survivors include her sisters Flurry (Hines) Robinson and husband Jim of California; Sally (Hines) Bookwalter and husband Don, Ohio; brothers Mort Earl Hines, Jr. and wife Carol of Florida; Rick Hines and wife Sandy of Indianapolis; step-brothers Doug Kloene of Peru, and Greg; also many nieces and nephews to several of whom she was a mother figure. She was preceded in death by her parents Jim and Helen Hines, and stepmother Barb (Kloene) Hines; husband, Lonnie Roberts; a sister, Connie Hines; grandparents Emery and Kate (Gustin) Hines, and John and Nellie Teaboldt. Please join us 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in a Celebration of Life for Che Che at the Eagles Lodge at 56 N. Grant Street in Peru. Please wear something purple in memory of Che Che. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Che Che Hines memorial at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home or Rosie's Rescue of Peru. You are invited to read the Roberts obituary at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 28, 2012

**Delores A. "Sammy" Smyth**, 65, Peru, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 at 10:22 p.m. in her home. Delores was born to Donald Barnes and Emma Jean (Clemons) Barnes Smyth Sonafrank July 25, 1946 in Akron. She was homemaker and a former employee at United Technologies in Peru and Kralis Brothers in Mentone. She was also a member of the VFW Auxiliary and she loved to play bingo and go fishing. She is survived by a companion, David Sonafrank; daughters Billie (Don) Fortner, Oklahoma City, Okla., Phyllis Smyth and companion Brad Latta, Peru and Pam (John) Woodhams, Peru; grandchildren Erica Fortner, Nathan Fortner, Haley Altman and Eric Altman; step-grandchildren Ben and Alli Woodhams; great-grandchild Kacilyn Fortner; sisters Barbara Babcock Peru and Debi (Garry) Hartleroad, Peru; several nieces and nephews; and her faithful dog Dobber. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Erma "Suzie" Scarlett, Linda Chappa and Georgie Cook; and a brother Larry Dean Barnes. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 3 – 7 p.m. and the funeral will take place at the funeral home Thursday March 1 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Kenny Binnion officiating. Burial is to take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, February 28, 2012

**Kenneth L. Youngblood**, 72 of Peru, passed away at 5:50 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 at Caring Hands Healthcare Facility. He was born March 11, 1939 in Connersville, Ind. to Andrew and Bertha (Dawes) Youngblood, both deceased. He married Nancy (Comerford) Youngblood May 23, 1958 and she survives. Kenneth graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1957. He was a former member of the Peru Maennerchor; a member of the Pipe Creek Volunteer Fire Department; a member of the Bunker Hill Fish and Game Club; and was retired from Royster-Clark in Miami, Ind. Survivors include his wife Nancy, Peru; a son, Todd Youngblood of Bunker Hill; daughter Tami Jenkins and husband Jim of Bunker Hill; daughter-in-law Tonya Youngblood, Bunker Hill; grandchildren Tyler Jenkins, Kodi Jenkins, Ethan Jenkins, Abbi Jenkins, Tiffany Youngblood and Trisha Youngblood; and two great-grandchildren, Hunter Jenkins and Kenli Jenkins. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call at the Allen Funeral Home 3-8 p.m. Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill Fire Department. Condolences may be made online at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 29, 2012

**Harold John "Harry" Heitzman**, 55, Peru, passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital at 4:12 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012. He was born in Koin, Germany July 15, 1956 to James Heitzman, deceased, and Joella (Simmons) Kabala, Fort Worth, Texas.



He married Carol Boggs July 20, 1991 and she survives. Harry was a retired truck driver, from R & W Excavating. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and loved spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife Carol; a daughter LeeAnn (Fitz) Correll of Mexico; a son, Michael (Lora) Boggs, Peru; a son, Gary (Linda) Boggs of Peru; a daughter, Carol (Chuck) Shelato of Peru; grandchildren Brittany (Joe) Jackson, Christopher Bowman, Devon Boggs, Michael Boggs, Travis Bowman, Eden Boggs, Bryce Boggs, and Kayla Boggs; one great-grandchild, Baileigh Wernz; a brother, Rick (Linda) Heitzman, Dallas, Texas, and sister, Sheila (Jeff) O'Dell of Fort Worth, Texas. He was preceded in death by his father. There will be a memorial service Thursday, March 1, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. in Peru. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. You are welcome to read the Heitzman obituary at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, February 29, 2012

**William Dale Hostetler**, 82, Mexico, passed away at 2 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 at the Caring Hands, Peru. Born March 7, 1929 in Miami County, Ind. he was the son of the late Roy Emerson and Doris Winifred Lindley Hostetler. On Aug. 28, 1948, in the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden near Chili, Ind., he was married to Margaret Evelyn Love, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 3, 2004. He was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the occupation of Japan following WWII. He retired at the age of 75 from Gallahan Oil Corporation. He had also worked at Smiley Lumber Company and S&L Gravel in addition to farming for many years. Survivors include three children, Richard D. Hostetler and wife Marcheta, Peru; Brenda D. McLeod and husband Ralph, Pineville, La.; Jerry W. Hostetler and wife Debbie, Sharpsville; one brother Robert Noel Hostetler, Sharpsville; six grandchildren, 11 grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Roy, Jr. Hostetler; one granddaughter, Linda S. Tucker. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Warrell Law officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be Friday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Lions Club, Helping Hands, Skinner Worship Chapel, or Erie United Methodist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 1, 2012

**James A. Yarbrough**, 59, of Peru, Ind. passed away at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Potosi, Mo. the son of William and Ruby Nelson Yarbrough. Jim married Diana Mull in Potosi, Mo. on Sept. 30, 1972 and she survives. Jim served 22 years as a Non Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1994. He was a Desert Shield/Storm Veteran and his military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award. Jim was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and since his retirement from the Air Force he has been employed by Auto Zone. He was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather who thoroughly enjoyed spending time and doing activities with his grandchildren. Surviving in addition to his wife, Diana, are his daughters, Jill Vaughn and her husband Kendall of Franklin, and Jennifer Yarbrough of Peru; grandchildren, Dominick Vaughn, Ethan Vaughn, Landyn Vaughn, Jaxton Vaughn, Micah Vaughn and Livian Kennedy and sisters, Delores Lyons and her husband Don of Blue Springs, Mo. and Virginia Lalamondier and her husband Joe of Potosi, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Marita Nash and Sharon Yarbrough, and brothers Glen and William Yarbrough. Family and friends will gather from 5 to 8 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home 84 W. Main St., Peru, Ind. A service celebrating the life of James A. Yarbrough will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with Chaplain Evan Strong officiating. Burial with full Military Honors will follow at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 1, 2012

Services for **Richard Charles Butzin**, 72, of rural Roann, who died Tuesday, are 11 a.m. Saturday, at Olive Branch Church of God. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. at the church. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 2, 2012

**Clint A. "Two Paws" Barnard**, 53, of Peru, passed away at 6:04 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. He was born in Lafayette May 21, 1958 to Ross Barnard of Idaville, Ind. and Lina "Vicki" (Vildosola) Green of Carlsbad, Texas, both surviving. He married Brenda Swears and she survives. Clint retired from Chrysler Transmission Plant

in Kokomo, and is a U.S. Army veteran. He was vice president of the Eagles Peru Aerie. Survivors include his parents, his wife; a son, Justin Barnard and companion Jennifer of Peru; a daughter, Kami (Aaron) Hunley of Holland, Mich.; a daughter, Kaileigh (Eric) Barnard of Greentown; a daughter, Ashlee (Ricky) Swims of Peru; a daughter, Karalee Barnard of Peru; grandchildren Alex Nevaeh Hunley, James Barnard, Kai Hunley, Morgan Barnard, and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by three brothers, Clyde Barnard of Knoxville, Tenn., Chris Barnard of Ariz., and Carl Barnard of Elkhart, Ind. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 2, 2012

**David R. Woolner** 47, went to be with our Lord and Savior Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 in his home. He was born April 14, 1964 in Yale, Mich., the son of Ken Woolner and Peggy LaCrone. He was the husband of his childhood sweetheart and love of his life, Pam Woolner, who survives. They were married April 19, 2008. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Carmen Woolner; daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Derek Baker; daughter, Amber Woolner; stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Brendon and Courtney Groves; stepdaughter Heather Groves; sister, Julie Glevicky; stepfather, Larry LeCrone; niece, Courtney Stout; eight grandchildren with two on the way; brother/sisters-in-law, Robert and Lucy Flora, Linda and Bill Kozey, Ron Flora, Drinda and Rob Inskip; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. David loved his family more than life itself. He was a man of God and a stranger to no one. He was a member of Bethany Christian Church and loved his church family. A memorial service will be at the Church of the Brethren 134 E. Fifth St. in Peru, at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012. In lieu of flowers, love offerings will be accepted to help defray final expenses.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 2, 2012

**Marcia (nee Peter) Cook**, 62, died at 9:33 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Services are at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation one hour prior.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 5, 2012

**Diane Lynn Fisher**, 53, Peru, died at 12:49 a.m. Tuesday Feb. 28, 2012. A private memorial service will be held. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 5, 2012

**Donna S. Spencer**, 56, Peru, died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Peru on Aug. 11, 1955 to Damon and Pauline (Smith) Rogers. Donna was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed music and singing, painting and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, Chris (Christy) Spencer, Peru, Jerry Spencer and companion Jessica Southerland, Peru, and Jeff Hartleroad, Dyersburg, Tenn; Joylynn Hagan, Dayton, Ohio; brothers, Claude (Lois) Rogers, Bunettville, William (Charlotte) Rogers, Stanton, Ky., Harold (Joan) Rogers, Peru, and Delbert (Shirley) Rogers, Peru; sisters, Missy (Steve) Clark, Peru, Janet Davis, Peru, Hazel A. Owen, Peru, Ruby (Randy) Brown, Mexico, Patricia (John) Mersch, Peru, Linda (Jeff) Tinney, Peru, and Robin (Robert) Balser, Cecilia, Ky.; and sister-in-law Karan Rogers, Denver. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Lacey, Jerry Jr., Lucas, Alex, Allison, Zack, John, Curt, Chris and Brandon. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Loretta Bowman, and a brother, David Rogers, as well as a brother in law, Harvey Davis. A funeral service will 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Jay Litherland officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Assembly of God Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 5, 2012

**Sarah Elizabeth Zook**, 93, Peru, died 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 in her residence. A celebration of Sarah's life will be held at a later time. Burial will be in Howard County's Mast-Hensler Cemetery.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 5, 2012

**Vickie Lou Workman**, 52, Peru, died at 1:10 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born in Logan, W. Va. on April 27, 1959 to Lindsey and Estelene (Sawyer) Workman. Vickie was on disability, formerly employed at Health South in Kokomo. Vickie is survived by Pam Coleman, her loving partner of 22 years and the following brothers, sister, sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Surviving are brothers Keith (Valerie) Workman, Scott (Louise) Workman and Lindsey Workman, Logan, W. Va.; sister Shawn Workman, Logan, W. Va.; sister-in-laws Jill (Carl) Reffit and Bobbie (Terry)



Kern, both of Peru; and nieces and nephews Audra Kay, Logan, W. Va., Taylor Wilson, Peru, Leandra and Karhli Wilson, Peru, Mikhail Blue, Peru, Dustin and Kegan Kern, Peru, and Lilli Koontz, Peru. Vickie loved taking care of her pets and babies, as she called them, William, Nitro, Yoda, Cinnamon, Saschie, Kitty Nipper and Lucky Kitty. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 7, 2012

**John D. Morecraft**, 70, of Peru passed away at 1:59 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2012 at Dukes Hospital. He was born Jan. 11, 1942 in Logansport to C.V. "Jack" and Garnet Leota (Reynolds) Morecraft. John was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School, and married Carolyn Armstrong on Nov. 4, 1967. He served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne, and was retired from skilled trades at Chrysler Corporation where he was a machine repairman. He was a life member of the VFW and the Peru Maennerchor, and also a member of the Literary Aid Society. Survivors include his mother of Peru; his wife Carolyn, Peru; daughters Michelle (Jon) Jumper of Gilead and Linda (Greg) Sutton, Amboy; grandchildren Emily Jumper, Jack Jumper, Luke Sutton; a brother, Mike (Sandy) Morecraft of Peru; a sister Marlene Russell of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with the Rev. Bradley Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, with military committal service by the Miami County Military Rites team. Friends may call 3-8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Miami County Military Rites team and the Chapel of Praise Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 8, 2012

**Flossie "Jean" Biggs**, 86 of Peru, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born Feb. 20, 1926 in Peru to James A. and Eva (Longstreth) Hockett. She married Jerry Biggs May 22, 1942, and he preceded her in death in 2004. Jean was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Jim Biggs and wife Carol of Peru, and her daughter, Bonnie Mathis and husband Guy, Twelve Mile. She had nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents; a son Jerry "Doc" Biggs; a sister, Lucille Hiles; and a brother, George Hockett. There will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru, with Pastor Larry Klein officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 9, 2012

**Marissa Kay Roles**, 13, of Peru gained her wings and flew to heaven at 4:01 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Dukes Hospital. She was born Dec. 3, 1998 to Kenneth and April. She was close to her grandparents Mike and Kenra Wheeler, Ken Roles, Carla Walker, and Charlie and Shirley Young. Marissa loved her sister Alexis and brother Lucas. Marissa was a sixth grade student at Blair Pointe Elementary, and played softball with the Challenger League in Peru. Her life was a battle against odds, but she fought it anyway. She touched more lives in her 13 years than many will in 60; she taught us perseverance and gave us love that knows no bounds. She will be forever missed! Survivors include her parents Kenneth and April (Young) Roles of Peru; grandparents Mike and Kenra Wheeler; Ken Roles and Carla Walker, and Charlie and Shirley Young. She is also survived by her brother Lucas Roles, at home, and her sister Alexis Roles, at home. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Paulette Schoolman Roles. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with Pastor Dave Ross officiating. Burial will follow at Eel River Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call at the funeral home Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of service. Love offerings may be made to the funeral home and/or the Roles family to help defray burial expenses.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 10, 2012

**Martin A. Snider**, 77, of Peru passed away at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born May 11, 1934 in Burlington, the son of Arthur E. and Lois Dorothy (Martin) Snider. Marty married Janet Bowman in Peru on Sept. 11, 1971 and she survives. He was a 1952 graduate of Royal Center High School and attended the University of Miami on a basketball scholarship. Following graduation from college he played in the ABA. He had various occupations during his life, and retired from Maiben's in 1991. Marty served as the Maconaquah Ball Park Commissioner in the 1970s and 1980s. He was a former trustee of the Literary Aid Society and was a college basketball scout from 1970 until his death. Surviving in addition to his wife Jan, is his mother Lois Snider of Lafayette; children Melanie (Doyle) Burgess of Denver; Sandra Hatten (Mike Shaw) of Rochester; Margaret (John) Anderson of Twelve Mile; Joe McMullen (his partner Michael) of

San Diego, Calif.; Julie (Joe) Wright of Peru; Jerry (Rhonda) McMullen of North Carolina; Ed Snider of Penn.; Michelle Snider of Penn.; Melody Snider of Penn.; Lucinda Snider of North Carolina; and Beth (Frank) Meadows; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Katy (George) Ade of Lafayette, and Jill (Mike) Poeline of Lafayette. Several nieces and nephews also survive. A service celebrating the life of Martin A. Snider will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 12, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Family and friends will gather 1-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 12, 2012

**Mila Coldiron**, 86, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, went to be with the Lord at 6:54 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Mila was born July 3, 1925, in Powell County, Ky., to Willie Starnes and Electa (Campbell) Starnes. She married Troy Coldiron April 25, 1943 and he preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1980. She is survived by daughters Wanda Hollon of Peru, Becky Davis of Kokomo, Shirley (Tom) Banks of Mexico, Rosetta (Earl) Shepard of North Carolina, Betty Coldiron of Peru, Sandy (Brooks) Longfield of Elkhart, Edna (Jeff) Hileman of Denver and Ruth Coldiron of Peru; sons Ricky (Sandy) Coldiron of Ft. Pierce, Fla. and Calvin (Rhonda) Coldiron of Logansport; 35 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by a son, Edward Jr. Coldiron; two sisters and one brother. Funeral services will take place Wednesday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial is to take place at Shrock Cemetery. Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Carl Fredrick Miller**, 81, of Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 4:46 p.m. March 10, 2012 from Waterford Place Health Campus. He was born in Waupecong on July 16, 1930 to the late Alva Daniel and Nettie (Arnold) Miller. Carl married Sylvia F. Smith on Sept. 3, 1955 in Greentown, and she survives. Carl served our country from 1951 to 1953 with the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He achieved the rank of Corporal and drove a tank. Carl worked for Penn-Dixie as a crane operator for 30 years, at Macy grocery store and at Redmons in Peru. Carl was a very active man, enjoying deer and mushroom hunting, going to auctions, doing puzzles, bowling, gardening, wood working, fishing, helping build his daughter's home in 1982, painting, general handyman work and helping others. Carl is survived by his wife, Sylvia Miller, Kokomo; daughters Linda (Daniel) Allen, Kokomo, Diane Bauder, Kokomo, Betty (Gene) Goley, Kokomo and Carla (Bill) Gwizdala, Peru; his grandchildren, Jeremiah Allen, Danielle (Dustin) Poe, Rachel Moore, Tiffany (Jerney) Ebert, Jamie Bauder, Nathan Goley, Abby Goley, Anthony Bell, Tarra(Casey) Darnell; and also his great grandchildren, Hanna, Logan Poe, Isabell, Debbie Moore, Crosby, Marley Darnell, Kaylie, Jerney Jr. Cadence and Bently Ebert. Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Alva and Nettie Miller; and five brothers and sisters, Don Miller, Robert Miller, Mark Miller, Lela Miller and Raymond Miller. Carl's family would like to thank the staff at Waterford Place Health Campus for the excellent care he received while there. There will be a funeral service for Carl at Eilers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St. Kokomo, 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 with Rev. Wayne Bogue officiating. At the conclusion of the funeral, we will be taking Carl to Clymer Cemetery, near Waupecong, where he will be laid to rest with military rites provided by the Kokomo VFW, and the United States Marine Corps military rites teams. Carl's friends and family are welcome to join for a time of visitation on Tuesday, March 13 from 4-8 p.m., also at the mortuary. You are invited to read Carl's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message, or order flowers for the family. Eilers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, assisted the family with arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Wilma Jane Jent**, 69, of Peru passed away at 12:17 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2012 at Dukes Hospital. She was born Jan. 4, 1943 in McRoberts, Ky. to a Josie Elkins Maloney and Kelly Maloney, Sr., both of whom are deceased. On Sept. 2, 1961 she married Aster Jent in Peru, and he survives. Wilma had three siblings: a brother, Herbert E. Maloney, deceased; two sisters, Bernadean Rogers, deceased, and Patricia K. Ogan, deceased. She left behind in this world a son, Ricky Jent and his wife Julie of Peru; four daughters, Melisa Jent and her fiancée Todd Vaughn of Rochester; Melinda Campbell and her husband Doyle Campbell of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Amanda Jent and fiancée Jeremy Cole of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; and Alisha Jent and her fiancée Michael Rogers, Peru. Wilma was blessed with seven grandkids: Patrick Gallahan and wife Valorie of Peru; Kayla Coleman and husband Daniel of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; Travis Sophor and wife Emily; Shane Clemons and fiancée Amber Sticler of Peru; Amber Bowder of Peru; Dereck Sophor of Goodlettsville, Tenn., and Brianna Rogers of Peru. She also had

seven great-grandkids: Kasen Gallahan, Dillon Gallahan, Dayton Gallahan, James Sopher, Blaine Sopher, Damien Coleman and Chloe Coleman. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor J. Litherland officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until time of service. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home to help defray burial expenses.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 14, 2012

**Mary Aldene “Dean” (Heineman) Blackman**, 92 of Peru, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Nov. 30, 1919 in Amboy, the daughter of Rachel Marie (Faust) Smith and Russell Leroy Smith. Dean married Orville F. Blackman in a secret ceremony July 18, 1941 in Marion while Orville was on leave from the U.S. Army. She was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School. After graduating high school she worked at the candy counter at Kresge’s Five and Dime, making \$9 per week. She left Kresge’s in 1940 to work as secretary to Peru Mayor William Long. When the ration board was created, that became part of her duties. Dean worked this stressful job until 1943 when she left to join her husband. She followed him from Army camp to Army camp until he was sent overseas and into war in December 1943. She returned to Peru to be with family and to have their first child, James. After Orville’s return home in 1945, two daughters followed; Judith in 1947 and Janice in 1950. Dean remained a stay-at-home mom until rejoining the work force in 1965 at American Stationery. She retired in 1982 to once again stay at home, this time with her husband. She stayed in the home where they raised their family from 1945, until her death Saturday. Dean was the ultimate caregiver. She was always available to help anyone in need – family or neighbor, it didn’t matter. She was a multi-tasker. She sewed all of the children’s clothes, raised vegetable and flower gardens, crocheted beautiful afghans, cooked wonderful meals and baked great desserts. She kept precise records and balanced her checkbooks to the penny. When Orville lost his sight to macular degeneration, she read the newspaper to him every morning and gave him play by play action to the Pacers, Colts and Cubs ball games until his death in 2009. She was truly one of a kind, and will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Orville, son James and brother Roy Lee Heineman. She is survived by her daughters, Judith Mills of Peru; Janice Hartman and husband John, Spring Hill, Tenn.; daughter-in-law Cathy (Miller) Blackman of Zionsville; grandchildren Christopher Mills (Liz) of Summerville, S.C.; Patricia Mills Brown (Chris) of Charleston, S.C.; Jeffery Blackman of Indianapolis; Julie Blackman of Zionsville; Jill Flowers (Rick) of Muncie; and Matthew Schneider (Bobbi) of Windfall. Also surviving are seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Dean was a life-long member of the First Christian Church in Peru. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Society or the American Macular Degeneration Research. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Friends may call Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 15, 2012

**Beatrice Isabell Moulton**, 96, formerly of Denver, Ind., passed away quietly at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2011 at the home of her daughter in Pomona, Calif. Born July 1, 1915 in Fulton, Ind., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Flossie Enyart Bailey. In 1935 she married her sweetheart, John Moulton, who passed away in 2003. Isabell lived most of her life in Indiana, graduating from Fulton High School and then attending beauty college in Indianapolis. After college she was married and moved to Denver, where she opened her beauty shop. During WWII the family moved to Fort Wayne and then later to Indianapolis in 1950, eventually settling in Deedsville in 1952, where Isabell quickly set up her beauty shop again. She continued hairdressing until her husband retired from work and they moved again to Denver, where they resided until John’s passing in 2003. At that time she moved to California to stay with her daughter, Mona Ross. She loved to see the mountains, flowers and birds of her new California home. She was a kind and loving mother and a doting grandmother. Isabell grew up in Christian faith and raised her family accordingly, teaching her children and then their children about Jesus. She was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. Her union with John built a family of four children: Mona Ross and husband Gene of Pomona, Calif.; David Moulton and wife Margarie, Chino, Calif.; Judith Padgett and husband Leroy, Greentown; Joseph Moulton and wife Diana, Benton Harbor, Mich. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Her long life gave her many friendships and along with her family, they will all miss her greatly. A celebration of life for Isabell will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 16, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Scott Butler officiating. Burial will follow in Denver’s Westlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday morning before the funeral, 10-11 a.m. Online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be directed to Denver Baptist Church Building Fund or Kitchen Fund.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 16, 2012

**Jamar O. Lloyd**, 38, of Peru, died at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1973 to Otis and Mattie (Brumfield) Lloyd of Peru. Jamar graduated from Maconaquah High School. Survivors include his parents, a daughter Jamise Lloyd of Lafayette; a brother, Fred Lloyd of Peru; a sister Roshell Lloyd of Peru; two nieces, Jamise and Ava, and a nephew, Benjamin. He was preceded in death by a brother, Otis Lloyd, Jr. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Eldon E. Richardson**, 79 of Peru, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Miami County in September 1932 to David J. and Thelma M. Richardson, and was a Miami County resident his entire life. He married Patricia Dec. 12, 1952 at the Chili Baptist Church, and she survives. He was a member of the Chili Baptist Church, Eastern Star Rochester #70, a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge Gilead Lodge #354 and Macy #523. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served 15 months in Korea, 1953-1955. Eldon was a retired retail worker. Eldon passed into his heavenly home Thursday, March 15, 2012 with his wife at his side. He faithfully served in the church as trustee and moderator for many years. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and had traveled to all the states except Hawaii. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather — Papa to all. He enjoyed attending their school programs and sporting events. Survivors include his wife Patricia; a daughter Beth (Ed) Golliher of Macy; son, Greg (Linda) Richardson of Macy; a son Scott (Kelly) Richardson; daughter Lori (Greg) Loe of Galveston; brothers Kenneth (Judy) Richardson of Fort Wayne, and John (Cindy) Richardson of Peru. Also surviving are grandchildren Shannon, Melissa, Melanie, Andrew, Christy, Jared, Amanda, Aaron, Kendra, Karli, Tyler, Emily, and Evan; great-grandchildren Aleck, Braden, Shae, Savannah, Madelyn, Drew, Grace, A.J., Cole, Hoelle, Brittin, Harper, Mya, and Xavier. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Jim Richardson, and a sister, Maxine Wright. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Chili Baptist Church with Pastor Julie Walker officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery, Chili, Ind. There will be a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call at the Chili Baptist Church 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012. There will be a Masonic service at 6 p.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Chili Baptist Church, or to your favorite charity in his honor. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Gabriel Ezra Moon** was born without a heartbeat on Sunday, March 11, 2012 at 6:37 A.M. in Peru, Indiana. With much sadness, and also a solid understanding of God's sovereignty and faithfulness, the infant son of J. David and Krysten Moon is very much missed by both his parents and his nine siblings, Nicholas David Moon, Jonathan Christian Moon, Angel Anne Moon, Deborah Joy Moon, Joseph Timothy Moon, Samuel James Moon, Andrew Howard Moon, Daniel Stephen Moon and Paul Jeremiah Moon. Gabriel's family also includes his paternal grandparents Carl and Pearlene Moon of Peru. His maternal grandparents are James and Diana Vance of Amboy. His maternal great-grandparents are Howard and Betty Jeter of Peru. Gabriel is also missed by his many aunts and uncles, including Scott and Brenda Moon of Valparaiso, Jeff Moon of Peru, Christopher Vance of Kokomo, Stephanie and Scott Dubois of Converse, Eric and Heidi Vance of Kokomo, Maryann and Brandon McQuinn of Amboy, Benjamin and Mandy Vance of Muncie, Patricia and Shannon Clawson of Peru, Garrison Evans of Bunker Hill, Heather Evans of Kokomo, Aaron Vance of Kokomo, Matthew Vance of Kokomo, and Michael Vance of Amboy and over 25 cousins. Though Gabriel's family is quite heartbroken about missed plans and dreams, they look very much forward to forward to the day they will see him again, in Heaven, where they will recognize him and worship Jesus together forever, side by side. There will not be a public memorial service, but condolences may be sent to 570 West Main Street, Peru, IN 46970. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to an organization that teaches children about Jesus, whom Gabriel now sees face to face:

Peru Rolling Chapel

P.O. Box 656

Peru, IN 46970

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Hillard Dan Hiner**, 86, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2012 in Fort Wayne. He was born July 26, 1925 to the late Hillard and Lucile (Clark) Hiner in Peru, Ind. He was a mechanical engineer, a truck driver, and a farmer. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #725 for 59 years, Scottish Rite for 59 years, VFW 1421, American Legion Post 14, Albion Eagles, Forty and

Eight, AOPA, and Piper Cub Club. Mr. Hiner was married to Virginia Lou (Koehlinger) Hiner for 64 years. He enjoyed building, flying and drafting. He is also survived by his children, Debie Hiner of Markle; Hillard (Amy) Daniel Hiner of Harrisburg, Pa.; Hugh Dennis (Deborah S.) Hiner of Angola; grandchildren Christopher Hiner, Daniel Hiner, Jonathan Eisberg, Shane Hiner, Kyle Hiner, Jennifer Eisberg, Aaron Howell, and Rachel Adams; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Betty Lou Bodeen, and his daughter Donna Kay Hiner. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Visitation will also be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, March 19, at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warriors Program. Please visit [www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com](http://www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com) to leave online condolences.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Jamar O. Lloyd**, 38, of Peru, died at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1973 to Otis and Mattie (Brumfield) Lloyd of Peru. Jamar graduated from Maconaquah High School. Survivors include his parents, a daughter Jamise Lloyd of Lafayette; a brother, Fred Lloyd of Peru; a sister Roshell Lloyd of Peru; two nieces, Jamise and Ava, and a nephew, Benjamin. He was preceded in death by a brother, Otis Lloyd, Jr. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 5-7 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Mary Aldene "Dean" (Heineman) Blackman**, 92 of Peru, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Nov. 30, 1919 in Amboy, the daughter of Rachel Marie (Faust) Smith and Russell Leroy Smith. She was adopted by Ralph Heineman when her mother remarried. Dean married Orville F. Blackman in a secret ceremony July 18, 1941 in Marion while Orville was on leave from the U.S. Army. She was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School. After graduating high school she worked at the candy counter at Kresge's Five and Dime, making \$9 per week. She left Kresge's in 1940 to work as secretary to Peru Mayor William Long. When the ration board was created, that became part of her duties. Dean worked this stressful job until 1943 when she left to join her husband. She followed him from Army camp to Army camp until he was sent overseas and into war in December 1943. She returned to Peru to be with family and to have their first child, James. After Orville's return home in 1945, two daughters followed; Judith in 1947 and Janice in 1950. Dean remained a stay-at-home mom until rejoining the work force in 1965 at American Stationery. She retired in 1982 to once again stay at home, this time with her husband. She stayed in the home where they raised their family from 1945, until her death Saturday. Dean was the ultimate caregiver. She was always available to help anyone in need — family or neighbor, it didn't matter. She was a multi-tasker. She sewed all of the children's clothes, raised vegetable and flower gardens, crocheted beautiful afghans, cooked wonderful meals and baked great desserts. She kept precise records and balanced her checkbooks to the penny. When Orville lost his sight to macular degeneration, she read the newspaper to him every morning and gave him play by play action to the Pacers, Colts, and Cubs ball games until his death in 2009. She was truly one of a kind, and will be missed by many. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Orville, son James and brother Roy Lee Heineman. She is survived by her step-sister Shirley (Messersmith) Gillenwater, Fort Wayne; her daughters, Judith Mills of Peru; Janice Hartman and husband John, Spring Hill, Tenn.; daughter-in-law Cathy (Miller) Blackman of Zionsville; grandchildren Christopher Mills (Liz) of Summerville, S.C.; Patricia Mills Brown (Chris) of Charleston, S.C.; Jeffery Blackman of Indianapolis; Julie Blackman of Zionsville; Jill Flowers (Rick) of Muncie; and Matthew Schneider (Bobbi) of Windfall. Also surviving are seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Dean was a life-long member of the First Christian Church in Peru. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Society or the American Macular Degeneration Research. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Friends may call Saturday, 11 a.m. until time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Mary L. Day**, 91, of Peru passed away at Blair Ridge Health Center at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012. She was born in Denver, Ind. January 13, 1921 to Verl and Ruth (Imhoof) Burns. She married Alfred R. "Andy" Day on March 1, 1941, and he survives. Mary was a hard working homemaker all her life. She loved her husband, her family — especially the children, enjoyed reading and working puzzles. She was a joy to all who knew her and she will be missed by many. Survivors include her husband Andy; daughters Diane (Larry) Easterday of Peru, Cindy (Kevin) Christy of Noblesville; a son, Kenny (Patty) Day of Guilford, Ind; grandchildren Larry (Nancy) Easterday, Tammy (Bill) Johnson, Cathy (Eric) Kroczeck, Christy (Neil) Roy, Kenny (Becca) Day, Sean Christy, Mary Christy, Charles (Esther) Bolanis, Christy (Brian) Garner; a brother Ed Burns,



Denver, Ind.; a sister Regina Vigar of Rochester; a sister-in-law, Martha Louise Kortje of Peabody, Kan. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carol Bolanis; three brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

**Betty J. Eikenberry**, 82, Lake Placid, Fla., died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Ind.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

**Charles Lloyd Reiken**, 79, of Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. He was born in North Manchester on March 14, 1933, the son of Richard and Eva Reiken. Lloyd Married Louise (Dot) Van Meter Morris on Oct. 20, 1978 and she survives. Lloyd graduated from Chester High School in Wabash County and was a U.S. Army veteran. He attended the Peru Grace Brethren Church and was employed as a salesman for Frito-Lay for 32 years, retiring in 1993. Following his retirement from Frito-Lay, he became a bus driver for the YMCA. He thoroughly enjoyed his job at the "Y" until his health forced him to give it up in 2011. Surviving in addition to his wife, Dot Reiken is a daughter Angela Hall of Wabash, a son Tim Reiken and his wife Karla, a stepdaughter Cheryl Webb, of Peru, a sister, Colleen High of Servia, Ind., and several grandchildren. A memorial service celebrating the life of Charles Lloyd Reiken will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Gideons International or the Peru Grace Brethren Church. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

**James Paul Comerford**, 89, Peru, died at 9:42 a.m. March 17, 2012 in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

**Tom W. Miller**, 62, Rochester, died Wednesday, March 14, 2012. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Private family services are Wednesday with the Rev. Dr. Mark Spencer officiating.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

A Celebration of Life Service for Virginia Gady Kinsel 85, Rochester, who died Jan. 23, 2012, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, March 19, 2012

**Wanda Willadean Fisher**, 81, Peru, died Friday, March 16, 2012, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**Bertha M. Chase**, 77 of Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. She was born October 10, 1934 in Harrisburg, Pa. to Walter E. Flesher and Virtie Lee (Schenck) Flesher Brooks, both deceased. She was married to Arthur P. Chase and he preceded her in death on November 24, 2001. Bertha was a homemaker, formerly employed at the Bunker Hill Clerk's Office and the Randall School Cafeteria. She was a member of the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church, and a member of the YMCA Prime Bowlers. Survivors include sons Sheldon L. (Barbara) Page of Holt, Mich. and Gary C. Page of Warsaw; daughters Carol L. (James W. Jr.) Harris of Martinsville, Ind.; Deborah A. Murray of Thomasville, Ga.; Sharon Doolin of Bunker Hill; and Brenda (David) Stewart of Louisville, Ky. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, and 16 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, five brothers, Walter, Frank, George, James and Jack; and a sister, Esther. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and/or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**Delberta “Dee” Dickie Harper** of Rochester passed away March 15, 2012. A celebration of Dee’s life will be at 3 p.m. March 21, 2012 at Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**J. Paul Comerford**, 89 of Peru, passed away Saturday, March 17, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Bunker Hill, Ind. June 22, 1922, the son of Clarence and Ethel (Lesh) Comerford. He married Jean (Shepler) Comerford in 1942 and they celebrated 51 years of marriage before her passing in 1993. Paul married Mary Lou (Landrum) Comerford in 1997, and she survives. Paul graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1940, and proudly served his country in the Army Air Corps and the Eighth Air Force during World War II. He was a farmer and also worked at the Bunker Hill Elevator and Lumber Company, including many years as manager. He served as an Emergency Medical Technician for the Bunker Hill EMS, and was employed by Dukes Hospital as an EMT. He was honored by the Indiana EMS in 1986 as EMT of the Year. Paul served on the Bunker Hill Town Board and as Board President for many years. He was a former member of the Bunker Hill Fish and Game Club and a member of the Bunker Hill Post of the VFW. He was also active in the Republican Party and served as Precinct Committeeman. He attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru. He enjoyed working on antique tractors and was a charter member of Pioneer Power of North Central Indiana. Paul also treasured his memories of his military service during WWII and shared his stories often. He participated in many reunions of the men with whom he served, and he hosted a reunion in Peru once. In addition to his wife Mary Lou, Paul is survived by one sister, Sister Jane Ann Comerford of Clarksville; two sons, Joseph (wife Judith) Comerford of Peru, and James (wife Louise) Comerford of Bloomington; one daughter, Linda Comerford of Peru; five grandchildren, Jodie (husband Tom) Schmitt of Kokomo, Pamela Wilson of Bloomington, Nathan Comerford of Bloomington, Jennifer Comerford, Peru, and Kathryn (husband Gordon) Todd of McLean, Va.; seven great-grandchildren, Camille and Colton Wilson of Bloomington; Chase and Aline Todd, McLean, Va.; Kyle and Finn Comerford of Bloomington; and Taylor Schmitt of Kokomo. Also surviving are one stepdaughter, Cheryl Landrum of Denver; three step-grandchildren, Jeremy (wife Chrissy) Landrum of Bunker Hill, Jason (wife Maria) Landrum of Germany, and Cassandra (husband Christopher) Binkley of Illinois; and five step-great grandchildren, Emma Lynn and Randy Landrum of Bunker Hill, Nick and Breanna Landrum of Germany, and Xandure Binkley of Ill. Paul was preceded in death by his wife Jean; his parents; three brothers, Richard, John and Charles “Bill” Comerford; and two sisters, Mary Drake and Kathryn Cain. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker with Pastor Tony Winter officiating, assisted by Sister Jane Ann Comerford. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call at the Allen Funeral Home 2-7 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or First Church of the Nazarene in Peru. There will be military rites at the graveside, provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**Patrick McCarty**, 50, Rochester, died Saturday, March 17. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Betty J. Eikenberry**, 82, Lake Placid, Florida, and formerly of Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 5:30 P.M. Saturday March 17, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring, Florida. She was born on April 21, 1929 in Ashland, Kentucky, the only child of Fred and Kathleen (Phipps) Hillman and only grandchild of Dr. Andrew J. and Verlina (Sparks) Hillman. She was employed at Ashland Oil from 1952 until 1960. After living in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio and Peru, Indiana, she moved to Lake Manitou in Rochester, Indiana, where she was employed at the Defense Contract Administration Services at the AM General facility in South Bend, Indiana. After leaving that position, she became sole owner of a ladies’ boutique on the lake and a Redwing Shoe Store in Peru, Indiana for a number of years. In 1992, she retired, married Wallace Eikenberry of Mexico, Indiana, and they moved to Lake Placid, Florida. Survivors include her daughter, Holly and husband Darryl Ridgley, Valdosta, Georgia, son, William and wife Julie Adams, Terre Haute, Indiana, stepsons, Braxton Eikenberry, Akron, Indiana, Miles and wife Shenghong Eikenberry, Las Vegas, Nevada, four grandchildren, Drew, Max, and Sam Ridgley, Valdosta, Georgia, Lauren Adams, Terre Haute, Indiana, step-granddaughter, Heather and husband Byron Stoner, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wallace Eikenberry and her parents. A Celebration

of Life Service will be at a later date with internment at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Cameron J. Nichols**, 23 of Kokomo, passed away at 11:41 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2012. He was born in Marion, Indiana to Jeffrey T. Nichols and Jamie L. Mason. Cameron was a 2006 graduate of Maconaquah High School. He was a student at Ivy Tech majoring in graphic/web design, and attended Marion Memorial Tabernacle. He worked with computers and enjoyed playing video games and making rap music on his computer. Cameron was a technology whiz and was a tutor of fellow students at Ivy Tech. Survivors include his father Jeffrey T. (Sandra K. Stapleton) Nichols; mother, Jamie L. (David) Mason; siblings Jessica Nichols, David W. Mason II, Kaitlynnane M. Mason, Dalton J.E. Mason, Jeramiah D. Hoffman, Shane R. Jensen, Stephanie Stapleton, Megan Stapleton, Robert Hoffman, and Charles Hoffman. He is also survived by aunts and uncles: Michael (Christine) Nichols, Charles Smith, Cheryl Keith, Jennifer Childs, Brad Kirby, John Johnson, Joe Henderson, Brian Mason, Julianne Haynes, Betsy Henderson, Marty Kirby, Rikki De Jesus; many nieces, nephews and cousins; grandparents Newton T. (Patsy) Nichols, Wanda G. Kirby, Judy A. Smith, Richard Mason, James and Suzette Henderson, and Daniel Kirby. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Connie Kirby. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2012 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Pastors Maryann Freeman and Lois Helm officiating. Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Charlotte A. Daniel**, 77, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born February 24, 1935 in Evansville, to the late Howard and Kathryn Brown. She worked at Rogers Market for 20 years, in the meat department. Surviving are her husband, Harold Daniel of Fort Wayne; daughter, Sherry (Joe Rosinski) Betzner of Peru; brothers, Robert and Leroy Brown of Va.; sisters Jean Mitchell and Bettye Brown, Va.; and her dog, a special friend, Buddy. She was preceded in death by a brother, "Bud." Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2012 at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Calling will also be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials to: Hope for Animals, 1333 Maycrest Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, please visit [www.covingtonmemorial.com](http://www.covingtonmemorial.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 21, 2012

**Eldon E. Richardson**, 79 of Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Miami County in September 1932 to David J. and Thelma M. (Baker) Richardson, and was a Miami County resident his entire life. He married Patricia Walker December 12, 1952 at the Chili Baptist Church and she survives. He was a member of the Chili Baptist Church; Eastern Star Rochester #70; a 50-year member of the Gilead Masonic Lodge #354 and Macy #523. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served 15 months in Korea, 1953-1955. Eldon was a retired retail worker. Eldon passed into his heavenly home Thursday, March 15, 2012 with his wife at his side. He faithfully served in the church as trustee and moderator for many years. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and had traveled to all the states except Hawaii. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather – Papa to all. He enjoyed attending their school programs and sporting events. Survivors include his wife Patricia; a daughter, Beth (Ed) Golliher of Macy; sons Greg (Linda) Richardson of Macy, and Scott (Kelly) Richardson, also of Macy; a daughter, Lori (Greg) Loe of Galveston; brothers, Kenneth (Judy) Richardson of Fort Wayne, John (Cindy) Richardson; and a sister-in-law, Kay Richardson of Peru. Survivors also include grandchildren Shannon, Melissa, Melanie, Andrew, Christy, Jared, Amanda, Aaron, Kendra, Carley, Tyler, Emily, and Evan; great-grandchildren Aleck, Braden, Shae, Savannah, Madelyn, Drew, Grace, A.J., Cole, Noelle, Brittin, Harper, Mya, and Xavier. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Jim Richardson, and a sister, Maxine Wright. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2012 at the Chili Baptist Church with Pastor Eric Alwine and Pastor Julie Walker officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery in Chili, Ind. There will be a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call at the Chili Baptist Church 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2012. There will be a Masonic service at 6 p.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Chili Baptist Church, or to your favorite charity in his honor. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 22, 2012

**Charlotte A. Daniel**, 77, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 24, 1935 in Evansville, to the late Howard and Kathryn Brown. She worked at Rogers Market for 20 years, in the meat department. Surviving are her husband, Harold Daniel of Fort Wayne; daughter, Sherry (Joe Rosinski) Betzner of Peru; brothers, Robert and Leroy Brown of Va.; sisters Jean Mitchell and Bettye Brown, Va.; and her dog, a special friend, Buddy. She was preceded in death by a brother, "Bud." Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2012 at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Calling will also be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials to: Hope for Animals, 1333 Maycrest Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, please visit [www.covingtonmemorial.com](http://www.covingtonmemorial.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 22, 2012

**Wanda Willadean Fisher**, 81, passed away Friday, March 16, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Jan. 9, 1931 in Butler Township, Miami County, the daughter of Howard and Lucy (Glassburn) Ramer. She married Carter D. Fisher Feb. 6, 1953 in Peru, and he preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1998. Wanda attended elementary and junior/high school at Butler Township School, and she was a 1948 graduate of Peru High School. She was employed with Honeywell in Wabash, retiring after 44 years of service. Wanda was called "Willy" by most of her family and friends. She loved her cat, Calico, and all the other animals and birds that visited her rural yard. Willy also enjoyed visits from her family and special neighbors. Survivors include a brother, Harold (Nellie) Ramer, Peru; sisters-in-law, Linda Fisher of Macy and Mary Fisher of Peru; nephews and nieces, Rick (Sandy) Warner of Kokomo; Randy Fisher of Macy; Rex Fisher, Jr., Gary Fisher, Craig Fisher and Brian Fisher, all of Peru; Thomas (Beverly) Ramer, Galveston; Mike (Angie) Ramer, Peru; Linda (Ron) Woodruff, Akron; and Teresa Church, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents, and stepfather Lloyd Wissinger. Visitation is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third in Peru. A graveside service will follow at Parklawn Cemetery, Amboy with Chaplain Ken Rushing officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in her name.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 24, 2012

**Bessie R. Kirkmeyer**, 73, of Kokomo passed away at 9:07 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital. Bessie was born Oct. 25, 1938 in Grannie, Ky. to the late Corsie Alexander and Anna Mae Smith. Her marriage to John R. Kirkmeyer, who preceded her in death, was on Nov. 20, 1959. Bessie was a member of the Pathway of Hope Church. She was very active in her church. She served as an elder, prayer warrior, was involved in encouraging card ministries and headed up funeral dinners for the church. She enjoyed her monthly euchre club. Bessie was also a breast cancer survivor. Survivors include a son, Cary M. Kirkmeyer, wife Kris; a daughter, Valerie A. Newport, husband Steve; two brothers, Dennie Alexander, wife Helen and Ron Smyth, wife Shirley; three grandchildren, Ben Kirkmeyer, wife Kori, Jeremy Kirkmeyer, J. Ethan Kirkmeyer; and one great-grandchild Vincent Kirkmeyer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Corsie Alexander and Anna Mae Smith and her husband John R. Kirkmeyer. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street, 3400 S. Webster St. Services will be at 1 p.m. at the Mortuary with Pastor Gary Davey officiating. Burial will follow in Clymer Cemetery. You are invited to read Bessie's obituary online at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message with the family or order flowers for the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 24, 2012

**James H. Taylor**, 87, Peru, died at 9:05 a.m. March 22, 2012 at Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born in Mitchell, Ind. on Sept. 20, 1924 to George H. and Nina (Kimes) Taylor. He married Joan A. Phillips on April 3, 1947 and she preceded him in death May 13, 1998. James was a World War II and Korean U.S. Army veteran. He retired from the army and was a member of the American Legion in Peru. He is survived by a son, Michael (Cindy) Taylor, Peru; daughters, Theresa (Donald) Molencupp, Ligonier, and Sharon Maderos, Modesto, Calif.; and brother, Leroy Taylor, Mitchell. Also surviving are grandchildren Russell (Janet) Molencupp, Diane (Mark) Younker, Timothy (Robin) Latham, Dustin Taylor, Danny Taylor, Shelly Hahn and Tim Hahn. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a daughter, Michele Hahn, grandchildren Robert and Frank Maderos and 10 siblings. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, with Pastor Jack Taylor. Burial is in Mitchell Cemetery, Mitchell. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 24, 2012

**John Rucker**, 56, formerly of Rochester, died March 21, 2012. A celebration of life is 3 p.m. Monday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 1 to 3 p.m. Monday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 24, 2012

**Tonya Cadwallader**, 45, Peru, died at 9:27 a.m. at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 27, 2012

**Helen Teeters Mowbray**, 88, Peru, passed away at 5 p.m., Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in Portland, on July 19, 1923, the daughter of Raymond and Olga Jones Teeters. Helen married Richard L. Maggart in 1942, and they were blessed with three children. She later married Albert Mowbray in 1962. Helen was a 1941 graduate of Huntington Township High School. She and her husband Richard moved to Peru in 1953 and purchased Keller Kleaners. She was later employed by Peters & Falk Pharmacy and was a merchandise consultant for Hooks Drug Stores of Indiana for 16 years retiring in 1988. Helen was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was a charter member of Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed playing in numerous bridge clubs. Helen was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing, golf and doing crossword puzzles. She thoroughly delighted going to the Mississinewa Reservoir to feed the ducks and geese. She is survived by her children Richard L. Maggart, Jr. of Peru, David Maggart and his wife Bonnie of Phoenix, Ariz., and Deborah Huff of Peru, and granddaughters Jennifer Aguilar and her husband Mark and Melissa Maggart. She was preceded in death by her parents, former husbands Richard L. Maggart and Albert Mowbray, brothers Orra and Byron Teeters and a sister Betty Lou Teeters. A service celebrating the life of Helen Teeters Mowbray will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St, Peru, with Pastor Larry Moslener officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 6 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Foundation through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, March 27, 2012

**Judianne "Granny" Clark Renz**, 70, of Peru, passed away at 7:10 a.m., Monday, March 26, 2012, at the Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born in Wabash County on May 22, 1941 the daughter of Laymond and Gladys Perry Clark. She worked for United Technology in Wabash, North Manchester and Peru. She was a bartender for most of her life from Indiana and Florida and also was employed at Save-A-Lot and Goodwill in Peru. Judy made over 70 quilts for family and friends and she loved to read and help other people. She loved Jesus Christ and her personal Lord and Savior and would say "She knew where she was going and couldn't wait to get there!" She is survived by her daughters Teri White (Rob) of Rochester, and Cheryl Myers of Wabash; a son Mark Renz (Allison) of Huntington; grandchildren Mac Pemberton and his friend Corie Dean, Jessica (Mat) Householder, Brittany (Matt) Harrison, Amber Walls, Ashley (Josh) Renz-French, Alyssa Renz and Shawn Renz and great-grandchildren Haleigh Householder, Vincent Householder, Cody Harrison, Jeremiah Walls, Leah Walls, Jordan Renn, John Renn II, Mykenzie Renn, Jathen French, Hayley French, Braydon French, Madison French and Hope Walls; sisters Lois Ellen James of North Manchester, Katherine (Kit) Hitlaw of Wabash, and Nancilou (Art) Moyers of Burlington, Iowa; nieces Lisa (Bob) Hauptert, Debbie (Terry) Barrett, Diane Wood, Lori Conley and Kaylee Clark; nephews Fred James, Danny Moyers and Paul Moyers; and special friends Wes and Wanda Miller. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother Phyllis Clark Sickafus and stepmother Katherine Clark. A service celebrating the life of Judianne "Granny" Renz will be held at 5 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2012, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with her daughter Pastor Teri White officiating. Family and friends will gather from 4-8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Bethlehem United Methodist Church J.A.M. (Jesus & Me) Youth Group. Online condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 28, 2012

**Constance C. (Carter) Gartland**, 95, Marion, died at 12:15 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2012 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine. She was born in Rome, N.Y., to the late Arnold and Gretta (Barrett) Carter. She married Francis "Bud" X. Gartland, Jr.. He survives. Also surviving are a daughter, Mary (Ronald) Vielee, Marion; sons Michael F. (Victoria) Gartland, Phoenix, Ariz., Francis X. (Judee) Gartland, LaPorte, Patrick J. (Susie) Gartland, Marion, Thomas J. Gartland, Phoenix, and



Joseph C. (Melissa) Gartland, Sidney, Ohio; sisters Rita Ormsby, Michigan and Patricia Ervin, Sweetser; a brother, Jack Carter, Kokomo; 23 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Arnold J. Carter, and sisters, Vera Lanning, Sarah Roberts, Anne Dailey, and Gretta Cummings. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. today at St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Dan Gartland officiating. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity, Marion. Visitation was Tuesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul Catholic Church, c/o Community Foundation, 505 W. 3rd St., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 28, 2012

**Genevieve Doran Clemans**, 87, Fontana, Calif. formerly of Hoover, passed away at 6 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2012, at Kaiser Hospital and is peacefully laid to rest with her husband, Ronald Dean Clemans in Bloomington, Calif.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 29, 2012

**A. Lorraine Gilbreath**, 86, Kokomo, died at 4:50 p.m. March 27, 2012, at Howard Regional Hospital Campus. Arrangements are pending with Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel. A full obituary will run at a later date.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, March 29, 2012

**William J. Legg**, 85, Peru, died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 30, 2012

**Warren C. Murphy**, 67, Peru, died Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:35 a.m. at Hickory Creek, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, March 30, 2012

**William Joseph Legg**, 85, of Peru, passed away at 10:20 a.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at his residence. He was born in Ironton, Ohio, on Feb. 17, 1927, the son of Ralph and Geraldine Davidson Legg. Bill married Sonya "Sandy" Simmons in Peru on Nov. 9, 1990, and she survives. Bill was a member of the Teamsters for 45 years and received a safe driver's award from the Teamsters for 35 years of safe driving. He was a U.S. Army veteran and his military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation of Japan Medal. Bill was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed woodworking. He was a member of the Church of God. Surviving in addition to his wife, Sandy, are sons, Terry Legg and his wife, Irene, of Peru, Timothy Legg and his wife, Ghet, of Rochester, and Theodore Legg and his wife, Maggie, of Peru.; stepson, Tony Bennett of Kokomo, and a stepdaughter Amy Constable and her husband Ryan of Peru; sisters, Louise Whaley and June Hollbrook of Southpoint, Ohio, Barbara Winslow and her husband, Buzz, of Hemet, Calif.; brothers, George Legg of Southpoint, Ohio, and Robert Legg and his wife, Joann, of Ironton, Ohio; and 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and the mother of his children, Elizabeth May Legg, and a brother, Donald Legg. A service celebrating the life of William J. Legg will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Mike Morecraft officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Love offerings may be made through the funeral home to the Legg Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 31, 2012

**Liam Scott Woodhouse**, four days old, Denver, died at 6:19 p.m. March 28, 2012 in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 31, 2012

**M. Delphine Marsh**, 92, Peru, died Thursday, March 29, 2012 in Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. A graveside services will be held at noon Monday, in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, March 31, 2012

**Warren Charles Murphy** passed away on March 29, 2012 at 7:35 a.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru. He was born Sept. 21, 1945 to William Arthur and Marjorie Aletha Gambee Murphy (both deceased). Warren has five sisters: Billie Jean (deceased), Alice Mae (deceased), Charlotte Rosetta "Rosie" Flora and husband Ronald Flora, Ellen Louise Blakey and husband Jim Blakey, Anna Marie Broomfield and husband Danny Broomfield. Warren grew up in Peru, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served for 10 1/2 years as a mechanic on naval ships. He married Lynn Balderston in 1968 and they had two children, Cindy (Murphy) Spangle and Warren D. Murphy and spouse Megan Murphy, both survive. He has four grandchildren, Ryan and Dannielle Murphy; David and spout Ashley and Douglas Spangle. He married Sandra Geiger in 2001. Warren returned to Indiana after serving in the navy and resided in Kosciusko County. He held various positions of employment over the years. He furthered his education, attending ITT in Fort Wayne, graduating second in his class. Warren was also a member of various clubs in Kosciusko County, including the Eagles, VFW and American Legion. Warren loved fishing local lakes and rivers. His grand prize fish was a northern pike. He was always fond of animals and loved dogs including the family mutt Sam. Warren was a great handy mechanic and was also good at woodworking. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday with a service following at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 2, in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Military service by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Love offerings may be made to the Warren Murphy family through the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 2, 2012

**DeRees Carl Clark II**, 65, resident of Silver Spring, Md., died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at Holy Cross Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born Oct. 8, 1946 to DeRees Clark and Mary Lou (Hostetler) Clark in Peru, Ind., where he and his 11 younger brothers and sisters grew up and attended school. DeRees graduated from Peru High School in 1964, then from Brigham Young University in 1971 where he earned a BS in accounting. He fulfilled a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in London, England, after which studying the gospel of Jesus Christ and church service were lifelong passions. After graduating from college, he received his CPA license in 1973. With an uncompromised work ethic, he became a young Chief Financial Officer and continued to support his family for 40 years in the accounting field. DeRees was married to Dolores (Outhier) Clark in 1972, and together they had four children. The Clark family were residents of South Pasadena, Encinitas and Santa Clarita in California, before moving to Maryland. DeRees' lifelong hobbies and favorite pastimes included reptiles, coin collecting, genealogy, making people laugh, and above all, spending time with his family. DeRees is survived by his mother, his wife, his sons DeRees Clark III (Corky) and Nathaniel Clark; his daughters Cerise Erskine and Charlotte Valantine; his grandchildren Haley, Donnelly, DeRees IV, Bentley, Ashton, Max and Jackson; and his siblings Steve, Jan, Donna, John, Mary Lou, Connie, Cathy, David, Tim, Rodney and Bradley. DeRees is earnestly missed by his family, friends and coworkers. Viewing, noon to 1 p.m., and services, 1 to 2 p.m., for DeRees will be held on April 4, 2012 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Peru, Ind. Burial will immediately follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 2, 2012

**Harold P. "Bud" Fivecoate**, 92, Mentone, died at 12:35 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2012. Service will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Funeral Home, Mentone. Visitation is 3 to 5 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 2, 2012

Infant **Liam Scott Woodhouse**, 4 days old, Denver, passed away at 6:19 p.m. March 28, 2012. He was born in Fort Wayne on March 24 to parents Dean Woodhouse and Sarah R. Webb, of Denver. Liam is survived by his parents; maternal grandparent, Craig G. Webb, Peru; maternal great grandparent, Carolyn Webb, Peru; paternal grandparents, Guy and Lois Woodhouse, Denver; brothers Carson Raber and Dakota Woodhouse, Denver; and aunt, Katrina Hyde, Denver. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, with Pastor Guy Woodhouse officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be delivered to the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 3, 2012

**Bernard "Barney" James Bashore**, 58, Wabash, died at 11:59 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2012. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Wednesday at Falls Cemetery. Arrangements by McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 3, 2012

**Janet L. Richmond**, 82, Peru, died at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012, Vibra Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 5, 2012

**Armando Perez**, 65, Peru, died at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Arrangements are pending by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 5, 2012

**Janet L. Richmond**, Peru, born Aug. 26, 1929, died April 1, 2012, at 11:40 a.m. at Vibra Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was the most devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother a family could have. Preceded in death by two sons, Ronald B. Holler and Rodney T. Holler, one stepgrandson Corey Cable, one brother David Robertson, and three sisters, Sharon Powell, Dorthy Bailey and Jo-Diane Himes. She married John William Holler, July 18, 1947, who passed away on Jan. 14, 1969. She married Robert Douglas Richmond, April 7, 1966. She retired from Delco Electronics on April 30, 1988, after 26 years of dedicated service. She was a life-long Peru resident and a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband Robert D. Richmond, Peru; three sons, William (Ginny) Holler, Peru, Robert (Doreen) Holler, Peru, and Brian Richmond, Peru; five grandchildren, Justin Holler, Warsaw, Melissa Holler, Peru, Alexis Holler, Lafayette, Bobby Holler, Peru, and Molly Hollwer, Peru; three step-grandchildren, Kimberly (Michael) Dressel, Columbia, Mo., Michelle (Patrick) Seymoure, Peru, and Rob Sucharski, Peru; and 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by four sisters, Doris (Robert, deceased) Judy, Denver, Kay (Bob) Eckelbarger, Peru, Jean Robertson, Lakeland, Fla., Jane (Paul) Woods, Auckland, New Zealand; and four brothers, Ed (Tammy) Robertson, Kokomo, Jack (Ruth) Robertson, South Charleston, W.Va., Dean (Renee) Robertson, Ashland, Ky., and James Robertson, Ashland, Ky. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2012, at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be held in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church. The obituary may also be read online at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 5, 2012

**Red Holland**, 76, Rochester, passed away at 1 p.m. April 4 at his home. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Armando P. Perez**, 65, of Peru, passed away at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. He was born in Mexico City, Mexico, on Oct. 27, 1946, the son of Antonio and Maria Perez. Armando married Jayne Kobylinski in Chicago, on Feb. 14, 1984, and she survives. He was a 1964 graduate of Tuhley High School, Chicago. Armando had a passion for auto mechanics and that was his vocation until his health forced him to retire. He was a U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran and his military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Armando was a member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church and a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dog, Gabanna. Surviving in addition to his wife, Jayne, is his son, Antonio Perez and his wife Megan of Peru; daughters Connie Church of Peru, Guadalupe Perez of Logansport, and Venessa Edwards and her husband Cordell of Kokomo; grandchildren, Serena Jarvis, Cameron Perez, Curtis Perez and Candace Perez; brothers Jose Perez of Barrington, Ill., Juan Perez of Chicago, and Nicholas Perez of Houston, Texas; sisters, Christine Valimohamod and her husband Wally of Palastine, Ill., Silvia Perez and her husband Armando of Dallas, Texas and Suzy Albor and her husband Gabriel of Houston. His parents preceded him in death. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Armando P. Perez will be held at 10:30 AM, Saturday, April 7, 2012 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway, Peru with Pastor Dave Jodry officiating. Military services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made to the Peru Grace Brethren Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Dorothy A. Noftsgger**, Rochester, died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Eva L. Moore**, age 90, of Noblesville, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2012, at her residence. She was born Oct. 29, 1921, in Pipe Creek Township, Miami County, to the late Carl and Gladys (Moss) Finster. Her brother, Wallace Finster preceded her in death. She married William L. Moore on July 19, 1946. He survives. Other survivors include her children Steven (Danna) Moore, of Nashville; Janice Moore, Indianapolis; her sister, Laura (George) Gaskill; her brothers Ralph (Betty) Finster and Noel (Hazel) Finster. Eva retired as a secretary after 26 years from First Baptist Church. She worked there from Feb. 1, 1960, to May 31, 1986. A service to celebrate her life will be Monday, April 9, 2012 at 11 a.m. in the Leppert Mortuary, Nora

Chapel, with calling Sunday, April 8, 2012 from 5-7 p.m. You may visit [www.leppertmortuary.com](http://www.leppertmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book or share a memory with the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Everett Ray Boston**, 79, Kokomo, and formerly of Cass County, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, near Twelve Mile with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Kerry Townsend**, 45, Peru, died at 9:12 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Lorraine Gilbreath**, 86, of Kokomo, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Howard Regional Health Systems. She was born April 7, 1925. She was the daughter of Roy and Carrie Hutchison (Ewing). On Jan. 17, 1948 she married Jay Gilbreath in Elwood, Ind. and he preceded her in death on Nov. 3, 1995. She attended Kokomo High School. After high school she worked at Delco in Kokomo before getting married. Lorraine and her husband lived for 50 years on their farm near Bunker Hill. Lorraine was a homemaker who after her husband retired, enjoyed spending the winter months at their second home in Florida until 2006. She then retired to Primrose Retirement Homes in Kokomo in 2009. When not working in her yard and flower gardens she was keeping her home immaculate. She also cared for her family. She is survived by a son, Joe Gilbreath, Bunker Hill; a daughter Rebecca Langer, Kokomo; a grandson, Joseph Langer, USAF in Little Rock, Ark.; a sister, Ruth Barlow, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, a brother, a son and two grandsons. Memorial visitation was 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street in Kokomo. A memorial service followed at noon at the mortuary. Burial followed in Crown Point Cemetery. You are invited to read Lorraine's obituary online at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message with the family or order flowers for the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

**Red Holland**, 76, Rochester, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Private services will be held. Burial will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, was entrusted with the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 6, 2012

Ruth Ann Gault 83, Rochester, and formerly of northern Miami County, passed away a 9:05 p.m. Tuesday April 3, 2012, at Life Care Center of Rochester. She was born on Dec. 23, 1928 in Grass Creek, the daughter of Nelson and Lela (McCoy) Hizer. On March 5, 1947, in Grass Creek, she married Earl R. Gault. He preceded her in death on July 22, 2002. Mrs. Gault had worked as a teacher's assistant at North Miami Schools for 12 years, H&R Block Taxes, A.G.P., Peru; R.B.M., Logansport, Chamberlain's, Akron, as well as being a homemaker and working on the family farm. She had attended the Deedsville United Methodist Church, and had been a member of the Ladies Aid. In her spare time she enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading, history, politics, crocheting, singing, and spending time her family. She will be remembered as a wonderful mother and grandmother. Survivors include her daughter, Rosemarie Kleber, Kokomo; sons, Steven and wife Nancy Gault, Mundelein, Ill., Charles and wife D.J. Gault, Rochester, William and wife Judy Gault, Wabash, Douglas and wife Laura Gault, Dayton, Ohio, twelve grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, sister, Jeanne Miller, Grass Creek, Indiana, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sylvia Frances Gault, son, Dwight Gault, grandson, Scott Gault, and brother, Frank Hizer. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday April 7, 2012, at Antioch Baptist Church, Rochester, with the Revs. Jerry Pittman and Bill Babb officiating. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at a later date at Grass Creek Cemetery, Grass Creek. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deedsville United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Everett Ray Boston**, 79, Kokomo, died at 8:50 p.m. Monday, April 2, 2012. Services are 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Joe R. Long** of Menomonee Falls, Wis., passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the age of 76 years. Beloved husband of the late Kay (nee Braden) and Carolyn (nee Gerhart). Loving father of Donald (Lisa) and Michael (Karen). Proud grandfather of Ashley (Ben), Donny, Brandon, Jordan, Taylor and Brad. Dear brother to Jan (Paul) Sermons. In addition to his parents and first wife, Joe was also preceded in death by his brother Jim (Loretta), and granddaughter Shelby Taylor. Joe was an exceptional family man and fabulous father. Visitation for Joe will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Wisconsin

Memorial Park-Chapel of the Chimes, 13235 W. Capitol Drive, Brookfield, Wis. from 1 p.m. until time of memorial services at 2 p.m. Inurnment to follow the memorial service. Special thanks to the nursing staff at Community Memorial Hospital and also to Carolyn for all the care and concern shown to Joe.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Kerry Scott Townsend** (Bird), born July 14, 1966, passed away April 4, 2012. Preceded in death by his father Richard, mother Carol Townsend, and two brothers, Randy and Rich Townsend. Kerry is survived by his two sons, Eric and Anthony, two daughters, Cherees and Taylor, and three grandchildren, Aydenn, Annika and Kiearra, and by his spouse Reja Enyart. He is also survived by his brother Robin Townsend, and sister Teresa Miller. Kerry dedicated every moment of his life to serving those around him, family, friends, and strangers alike. He is a father you look up to, a brother you are proud of, and a friend you admire. His passion was for the people around him, and the outdoors he loved. He was a fisherman, hunter, disc golfer and motorcycle rider. But above all else, he was a family man, always ready to put his family before his own passions. Kerry was a member of the Literary Aid Society, Wabash Valley Coon Hunters, and the Miami Nation of Indians, whom he has volunteered for more than 20 years. Visitation will be April 9, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Miami Nation of Indians complex (Bingo Hall). Funeral service will be April 10, 2012, at noon, also at the Miami Nation of Indians complex. There will be dinner after the funeral at approximately 2 p.m. Memorial donations to the family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 9, 2012

**Antoinette Lewis**, 102, Peru, died Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 4:50 a.m. at Caring Hands Health Care in Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 9, 2012

**Barbara Lee Hay Click**, 83, Denver, passed away at 5:22 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born July 25, 1928 in Deedsville, Ind., she was the daughter of Norman Lee and Pansy Louise Moody Hay. On Jan. 28, 1948, at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden near Denver, she was married to Max Ernest Click, and he preceded her in death on June 14, 1971. Barbara was a member of the Denver Baptist Church where she served as church organist and various other positions for many years and belonged to the Sarah Society. She was a Brownie Scout and Girl Scout leader in the Denver Community and also helped with the local Cub Scouts and any activity in the Denver area where she could offer a talented hand. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, knitting and sharing her creations with family, friends and the children at Riley's Children's Hospital. She volunteered with many organizations and charities where she felt she could help make a difference. She retired from the United States Postal Service from the Kokomo Branch where she had worked for many years. She had formerly worked at the Denver Branch of the Wabash Valley Bank and Trust. Survivors include two sons, Jack Click and wife Laurel, Peru; Terry Click, Kokomo; two daughters, Connie Doud and husband Steven, Wabash; and Susie Fintz, Noblesville; 10 grandchildren, Alecia Davis, Marlayna Schuler, Max Click, Tina Douglas, Hank May, David Kobs, Kelly Hines, Kim Norris, Brant Alpert and Warren Fintz; and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Eileen June Roembke and one grandson, Michael Wayne Click. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at the Denver Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Bate officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church or Susan B. Komen Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 9, 2012

Carl Von Grube Sr., 82, Kewanna, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away on April 6, 2012 at his home. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 9, 2012

**Edward D. Mullikin**, 65, Kokomo, passed away at 9:16 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Waterford Place Health Campus. He was born Jan. 30, 1947, in Peru, Ind., to the late Kenneth V. and Verna E. (Williams) Mullikin. Ed was a 1966 graduate of Peru High School and later served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from Delco Electronics after 30 years of service. He is survived by his partner and friend of 37 years, Philip G. Pine; a daughter Kelli Malinowski, Kokomo; grandchildren Adam and Alex Malinowski, Kokomo; brothers Ronald E. Mullikin, Fla. and Edward Mullikin, Kokomo; a sister, Judy Hess, Ohio; aunts, Betty Williams, Wabash and Agnes Williams, Peru; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers William R. Mullikin and David Lee Mullikin; and an aunt, Rose (Williams) Smith. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes and Crematory Lincoln Road Chapel, Kokomo, with the Rev. Sharon Walker officiating. Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left online at [shirleyandstout.com](http://shirleyandstout.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012



Davis Clare Windom Spearin passed away peacefully, in his 91st year, on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Cherished and much loved father of Terry and daughter-in-law, Marg; fondly remembered and dearly missed by granddaughters, Tara and her husband Aaron, and Marissa and her husband Joe; and loving great-grandfather to Megan, Ben, Matthew, Mackenzie, Lilly, Jack and Eli. Dave embraced life, and his wisdom, compassion and wit enriched everyone whose lives he touched. We are extremely grateful to the wonderful staff at Miller's Merry Manor for their compassionate care. A celebration of Dave's life will be held in the weeks to come. If desired, donations can be made in Dave's honor to the Circus Hall of Fame.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Edward D. Mullikin, 65, Kokomo, passed away at 9:16 p.m. Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Waterford Place Health Campus. He was born Jan. 30, 1947 in Peru, Ind. to the late Kenneth V. and Verna E. (Williams) Mullikin. Ed was a 1966 graduate of Peru High School and later served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from Delco Electronics after 30 years of service. He is survived by his partner and friend of 37 years, Philip G. Pine; a daughter Kelli Malinowski, Kokomo; grandchildren Adam and Alex Malinowski, Kokomo; brothers Ronald E. Mullikin, Fla. and Edward Mullikin, Kokomo; a sister, Judy Hess, Ohio; aunts, Betty Bilodeau, Wabash and Agnes Bowman, Peru; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers William R. Mullikin and David Lee Mullikin; and two aunts, Rose Smith and Mary McIntosh. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes and Crematory Lincoln Road Chapel with the Rev. Sharon Walker officiating. Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left online at shirleyandstout.com.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Karen Sue (Shipman) Sorrill**, 71, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2012 in Miller's Merry Manor. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Kimberly Jo Selleck**, 52, Peru went home to be with her Lord and Savior at 10:27 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012 surrounded by her family in Peru. Born July 27, 1959, in Wabash, Ind. she was the daughter, Fred Junior Selleck and the former Eva Marie Tyler. She attended Independent Christian Fellowship in Peru. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren, going to yard sales, going to church, dancing, and traveling. She is survived by her parents, Fred Selleck and wife, Connie, Peru; and Eva Olivarez, Peru; two children, Shelly Warner and husband, Michael, Peru; and Jeremiah Mosley and wife Heather, Peru; three grandchildren, Brandon Patrick, Cheyenne Patrick, and Iona Clem, all of Peru; three brothers, Michael Selleck and Roger Selleck and wife Stacy, all of Peru, and Steve Selleck and wife Jackie, Butler, Ind.; two sisters, Robin Selleck and Marla See and husband Ron, all of Peru. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Jay Selleck, her stepfather, Joe Olivarez and two nephews, Montana Selleck and Joshua Selleck. Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Jeff Hightower officiating. Private burial will be Friday morning at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday before the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family through the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Larry A. Biddle**, formerly of Peru, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2012 in Largo, Fla. He was born in Montpelier, Ohio, on Dec. 4, 1942, the son of Charles R. and Margaret Watts Biddle. Larry was a 1962 graduate of Peru High School, a graduate of Barber College, and a U.S. Army veteran. His military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Larry was a retired N & W Railroad conductor. He is survived by his daughter Brenda J. (Biddle) Marks, and her husband, Dean of Peru; a grandson Mitchell Marks, sisters Sharon Howard and her husband, Donald, of Peru, and Carol Minyard of Peru; and a brother Terry Biddle and his wife, Carol, of Peru. Several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews also survive along with his former wife, Rhea Biddle. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Gary Biddle. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Larry will be held at the Peru Moose Lodge, 110 N. Broadway, on Wednesday from 5-8:30 p.m.. A light meal of finger foods and desserts will be provided as family and friends share in the memories of the good times that were had with our loved one.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Raymond E. Mongosa**, Peru, passed away in his residence at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 10, 2012

**Robert Martin Smalley**, 88, of Roann, Indiana, died at 5:40 a.m. Sunday, April 8, 2012 at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born February 15, 1924 in Peru, Indiana to William Carl and Edith H. (Opp) Smalley. Bob was a Peru High School graduate and was a World War II Navy Veteran, serving in the South Pacific, from December 1941 to April 1945. He married Helen M. Loucks in Peru, Indiana, on July 28, 1946. She died July 13, 1982. He retired from C&O Railroad in Peru in 1983 after 42 years. He also owned Roann Machine Works/Orthopedic Precision Instruments from 1960-1980. Bob was a

member of the Roann United Methodist Church and was a life member of the American Legion. He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed bowling and woodworking. He is survived by 4 children, Robert Martin (Pam) Smalley IV, and Don (Rose) Smalley, both of Wabash, Larry W. (Karen) Smalley, of Urbana, Indiana and Laura (Louie) Jett of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill & Carl Smalley, and a sister, Esther Myers. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester, Wabash on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Roann United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Robert may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Antoinette I. Lewis**, 102, Peru, passed away at 4:50 a.m., Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born in Peru, on Oct. 6, 1909, the daughter of Ira and Lenetta Sanders Lewis. Antoinette was retired from American Stationery, a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar Rosary Society. She is survived by a sister-in-law Joyce Lewis of North Manchester; nieces and nephews Father Dennis Lewis of Milwaukee, Wis., Mary Kubiak and her husband Norman of Jackson, Wis., Tim Lewis of Waukesa, Wis., Brian Lewis and his wife, Diane of Delafield, Wis., Mark Lewis and his wife, Lauren of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Dorothy Lewis of Milwaukee, Wis., Kevin Lewis of Milwaukee, Wis., Colleen Coon and her husband Tom of Cudahy, Wis., Dr. Jay V. Lewis and his wife Kathleen of Peru, Jennifer Neubauer of Sewickley Heights, Pa., Jeffrey Lewis, Darmstadt, Germany and Carla Murtha of Peru; 18 great-nieces and nephews, one great-great niece and 3 great-great nephews. Antoinette was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Dorothy Bennett, Doris Murtha and Esther Lewis; brothers John V. Lewis and Paul F. Lewis; a sister-in-law Jacqueline Lewis; a nephew Mike Lewis and a great-great niece Virginia Anne Lewis. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Antoinette Lewis will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, April 13, 2012, at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru, with her nephew, the Rev. Dennis Lewis officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. A prayer service will be at 8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Karen Sue (Shipman) Sorrill**, 71, passed away at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 8, 2012, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru, after a long bout of cancer. She was born Sept. 10, 1940, in Peru, to Kenneth W. Shipman and Esther (Confer) Shipman. Both preceded her in death, as did her sister; Sheila Gordon and nephew Jeffrey S. Shipman. Survivors include her brother Darryl Shipman and wife, Chen, Peru, Steve Shipman and wife, Mary, Onward, three nephews, two daughters, Terresa, New York, Rinita, Florida and a son, Jeffery, New York. There will be no visitation or graveside service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Raymond E. Mongosa**, 74, Peru, passed away at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012, at his home. He was born March 14, 1938, at home in Peru, to the late Nathaniel and Mary (Patterson) Mongosa. Raymond was a Peru High School Graduate and later served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Square D after 35 years of service. He is survived by his two sons, Michael and (Cindy) Mongosa, Darren and fiancé (Michelle) Charest all of Peru; his grandchildren, Bonnie Mongosa, Nicholas Mongosa, Brian Mongosa, Jean-Luc Gibbons, Jerome Gibbons and Sabrina all of Peru; great-granddaughter, Madison Mongosa of Peru, brothers Pete (Connie) Mongosa, Don (Mary) Mongosa and Ralph Mongosa of Peru, sister, Sue (Bob) Tucker of Peru, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lawrence (Red) Mongosa, Jacob (Jake) Mongosa; sisters Joyce (Hudson) Jordan and Mary Wolfe, and ex-wife Linda (Shank) Dempsey. A memorial service will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Eagles Lodge, 5th and Grant Street, Peru, with Pastor Rick Tolley officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 12, 2012

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2012, God called home a great man, our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, **Charles K. "Chuck" Latta**, 87, of Peru. He passed away peacefully with his two daughters and his dog, Barney, by his side. He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Peru, to Charles B. and Ida Muriel (Jones) Latta. He enlisted in the Army during World War II and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. On July 10, 1949, he married the love of his life, Marcella (Floyd), who preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 2001. Charles is survived by his daughters Vicky (Tom) McCain, Kokomo, and Debby (Gary) Raber, Peru; granddaughters Kelly McKillip, Carmel, and Sherry Raber, Peru; great-granddaughters Shelby Brown, Ashelyn McKillip and Lilly Raber; his sister, Donna (Glen) Lawrence of Richmond, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother and three sisters. Chuck was a devoted man who dearly loved his family and was always there for them. He was loved and respected by the many who knew him. He always had a joke or story to share with them. He will be sadly missed by his family and those whose lives he touched. Visitation will be on Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Michael Fields and the Rev. Evan Strong officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 12, 2012

**Francis L. Gough**, 90, Peru, passed away at 7:25 a.m. Wednesday, April, 11, 2012, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 12, 2012

**Martha F. Ciavardoni**, 58, passed away on April 10, 2012. She was a devoted and loving wife and sister and for all that knew her. She is survived by her husband, Bill Ciavardoni; a brother Bill McQueen and wife, Nancy; a sister, Cindy Mongosa and husband, Mike and their son, Brian. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and a nephew. Aunt Tata will be greatly missed by her nieces and nephews including Raelynn and Derek Miller, and sister-in-law, Tracy Miller. She will be missed by her sister-in-law, Debbie, and her kids; Ryan, Lindsay, and Jeremiah of Tennessee. There will be no visitation or service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Love offerings may be made to the Martha Ciavardoni Family through the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 12, 2012

**William "Ray" Ault**, 83, of Rochester passed away Tuesday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, in the First Baptist Church, Rochester. Visitation from 4-8 p.m. today at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

**Bonnie J. Sisk**, 67, of Searcy, Ark., died April 11, 2012, at the White County Medical Center. She was formerly of Jonesboro, Ark., but had lived in Searcy for six years. Bonnie loved listening to ballgames and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren play. She is survived by her daughters, Debbi Whaley, Searcy, Lydia (Frank)Smith, Jonesboro; grandchildren Ferrell Whaley, Jr., Kisha Whaley, Felicia Whaley, Quentin Whaley, Austin Jordan, C.J. Bulley, Reagan Gully, Austin Smith, Makayla Smith; great-grandchildren, Kyleigh Whaley, Alex Whaley, Josh Whaley, Matthew Whaley, Maci Gulley; and brothers, Harvey Doss and Owen Doss, both of Searcy. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn Gulley; two sons, Mike Gulley and Baby Boy Gulley; parents, E.R. and Flora Turner Doss; brother, Lloyd Doss; and sisters, Glenda Parker and Gertie Mae Townsend. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at Emerson Memorial Chapel with Curtis Shatley officiating and Jim Griffin serving as eulogist. Burial will follow in Pine Hill Cemetery. Emerson Funeral Home of Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements. Active pallbearers are Austin Jordan, Ricky Bridger, Stevie Griffin, Jimmy Griffin, Jimmy Gulley, Jr., and Jim Drennan. Honorary pallbearers are Ferrell Whaley, Jr., Quentin Whaley, C.J. Gulley and Regan Gulley. Visitation will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. until time of the service. [www.emersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.emersonfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

**Carol J. Leedy**, 65, Plymouth, Ind., loving wife of Stan Leedy, passed away at home on April 11, 2012, after a short battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her father, Dalton A. Griffith, and beloved niece, Laura Griffith. Carol leaves behind her mother, Norma Griffith; brother Dalton Griffith (Francia); and sister, Laura Place (Mike); three children, Lori Wheatley (Mike), Lisa Peters and Jason Leedy (Carol); five grandchildren, Jessica, Joel and Alyssa Noble, Denver and Dalton Peters; and two beloved dogs, Scooter and Bodie. Carol enjoyed daily devotions, her family, animals, gardening, flowers and walking on the beach. She was a graduate of North Miami High School. Carol was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth. Memorial service will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 12987 Peach Rd., Plymouth, 46563. The church is located three and a half miles west of U.S. 31 on 13 th road. The memorial service will be Sunday, April 15 at 5 p.m. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until the time of the service at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Instead of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Marshall County Humane Society, 1165 13 th Rd. P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563. Envelopes will be provided at the memorial service. The family would like to thank Center for Hospice Care. We really appreciate your kindness and excellent care.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

**David Clare Windom Spearin** passed away peacefully, in his 91st year, on Saturday, April 7, 2012. Cherished and much loved father of Terry and daughter-in-law, Marg; fondly remembered and dearly missed by granddaughters, Tara and her husband Aaron, and Marissa and her husband Joe; and loving great-grandfather to Megan, Ben, Matthew, Mackenzie, Lilly, Jack and Eli. Dave embraced life, and his wisdom, compassion and wit enriched everyone whose lives he touched. We are extremely grateful to the wonderful staff at Miller's Merry Manor for their compassionate care. A celebration of Dave's life will be held in the weeks to come. If desired, donations can be made in Dave's honor to the Circus Hall of Fame.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

**Raymond E. Mongosa**, 74, Peru, passed away at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012, at his home. He was born March 14, 1938, at home in Peru, to the late Nathaniel and Mary (Patterson) Mongosa. Raymond was a Peru High School Graduate and later served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Square D after 35 years of service. He was a Miami Indian, and his Indian name was Pheasant. He is survived by his two sons, Michael and (Cindy) Mongosa, Darren and fiancé (Michelle) Charest all of Peru; grandchildren Bonnie Mongosa, Nicholas Mongosa, Brian Mongosa, Jean-Luc Gribbins, Jerome Gribbins and Sabrina

Gribbins, all of Peru; great-granddaughter Madison Mongosa of Peru; brothers Pete (Connie) Mongosa, Don (Mary) Mongosa and Ralph Mongosa of Peru; a sister, Sue (Bob) Tucker of Peru, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lawrence (Red) Mongosa, Jacob (Jake) Mongosa. Sisters; Joyce (Hudson) Jordan and Mary Wolfe, and ex-wife Linda (Shank) Dempsey. A memorial service will be from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Eagles Lodge, 5th and Grant Street, Peru, with Pastor Rick Tolley officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

The **Rev. Francis L. Gough** passed away at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru, on April 11, 2012, at the age of 90. He was born on Sept. 25, 1921, in Alexandria, to the late Isaac and Rosa Gough. Francis graduated from Summitville High School in Summitville. On Oct. 25, 1941, he married Virginia Ruth Adams. During World War II he served in the United States Army in France and Italy. After the war he attended Anderson University, Anderson, to prepare for the ministry. He graduated from Anderson University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was a faithful and devoted Church of God pastor in several states, including Indiana, Iowa, and Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, five sisters, his wife and a daughter, Priscilla. Pastor Gough is survived by his special friend, Joyce Lutton, and sons, Stephen (Carol) of Peru and Mark (Paula) of Fort Wayne. He was the proud grandfather of 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held Monday, April 16, from 4 – 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, in Peru. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, at the funeral home. Dr. Sam Dhanraj, a family friend, and Pastor George Dinkel will officiate. Burial will follow at Vinson Cemetery in Summitville, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Kokomo First Church of God Capital Funds, Kokomo, or A Hope and A Future, adoption ministry, Fort Wayne.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 13, 2012

**Robert L. Newman**, 56, of Rochester, passed away April 11, 2012, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 14, 2012

**Carol J. Leedy**, 65, Plymouth, loving wife of Stan Leedy, passed away at home on April 11, 2012, after a short battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her father, Dalton A. Griffith, and beloved niece, Laura Griffith. Carol leaves behind her husband; her mother, Norma Griffith; brother Dalton Griffith (Francia); and sister, Laura Place (Mike); three children, Lori Wheatley (Mike), Lisa Peters and Jason Leedy (Carol); five grandchildren, Jessica, Joel (Vanessa) and Alyssa Noble, Denver and Dalton Peters; and two beloved dogs, Scooter and Bodie. Carol enjoyed daily devotions, her family, animals, gardening, flowers and walking on the beach. She was a graduate of North Miami High School. Carol was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth. Memorial service will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 12987 Peach Rd., Plymouth, 46563. The church is located three and a half miles west of U.S. 31 on 13th road. The memorial service will be Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. Friends may call from 3 - 5 p.m. at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Instead of flowers, donations will be accepted for the Marshall County Humane Society, 1165 13th Rd. P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563. Envelopes will be provided at the memorial service. The family would like to thank Center for Hospice Care. We really appreciate your kindness and excellent care.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 14, 2012

Harold Keith West, 81, Rochester, died at 9:48 a.m. Friday, April 13, 2012 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 14, 2012

**Levi W. Stutzman**, 83, Peru and formerly of Elwood, died Wednesday. Survivors include a son, Charlie (Stacie) Stutzman, Peru. Services were at 6 p.m. Friday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, Elwood. Burial is today in Kalona, Iowa.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 16, 2012

**Donald Munger**, Twelve Mile, died at 9:15 p.m. April 14, 2012 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 16, 2012

**Mark Edward Hiers**, 57, passed away April 14, 2012 at 7 a.m. He was born Nov. 25, 1954 in Peru, Ind. He was preceded in death by his father Ira J. Hiers. He is survived by his mother, Frances (Fisher) Hiers; his children, daughter Melissa M. Hiers and husband Morgan Travers, and son Jonathan J. Hiers and wife Toni; his brother and sister-in-law Eric Hiers and Deb Hiers; his sister Krista Szczepankowski; and his nephew Chester Szczepankowski. Mark was a loving father and son, a loyal friend to many and a dedicated employee of Square D Company where he worked as a welder and manufacturer for over 30 years. He was best known for his skill as a traditional archer, Fletcher, hunter and outdoorsman. His father, an Air Force veteran, inspired a lifelong love of aircraft and the art of war. Over the years, he performed as a musician, magician and built an encyclopedic body of knowledge of weapons and firearms of all kinds. Mark touched the lives of everyone he met with his kindness, humor,

leadership and willingness to teach. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Charles E. (Chuck) Arnett**, 77, Peru, died at his residence April 16, 2012, at 12:06 a.m. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Donald M. Munger**, 75, Twelve Mile, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Saturday April 14, 2012, at his home. He was born at home on Feb. 28, 1937, in Angola to the late Roland and Maxine (Fisher) Munger. Donald attended Orland High School Class of 1955. He retired from the City of Peru after 23 years of service as a Mechanic. From his first wife Barbara Dilsaver Munger he is survived by three sons, Roland Munger and wife Krissy of Kokomo, Donald Munger Jr. Peru, Charles Munger and wife Tammy of Macy, and one daughter Connie Holland Heyer and husband Randal of New Haven. Grandchildren are Mary, Krystal, Alishia, Donnie Jr., Grace Lee, Brooke, Joshua, Derek, Bethany and Zack, and there also are nine great-grandchildren. Donald remarried Michelle Roberts (Byers) in 2001 where he helped her raise her children, Gary Roberts, Kage DeFore of Twelve Mile and Natasha Rector of Illinois. Don is also survived by one brother, Marvin Munger of Angola. He was preceded in death by his parents: Roland and Maxine (Fisher) Munger and his first wife, Barbara Munger (Dilsaver). Viewing will be Wednesday April 18, from 4-7 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Pastor Darlene DeHaai officiating. Funeral services will be Thursday April 19 at 11 a.m., with burial at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery with a dinner immediately following at the Twelve Mile United Methodist Church in Twelve Mile.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Harold Keith West**, 84, Rochester, died April 13. Services 11 a.m. Friday, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Rochester. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester and one hour prior to the service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Hugh C. Young**, 92, Northport, Fla., passed away at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**James C. Mavrick** peacefully passed away surrounded by family in Montgomery, Ala., on April 5, 2012, after an eight-day illness. Jim had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for nearly three years. Jim was born on June 3, 1942, to Chris and Donna Mae (Page) Mavrick. Both parents are deceased. Jim is survived by his wife, Sharon "Jodie" (Jordan) Mavrick. Jim has two sisters, Sandra (Mavrick) Westcott and husband Harry of Loudon, Tenn., and Susan (Mavrick) Landgrave and husband Richard Landgrave of Peru. His sister-in-law is Phyllis' (Jordan) Blythe. His children are Donna Mavrick, Palm Bay, Fla., and Julie (Mavrick) Wixon, and husband Fred, from Montgomery, Ala., Angela (Mavrick) Walker and her companion, Max Glassburn, of Peru. Jim was married to Betty Joann (Graves) Mavrick (deceased). They had the following children: Chris and wife Missy Mavrick, Greentown, Jason and wife Kelly Mavrick, Kokomo, and Barbara McIntire and her companion, Johnna Stansberry, of Kokomo. One son, David Mavrick, and one daughter, Pam McIntire Barber, are deceased. Jim's grandchildren are Whitney Walker, Lauren Walker, Andy Wixon, Jacob and Stephanie (Wixon) Lambert, Brooke McKenzie, Hayley Mavrick, Lizzy Mavrick, Candice Mavrick, Levi Mavrick, Lucy Mavrick, Molly Mavrick, Charley Mavrick, Jaime and Andrea McIntire, Jordan Martin and Halston Mavrick. Jim was also a proud great-grandfather, having had three great-grandchildren in the past six weeks, Elayna White, 2 weeks old, Annabelle Lambert, 6 weeks old and Lily Jo McIntire, 1 week old, and a great-grandson, Kenny McIntire. Jim had two special aunts, Cleo (Mavrick) Maragos and Deanne Mavrick, both from Chicago. He is also survived by eight nieces and nephews. Jim had two cats that were "his boys", Bartley and Beauregard. Jim was of Greek descent. He was very proud of his heritage and loved genuine Greek food. Jim worked at General Motors in Kokomo, for 40 years, retiring from a supervisory position. His passion was sports. Jim bowled with a team in Kokomo for many years and enjoyed talking about the good times he had with the guys. He was a baseball umpire and a football referee. He coached and worked with young people in baseball for many years. Jim's grandchildren are very involved in sports such as tae kwon do, softball, baseball, football, basketball and volleyball and one of the greatest joys of his life was watching them play. He was their greatest fan. Jim was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, along with Chicago White Sox and the Indianapolis Colts. Jim loved Florida, he and Jodie had a home there where they spent winters for the last nine years. While there, he enjoyed going to baseball spring training games. Gathering of friends and family to celebrate the life of Jim Mavrick is scheduled to be held at the Old Firehouse Ministries Event Center, 12 N. Miami in Peru on Saturday, April 21, 2012 beginning at 6 p.m. The Rev. George Dinkel will conduct the service which will begin at 7:30 PM. The family invites anyone to share a favorite story or memory of Jim. If they prefer to write it down, the minister will read it. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Envelopes will be provided at the service.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 17, 2012

**Ruth Adelle Nelson Nixon**, 94, Kokomo, died Saturday, April 14, 2012. She was born May 30, 1917 in Milroy, Ind, the daughter of Lloyd Truitt Nelson and Merle Ruth Ging Nelson Warner. She graduated from Kokomo High School in 1934 and attended two years at Kokomo Junior College. On Sept. 20, 1940, she married Hugh Fisher Nixon of Kokomo. She was employed as bookkeeper for 28 years at Kelvie Press. She was a devout Christian, played the organ and taught Sunday school. She was a member of Macedonia Christian Church, Kappa Chapter Psi Iota Xi, and Kokomo Duplicate Bridge Club. She was president of the PTA, a welcome wagon hostess and enjoyed gardening. She is survived by sister, Janet Pell; daughters, Linda S. Crawford of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Janet R. Nixon of Avon Park, Fla.; son, Hugh L. Nixon and wife Lesley of Peru; grandchildren, Kent Whitfield, Lori Nicole Delaney, Lisa Brown, Gregg Whitfield, Joshua Nixon, Ross Nixon, Alison Epperson, Erin Clendenen, and Courtney Hudson; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh F. Nixon; her parents; and her brother, Kenneth A. Nelson. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Greenwood officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visiting hours will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Macedonia Christian Church, 1532 S. 500 E., Kokomo, Ind. 46902. Online messages of condolence may be made at [www.sunsetmemorygarden.com](http://www.sunsetmemorygarden.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**Anna Sue Wolfe**, 52, Milltown, went home to be with the Lord on April 13, 2012 at IU Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born Sept. 28, 1959 in Elwood, Ind. to the late H.R. and Mary Miller. Anna earned a bachelor of art degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1982 and was employed by Girls, Inc. in Bloomington and Indianapolis; and Blue River Services, Ind., where she was employed 14 years until her retirement. Survivors include her husband, Henry John Wolfe, a daughter Carrie Anne Wolfe; a brothers, John Miller wife Cathy; sisters, Deborah Justinson husband Tom, Rebecca Shelby, Dinah Fuller husband John and nine nieces and nephews. She was a homemaker, a licenses Foster mother, and a member of the Crawford County Church of Christ. Anna was a woman of prayer and had a deep love for people, especially children, and had an unshakable faith in God and His goodness. Visitation was Tuesday at Lover Funeral Home in Pamyra, Ind. and today from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hillview Christian Church in Marengo, Ind. Funeral service is today at 3 p.m. at the Hillview Christian Church in Marengo, Ind. with burial at Batman Ridge Cemetery in Milltown, Ind. Family suggests memorial gifts to the Lupus Foundation of America.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**Charles E. Arnett**, 77, went to be with his Heavenly Father at 12:06 a.m. April 16, 2012 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Royalton, Ky., on Feb. 21, 1935, to Ellis and Molly (Bailey) Arnett. He married Mildred Oaks on Oct. 2, 1957. He had a God given talent playing the piano and guitar. He played piano at First Assembly of God for many years. He was a hardworking man all of his life and owned and operated Chuck's Asphalt and Paving. He loved the outdoors, but most of all he loved his family and God. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mildred: four sons, Gary (Nancy) Arnett, Donald (Jayne) Arnett, Jerry (Linda) Arnett, Emmanuel (Rosa) Arnett, two daughters, Sherry (Rick) Spires, Terry (Bob) Wright, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren; his mother Molly, four brothers, Harry, Leon, Larry, Bernie, one sister Charlene. He was preceded in death by his father, Ellis. Visitation will be on Thursday April 19 from 2-7 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 365 Monroe Ave, Peru. Services will be on Friday April 20th at 10 a.m. at First Assembly of God. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**Hugh C. Young**, 92, Northport, Fla., passed away at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Fla. Born Sept. 19, 1919, in Twelve Mile, he was the son of Glen O. and Reba A. Buck Young. On Dec. 12, 1942, in New York, he was married to Berniece V. Musselman, and she preceded in death on Oct. 10, 2003. Hugh was a childhood member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church near Twelve Mile, and he was a lifelong Methodist. He was a currently Port Charlotte United Methodist Church and former member of Beach United Methodist. After graduating from Twelve Mile High School, he attended Purdue University where he studied physical education and health. He then enlisted with the United States Navy and served in Hawaii. Hugh was a teacher and basketball coach at Lapaz High School and Beach Grove Junior High and High School. During his term as basketball coach at Lapaz, he led four teams to sectional championships. Survivors include three children, Glenn F. Young and wife Cindy, St. Louis, Mo.; Nila J. Dailey, Zionsville; and Sue Baxter and husband Les; Valparaiso; nine grandchildren and several great- and great-great grandchildren; one brother, Charles A. Young, Indianapolis; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Grismore, Muncie; and one brother-in-law, Paul Chester, Denver. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Acel and Arthur Young; and one son-in-law, Jim Dailey. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Visitation will be from 9-11:00 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**John "Jack" Kennedy**, 57, Peru, died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in Saint Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**Marie Hitlaw**, 54, Wabash, passed away at 8:00 AM, Monday, April 16, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born in Glenn Cove, N.Y., on Nov. 13, 1957, the daughter of Joseph John and Marie Ann Calsetta Kelly. She married Jimmy Hitlaw on March 31, 2006 in Wabash, IN. She was an animal control officer in North Hempstead, N.Y. She is survived by her mother, Marie Ann Kelly of Spokane, Wash.; Jimmy Hitlaw of Wabash; a daughter Danielle Marie Rivera, of Muncie; a son, Rafael Joseph Rivera of Peru; a daughter Brenda Rivera of New York; a sister Patricia Beck and her husband Robert of Spokane, Wash., and an uncle Al Calsetta and his wife, JoAnne, of Georgia. A memorial service celebrating the life of Marie Hitlaw will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Family and friends will gather 5-7 p.m., Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

The **Rev. Eugene "Gene" Virgil Personett**, 74, Logansport, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:23 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by his loving family and friends. Gene was born on Sept. 27, 1937, in Mishawaka, the son of Virgil S. and Verna Pearl Gustin Personett. He graduated from South Bend John Adams High School in 1956 and attended Franklin College. Gene later obtained a B.S. Degree from Indiana University and a Masters Degree from Trinity Theological Seminary. He was ordained a minister in 1957. Gene was married to Mary V. Knox on Nov. 5, 1957, in South Bend. Their union brought four children: Dale W., Nola D., Stacey L., and Wendy S. They were married until 1980. On April 27, 1991, in Versailles, Gene was married to Mary M. Keller Large and his family grew to include her three children: Duane J., Deborah S., and Diane M. Together, Gene and Mary celebrated nearly twenty-one years of marriage. Through the years, Gene served as pastor at several churches in Indiana and Georgia. His last pastoral assignments were at Perrysburg Baptist Church and Chili Baptist Church. He was also involved in the probation field and had served as a probation officer in several Indiana counties. Gene served as Chaplain at Tyson Foods in Logansport for a few years and operated the Interventions Counseling Center in Logansport for ten years. Gene is survived by his wife Mary; two sons, Dale Personett, Sellersburg, Indiana and Duane Large, Logansport; five daughters, Nola Hines, Fulton; Debbie Bell and husband Phil, Kokomo; Stacey Kesler and husband Blake, Kewanna; Diane Pendley and husband Tony, Syracuse, Utah; and Wendy Sutton and husband Steve, Kewanna. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Robert Personett, serving with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan; Bo Hines, Fulton; Faith Brown and husband Ted, Kewanna; Lyndy Szmara, and husband Zach, Marion; Zek Kesler, Kewanna; Jake Kiss, Kewanna; Luke and Tanner Sutton, Kewanna; Caitin Pendley and wife Candace, Ogden, Utah; Marissa Frederick and husband Aaron, Ewa Beach, Hawaii; Tristan Pendley, Syracuse, Utah; Mollie Bell, Kokomo; and James Bell, Kokomo; seven great-grandchildren, Lilly and Ava Hines, Chloe and Barrett Brown, Isaac Szmara, and Jayden and Brookelynn Frederick; two sisters, Rosemary Hudson, South Bend and Dorothy Peoples, Renton, Washington; as well as many sisters-and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law, Jacque C. Hudson, and James Peoples. Gene was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a friend to many. He thoroughly enjoyed the time spent with his family. Gene was a man who lived his faith every day. He will be truly missed by those who loved him. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Glenn McLay officiating. Burial will follow in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey. Visitation will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life or Guardian Angel Foundation.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**Robert Lee Newman**, 56, Rochester, died at 7:16 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at his residence. Service is at 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is two hours prior.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 18, 2012

**W.B. "Mal" Malaby**, 96, of Rochester passed away on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, in Stuart, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Alice Fay Garber**, 63, rural Peru, died at 6:02 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2012, at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born on Oct. 28, 1948, in Greenup, Ky., to Walter J. and Mary Alice (Fairchild) Lotz Jr. She married Terry Garber on Aug. 30, 1974. He survives. Also surviving are a son, Richard Garber, Peru; a daughter, Shanon Carter, Bowling Green, Ky.; two brothers, Ed Lotz of Illinois and Gary Stienhour of Ohio; three sisters, Freda Maxwell, Bunker Hill, Diana Jennings, Florida and Becky Res, Ohio; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son, Denny Garber, a daughter, Catherine Catterton, both parents and two brothers. Mrs. Garber was a homemaker. Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April

21, 2012, at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Pastor Brad Bahler will officiate. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Evelyn C. Yaney**, 105, North Manchester, died Wednesday. Service 10 a.m. Saturday at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester. Calling one hour prior to service at Timbercrest Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to McKee Mortuary, North Manchester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Harriett V. Simpson Haines Gothard**, 100, formally of Lafayette, died Wednesday April 11, 2012, at Waterford Health Campus in Kokomo. Harriett was born on March 1, 1912, in Miami County, daughter of Walter and Louie Simpson. She graduated from Peru High School in 1929, and married Ora C. Haines on June 28, 1931. Ora preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1972. Harriett married Arthur Gothard on Nov. 10, 1984, and he preceded her in death on July 8, 2005. Harriett worked in Miami County Treasurer's office for 12 years while Ora Haines was auditor 4 years and county treasurer for 8 years. They then moved to Indianapolis where she worked as secretary for Phillips Petroleum Company and later moved to Lafayette where she worked as a secretary for Conder Farm Management Services. She later worked for Crestview Church for 20 years where she is a member. She enjoyed working and worked until the age 82, she also very much enjoyed her Grandchildren & Family. Harriett is a life member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in Lafayette, where she received the first "City Wide Girl of the Year" award from 10 chapters in 1960, and received 70 year award in 2011. In 2006, Harriett moved to Kokomo Greentree Assisted Living, where she resided until February 2012. Surviving are a daughter, Jane Haines Ober (husband, Herbert Andy) of Kokomo; a daughter, Beverly A. Hamilton, of Shingle Springs, Calif., one step son Jim Gothard and wife, Susie, of Lafayette. Also surviving are grandchildren David Ober, (wife, Lisa), of Peoria Ill., and Kandi Lucas, (husband, Ken), of Kokomo, Daniel Ober, (wife, Amy), of Algonquin, Ill., Debra Lisenby, (husband, Jerry) of Sacramento, Calif., Vicki Herd, (husband, Michael) of Eldorado Hills, Calif., Sheryl Kayley, (husband, Mike) of Sacramento, Calif., Cindi Lemaster, (husband, Sean) of Eldorado Hills, Calif., Sandra Francis, of Sacramento, Calif., and 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters Marie Stitsworth Engels, of Peru, and Maxine Bush Summers, of Indianapolis and Peru, and one half-brother Perry O. Simpson of Wabash. Funeral service will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel in Peru, on Friday April 20, 2012, at noon with visitation one hour before the service at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel and burial will follow service. Arrangements Are Entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**John "Jack" Kennedy**, 57, of Peru, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at Saint Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born July 10, 1954, in Indianapolis, the son of Joseph and Phyllis Siler Kennedy. He married Karmen Grainger on Aug. 4, 1977 in Minot, N.D. and she survives. Jack served in the U.S. Air Force and his military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. He was employed by the City of Peru Street Department and a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. Jack was known by many as "Tattoo Jack" and he had a passion for CB Radio where his CB handle was "Martian". He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2009 and fought it for three years until his passing. He is survived by his wife, Karmen Kennedy; his children Johnny Kennedy of Peru, Courtney Kennedy of Peru, Ashley Stanfield and her husband, Andrew, of Peru, and Christie Kennedy of Peru; grandchildren Hayley Townsend, Joseph Townsend, Alexis Stanfield and Austin Stanfield and a brother, Michael Kennedy, of Peru. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Kennedy. A service celebrating the life of Jack Kennedy will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Father Douglas Hungerford officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4-8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Marjorie Rozella "Grandma" Johnson**, 90, Peru, joined past loved ones at 2:15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Jan. 21, 1922, in Peru to Lowell Edgar and Leah Anderson Burke on her father's 21st birthday. Marjorie attended schools in Clay Township, Miami County, Galveston, Cass County, Elmwood in Peru and graduated at Grass Creek High School in Fulton County in 1939. Growing up she worked in the store and bath house at Fletcher's Lake for her parents. She was secretary to Mr. Shambarger during her senior year. Her first job was making the tax duplicates in the Miami County Treasurer's Office from January 1940 to August, 1942. She spent many hours helping her mother cook at the Miami County Jail and the Peru Civic Center. She met the love of her life, Robert Johnson, at the Coffee Shop behind the Senger Dry Goods store in 1942 and married three months later. They always resided in Butler Township after living in three different houses along 450 East, settling in her current home which they built in 1946. She worked for John Wylie in the Extension Office, was a 4-H leader, worked from 1956 for eight years at Triplex in shipping and billing on North Grat Street in Peru. She also worked for Pfarrer Plating in Walton, for eight years and Continental Construction for three years, retiring due to her husband's declining health. Through her life she farmed, logged, baled hay for others, hauled fertilizer and

livestock, drove semi and raised pigs. She is survived by her siblings, Vivian Edwards (Gerald) Peru, Irma Dinwiddie (Tom, deceased) Kokomo, Loren Burke (Sue) Las Vegas, Nev. Her daughter, Jolene Ekstrom (Frank) Peru and her son, Deryl Johnson (Jane) Peru. Grandchildren, Roger Ekstrom (Gail), Kalene Zawar (Zari), Linda Baker (Bill), Deborah Hahn, Shayne Johnson, Sheryl Michael (Danny) and Deryn Johnson. Great-grandchildren are Guy, Jacob (Tina, fiancée), Jeffrey, Michael, Crystal (Joshua), Cammi (Bryan), Christy (Wayne), Casey, Brayden and Brysen. Great-great-grandchildren are Braxton and Megan. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter in law Vicki Johnson and grandson, Shawn Johnson. Marjorie was an avid photographer, scrapbooker and family historian tracing her genealogy. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her as her wit, smile and stories kept us entertained. A library has been lost. A celebration of her life will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, on Friday, April 20 from 4-7 p.m. with services led by Pastor Brian Daniels on Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery, Indiana 218. Lunch will be served by the Peoria Women's group for family and friends at the church near the Mississinewa Spillway. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Phil Nafziger**, 67 of Rochester passed away at 3:01 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, shortly after admission. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 19, 2012

**Richard F. Kile**, 61, Greencastle passed away at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Greencastle. He was born in Peru, on Aug. 27, 1950, to Richard F. and Virginia (Thompson) Kile. He was a retired computer programmer. He is survived by his sister, Romona Thompson, Chicago, and a nephew, Samuel Ryan Zavala. He was preceded in death by both his parents and a brother, Russell Kile. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 23, 2012

**David Allen Baker**, 57, Peru, died at 6:15 p.m. April 21, 2012, at his residence surrounded by his family. Services are 11:30 a.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 24, 2012

David Allen Baker, Peru, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on his 57th birthday, April 21, 2012 at his residence surrounded by his family. Born April 21, 1955 in Peru, he was the son of the late Cloyne David and Marjorie Louise Nickels Baker. On Dec. 21, 1974 in Michigan, he married Vickie Lynn Miller, and she preceded in death on July 11, 2001. He was employed at Bryan Steam in Peru, where he worked until his health declined last fall. He was a member of the Eagle's Lodge, Peru. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed looking for mushrooms and arrow heads. Survivors include his three children, Scott Allen Baker, Wabash; Misty Dawn Baker, Peru; Nicole Lynn Baker, Peru; three grandchildren, Scotty and Stormy Baker, and Shawna Cook, all of Peru; his companion, Brenda Wolfe; and one brother, Daniel Baker and wife Tammi, Denver. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Tom Baker; and one sister, Rita Clark. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Johnny Thompson officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 24, 2012

**Marjorie J. Rhodes**, 83, Rochester, died at 11:12 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 24, 2012

**Ruthanna Borden**, 94, Peru passed away on Monday, April 23, 2012 at St. Vincent's Heart Center, Carmel. She was born in Miami County on June 8, 1917, the daughter of Earl and Hazel Pence Agness. Ruthanna married Harold Borden on Dec. 31, 1940 and he preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1999. Ruthanna was a 1935 graduate of Clay Township High School and a retired Butler Township homemaker. They lived on their family farm for 58 years and she moved to the Blair Ridge retirement community in 2001 and resided there until her death. Ruthanna and Harold also wintered in Bradenton, Fla. for 27 years. She was a member and active in the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, where she had served as President of the United Methodist Women. She was active in the Butler Happy Homemakers for over 70 years and she served as a Pink Lady for the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Ruthanna was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother and a loving grandmother. She enjoyed sewing, gardening, ceramics and making afghans for her family. She delighted in entertaining her family and friends for special events and celebratory dinners. Surviving are sons Glenn (Janellyn) Borden, Fort Wayne; and Max (Janey) Borden, Rochester, and a daughter Marcia (John) Graft, Fishers. Grandchildren include Jeffrey (Sara) Borden, Walton; Philip (Catherine) Borden, Cambridge, Mass.; Greg (Julie) Borden, Naples, Fla.; Abigail (Kevin) Renie, Rochester; Nicholas (Lindsay) Borden, Naples, Fla.; Ryan (Alison) Graft, Carmel; Shawn (Alex) Graft, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Great grandchildren are Jacob Borden; Reece and Davis Renie; Cole, Anna and Brooke Borden; and Claire and Elise Graft. Also



surviving are sisters Geneva Willson, Kokomo; Carolyn Einselen, Peru; and a brother Gene (Fern) Agness, Bradenton, Fla. Preceding her in death were brothers Mark, Herman, Thurman, and Richard Agness and a sister Beulah Harts. A service celebrating the life of Ruthanna Borden will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 27, 2012 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 East, Amboy, IN, 46911, with Pastor Steve Austin officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Thursday, April 26 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. Memorial donations may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 25, 2012

**James Manning**, 75, Rochester, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 26, 2012

**James Manning**, 75, Rochester, died at 9:55 a.m. April 24, 2012. Services will be 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Friday, 11:30 p.m. Saturday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 26, 2012

**Michelle Keim Douglas**, 37, Peru, passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 9:30 p.m. at Hickory Creek of Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 26, 2012

**Ollie G. Reedy**, 92, North Fort Myers, Fla. died April 23, 2012. Loving sister of William L. (Myrtle) Burks of Peru. For information, call Hodges Funeral Home, 239-334-4880.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 27, 2012

**Michelle Lynn (Keim) Douglas**, 37, of Peru passed away at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. She was born Jan. 7, 1975, to Donald and Vickie (Rogers) Keim. She married David Douglas on Feb. 20, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband David Douglas, her grandparents Ronald and Donna Keim and Hugh Sr. and Jessie Rogers; and her mother-in-law Cindy Clemons. Michelle was a graduate of North Miami High School. She was a 10 year 4H member and a member of the Indiana Junior Angus Association. She worked as a CNA for many years. She enjoyed watching her children play sports. Survivors including her parents are a daughter, Brittany Keim, Denver, two sons Joey and Anthony Chasteen Taylorsville, a brother Ryan (Wendy) Keim, Denver, and a father-in-law John Clemons, Peru. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Mexico Church of the Brethren. Officiating the service will be Ryan Keim and Brad Eckerly. Friends and family may call on the family from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be immediately following the service at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Flowers Leedy Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home in the form of a love offering to help offset funeral costs and set up a trust for her children.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 28, 2012

Retired **Master Sgt. Donald E. Streeter** passed on April 27, 2012, at 9:42 a.m. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lavonne, daughter, Joyce and son, Wayne Mithun. Surviving are his son, Richard J. (Wilma Jo) Streeter; daughter Judith (Floyd) Detamore; daughter-in-law Terry Mithun; five grandchildren, Donald (Gretchen) Nelson, Pat (Caryen) Mithun, John K. Streeter, Richard J. Streeter Jr., and Wendy (Paul) Veade; and ten great-grandchildren. Donald loved fishing, hunting and NASCAR. He was very much a family man, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Friends may call Monday from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. The funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill, Ind. Military service will be proved by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements are entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. Cash or check donations to help with funeral expenses should be directed to Richard J. Streeter Sr.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 28, 2012, Monday, April 30, 2012

**Maxine Helton**, 87, Kokomo, died Thursday, April 25, 2012 at 6:33 a.m. at Waterford Place Health Campus. She was born June 17, 1924, in Miami County, to John and Jessie (Durr) Glassburn. She married Gerald Helton April 8, 1944. He preceded her in death Nov. 26, 2008. She is survived by daughters Paula Sue (James)Lyons, Waupecong, and Bonnie (Ray) Bakehorn, Waupecong; sister Carol Hartgrove, Bunker Hill; grandchildren Melissa Lyons, Steven (Engele) Lyons, Heather (Heath) Williamson and Holly (Michael) Dalton; and great-grandchildren Hayleey Williamson, Haydeon Williamson, Meagan Volpi and Aly Dalton. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; and five sisters. The funeral will take place Tuesday, May 1, at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with burial to take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County, Ind. Friends may call from 4 – 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the funeral home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, April 30, 2012

**Geda May Garling**, 71, Twelve Mile, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. Born on June 8, 1940, in Silver Point, Tenn., she was the daughter of Ruben P. and Flossie Virginia Smith Jones. On July 4, 1985, in Logansport, Ind., she was married to Gailon A. Garling, and he survives. She loved gardening, flowers, traveling to horse shows with her husband and most of all she loved hosting family dinners. She worked at Orion Safety Products for many years. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind three children, Tana Sons and husband Butch, Peru, Raymie Smith and wife Jaimie, Twelve Mile, and Donald Smith and wife Tammy, Logansport; three brothers, Jerry Jones and wife Jonetta, Monticello, Leon Jones and wife Cathy, Tennessee, and Clifford Jones, Logansport; two sisters, Oneta McFatridge and Catherine Jones, both of Logansport. Also surviving are her dearly loved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Visitation will be from 3 – 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 1, 2012

**Carolynn Patricia Morris**, 55, died April 26, 2012. Memorial service held 7-9 p.m. Saturday, at Church of God of the Union Assembly, Kokomo. There will be no burial, as Carolynn donated her body to science.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 3, 2012

Memorial services for **James Peter “Pete” Jarding**, 76, are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church. He died Feb. 27, 2012. The Rev. Francis Kilcline III will officiate. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 3, 2012

**Mildred P. Mullins**, 87, Rochester, died 6:38 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Services are 10 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. Friday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 4, 2012

**Evelyn L. Wouster**, 81, of Peru, Indiana passed away at 3:05 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, Ind. She was born in Logansport, Ind., on Aug. 20, 1930 the daughter of Ruby James and Aldeana Land Boussom. Evelyn married Michael J. Wouster in Peru, Ind. on May 15, 1971 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 2006. Evelyn was a 1948 graduate of Kokomo High School and worked as the Manager of the Snack Bar at Peter’s Drug Store and also was the former manager of YMCA Food Services in Kokomo. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar and Rosary Society and the Women of the Moose. She is survived by her daughters, Theresa Worley and her husband David of Frankfort, Ind., Keely Marie Fultz and her husband Tim of Syracuse, Ind., and Dana Michele Hatfield of Kentucky. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Torie Benefiel and her husband Gene, John Paul Worley and fiancée Kelbie Hayden and Cierra Fultz, and great-grandchildren, Cody Benefiel, Blake Williams, Peter Williams, Michael Benefiel, Tayah Worley and Lane Worley. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Michael, a daughter Anita Louise Davy and two grandchildren, Heather Worley and David H. Worley. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Evelyn L. Wouster will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2012 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. 5th St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, family and friends will gather from 3 to 7 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., Friday at the Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the St. Charles Catholic Church or to St. Vincent DePaul. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, May 5, 2012

**Barbara E. McClain Stoner**, 82, Peru, died at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Peru. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**Barbara Ellen McClain Stoner**, 82, Peru, passed away at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Peru. Born Feb. 7, 1930 in Peru, Indiana she was the oldest daughter of Tracy Earl and Keturah Elizabeth Cutshall McClain. On Dec. 7, 1947 in Convington, Ky. she was married to Hugh Edward Stoner, and he preceded in death on Dec. 25, 1996. Barbara was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren, the Peru Gardening Club, and a 50-year member of the Eastern Star. She was a graduate of Peru High School in 1948. She later earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Manchester College and obtained a Master’s in Education from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne. She retired from the Miami County Department of Family and Social Services. She is survived by her four children, Susan Elaine Stoner, Lakewood, Colorado; Jane Ellen Conrad and husband Keith, Peru; Linda Elizabeth Miller and husband Steven, Logansport; and Bryan Edward Stoner and his wife Teresa, Kansas City; 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; one brother, Hal Wayne McClain, Denver; two sisters-in-law, Betty Anne McClain, Lancaster, PA; and Retha McClain, Lake County, Indiana. She was preceded in death by one sister, Donna May Welty; two brothers, Eugene Earl and Oden Lee McClain; and her twin brother, Bernard Ellis McClain who died as an infant. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at the Mexico Church of the Brethren

with Pastor Dave Beebe officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery, Chili, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Garden Club.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**Charles D. Thorpe**, 53, Goshen, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 6, 2012, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**Kathy Louis (Mort) Flory**, 54, Akron, died at 11:50 p.m. Friday. Services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation 4-8 p.m. today and one hour before service at funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**LaVerne Spencer**, Peru, died at 9:40 a.m. May 6, 2012 at Caring Hands, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**Lonnie D. Shell**, 68, Peru, died at 8:42 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 7, 2012

**Thomas N. Cook Sr.**, 82, Mexico, died at 3:25 p.m. May 4, 2012 in Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Cranberry, W. Va. on Sept. 8, 1929 to Booster and Lettie (Dickens) Cook. He married Lessie I. (Walker) Cook Oct. 14, 1960 and she survives. Thomas worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital, and was a retired Air Force veteran who worked on maintenance. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. Thomas was survived by daughters, Carmen Bickel and Jennifer (Brad) Stevens, Peru; a son, Thomas N. (Donna) Cook Jr., Peru; and a brother, Charles D. Cook. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, a daughter Joyce Cook and one grandson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials to: The First Church of the Nazarene through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military service by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 8, 2012

**Jeff Eric Range**, was born April 17, 1966 at Dukes Hospital in Peru, Indiana, to Ernie Range and Sally (Sampson) Mylet. He passed peacefully from this life on Sunday, May 6, 2012, 6:30 pm at IV Medical Center in Indianapolis, after a noble fight with tonsil cancer. Jeff attended Maconaquah High School and Kokomo Christian where he played basketball. Jeff is survived by his mother and stepfather Sally and John Mylet of Tipton, his sister Debby Mullikin of Peru, maternal grandmother Betty Sampson of Peru, and step-grandmother Coleen Mylet of Converse, step-brothers Mark Mylet of Fort Wayne, and Dan Mylet of Woodridge, Ill. Also surviving are aunt's Dorothy Range of Peru, Sue Allred of Fishers, and uncle Ronald Sampson of Torrance, Calif. Also surviving Jeff from Peru are his nephew Derek Mullikin, his niece Aimee Mullikin and her son Izaac, and his niece Tiffany Johnson with her daughters Makenna and Taylor, Jeff's greatest joys. Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Ernie Range, paternal grandparents Hugh and Marcella Range and maternal grandfather Merle Sampson. Jeff was a skilled organizer and caretaker. He was known for his clever sense of humor and inspiring laugh. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 W. Third St., Peru. The Funeral will begin at 7 p.m. Memorials to American Cancer through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 8, 2012

**Virginia Kapp**, 98, Rochester, died at 3:35 a.m. May 7, 2012. A celebration of her life is at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home. Friends may visit two hours prior to the service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 10, 2012

**Charles Thorpe**, 53, was born in Peru, on Oct. 28, 1958 to the late Mowbray and Caroline (Wright) Thorpe. After fighting a hard battle with cancer Chuck passed at 2:30 a.m. on May 6, 2012 at his home in Goshen. Chuck worked for Elkhart Tool & Die for 18 years. He had been employed at AM General for the past 10 1/2 years. He was a member of the UAW Region 3, District 5. Chuck loved being with his family, coaching his daughters in softball, and riding his Harley. Chuck also had a love for not only music but playing the bass guitar in his band Cuz38, with his band mates Chuck (Cuz) Ousley and Robert (Bb) Lusco. Chuck is survived by his two daughters Shannon Thorpe, Goshen, Stacey Thorpe, Fort Wayne, ex-wife and longtime friend Kathy Thorpe, Berne, and sister Lena Banks, Elkhart. He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, William Thorpe, Paul Thorpe, and Gary Thorpe. The viewing will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, with the funeral service to follow at, Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, followed by the burial at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends and family are encouraged to come celebrate his life at Maconaquah Park immediately after the burial service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Pastor: Scott Ellison officiating.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 11, 2012

**Beatrice (Underwood) Brown**, 94, died May 9, 2012, in Peru. She was the loving wife to the late Carl Whitaker and the late Julius Brown. She was the loving mother to Janice Kubiak of Peru, and to the late Allen Whitaker; the dear sister to Norma Hienicke of Kent City, Mich., and the loving grandmother to six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Visitation is Saturday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Middendorf Funeral Home, Ft. Wright, Ky. Services will follow at 1 p.m. Burial at Mother of God Cemetery. Online Condolences sent to: [middendorf-funeralhome.com](http://middendorf-funeralhome.com). Memorials are suggested to: The American Cancer Society, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 11, 2012

**Norman Lester Panther**, 86, died Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at Myrtle Beach Estates. Born in Burlington, Iowa, he was a son of the late Joseph and Meda Panther. Mr. Panther was a World War II U.S. Army veteran with the 87th Infantry Division and a Korean War 1st Cavalry veteran. He was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was also a member of the Lions Club, Knights of Columbus and a lifetime VFW member. Mr. Panther was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Panther. Survivors include his sons, Michael Panther (Kathy) of Sunset, S.C., Allen Panther (Jan) of Indianapolis, and Jim Panther (Rae) of Peru; a daughter, Candy Waters (the late Dean) of Garden City; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13, 2012, at St. Michael Catholic Church with Father Ray Carlo officiating. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries). Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 14, 2012

**Beatrice Gerrich**, 100, Rochester, died Thursday, May 10, 2012. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation from 5 – 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 14, 2012

**Cedric L. Prather**, 86, of Mexico, passed away at 5:01 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the VA Hospital in Marion. He was born in Miami County on July 21, 1925, the son of Charles R. and Denzel F. Gwin Prather. Cedric married Stephana J. Schickedanz in Bunker Hill on June 25, 1944 and she survives. Cedric was a 1944 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and a member of Mexico Church of the Brethren. He was a retired Miami County farmer and field reporter for the Farm Service Agency. Cedric was a member of the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department for several years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and his military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal and the Army Occupation Medal. Cedric and Stephana enjoyed traveling and have been to all 50 states. They have also hosted a foreign exchange student in their home. He thorough enjoyed his weekly visit to the area nursing homes where he took candy to the residents. Surviving in addition to his wife of almost 68 years, Stephana, are his sons Daryle Prather and his wife, Janey, of Peru, Tharyle Prather and his wife, Miriam, of Lawrenceville, N.J. and Saryle Prather and his wife, Linda, of Denver; a daughter Sharyle Stonecipher of Fishers; and a sister, Imogene (Betty) Clayton, of Plainfield; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers John and Bennie Prather; and a sister, Erma Prather Ross. A memorial service celebrating the life of Cedric L. Prather will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Dave Beebe officiating. Military services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Mexico Church of the Brethren.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 14, 2012

**Eva Ponita Wildrick**, was born Dec. 23, 1933, at home in Peru, to John Robert Snyder and Geneva Bell Stover-Snyder. She passed peacefully from this life at the age of 78 on Friday, May 11, 10:06 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne due to complications after surgery. Eva attended high school in Peru. She was a housewife and she was also a retired nursing home administrator who received her administrator's license from Ball State University in Muncie. She also had a nursing degree from Anderson College and attended Indiana University at Kokomo. She also has certificates in social services and activities from Ball Sate and a dietary manager's certificate from J. Everett Light in Indianapolis. In addition, she held insurance and real estate licenses. Just prior to her passing she had received training in grant writing and took biblical study courses that she vigorously pursued and excelled at. Eva is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Wildrick of Peru and her children: Nicole and Nicole's husband, Dave Dowden, Arcadia; Allen and wife, Jane, Berry, Columbus; Mike Hupner, Wabash; Matthew and wife, Chery, Smiley, Daleville; Jon and wife, Teresa, Berry, Huntington; Noel Berry, Peru; and Geoffry Saint Jonn, Peru. Also surviving are step-children Timothy Wildrick, Peru; Kimberly Harmon, Brazil; and David Wildrick, Jacksonville, Fla. There are also nine grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Eva is also survived by several nieces and nephews of the Snyder and Sopher families. Eva is preceded in death by her parents, John and Geneva Snyder and her siblings: twin brothers Harry P. Snyder and W. Dudley Snyder, Peru; sisters Margaret D. Trexler, Ill., and Edith Williams, Fort Wayne. She is also preceded in death by stepson Jeffery Wildrick, Peru. Eva was an excellent administrator and received

recognition and mention as she was included in the 1991 Who's Who of American Business Leaders Registry. Eva was known for her efforts to help others as she was a member of her church and community. She participated in the organization of Harvesting Capabilities and she worked with the mayor's office in Peru in an effort to improve accessibility issues for persons in wheelchairs. She will be sorely missed. Friends may call from 4 – 7 p.m. Tuesday and the funeral will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Family Fellowship Church of God, located at 360 Harrison Ave., Peru. Pastors Randy Shinolt and Ralph Johnson will be leading us as we celebrate the life and death of our beloved Eva. Eva will be buried at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Family Fellowship Church of God through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 14, 2012

**Lloyd B. Strong**, 94, Twelve Mile, passed away Friday, May 11, 2012 at IU Health Campus, Goshen. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 15, 2012

**Thomas J. McCarthy Jr.**, 80, Peru, died at 12:35 a.m. Monday at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, May 16, 2012

**Douglas C. Wilson**, 59, Amboy, died Saturday, April 14, at 10:10 a.m. The family will be gathering at 119 N. Poplar Street May 19 at 1 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, May 16, 2012

**Ronald E. Draving**, 62, of Peru, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Delores Ruth Tharp**, 89, of Rochester died Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Service 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester. Visitation one hour prior to service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Michael Donald Murphy**, 64, Indianapolis, passed away Monday May 14, 2012. He was born in Logansport, on Oct. 15, 1947, to Donald W. and Mary C. "Pat" Patnoude Murphy. Michael received his Bachelor's Degree from St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa., and his Master's Degree from Indiana University. He taught eighth grade social studies at Peru Community Schools from 1969 until his retirement in 2002. He was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his mother; wife, Carolyn M. Virgili Murphy; daughter, Bridget S. Murphy; sister, Sr. Phyllis Murphy R.S.M.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John E. Virgili and Debbie Virgili; nieces, Allison Virgili and Carla Virgili Kuhn (Eric); grandniece, Lydia Kuhn. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday May 18, 2012 at 10 a.m. at St. Barnabas Catholic Church where he was a member. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St (U.S. Highway 31 South), Indianapolis, Ind. 46227. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to HOOP Homeless Ministries, c/o St. Barnabas Church, 8300 Rahke Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [orileyfuneralhome.com](http://orileyfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Ronald E. Draving**, 62, of Peru, passed away at 9:07 p.m., Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Peru, Feb. 8, 1962, to Darrel and Mae (Sipe) Draving. He married Patricia "Pat" (Duras) Draving on May 9, 2009, and she survives. Ronald was a truck driver. He is survived by sons; Mark Draving and wife, Lillie, Peru, and Randy Draving and wife, Kathy, New York, grandchildren; Dallas Dingess and Cynthia Rife. Also surviving are sisters; Kathy Newman, Peru, Connie Christen, Indiana, and sister-in-law Elaine Duras of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents. A service will be held at the Peoria Church, Friday, May 18, 2012, at 20 p.m. with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be at the Peoria Cemetery, Peoria. Friends may call at the Peoria Church from 11 a.m. till time of service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Ronald E. Draving Family through the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Tonya Rose Swanson**, 42, Tuscon, Ariz. died April 28, 2012. Services are Sunday in the Antioch Baptist Church, Rochester following morning worship service. Arrangements by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Woodrow "Woody" Sparks**, 83, Peru, died at 11:07 p.m. May 15, 2012, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born in Estil County, Ky. on Aug. 11, 1928, to Buddie and Nannie (Rogers) Sparks. Woodrow worked at Hauskee Harlen Manufacturing in Peru, and was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by sons Billy Sparks and wife, Deborah, and Richard

Sparks and wife, Pat; and daughters Connie Garrett and husband, Randy, and Carla Sue Blair, all of Peru. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers and three sisters. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Military service by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 18, 2012

**Carolyn Williams**, 63, Peru, passed away at 3:25 a.m. on Thursday on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 18, 2012

**Glenn Wayne Sigley**, 68, Peru, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 18, 2012

**James Uhl Guthrie**, M.D., 85, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 9:25 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at his residence. He was born in Logansport, Ind., on Nov. 27, 1926, the son of Earl F. and Helen Uhl Guthrie. Jim married Elizabeth "Betsy" Thomas in Bloomfield, Ind., on June 24, 1950, and she survives. Dr. Guthrie graduated from Logansport High School, attended Indiana University and graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1950 where he was elected a member of Alpha Omega Alpha (Medical Honor Society). He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Medical Fraternity. Dr. Guthrie completed three years of surgical residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine and was Chief of Surgery Resident at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette, Ind. Jim lived a long and productive life and devoted himself to the practice of general surgery, moving to Peru in 1959. He was selected a diplomat of the American Board of Surgery in 1959 and was a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association, the Miami County Medical Society and Sages Medical Society. Dr. Guthrie served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, was a member of the American Legion Glen Owens Post No.14, a life member of the Miami County Historical Society, life member of the Circus Hall of Fame and a supporter of the Peru YMCA and the Peru Amateur Circus. He was a wonderful father and role model to his children Tom J. Guthrie, DDS and his wife Linda of Peru, Helen Beth Gutin and her husband David of Shaker Heights, Ohio and Abbie J. Guthrie of Muncie, Ind. Also surviving are his grandchildren Jonathan Thomas Guthrie, Meg Elizabeth Guthrie, James Robert Guthrie, Sarah Carla Gutin and Allison Laura Gutin. They will miss their Papa and are lucky to have had years of time with him. He was a loving husband to Betsy and next month they would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Together they made many long lasting relationships and created wonderful memories. He loved his summer cottage at Lake Maxinkuckee. A service celebrating the life of Dr. James U. Guthrie will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Family and friends will gather from 3 – 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands, Salvation Army of Peru or Dukes Memorial Hospital – Auxiliary. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 18, 2012

**Lloyd B. Strong**, 94, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:58 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012 at IU Health, Goshen. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, May 19, 2012

**Carolyn Sue Williams**, 63, Peru passed away at 3:25 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester surrounded by her loving family. Born Oct. 15, 1948 in Perry County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Josh and Elsie Spurlock Akemon. On Jan. 25, 1964 in Va., she was married to Clyde Williams, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the Family Fellowship Church of God in Peru. She had worked at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru for several years. Her greatest love was spending time with her family, she enjoyed going to garage sales, fishing, camping, vacationing, and doing anything out-of-doors. She is survived by Thomas Prentis Kelsor, Jr., her faithful companion of over 37 years; three children, Clyde David Williams, Jr., Peru; Penny Sue Archer and Terrence, Peru; and Anna Gail Williams, Peru; two sisters, Lois Jean Moses and husband Thomas, Sr., Castalia, Ohio; Shirley Lee Coahran and husband William, Macy; two brothers, Bob Akemon, and companion Ann Wood, Peru; and Josh Akemon, Jr. and wife Babara, Lafayette; and three grandchildren, Trevon Scott Archer, D'Andre Scott Williams, and Tiana Justine Archer, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by one son, Billy Charles Williams on May 8, 1980. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2012 at Family Fellowship Church of God, 60 Harrison Avenue, Peru with Pastor Randy Shinolt officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, May 19, 2012

**Glenn Wayne Sigley**, 68, Peru, died at 5 a.m. May 17, 2012 at home. He was born Oct. 17, 1943 in Newburg, W.Va. to Arlie W. and Mable G. (Colebank) Sigley. He married Mary Alice (Watson) Sept. 21, 2007 and she survives. Glenn retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years. He graduated from high school in Tunnelton, W.Va., and attended Ivy Tech Kokomo for a degree in business management in 1988. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Peru. He is survived by his wife; a son, Glenn Luis (Wendy) Sigley, Woodbridge, Va.; step-sons, Gary (Jerilyn) Gambrell, Gilead, Stanley (Jerri) Gambrell, Noblesville, and Larry (Ann) Odle, Noblesville; brothers, Gale Sigley, Arlie Jr. Sigley, Randy Sigley and Larry Sigley, all of West Virginia; and a sister, Beverly Kelly, of West Virginia. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Wanda Sigley and a step-son Timothy Gambrell. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in the First Assembly of God Church, 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, with Pastor E.J. Litherland officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorials to: First Assembly of God Church. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Miami County Military Rites Team will provide a military committal service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, May 19, 2012

**Loyd Bruce Strong**, 94, Twelve Mile, passed away at 11:58 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012 at IU Health, Goshen. Born July 17, 1917 near Akron, Ind. he was the son of Hugh McKinley and Alta Gladys Hibschan Strong. On Easter Sunday, March 28, 1948, at the home of the bride's parents, Homer and June Ward, he was married to the former Doris Geneva Ward; she survives. Loyd was a member of the Metea Baptist Church. He graduated from Metea High School in 1936 and in 1941 he joined the United States Army. He served with the 3rd Ordnance Company repairing artillery in the European Theater during World War II. He retired from Civil Service at Grissom Air Force Base where he worked 20 years in the carpenter's shop. Loyd was a talented craftsman and was an expert in furniture restoration and repair. For many years, he owned and operated Strong's Furniture Repair west of Twelve Mile. When he wasn't working in his shop, he enjoyed reading, working word and jigsaw puzzles, and watching the nature surrounding his rural home. As an active member of his community, Loyd faithfully served his church as Sunday School Superintendent. Loyd was also a Boy Scout leader, and following the scout motto, "Be prepared!" Loyd was ready and always prepared to help anyone in need. Loyd was a lover of antique cars and was a lifetime member of Pioneer Auto Club in Kokomo. During the Fourth of July parade in Twelve Mile, Loyd could be seen driving his 1917 Ford Model T, made in the same year he was born or his 1926 Locomobile. He leaves behind his wife, Doris, Twelve Mile and one daughter, Sherry Ann Hug and husband Lyman, Goshen; two grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Menczynski and husband Chet, Goshen; Lisa Marie Dulaney and fiancé Max Reyes, Elkhart; three great-grandchildren, Jordan Reyes, Kayla Menczynski, and Sarah Menczynski; three step-grandchildren, Elizabeth Clark, and husband Doug, Sturgis, Mich.; Kimberly Gilbert and husband Tracy, Waterboro, Maine; and Kristene Miller and husband Mark, Evansville; seven step great-grandchildren, William, Sarah, and Carolyn Clark, Grace Gilbert, and Kayli, Cory, and Michele Miller; one brother, Robert Gale Strong, Ark.; two sisters, Gladys Coffing, North Manchester; and Thelma Butcher, Denver; one brother-in-law, Lowell Grumpp, Denver; and one sister-in-law, Lois Birk, Ill. He was preceded in death by two sisters Esther Everest and Opal Grumpp. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Darlene DeHaai officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery with military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Metea Baptist Church, or the charity of your choice. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 21, 2012

**Austin Tyler**, 4 months, Peru, died in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, on May 19, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 21, 2012

**Billy Dean Tigler**, 78, Denver, died Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Saint Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 21, 2012

**Edith M. Shaffer**, 75, Peru, died in her residence at 9:24 p.m. May 19, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 21, 2012

**Jim L. McKibben Jr.**, 53, Kokomo, died May 18, 2012 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

**Austin M. Tyler**, 4 months old, passed away at 2:48 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Austin was born in Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, to mother Heather J. DeLaRosa and father Shawn M. Tyler. Austin was taken

very young. He was a very happy baby; we've never seen someone laugh and smile as much as Austin and his big brother. He loved to talk to us by cooing and showing us how he could roll over. His big brother Adain adored him, Autin loved to watch Adain play and run around. We all had a very special bond with our lil' man in our own little way he was a precious little guy in the short time we had him with us. We think he was one of the happiest babies we've seen and one of the cutest. Austin was preceded in death by his grandmother Mildred C. Scott/Tyler and great grandparents Robert R. Raver Sr., Hector A. DeLaRosa Sr. and great uncle Peter DeLaRosa. In addition to his parents, Heather J. DeLaRosa and father Shawn M. Tyler, he is survived by two brothers: Adain M. Tyler, Aaron M. Tyler, and grandparents Robert R. Raver Jr., Hector A. DeLaRosa Jr., Melana R. Wells and Rebecca J. McKinney. Aunts and uncles: Corey DeLaRosa, Charles Tyler, Ian DeLaRosa, Lee Tyler, Melissa Tyler, Tina Tyler, Ashley DeLaRosa, Natasha Tyler, Ashley Wells and Lesley Wells. God parents: Corey DeLaRosa and Tiffany McKinney. Great grandparents: Charles Scott, David Wells, Stacia Richee, Jine Scott and Jaunita DeLaRosa. Austin is also survived by six cousins and many great aunts and uncles. We all loved him very much. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday and the funeral will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Love offerings may be made to the Austin Matthew Tyler family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

**Billy Dean Tigler**, 78, Denver, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Born July 17, 1933 in Monon, Ind., he was the son of George and Alma Winegardner Tigler. On Christmas Day, December 25, 1952, at the Bethlehem United Methodist Church near Twelve Mile, he was married to the former Sandra M. Slifer, and she survives. Billy was baptized into the membership of Skinner Worship Chapel. He was an avid horse lover, tending to the care of many over his entire life. His love for animals brought a variety of excitement to his rural farm. He raised goats, dogs, peacocks, chickens, horses, and donkeys-many in full size and miniature breeds. For several years, his love for horses took him to many pony pulls. He inspired generations of kids with his love of animals and always took time to share that love. Billy loved spending time with his family more than anything, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Sandra M. Tigler, Denver; three children, Darlene Reed, Rochester; Howard "Hoss" Tigler and wife Florence, Wabash; and Samuel Tigler and wife Annie, New Waverly; six grandchildren, Cheryl Loer and husband Brandon, Columbia City; Mindy Tigler and companion Nick Wibel, Roann; Erin Tigler, Wabash; and Sidney, Nathan, and Emily Tigler, New Waverly; three great-grandchildren, Christian Loer, Kendall Tigler, and Keagan Wibel; and one brother, Jerry Tigler and his wife Cindy, Denver. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with the Rev. Johnny Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Skinner Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Foundation.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

**James L. McKibben Jr.**, 53, Kokomo, died at 2 a.m., Saturday, May 19, 2012, at IU Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on May 25, 1958, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, the son of James L. McKibben and Dorothy A. (Pogue) McKibben. On June 25, 1988, he married Sharon K. Snyder at the Miami United Methodist Church and she survives. Jim was a 1976 graduate of Northwestern High School. Jim was a blessing to many local churches with his talents at the piano. He had a vast interest in Southern gospel quartet music. He was born into the Free Methodist Church and later became a member of the Bennett's Switch United Methodist Church. Jim was also a member of the North Indiana Emmaus Community. Jim was employed several years at JCPenney Tire and Speedway in Kokomo. In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his mother, Dorothy; brothers Larry (Debbie) McKibben, Bloomington and David McKibben and Ron McKibben, both from Kokomo. Jim is also survived by three nephews, and five nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, James L. McKibben, Sr. Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 23, from 4-7 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, Indiana. Services are at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 24 at Bennett's Switch United Methodist Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service, and with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Bennett's Switch United Methodist or Miami United Methodist Church. Arrangements Entrusted To Allen Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 22, 2012

**Marjorie H. Trook**, 88, Bradenton, died May 20, 2012. Born in Peru, Ind., she moved to Bradenton in 1982 from Goshen, Ind. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, she was Owner/Operator of the B&K Drive-In in Goshen, Ind. for 27 years, she was an avid supporter of the Humane Society and was a member of American Legion Kirby Stewart Post 24, and was a member of the American Legion for 52 years. Predeceased by parents, Kind and Eva Howell; brothers, Jim and John Howell; survived by husband of 71 years, Robert of Bradenton, Fla.; daughter, Dawn of Ellenton, Fla.; adopted daughter, Mary (Dennis) Yoder of Goshen, Ind.; brother, Harold Howell of Peru, Ind.; sisters, Willa Bullock & Irene Parrett both of Peru, Ind. Services with Military Honors 11 a.m. Friday May 25, 2012 at Sarasota National Cemetery. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel in charge. Memorial Donations to the Humane Society of Manatee County. Condolences [www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com](http://www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 24, 2012

**Brenda Joy Hartleroad**, 56, Mexico, passed away at 11:57 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Peru, Ind. on March 12, 1956. She was raised in Mexico, Ind. by Marvin and Martha Dillman. She was a 1974 graduate of

North Miami High School. She then attended Indiana University in Kokomo, Indiana and received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1990. She was a member of the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana. She was a member of the Mexico First Brethren Church. She was a talented craftswoman; she made beautiful Indian-style jewelry paying close attention to each intricate detail. She was a woman of great compassion and love and enjoyed spending time with others, especially her family. She was proud of her Indian heritage and was an avid promoter of education of the Indian culture to her family and all members of the community. Survivors include her mother, Martha Dillman, Peru; her children, Stephannie S. Hartleroad, Mexico; Josh Hartleroad, Peru; and Stephanie Chumbley and husband Joe; Denver; grandchildren, Jaleb Hartleroad, Gabriel Hartleroad, Logan Hartleroad, Lauren Hartleroad, Lilly Hartleroad, and David Chumbley; six siblings, Pat Long, Kewanna; Janet Long and husband Tom, Rochester; Sherry Stirling and husband Bob, Peru; Pam Starke, Florida; Harold Bouthot and wife Lori, Peru; and Jay Hartleroad and fiancé Carol, Mishawaka. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Laudenschlager officiating. Burial will be in Clayton Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be held 4 — 8 p.m. on Friday, May 25 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed toward the funeral home to assist with expenses. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 24, 2012

**Elsa M. Williams**, 81, of Sweetser, died on Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at Century Villa Nursing Home. Born in Peru, she was the daughter to the late Neil and Mildred Robinson. She was the co-owner with her husband of Sweetser Supermarket for over 28 years. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Richard; sons, Steven (Megan) of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, Michael (Becky) of Elkhart and David (Carol) of Muncie; sister, Mary Kuch of Sweetser; 13 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. She was sadly preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Drennan; and sisters, Lola Catanzaro and Stella Apt. She was entombed at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with private services. In lieu of flowers memorial are to the Myositis Association, 1737 King St., Suite 600, Alexandria, Va. 22314. [www.covingtonmemorial.com](http://www.covingtonmemorial.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 24, 2012

**Jane F. Vettel**, 66, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru, Ind. on March 19, 1946 the daughter of Lowell and Mildred Einselen Elliott. Jane married John W. Vettel in Peru on March 23, 1966 and he survives. Jane was a 1964 graduate of Peru High School and was employed at Square D for 45 years retiring in 2009. She was a member of the Erie United Methodist Church, the Garden Club and Senior Circle. Jane and her husband, John, lovingly raised two sons. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Jane had a twinkle in her eye and a smile that would warm your heart. She was an avid collector of Longaberger Baskets. Surviving in addition to her husband, John, are sons, Michael Vettel of Peru, Ind., and James Vettel and his wife Billie of Peru, Ind.; grandsons, Mason Vettel and Zachary Vettel and a sister Joyce Coughlin and her husband Tim of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Jane F. Vettel will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor Warrell Law officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Erie United Methodist Church. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 24, 2012

**Lance D. Yoder**, 58, of Veedersburg, died 9:40 pm Tuesday May 22, 2012 at St Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette, Ind. Lance was born January 31, 1954 in Peru, Ind., the son of Larry D. and Ruth K. (Winters) Yoder. He first married Kathy Lane; they were blessed with two sons, Andrew and Adam Yoder. Lance's second marriage was to Jodi LaFoe August 27, 1993 in Veedersburg, Ind. Surviving family include his parents, Larry and Ruth Yoder, Peru, Ind.; wife Jodi Yoder, Veedersburg; sons, Andrew Yoder and Adam Yoder, both of Danville, Ill.; son, Adam (Kim) Keeling, Veedersburg; daughter, April Keeling, Veedersburg; a brother Denny (Cindy) Yoder, Peru; a sister, Kathy (Jack) Clark, Peru. Lance graduated from Peru High School in 1972. He was a retired railroad engineer, having been employed 23 years for Norfolk Southern Railroad. His greatest enjoyment in life came from being with his family and friends. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. (EDT) Saturday May 26, 2012 at Dickerson Funeral Home in Veedersburg with Pastor Dave Sims officiating. Visitation will be 5 — 8 p.m. (EDT) Friday May 25 at the funeral home. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Covington, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be given to "Carle Guest House" payable to Carle Development Foundation 611 W Park St Urbana Illinois, 61801. Online condolences at [www.dickersonfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickersonfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 25, 2012

**Herbert E. Maloney Jr.**, 57, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 25, 2012

**Richard E. Hiers**, 81, Peru, passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at his residence. Richard was born November 3, 1930 in Peru, Ind. the son of Clarence and Amy Hiers. He married Viola (Spradling) Hiers on April 20, 1950, and she survives. Richard was retired from Peru Utilities after 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Viola Hiers; daughters, Joyce (Bill) Biggs, Peru, Diane (Jack) Poe, Rochester, Ind.; and brother Don Hiers, Peru. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 20 great

grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Bill Hiers, Lodi, Calif., James Hiers, Macy, Ind.; and three sisters, JoEllen Fousts, Peru, Betty Gable, Peru, Miriam Ryan, Sacramento, Calif. The family will hold a private graveside service, Friday, May 25, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 25, 2012

**Robert Jordan**, 60, of Rochester passed away May 24, 2012, at IU Methodist, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, May 26, 2012

**Jack C. Hayworth**, 88, Peru, passed away at 12 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Peru, Ind. on July 10, 1923 to Arthur and Clara J. Hayworth. He married Maxine (Adkinson) Hayworth, Oct. 15, 1947 and she preceded him in death. Jack served in the Marines five years and the Navy for four years. He was retired from the Peru Fire Department and as a crossing guard. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church and the VFW. Survivors include; a daughter, Julia "Judy" Berkheiser and husband Bill, Peru, and a son, Donald McCain and wife Marion, England. Also surviving are four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one brother, two sisters and one grandchild. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. There will be a military service by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Memorials can be made to The Miami County Military Rites Team through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 28, 2012

**Carol Melton**, 70, Rochester, died Saturday, May 26, 2012 at home. Services at 10 a.m. May 30 at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be Tuesday 5 – 8 p.m. and an hour before the service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 28, 2012

**Doris E. Shellenbarger**, 100, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Fulton County, Ind., on Jan. 16, 1912, the daughter of Nelson and Emma Nicodemus Bowen. Doris married Omer F. Stanley and later married Jesse Shellenbarger and they both preceded her in death. Doris was a nurse's aide at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Wabash, Ind. and was a member of the Arkon Church of God. She is survived by a son, Donald Stanley and his wife Judy of Peru; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Freda Coffey; two sons, Norman Stanley and John Stanley; three brothers and three sisters. A service celebrating the life of Doris E. Shellenbarger will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Ind. Family and friends will gather after 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Akron Church of God. Condolences may be made online at [eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 28, 2012

**Elsie M. Dehart**, 71, Peru, Ind., passed away at 2 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Hyden, Ky., on April 11, 1941 the daughter of Bessie Witt Dehart. Elsie moved to Peru in 1962 and had been employed at Eck-Adams, General Tire, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home and Robertson Transformer. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Peru, Women of the Moose and the Eagle's Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting and sewing, sitting on the porch drinking coffee, playing cards, reading and was an avid Tony Steward fan. She was a devoted grandmother and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her son Charles Myers and daughter-in-law Rhonda Myers of Peru; daughters Sarah Fleetwood and her husband Ernie of Mendon, Mich. and Angie Legg and her husband Steve of Peru; four grandsons Alex and Cody Legg, Trenton Napier and Kyle Myers and his wife Michelle; three great-grandsons Logan, Seth and soon-to-be Erik Myers; and siblings Dwight Dehart of Peru, Ella Maggard of Cincinnati, Ohio, Faith Dehart of Corbin, Ky., Annalee Lewis of Corbin, Ky., Ruby Lindon of Glendale, Ariz., Loretta Maggard of Royal Oak, Mich., Merrial Dehart of Corbin, Ky. and Delmer Dehart of Flemp, Ky. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Paul Cornett and Ellis Dehart; and a sister, Evalee Gilliam. A service celebrating the life of Elsie Dehart will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, Ind. Family and friends will gather after 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Ever Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. In lieu of flowers, love offerings may be made through the funeral home to the Dehart family. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 28, 2012

**Maria C. Quinones**, 57, Peru, died Saturday, May 26, at 12:48 a.m. at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, May 29, 2012

**Maria Cristina Quinones**, 57, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 12:48 a.m., Saturday, May 26, 2012 at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind. She was born in Little Rock, Ark., on Sept. 27, 1954, the daughter of Moises and Nieves Martinez Torrez. Maria married Alejandro Quinones in Florida in 1970 and he survives. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and a retired Square D employee. Additionally, Maria was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. Maria valued most her domestic life with family. She was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother and affectionately known within her family circle as "abuela." Surviving, in addition to her husband Alejandro, are sons Antonio Quinones and his wife Heidi of Alexandria, Ind., Johnny Quinones and his wife Veronica of Lafayette, Ind.; grandchildren Myan Marie Quinones, Areli Rubi Quinones, Enrique David Quinones and Jazmin Alei Quinones and one grandchild on the way; her mother, Nieves Martinez Torrez of Peru; sisters Jane Mills and her husband John of Peru, Terri Grossi of Peru, Carmen Hardy of Logansport and Cathy Elisero of Calif.; and a brother Joe Torrez and his wife Louanna of Virginia. She was preceded in death by her father; a son, Alejandro Quinones, Jr.; and a brother, Moises Torrez. A Mass of Christian burial celebrating the life of Maria Quinones will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 1, at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, Ind., with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Family and friends will gather from 3 – 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, May 30, 2012

**Henrietta A. Oaks**, Peru, born May 27, 1935, died at her home, at 2:25 p.m. Monday, May 28, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, May 30, 2012

**Herbert E. Maloney Jr.**, 57, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 15, 1954, to Herbert and Mary (Richardson) Maloney. He married Tina McIntosh on November 1995 and she survives. Herbert was a 1973 graduate of North Miami High School. He had been employed at the Peru Foundry. He enjoyed computers, visits from family and friends and his quiet time sitting by the river. In addition to his wife, Herbert is survived by his daughter, Misty Shook, Cicero, and his sister Janie (Steve) Steele, Peru. He is also survived by four grandchildren, one nephew; Greg McConahay and his wife, Jennifer. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mary and Herbert Maloney and a nephew, Scott McConahay. A celebration of his life is planned at a later date with his family and close friends. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 31, 2012

**Edwin Lee "Bud" Tidd Jr.** age 60, Brownsburg, formerly of Peru, passed away May 22, 2012. He was an over-the-road truck driver for over 30 years. He was preceded in death by stepson Shane Waters. He is survived by his wife Cynthia Robinson Tidd; sister Melanie (Tom) Knueven; nieces Erika, Jordan, and Kristina; nephew Nikolas. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg, with memorial services at noon. Contributions may be made to American Heart Association or Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, Utah 84741. Online guestbook at [www.matthewsmortuary.com](http://www.matthewsmortuary.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 31, 2012

**Henrietta A. Oaks**, Peru, passed away after an extended illness at 2:25 p.m. Monday, May 28, 2012, at her home. She was born May 27, 1935, in Ashland, Ky. to Joseph C. McCann and Leoma Morgan. She married James O. Oaks in Dec. 1985 and he preceded her in death. Henrietta was retired. She was a member of the Baptist Church and the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary. She is survived by her children; John K. Duty, Peru, Joe D. Duty, Hickman, Ky., Letina Gail Duty, Peru, Terry Neal Duty, Peru, and Allen Leigh Duty, Kentucky; brothers William J. Rhoades, Peru, Lonnie W. Morgan, Fulton, Ky., Claude W. Morgan, Union City, Tenn., Murray E. Morgan, Dyersburg, Tenn.; sisters Virginia L. Morgan, Fulton, Ky., Eunice Morgan Ray, Peru, and Mary Elizabeth Rogers. Also surviving are step-children Debbie Brown, Florida, Janice Oaks, Peru, Judy Duvall, Arkansas, Barbara Hann, Peru; step-brothers John C. Morgan, Indiana, George W. Morgan, Indiana, and 27 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her both her parents, her husband James; children Peggy Darlene Duty, Regina Ann Duty, brother; Thomas Algie Morgan; sisters Carolyn S. Morgan, and Tempe Louise Jones, and step-brother James M. Morgan. There will be a graveside service at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, at 11 a.m. Friday with minister Bud Sparks officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be Thursday, May 31, 2012, from 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 31, 2012

**Mark Aaron Niccum**, 41, of Wabash, Ind., died at 1:35 a.m. Monday, May 28, 2012 at his home. He was born May 2, 1971 in Wabash, to Michael L., Sr. and Amy (Wilson) Niccum. Mark graduated from Southwood High School in 1989 and received his BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1994. He married Rebecca "Becky" Denniston in Wabash on Aug.



29, 1992. He worked for Harvey Industries in Wabash 23 years. Mark was a member of the Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved spending time with his wife and children. He is survived by his wife, Becky Niccum; two children, Macy Elizabeth Niccum, and Brycen Aaron Niccum; parents, Michael L., Sr. and Amy Niccum, all of Wabash; brother, Michael L. (Jean A.) Niccum of Lithia, Florida, sister, Michele (Pat) Meredith and brother, Matt Niccum, both of Wabash. Funeral services will be held at Emmanuel Freewill Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, on Friday, June 1, 2012 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Scott Real officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash, and one hour prior to service Friday at the church. Preferred memorial is Mark's children Macy and Brycen. The memorial guest book for Mark may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, May 31, 2012

**Vera L. (Klise) Engel**, 92 of Bunker Hill passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2012 in Peru. She was born in Miami County Aug. 23, 1919 to Howard and Ersie (Miller) Klise. July 7, 1939 she married John H. Engel, they were happily married for 72 years. Vera graduated from Clay Township School, Miami County in 1937. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Vera and her husband, John, enjoyed many years of retirement where they traveled all over the United States and spent their winters in Spring Hill, Fla. She is survived by her husband, John; son, John Engel and wife Jayne, Bunker Hill; son-in-law, Dennis Ege, Walton; daughter-in-law Debra Engel, Richmond, Va. and sister Dortha Bowland and husband Myron, Peru. Seven grandchildren; Marilyn Shively (Brian), Carolyn Kaufman (Dan), Jerry Engel (Debi), Teresa Beckley (Scott), Cheryl Ross (Mike), Darren Ege (Michelle), Debbie Long (David). Two step grandchildren; Danielle Hinkle and Derrick Degraw. Eighteen great-grandchildren; Kassi Kotkoski, Justin Engel, Nathan Shively, Sara Murphy, Janel Manriquez, Cole Beckley, Ian Shively, Janae Waymouth, Kayde Sager, Emily Beckley, Emily Ross, Corey Long, Ellie Engel, Alicia Ross, Brooke Long, Brady Ross, Landen Hinkle and Alyssa Degraw. Five great-great-grandchildren; Weston Graves, Jaden Manriquez, Ava Shively, Braxton Manriquez and Natalie Sager. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers; Raymond, Verlin and Weldon Klise. Daughter; Mary Lou Ege, son; Micheal Engel and grandson; Jeffrey Engel. A service celebrating the life of Vera L. Engel will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, Pastor Ronald Bowland officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at The Allen Funeral Home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to American Diabetes.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, June 4, 2012

**Georgia Mullins**, born Aug. 11, 1932, died at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, June 5, 2012

**Georgia Mullins**, 79, of Bunker Hill, died Thursday, May 31, 2012, at her home. She was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Rumbletown, to William Grubb and Gladys (Fettingner) Grubb. She married Guy Mullins whom preceded her in death at the age of 75. She gave birth to two daughters, Guyla Mullins and Gina Massey, and four grandchildren Elizabeth Wence, April Walker, David and Duane Wegner. A private graveside service will be held Wednesday at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, June 6, 2012

**Genevieve Ruth St. Clair**, 96, Rochester, died at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 3, 2012. Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, June 7, 2012

**Donna June Trexler**, age 94 years, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. Donna was born July 18, 1917 in Wabash, to Dr. Floyd and Edith (Burnsworth) Walthers. She resided in her younger years in Wabash and Peru before moving to Florida. She was married to Earl Trexler who preceded her in death. Donna and her husband, Earl, moved to Ocala in 1970. Donna worked for Sears until her retirement in 1980. Her interests were flower arranging, traveling, and gardening. She loved helping her family members as well as many friends. In all of her travels, her happiness and joy of life was recognized and celebrated. Donna was an active member of the Pioneer Garden Club. She enjoyed designing floral arrangements and made the floral arrangements for Hospice for over 20 years. Donna was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ocala. Her children are: Patricia (Ron) Coleman, deceased; Terry Trexler, Ocala, Fla.; Janet Trexler (daughter - in- law), Ocala, Fla.; Sharon (Robert) Allman, Summerfield, Fla.; and Cynthia (Colen) Holland, Gainesville, Fla.. Donna has 11 grandchildren: Richard (Diana) Coleman, Tipton, Ind.; Terry (Lynn) Coleman, Bellevue, Fla.; Connie (Kevin) Deason, Carmel, Ind.; Terri (Chris) Yancey, Ocala, Fla.; Thomas (Diane) Trexler, Ocala, Fla.; Lisa (Chris) Alexander, Ocala, Fla.; Kathy (Charles) Graves, Oveido, Fla.; Mike (Lisa) King, Tipton, Ind.; Julie (David) Benjamin, Fairfax, Va.; and Deanne (Mike) Below, Danville, Ind. She has 26 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren. Donna is also survived by her sisters Angeline Yarian, Bourbon, and Ruth Vawter, Indianapolis. One brother, Robert Walters and sister, Janet Walters Thompson, also preceded her in death. A service celebrating the life of Donna Trexler will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral

Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Pioneer Garden Club, Ocala, Fla. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 9, 2012

**Ethel Mae Grandstaff**, 93, formerly of rural Denver, Ind. died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru, Ind. She was born Oct. 5, 1918 in St. Joseph County to George and Nellie I. (Leedy) Perry. Ethel married Ralph Wilbur Grandstaff in Warsaw, Ind. on April 22, 1939; he died Dec. 28, 2002. She retired from J.C. Penney's in Peru, in 1980 after 15 years. She was a member of the Richland Township Home Extension Club. She is survived by five grandchildren, Debbie Grandstaff of Bloomington, Ind., Tina (Stephen) Hopkins of Charlottesville, Virginia, Angela Grandstaff of Peru, Robin (Jamison) Reynolds of Spencer, Indiana, and Scott (Crystal) Grandstaff of Omaha, Neb.; and nine great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, her son Paul Grandstaff who died May 6, 2008, seven sisters and three brothers. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Kurt Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery. Friends may call 1-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Ethel may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 9, 2012

**Kim August Schmidt**, 55, passed peacefully into eternity with his family at his side, Thursday June 7, 2012. He had been challenged for the past few years with multiple myeloma. Mr. Schmidt was a member and Elder of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was active in the prison ministry at Grissom Correctional Center, Bunker Hill, Ind. He graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1975, then attended Brigham Young University and Dayton School of Photography. Much of his career was spent as a freelance photographer. He had a great love of nature and sports, which was evidenced by his beautiful photographic prints and his work with Xavier Basketball and the Cincinnati Reds. He was an avid NASCAR enthusiast, a Tony Stewart and Dallas Cowboy fan. Kim is survived by his mother, Margaret Schmidt, Peru, a son, Justin Levi (Michelle) Schmidt, Ft. Worth, Texas, grandson Johathan, daughter, Emalie August Schmidt, Mason, Ohio, siblings, Edward (Ruth) Schmidt, Vonore, Tenn, Marna (Larry) Johnson Tucson Ariz., Suanne (Rick) Jefferies, Marion Ind., Michelle (John) Lynch, Upland, Ind., numerous nieces, nephews, friends and "Yukon". He is preceded in death by his father, Edward August Schmidt. Services will be held Monday, June 11, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Business 31 south, Peru, Ind. at 2 p.m. Viewing will precede the service from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bishop Scott Hauptert will preside. Kim was a beloved father, son, brother, grandfather and uncle. He was a lover of photography, laughter, sports and especially his lord Jesus Christ. He's left us for now, but will forever live in the hearts, spirits and memories of our family. We'll miss you Kim. We love you. Save us a seat at the table we'll bring the "Bruno's"! Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, June 11, 2012

**Martha E. Mast**, 90, of Miami County, passed away at 6 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2012, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born in Howard County, on March 14, 1922, the daughter of Anson and Susie Miller Horner. Martha married Robert P. Mast on May 9, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1965. Her relationship with the Lord was very important to Martha. She was a member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. She was a 1940 graduate of Greentown High School. Surviving are two daughters, Clarice Kling and her husband Rex of Wawpecong, and Elizabeth Miller and her husband Roger of Amboy; a son, David Mast and his wife Mary of Colorado City, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Gina Kling Hanvey of Virginia Beach, Va., Michael Kling of San Diego, Calif., Marlene Mast Bliss of Tumwater, Wash., Janelle Mast Windmiller of Kankakee, Ill., Debbie Mast Smith of Chicago, Paul Miller of Amboy, and Robbie Miller of Amboy; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leslie "Les" Horner and Joseph Horner. A service celebrating the life of Martha E. Mast will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Kokomo, with Pastor Lee Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Mast Cemetery. Family and friends will gather at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church from 4 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, June 14, 2012

**Paul H. Miller**, 86 of New Albany, formerly of Rochester, died early Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany. Paul was born Jan. 28, 1926, in Lucerne, to Elmer Henry Jacob Miller and Mary Hester (Ferguson) Miller. He graduated from Deedsville High School in 1944 and joined the Army soon after. On Feb. 3, 1945, he married Nada Warner in Denver; she survives. He is survived by; a brother Donald E. Miller and wife Patsy of Avon Park, Fla.; a daughter Barbara Ann Eades of Jeffersonville.; two grandchildren David Eades and wife Grace of Jeffersonville., Joshua Eades and children Emma and Aidan of Duluth, Minn. His parents Elmer and wife Hester; sister Lois and her husband Edward Hauser; daughter Paula Jane "Janie" Miller; and son-in-law Larry E. Eades preceded him in death. Paul retired as a rural mail carrier at Macy.; was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing at the Elks Golf Course in Rochester countless times. He and his wife retired to Sebring, Fla., where they resided for 20 years playing at the Sun 'N Lake Golf Country Club. He was part owner of the Fountain Head Golf Course in Plymouth. He was a member of Perrysburg Baptist Church, Rochester Elks Club, V.F.W. and

the Masonic Lodge. In lieu of flowers family would appreciate donations to Vista Care Hospice at 391 Quartermaster Court Jeffersonville, IN 47130. A celebration of Paul's life will be planned at a future date.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Betty Lou Bowen**, 453 Adams Ave., passed away Thursday June 14, 2012, at 4:30 a.m. at her residence. Betty was born on Aug. 3, 1958, in Prestonsburg, Ky., daughter of Arnold Rowe and Margaret Wright Rowe. Betty Married Dennis L. Bowen March 8, 1982. She is preceded in death by her mother, father, and one brother. Betty was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved going on long walks, spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and friends. Surviving are her loving husband of 30 years Dennis Bowen, Peru; two sons Lee Bowen and fiancé, Amy Linback, of Kokomo and Richard Bowen of Peru; two daughters, Christina Bowen and boyfriend, Kyle Pritt, of Peru, and Denise Roberts (Bowen) and husband, Allen Roberts, of Peru; four grandchildren; two sisters one from Patricia Helton, Warsaw, and Tammy Higgins of Summerville Ga. Funeral services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral home in Peru, Saturday June 16, 2012. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Funeral will follow at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Love offerings may be made to the Betty L. Bowen Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Carter H. Floyd**, 51, of Terre Haute passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 10:20 p.m. in Meadows Manor East Convalescent & Rehabilitation. He was born Oct. 13, 1960, in Peru, to Clarence D. Floyd and Gladys Grigsby Floyd. He was in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves. He worked in grounds maintenance at Indiana State University and was a member Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by a brother, Jeff Floyd and his wife, Lorie of Terre Haute; and a niece, Morgan Floyd. Services will be held in Peru. Greiner Funeral Home, 2005 N. 13th St., Terre Haute, has been entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.greinerfuneralhome.com](http://www.greinerfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Karen Mae "Boo" Murray**, 61, Peru, passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Marguerite A. Phillips**, 97, of Peru, passed away at 3:52 p.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Peru on Nov. 6, 1914, the daughter of Charles and Helena Therese "Daisy" Fasnacht Barnhart. Marguerite married James L. Phillips at St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, on Sept. 19, 1940, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 1990. Marguerite was a 1932 graduate of St. Charles High School and worked several years as a Special Education Aide for Julie Swartz at Central School. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar & Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Marguerite treasured her time with her family. A lover of animals, she was known for walking her dogs around Peru with the aid of her walker. Surviving include her daughters; Mary Ann Sullivan and her husband, James, of Peru, Helen Louise Rich and her husband, Dwight, of Monticello, and Patricia Jane Miller and her husband, Dennis of LaFontaine; grandchildren Elizabeth Lovette, Christopher Lovette, Erica Rich, Sandra Lindholm and Teresa Schwindt; great-grandchildren; Jennifer Lindholm and Kelly Lindholm. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, a son, James C. Phillips, a sister Marie Hettwer and a great-grandchild Matthew James Lindholm. A Mass of Christian Burial for Marguerite A. Phillips will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday June 18, 2012 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 17, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Prayer Service following at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Vincent de Paul. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Mary E. Thomas**, 91, Peru, died at 6:55 p.m. June 12, 2012, at Millers Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Peru on May 20, 1921, to George L. and Mary E. (Hiers) Thomas. Mary worked at United Technology and was a member of the Saint Charles Catholic Church. She was part of the Alter Rosary and the Dukes Senior Circle. She is survived by Joan Fallstick and Martha Thomas, Peru. Her parents preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Saint Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with Father Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service at the church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 15, 2012

**Thomas D. Sermon, Jr.**, 57, died unexpectedly June 5, 2012, in San Diego, Calif. Tom was born to Bernice V. (Jones) and Thomas D. Sermon, on March 17, 1955. Both have preceded him in death. Tom has four sisters, Carla (Don) Bowyer of Peru, Anne Sermon, San Diego, Pam Cain, San Diego, Diana (Jim) Vasbinder, San Antonio, Texas; six nieces and nephews, Tamra, Lindsey, Jessica, Selena, Ian, Shire, and seven great-nieces and nephews, Gabrielle, Briana, Alexander, Alice, Aiden, reside in San Diego, also Lilly and Bauer, of Peru. Tom was working as the caretaker of Uptegrove Estates. A private service was held in San Diego, Calif. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 16, 2012

**Howard Newhouse**, 83, Converse, passed away Thursday, June 14, 2012 in his home after a short illness. Born March 31, 1929 in Grant County, he was the son of Clifford and Nettie (Draper) Newhouse. Howard graduated in 1948 from Swayzee High School. He was married Aug. 6, 1950 to Eloise (Powell) Newhouse, who survives. Howard was a farmer and a member of the Elks, Moose and Eagles. He enjoyed farming and after retiring loved helping his son and grandsons farm. He enjoyed traveling and RVing, especially out west. He spent summers at Lake Tippecanoe and winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. Surviving are one son, Ronnie (Jody) Newhouse, Greentown, Ind.; two daughters, Susan (Pete) Guion, Alpharetta, Georgia, and Patti (Robert) Thomas, Fishers, Ind. Grandchildren include Bradley (Shanann) Newhouse, Converse, Ind.; Brent (Tonya) Newhouse also of Converse, Ind; Joseph (Juli) Guion, Atlanta, Ga.; Matthew (Kristina) Guion of Alpharetta, Ga.; Kyle Thomas, Orlando, Fla. and Tyler Thomas of Birmingham, Ala. Great Grandchildren are Bryce, Reid, Caleb, Lexie and Ellery Newhouse; Cody, Lily and Eloise Guion. Also surviving are one sister, Waneta Stevens and two brothers, Dean (Nancy) Newhouse and Garry (Sharon) Newhouse. Preceded in death was brother-in-law, Lee Stevens. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2012 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Ind. 46952 with the Rev. Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m., Sunday, June 17, 2012 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash Street, Converse, Ind. 46919 or VNS Howard Regional Hospice Services, 2800 South Reed Road, Second Floor, Kokomo, IN 46902. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 16, 2012

**Lois I. Hill**, 94, North Manchester and formerly of Roann and Laketon areas, died at 2:15 p.m. June 14, 2012, at the Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. She was born Sept. 22, 1917, in Miami County to Victor and Flossie M. (Fouts) Long. She married Gordon Achey on Aug. 8, 1936, who preceded her in death Oct. 12, 1970. She married Forrest Hill on Oct. 26, 1974, who preceded her in death April 9, 2044. Lois was a homemaker, farmer and worked at Oppenheim's Department Store for many years. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, North Manchester. She graduated from Chili High School, Chili. She enjoyed embroidery, quilting and working in her yard. She also enjoyed sitting on the glider on her front porch and visiting with all of her neighbors. She is survived by a stepson, Ted (Faith) Hill, North Manchester; a close friend, Elizabeth Learned, North Manchester; and cousins, Leo and Mary Lou Cozzolino, Clinton, Iowa and Betty Parson, North Manchester. Also surviving are a step-grandchild, four great step-grandchildren, and a great-great step-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and one step-grandchild. A graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Chili Cemetery, Chili, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Memorials may be made to Peabody Retirement Community, 400 W. Seventh St., North Manchester. Condolences may be sent to [mckeemortuary.com](http://mckeemortuary.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 16, 2012

**Mary E. Thomas**, 91, Peru, died at 6:55 p.m. June 12, 2012 at Millers-Merry-Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Peru on May 20, 1921 to George L. and Mary E. (Hiers) Thomas. Mary retired from United Technology and was a member of the Saint Charles Catholic Church, the Altar Rosary Society, and the Dukes Senior Circle. Her favorite project was filling the shoebox gifts for the needy children at Christmas time. She is survived by Martha Thomas and Joan Fallstick, Peru, nieces and nephews and one great nephew. She was preceded in death by both her parents, five brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Saint Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., with Father Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service at the church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 16, 2012

Born Nov. 27, 1949 Island Creek W.Va., **Mary Frances Miller** died Monday June 11, 2012, at her home 519 W. 7th Street, Peru, Ind. The daughter of George and Reba Harmon. Mary was preceded in death by her daughter, Tina Marie Spradling, and her parents, three brothers, Mayo Denzil, David C. and Roger, five sisters, Emma Jean Burrington, Stella Markland, Betty Harmon, Roxie Shaffer, and Margret Poland Ply. Surviving are a daughter Angela Hershey (George), son Robert Spradling (Ryan) and five grandchildren Matthew Spradling 19, Luke Hershey 16, Heidi Spradling 17, of Peru, Kylie Spradling 2, and Leah Spradling 4 months, of Pinellas Park Fla.. Soon to be great-grandmother. Four brothers Kermit Kessel Harmon (Norma), Kyle Harmon of Peru, Donald (Linda) Harmon of West Harrison Ind., Darrel (Pearl) Harmon of St. Albans W.Va., and three sisters Vera (Sonny) Miller, of Plain City, Ohio; Patsy Harmon Peru, Velma Cabello, Huston Texas. Mary was a member of the Ladies of Auxiliary V.F.W. Peru Ind. She also worked at Hardees (Peru Ind.) for 26 years before retiring. She loved to play Bingo, play Euchre and loved to dance. She also had two special green thumbs for roses. Viewing will be Sunday June 17, 2012 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the funeral service will be held on Monday June 18, 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Pastor Rose Sorenson will be officiating. Donations can be made to Love Offerings. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 16, 2012

**Howard Newhouse**, 83, Converse, passed away Thursday, June 14, 2012 in his home after a short illness. Born March 31, 1929 in Grant County, he was the son of Clifford and Nettie (Draper) Newhouse. Howard graduated in 1948 from Swayzee High School. He was married Aug. 6, 1950 to Eloise (Powell) Newhouse, who survives. Howard was a farmer and a member of the Elks, Moose and Eagles. He enjoyed farming and after retiring loved helping his son and grandsons farm. He enjoyed traveling and RVing, especially out west. He spent summers at Lake Tippecanoe and winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. Surviving are one son, Ronnie (Jody) Newhouse, Greentown, Ind.; two daughters, Susan (Pete) Guion, Alpharetta, Georgia, and Patti (Robert) Thomas, Fishers, Ind. Grandchildren include Bradley (Shanann) Newhouse, Converse, Ind.; Brent (Tonya) Newhouse also of Converse, Ind; Joseph (Juli) Guion, Atlanta, Ga.; Matthew (Kristina) Guion of Alpharetta, Ga.; Kyle Thomas, Orlando, Fla. and Tyler Thomas of Birmingham, Ala. Great Grandchildren are Bryce, Reid, Caleb, Lexie and Ellery Newhouse; Cody, Lily and Eloise Guion. Also surviving are one sister, Waneta Stevens and two brothers, Dean (Nancy) Newhouse and Garry (Sharon) Newhouse. Preceded in death was brother-in-law, Lee Stevens. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 18, 2012 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Ind. 46952 with the Rev. Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m., Sunday, June 17, 2012 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash Street, Converse, Ind. 46919 or VNS Howard Regional Hospice Services, 2800 South Reed Road, Second Floor, Kokomo, IN 46902. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, June 18, 2012

**Jessie Louise "Sugar" Cain**, 82, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born June 14, 1930 near Chili, she was the daughter of Gordon Jack and Winifred Gertrude Smith Brown. She was married to James Robert Cain, and he preceeded in death in January 2006. Louise attended Olive Branch Church of God for several years. She enjoyed playing the organ, sewing, and working on craft projects. Survivors include two children, Robert M. Cain, Peru; and one daughter, Patricia Louise Bates and husband Jeff, Evansville; five grandchildren, Robert M. Cain, Jr. and wife Danya, West Lafayette; Nicholas Adam Cain and wife Cameron, Schererville; Summer Louise Bates, Indianapolis; Jeffery Matthew Bates, Evansville; and Katti Emiline Bates, Indianapolis; and 10 great grandchildren; a sister, Wilma Secaur, Fort Wayne; four brothers, Marty Brown, Lebanon; Joe Brown, Peru; Homer Brown, Kokomo; and Jack Brown, Salt Lake City, Utah. She was preceded in death by one brother Howard Brown, and one sister, Mariel Neff. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Lowell Burrus. She will be laid to rest in Chili Community Cemetery, Chili, Indiana. Visitation will be held from noon until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, June 19, 2012

**Becky L. Landry**, 46, of Bunker Hill, passed away at 3 a.m., Sunday, June 17, 2012, at her residence. She was born in Sumpter, S.C. on Feb. 15, 1966, the daughter of Theodore and Sharon Hobbs Ramsey. Becky married Roland Landry on June 26, 1992, and he survives. Becky graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1984 and was a member of the Life and Grace Bible Fellowship Church. Surviving in addition to her husband Roland Landry is a son Derek Landry of Bunker Hill; a daughter Makayla Landry of Bunker Hill; a sister Lisa Townsend and her husband, Donnie, of Peru; a nephew, Michael Ramsey, of Peru; a niece, Sasha Ramsey, of Peru and a great-nephew, Conor Vinopal, of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Becky L. Landry will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor John Haines officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials made be made to the Becky Landry Family through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, June 20, 2012

**William James Heckard**, 56, of 104 Indian Trail Road, Seneca, S.C., husband of Edna Jane Raymer Heckard, died Thursday, June 14, 2012, at his residence. A native of Logansport, Mr. Heckard was the son of the late Robert W. and Dorthy Heckard. He was an electrical engineer with Schneider Electric and was a member of Gateway Oconee Church. In addition to his wife, Mr. Heckard is survived by daughters, Jenna Suzanne Norris of Grapevine, Texas, and Jill Marie Porter of Carrollton, Texas; brothers, John Heckard of Logansport, and Dave Heckard of Berne; sisters, Rosemary Lafrance of Indianapolis, and Susan Dowd of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Reijah Joy, Caden Taylor and Carson Cole. In addition to his parents, Mr. Heckard



was preceded in death by a brother, Robert W. Heckard, II. A memorial service was held Monday, June 18, 2012 at United Assembly of God in Seneca, S.C. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the First Assembly of God in Delphi. Burial will be at Keeps Creek Cemetery near Clymers. Flowers are accepted. Abbott Funeral Home of Delphi in charge of arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Longtime Peru resident **Ramona Aileen Kuhn Summers**, born Oct. 16, 1928, in Logansport, was the daughter of Frederick L. and Juanita Louise Babcock Kuhn. On June 14, 1980, she was married in Peru to G.N. "Bill" Summers, who survives. She died at 1 a.m. Sunday, June 17, 2012, at Blair Ridge Healthcare, Peru. A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. Also surviving are one son, Michael E. Saine, and his wife, Elizabeth, Peru; one daughter, Deb Saine, Logansport; one stepson, Jeff Summers, and his wife, Karen, McMinnville, Oregon; one stepdaughter, Lisa Summers Kobek, and her husband, Bob, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Kate Saine Gonzales, Westfield, Karlie Saine, Indianapolis, and Quinn Saine, Maui, Hawaii, and two great-grandchildren, Alex and Will Gonzales, Westfield. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Kuhn Kerr, and one great-aunt, Evie Stelts. Mrs. Summers had attended school in Logansport and graduated from Peru High School in 1946. She retired from Summers Insurance Agency, where she had worked 22 years as a bookkeeper and a licensed agent for property casualty insurance. Prior to becoming a bookkeeper and insurance agent, Mrs. Summers had served as deputy clerk of Miami County Circuit Court for eight years. She also had worked as a secretary for Schwartz Paper Company, Muncie, and H.K. Cuthbertson and H.A. Thrush companies, Peru, and as a proofreader for the Peru Daily Tribune. Her first job was at a dime store in Logansport. She later sold tickets at the Roxy in downtown Peru. Mrs. Summers had been a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, where she had served on the board of trustees and the finance committee. She also had been a member and a past president of the Miami County Symphony Unit, the northeast director of the Symphony Women's Committee of the Indiana State Symphony Society, Inc., and a member and past treasurer of the Peru Art Club. She formerly belonged to Psi Iota Xi sorority. An avid bridge player for more than 50 years, she and her husband were members of two couples' bridge clubs, including the Tri Kappa Bridge-A-Rama couples' bridge club, and she was the member of two other bridge clubs, including one that she had founded. Although she never participated in sports, Mrs. Summers enjoyed watching PGA golf events and men's college basketball, rooting for Indiana, Purdue, Butler and Notre Dame universities. She also enjoyed watching the Indianapolis Colts, the Indianapolis Pacers and Indiana's WNBA franchise, the Fever. Friends may call from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Thursday, at The First Baptist Church Peru, Indiana with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Memorials may be made to The Helping Hands of Miami County. Arrangements Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, June 21, 2012

**Karen Mae "Boo" Murray**, 60, of Peru died Wednesday June 13, 2012, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Karen was born on Sept. 23, 1951, in Peru, daughter of Wallace E. and Mary K. Taylor. She married Jessie Murray in 1977 and he preceded her in death. Surviving are three sisters, Shirley and husband Jerry Willis, Sharon and husband, Arnold, Musselman, Juanita and husband, Gary, Colegrove and one brother, Charles Taylor. Also surviving are five daughters, Ashley, Chassidy, Lucia, Johnica and Kindra, thirteen grandchildren and four great grand-children. She was preceded in death by two sisters, one brother and two grandchildren, Aden and Abraham. Memorial services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Saturday June 23, 2012, at 10 a.m. Friends may call from 9 a.m. till time of service. Memorial contributions can be made to Flowers-Leedy. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 22, 2012

**John "Kellar" Daugherty**, 48, of Cedar Park, Texas, passed away on June 11, 2012. He was born on March 7, 1964, to John and Alice (Shirley) Daugherty. Kellar is survived by his wife, Jill (Reed) Daugherty; children, Justin Engel, Janel Manriquez and husband, Derek, Elizabeth Daugherty and Trey Lender; mother, Alice Daugherty; grandchildren, Jaden and Braxton Manriquez; sisters and brothers, Linda Hancock, Thomas Glenn, Martha Zigler, Larry Townsend, and Steve Daugherty; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, and sister, Candy. A celebration of life will be on Saturday, July 14, 2012, from 3-7 p.m. at 3988 S. Wallick Road, Peru. Attire is casual. A celebration in Cedar Park, Texas will be held from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 1503 Anthony Court. Arrangements by Beck Funeral Home, 1700 E. Whitestone, Cedar Park, Texas. On-line registry at [www.beckchapels.com](http://www.beckchapels.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 23, 2012

**Helen M. Rassi**, 93, Milford, died June 21, 2012. Survived by Barrie (Judy) Rassi. Services will be 3:30 p.m. Monday at Mishler Funeral Home, Milford. Visitation is noon to 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, June 25, 2012**

**Maebelle Scaife**, 69, Kewanna, died at 1:40 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, June 27, 2012**

**Wilmer R. Graber**, 85, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, June 28, 2012

Peru resident **Janita Lynn Robinson**, died on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at her home in Peru. She was born Dec. 21, 1960, in Muncie, the daughter of Bobby Ray Garrett and Linda L. Garrett. In 1980, she was married to Ronald D. Robinson. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the Freewill Baptist Church in Bunker Hill. Surviving are two sons, Rodney A. Robinson, and his fiancée, Brittany, and Randy R. Robinson and his wife, Jenna; her mother, Linda L. Garrett; three siblings, Tammy A. Crum, Jimmy M. Garrett and Jerry D. Garrett; two grandchildren, Preston C. Robinson and Little Rodney; and her companion, Rick Grisamore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald D. Robinson; one grandchild, Jordan D. Robinson; and her father, Bobby Ray Garrett. Janita Robinson had attended school in Muncie and graduated from Southside High School. She was a homemaker and a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She enjoyed fishing, reading and crocheting. Friends may visit from 3-4 p.m. Monday at the Freewill Baptist Church in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets. A memorial service will follow. Love offerings may be made to the church in care of Janita Robinson. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, June 28, 2012

**William R. Graber**, 85, of Peru, went to be with Jesus, his Savior, on June 26, 2012 at the residence of his daughter, Naomi Stites. He was born in Loogootee, on Feb. 9, 1927 the son of Elmer and Elizabeth Stoll Graber. On Feb. 11, 1950, Wilmer married Ida Christner and she preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 1994. Wilmer and his brother, Lester, owned and operated Graber Brothers Construction for more than 50 years. He also farmed for more than 50 years. Wilmer thoroughly enjoyed gardening and giving the produce away to family and friends. His family and friends were a priority to him. Wilmer was a member of the Bethany Fellowship Church. He is survived by five daughters and two sons: Ruth (Freeman) Herschberger of Converse; Naomi (Jim) Stites of Kokomo; Mary (Merle) Raber of Myakka City, Fla.; Elizabeth (Lloyd) Miller of Kokomo; Ida Kingery of Kokomo; Allen (Teresa) Graber of Greentown; and Vernon Graber of Bunker Hill. He is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren a brother, Benjamin Graber of Crawford, Miss., and a sister, Ruth Otto of Cannelburg, Ind. In addition to his wife, Ida, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Joan (Graber) Bontrager; a son-in-law, Danny Kingery; a great-granddaughter, Kyrsten Bontrager, and three brothers, Arthur, Lester and Ernest. A service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 2012 at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, located on the county line (3976 E. 1400 S. Miami County) and (700 E. and 600 N. Howard County) with Marvin Beachy and Steve Pierce officiating. Burial will be in the Christner Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made, through the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, to the Christian Aid Ministries or Premier Hospice. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, June 29, 2012

**Jacqueline J. Keyes**, 81, of Peru, passed away at 4:40 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born in Leesburg, Va. on June 23, 1931, the daughter of Victor and Bessie Jackson. Jacqueline married Raymond A. Keyes, Jr. on June 4, 1949 and they were married for than 62 years until his death on Aug. 11, 2011. Jacqueline was a graduate of Leesburg High School in Leesburg, Va. and was a retired J.C. Penney Co. employee. She is survived by her son, Raymond A. Keyes III and his wife Barbara of Peru; granddaughters, Shana Peconga and her husband Jim of St. Petersburg, Fla., Lindsay Black and her husband Parker of Noblesville, Lauren Barnes and her husband Blake of Peru, and Hillary Keyes of Carmel; a great-grandson, Mason Barnes; great-granddaughters, Sydney Barnes, Whitney Barnes, Mackenzie Black and Peyton Black; and a brother, Ray Staples and his wife Jean, of Maryland. A sister, Peggy, preceded her in death.

A service celebrating the life of Jacqueline J. Keyes will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Tim Powers officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather after 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, June 30, 2012

**Margaret J. Kistler**, 100, Rochester, died 12:55 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital. Service: 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, in Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation: 4-8 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Catherine L. Benedict**, 94 passed away June 27, 2012. She was a resident of Indianapolis. She was born May 24, 1918 in Shenandoah, Pa., to the late Augusta and Tillie (Lazuk) Walacavage. She graduated from Allentown, Pennsylvania School of Nursing and served as a nurse in the Philippines during World War II. In March 1949 she married Maj. Robert Benedict, USAF. She is survived by her husband, one son, Bryan R. Benedict M.D. and two grandsons, Brandon and Derek Benedict. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at the McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road, Denver, Indiana 46926. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church, 111 N. Yorick St., Denver, Indiana 46926. You are invited to read Catherine's complete obituary at [www.wilsonstpierre.com](http://www.wilsonstpierre.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Patricia A. Sims**, 83, of Peru, passed away at 9:15 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2012, at her residence. She was born in Peru on Aug. 15, 1928 the daughter of Cecil and Mary Spurgeon Pope. Patricia married Jack Sims on April 1, 1969 and he preceded her in death. Patricia retired from Delco, Kokomo. She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Fleener of Peru; three sons, Don Spurgeon of Harrison, Ohio, Mike Gallahan and his wife Dea of Amboy, and Craig Gallahan of Peru; four grandchildren, Patrick Gallahan and his wife Valerie, Cody Gallahan, Courtney Gallahan and Marissa Doyle and her husband Rob; six great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Dorothy Greer of Peru, Sandra Shigemora of Hawaii, Norma Hiers of Macy and Linda Garber of Peru. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. Family and friends will gather from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Private burial services will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind. at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the Great Lakes Hospice. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Mary E. Barr**, 62, Peru, died at 7:22 a.m. June 29, 2012 at Autumn Ridge Health Care, Wabash. She was born Nov. 7, 1949 in Peru to Lawrence and Patricia (Corum) Mongosa. She married Charles Barr, who preceded her in death Oct. 8, 2004. She retired from Stella Cheese, and was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Logansport. Mary is survived by her daughter, Brandi Wernz and husband Kris, Peru; her son, David Fodge, Peru; two grandchildren, Tristain and Lennox; a brother, Larry Mongosa and wife Christy, Peru; and sisters, Patricia Snay and husband Jim, Logansport, Brenda McCord and husband Charlie, Peru, and Dea Masters and husband Butch, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Ind. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Tuesday from noon until the time of service. Love offerings may be made through the funeral home to the Barr family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Clara J. "June" Henderson Bonnette**, 75, Monticello, passed away Monday, July 2, 2012. She was born in Carroll County, on Thursday, June 3, 1937, to Orval L. Brewer and Elsie E. (Flora) Brewer. Clara was widowed. Survivors include daughters Laurie Henderson of Monticello, Dawn Flynn of Brookston, Kathy (husband Dennis) Zabel of Peru, Kaylee N. Bonnette of Monticello, and son Kole D. Bonnette of Monticello. A celebration of life service will be held at the Miller-Roscka Funeral Home of Monticello at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2012. Burial will take place in the Hickory Grove Cemetery located in rural Carroll County. Visitation will be at 11 a.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, at the funeral home. Arrangements by Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, 6368 E. US 24 Monticello.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Philip James Rosel**, 65, Sweetser, died at 2:03 a.m. Monday, July, 2012 at Saint Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

Longtime Monticello resident, **Martha Jane Lake**, 93, passed away Sunday, July 2 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. where she had resided for the past 12 years. Martha Jane was born Nov. 24, 1918 in Monticello. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. J.H. Kraning and Mrs. Mae Kraning, and her brother, John C. Kraning. Martha Jane graduated from Monticello High School in 1936 and Butler University. She taught school for several years in Monon. Martha Jane married Robert Beitz in 1946 who passed away October 1961. She married Beryl B. Shaw in 1966 and he passed away in 1971. Martha Jane married Forest Lake October 1974 and he passed away in 1997. Survivors include one daughter, Joanne Minnick and son-in-law Ron Minnick of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two grandsons Scott Minnick and Mark Minnick both of Murfreesboro; four great-grandchildren, Justin, Alandria, Taylor, and Haley Minnick of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and three nieces, Judy Ferguson, Pennsylvania, Edna Livett of Australia, and Pam Tobies of Elgin, Ill. While living in Monticello Martha Jane was a very active member of the Monticello Presbyterian Church. She was also a member of the Tippecanoe Country Club and the American Legion Auxiliary. Martha Jane was an avid bridge player and golfer for more than 50 years. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, at the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello with the Rev. Thomas Albaumb officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be given to the Monticello Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Ind. or to the First Presbyterian Church of Murfreesboro, Tenn. in memory of Martha Jane Lake. Springer-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home of Monticello is entrusted with care. You may sign the online guestbook at <http://www.springerfuneralhome.com/>

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Sally A. Chester**, 63, Peru, died at 12:35 a.m. Sunday, July 1, 2012 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 2, 2012

**Thomas C. "Tim" Maiben**, 81, Peru, passed away at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru on July 1, 2012. He was born June 10, 1931, to Thomas R. and Maxine Yeakey Maiben in Logansport. Tim attended Logansport High School, Culver Military Academy and RPI Institute in Troy, N.Y. He graduated from short-course at Purdue University. Tim served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1951-1957) and served in the Korean War. Tim's memberships were A.A.S.R. Northern Masonic Jurisdictions USA 32°; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Purdue Ag Alumni Association; Culver Legion Alumni and Black Horse Troop; Tipton Lodge, No.33 F.&A.M.; Murat Shrine Club; Life member Veterans of Foreign Wars; life member Elks USA. Tim was the third generation of Maibens to own and operate Maiben's Laundry in Logansport. Along with his farming interests, he owned and operated Maiben's Landfill and Trash Removal Service. He also owned and operated a Robo carwash and a Standard Oil Service Station from 1966-1976. Tim's love for farming began in the 1950's and remained a vital part of his life. He was named the Indiana Superior Tomato Grower in 1966. His no-till farming practices began in the 1990's and this is still a practice on today's farm. He married Patricia Meade who survives along with five children: Cheryl Meyer, Susan Budreau, Charles Maiben, Tim (Stephany) Maiben, and Cami Maiben. His grandchildren are Kristi Kunaschk, Mark Meyer, Katie and Paul Meyer; Tyler Budreau, Daniel Budreau; Hayden, Hallie, Addie, and Averie Maiben. His great grandchildren are Ava and Gavin Kunaschk. Friends may call Thursday, July 5, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at McGrawsville United Methodist Church in Amboy. A memorial service with full military honors will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. also on Thursday, at the church. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association, Ste 200, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 4, 2012

**Sally A. Chester**, 63, Peru, died at 12:35 a.m. July 1, 2012 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center, Peru. She was born Oct. 11, 1948 in Huntington, to John Harold and Alice (Honan) Harris. She married Jeff Chester July 18, 1985, and he survives. Sally retired as a teacher from Peru High School in 2006. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Retired Teachers Association, as well as a volunteer in the Miami County Museum. She is survived by her husband; her sons, Sean Chester and wife Megan, Virginia Beach, Va., and Christopher Chester, Kokomo; and her daughters, Paula McGinnis, Vail, Ariz., Stephanie Hatton, Peru, and Stacey Henry and husband Jason, Kokomo. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, two nieces, one great-niece, one great-great-niece and one great-nephew. Sally was preceded in death by both parents and one sister.



A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Robert Adelsperger officiating. Friends may call Thursday from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the First Baptist Church. Memorials to: First Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Miles Funeral Home in Hazlehurst announces the funeral service for Mrs. **Sarah Catherine Fouts**, age 73, of Hazlehurst, who passed away Monday, July 2, 2012. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the chapel of Miles Funeral Home with Brother Jeffery Spell officiating. Mrs. Fouts was born in Hammond, but had lived in Hazlehurst for a number of years. She was the daughter of the late Otto McNabney and Grace Catherine Frantz McNabney. Mrs. Fouts was preceded in death by two brothers: John McNabney and Kenneth McNabney. Mrs. Fouts was a retired educator with the Jeff Davis County School System where she had been employed for 18 years. Mrs. Fouts was a member of the Retired Educators Association. She was employed with the Jeff Davis County Public Library, vice president of the Friends of the Library. Mrs. Fouts loved to travel and attended the First United Methodist Church. Survivors include: husband: Billy Fouts of Hazlehurst; son and daughter-in-law: Jeffrey and Teresa Quillen of Hazlehurst; daughter and son-in-law: Katherine and Greg Cole of Fort Bragg, N.C.; grandchildren: Angela Quillen of Statesboro, Dianne Quillen of Hazlehurst and Luke Owens of Atlanta; sisters: Ellen Hisey of Hazlehurst and Rebecca Kock of North Manchester; brothers: Donald McNabney of Urbana, Dan McNabney of Peru and Ted McNabney of Argentina; two great-grandchildren; four nieces and five nephews also survive. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Home in Hazlehurst. Miles Funeral Home in Hazlehurst is in charge of the arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 4, 2012

**Cheryle A. Steele**, 62, Peru, died at 9:19 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 4, 2012

**Sue "Karen" Decker**, 68, of Wabash, died at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born April 15, 1944 in Peru, to Ernest P. and Marguerite L. (Crum) Malott. Karen was a Peru High School graduate. She married Henry A. Decker at the Northside Evangelical United Brethren Church, in Wabash, on Oct. 20, 1962. She was the clerk at the Wabash County Health Dept., and was the secretary at the Wabash Church of the Brethren several years. Karen was a member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir, was a member of the Women's Association, served as an elder, was the clerk of the session since 1985, and the kitchen manager. She lived in Wabash since 1962. Cooking was her hobby, and she also enjoyed genealogy. She is survived by her husband, Henry A. Decker of Wabash; two children, Lori (Steven) Foust of Roann and Dallas (Rebel Ann) Decker of Wabash; three step children, Lisa Decker and Henry Decker, Jr., both of Peru, and James Decker of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren, and one great grandchild; sister, Shirley (Cud) Willis of Peru; brother, Charles (Bonnie) Malott of Peru. She was preceded in death by her stillborn daughter, two brothers, and one sister. Funeral services will be held at Wabash Presbyterian Church, 123 W. Hill St., Wabash at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012 with the Rev. Jonathan Cornell officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash, and one hour prior to the service, Saturday at the church. Preferred memorial is Wabash Presbyterian Church. The memorial guest book for Karen may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Wilma Joyce Manning** went to be with the Lord at 7:58 p.m. July 3, 2012. Wilma was born Aug. 12, 1933 in Rector, Ark. to Roy and Gladys (Easton) Cagle. On March 14, 1953 she married Max E. Sommers. He preceded her in death after 17 years of marriage. On June 23, 1972, she married Everett Manning Jr. They were married for 33 years. She was a graduate of Clay Township School in Miami County. She also worked at Delco for 10 years. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. The 33 years she spent with Junior was a love made in heaven. Wilma enjoyed being involved with her church, Lions Club, sewing, jigsaw puzzles, homemaking, plus many more activities. She and Junior were also foster parents during their time together and have fostered 27 children during their parenting. She is survived by sons, Ronnie Manning and wife Maxine, Macy, Kevin Manning and wife Christina, Denver, and Dale Sommers and wife Michele, Peru; daughters Gail Dillard and husband James, Tacoma, Wash., and Carol Brinker-Klonowski and husband James, Topeka, Kan. She has 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brother Doyle Cagle and wife Nancy, Kokomo and sisters Jenny Miller, Roann, and Pat McCarty and husband Charlie, Bunker Hill. She is preceded in death by her father, mother, husband Everett Manning Jr.



and sister Blanch Blackburn. Visitation will be held 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, at Allen's Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, and services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home as well, with Pastor Steve Bate, from Denver Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Lions Club or the American Cancer Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Micha Duncan**, 52, Peru, died at 10:13 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Marion E. Elliott**, 90, died at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2012. Graveside services 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Military services by Miami County Military Rites Unit. Arrangements by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Myrna Rae Cornett**, 73, rural Denver, died at 3:41 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at her home. She was born Nov. 18, 1938 in Le Mars, Iowa, to Milton Russell and Ethel Frances (Nall) Lackey. Myrna married Floyd Cornett in Peru, on Nov. 14, 1970. She was a self-employed accountant and owned Granny's Closet in Peru and Santa Fe. She was a member of the Somerset Church of Christ and attended the Denver Baptist Church. She was involved with the Peru First Baptist Clown Ministries and was known as "Clowy the Clown." Myrna enjoyed painting, was an author, and wrote poetry and documentary books. She also was a columnist for the Oak Hill Times. She is survived by her husband, Floyd Cornett, Denver; seven children, Arlo Cornett, Wabash, Richard Cornett, Muncie, Todd (Melissa) Cornett, Denver, Steven Cornett, Wabash, James (Janice) Tubbs and Danny (Linda) Tubbs, both of Lincoln, Neb., and Cheryl (Tony) Janeway, Roann; a sister, Lana Manzanita, California; a brother, David (Teresa) VerMaas, Logansport; 25 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister. There will be no services. Arrangements are by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service. Preferred memorial is American Kidney Fund. The memorial guest book for Myrna may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Irene E. Drake**, 84, Peru, passed away at 3:10 p.m. July 3, 2012 at her home. She was born March 2, 1928 in Pikeville, Ky. to King and Stanley Tackett. She married Charles L. Drake Oct. 12, 1945 and he survives. She has resided in Peru for 62 years. Irene was a homemaker and caretaker. She was a dedicated wife and mother and a very special grandmother to all her grandchildren. She was looked up to and always displayed great passion for all those around her, whether it be family, friends and strangers alike. She enjoyed the outdoors, flowers and gardening. She made you aware that the simple things in life are the most valuable. She is survived by her husband; her children Carl (Cathy) Drake, Peru; Lucille Phillips, Peru; Lois (Guy) Woodhouse, Denver; Calvin (Elaine) Drake, Peru; Carol (Edward) Duncan, Peru; Eldon Drake, Warsaw. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren; her brother Hudson Tackett, Kentucky; and her sisters Leatha Countryman, Peru and Leola Willis, Macy. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, several half brothers and sisters, four grandchildren and one great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 9 in the Skinner Chapel, 6910 N. 1050 E., Denver, with Guy Woodhouse officiating. Dinner will be served at Skinner Chapel following the funeral. Friends may call from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, July 8 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorials to: love offers may be made to the family through the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Micah Joel Duncan**, 52, Peru, passed away, at 10:13 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born in Peru, on Feb. 3, 1960 to Fred A. "Ted" Duncan and Nerma "Betty" (Applegate) Duncan. Micah lived here all of his life. He was self-employed and a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren. He is survived by nieces Kathy Kehler and husband Mike, Stacy Duncan and friend Robert Hoffman, Karen Drust and husband Paul, and Chastity Zelinsky and husband Andy. Great nieces Ariel Hostetler and husband Kevin, Ash Kehler, and Sophia Hoffman, great nephews Duncan Drust, Michael Drust, Ben Zelinsky, and Jack Zelinsky. Brother Timothy Duncan and wife Ann, Peru, and a sister, Margaret Leslie and husband John, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Paul Duncan. A funeral service will be held at the Peru Church of the Brethren, 134 E. 5th St., Peru, Saturday July 7, 2012 with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at

Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Church on Saturday with funeral service at 5 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren and/or Camp Mack. Services entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Sallie Mae Willis**, 70, Kokomo, passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at her home. She was born Nov. 26, 1941, in Kokomo, to Thomas and Harriett (Harwood) Roseberry. On July 8, 1967, she married Ronald E. Willis, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 20, 2008. She is survived by her children, Penny Russell of Kokomo, Thomas (Edith) Russell of Denver, Phyllis Trosper of Indianapolis, and Scott (Amber) Russell of Peru; three step-children, Ronald (Judy) Willis of Sidell, La., Lisa (Dave) Calvert of Plainfield, and Gary Willis of Brownsburg; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Charles Roseberry, and Jim Roseberry; and sister, Yonda Ellis. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one step-daughter, SuAnn Willis; two brothers, Jerry and Joe Roseberry; and two sisters, Martha Davis and Nancy Marrow. The funeral service will be held at noon Saturday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Rd., Kokomo. Entombment will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 5, 2012

**Agnes Fern Deardorff**, 90, Macy, passed away at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Born Nov. 21, 1921 in Kokomo, she was the daughter of William and Ruth Gilbert Markley. On Jan. 28, 1939 in Kokomo, she was married to Raph Richard Deardorff, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 8, 1988. She was a member of the Mexico First Brethren Church. She loved spending time outside in her garden. Survivors include four sons, John Ebert Deardorff and his wife Kathy, Macy; Kerry Ralph Deardorff and his wife Vicky, Mexico; Emerson Galen Deardorff, Macy; and Michael Wayne Deardorff and wife Renee, Lafayette; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Eugene and Richard Keith Deardorff; and one daughter, Janet Sue Layton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Howard County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Sunday, July 8, 2012

**Norman F. Collins**, 82, Rochester, passed away at 3:08 a.m. Saturday July 7, 2012 at his residence. He was born on Jan. 12, 1930 in Macy, the son of Roy and Edith (Warner) Collins. On Aug. 20, 1949 in Macy, he married Norma J. Easterday and she survives. Mr. Collins had worked at Sealed Power, Rochester, for more than 40 years, where he had been superintendent. He continued working as a real estate agent after retirement and was a member of the Macy Christian Church, Macy. Survivors include his wife, Norma J. Collins, Rochester; sons David (Twila) Collins, Denver, Rick (Stephanie) Collins, Lenox, Mass., Stephen (Joyce) Collins, Martinsville; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Arlene Palmer, Wabash; a brother, Don (Shirley) Collins, Howell, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Herb, Larry and Robert Collins; and a grandson, Andrew Collins. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Dave Welsh officiating. Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to service Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Macy Christian Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Sunday, July 8, 2012

**Mary Kay Meyer**, 76, Rochester, died at 1:11 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at her residence. Private family services will be held Monday, July 9 in the Good Family Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Sunday, July 8, 2012

**Marcia Joan Steele**, 80, of Wabash, died at 2:04 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born January 15, 1932 in Denver, to Dwight and Mae (Leedy) Shoemaker. Marcia was a 1949 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico. She was a homemaker and the Roann correspondent for The Paper of Wabash County since 1994. She married Raymond E. Steele in Denver on Dec. 6, 1951. She attended the Roann United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Roann Matrons Club. She lived in Wabash the past 13 years, coming from Roann, where she lived 37 years. She enjoyed scrapbooking, card making and reading. She also had pen pals all over North America and enjoyed family

activities. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Steele of Wabash; six children, Kevin (Debbie) Steele of Hollywood, Fla., Kim (Kathleen) Steele of Leesburg, Kerry (Linda) Steele and Kathy Steele, both of Wabash, Karla (Alan) Stouffer of Roann and Kyle (Mindy) Steele of Wabash; Two sisters, Gwendolyn Maus and Connie Hunt, both of Peru; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Malcolm Shoemaker. Funeral service will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Wednesday, July 11, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Dan Binkley officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Marcia may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 11, 2012

**Anna Pierce, 98**, Crawfordsville, died Friday, July 6, 2012. Service: 10 .m. Friday, July 13, at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Calling: 9:30 a.m. Friday until the time of service. Arrangements by Allen Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 11, 2012

**Marvin G. Bahney**, 79, Akron, died at 12:01 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at his residence. He was born Oct. 5, 1932 in Wabash County to Urban S. and Nellie E. (Dillsaver) Bahney. He was married to Carol A. Crousore Shambarger Nov. 22, 1981 and she survives. Marvin was a veteran serving his country in the U.S. Army. He was a dairy farmer for many years as well as working at Sonoco Products Company of Akron. He graduated from Gilead High School in 1950. He then graduated from International Business College with a degree in accounting. Marvin was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the Eagles, all of Rochester. He was very active with the LeRoy Shelton Honor Guard, serving for many funerals. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards and gardening. Marvin is survived by his wife, Carol Bahney, Akron; five daughters, Jana Bahney-Green, Kokomo, Lory and husband Barry Newhouse, Fort Wayne, Jill and husband Kevin Pugh, Rochester, Kelly and husband Gary Lebo, Middletown, Ohio, and Lega and husband Gordon Nash, Warsaw; four sons, Marty and wife Kathy Bahney, Winona Lake, Ty and wife Ida Bahney, Rochester, Chuck and wife Robin Shambarger, Jackson, N.J., and Randy Shambarger, Rochester; sister Bonnie "Colleen" Miller, Macy; and brother John and wife Barb Bahney, Macy. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, Urban S. and Nellie E. Bahney, son Christopher "Skip" Shambarger, granddaughter Aubrey Hogue and brothers Bobbie and Virgil "Butch" Bahney. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with military honors to be performed by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion No. 34 and the VFW Post 1343, both of Rochester. The Rev. Junior Bose will officiate. Private burial will take place at a later date in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation hours are 2-5 p.m. Friday, July 13, 2012 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Premier Hospice of Kokomo, the Eagles Golf Scholarship Fund or the American Legion Building Fund. Online condolences can be sent at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, July 13, 2012

**Mary L. Schmidt**, 94, of Peru, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, July 12, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care and Rehab, Peru. She was born in Peru, on April 10, 1918, the daughter of Charles and Bessie Nicholson Ditzler. Mary married Richard C. Schmidt on Sept. 15, 1940 in Peru, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1997. Mary was a 1936 graduate of Peru High School. A petite lady with a smile that radiated a touch of class, Mary was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for more than 50 years, the Main Street United Methodist Church, and the United Methodist Women's Circle. Mary owned and operated the Peru Credit Bureau until her retirement in 1989. She is survived by a nephew, Donald Carson of Peru; great-nephew, Bruce Carson and his wife Brenda of Peru; great-great-nephews, Jesse Carson and Jody Carson and a great-great-niece, Bailey Carson. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Richard; a brother and three sisters. A service celebrating the life of Mary L. Schmidt will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, July 16, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor David Scifres officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather after 9 a.m., Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, July 13, 2012

**William C. Crawford**, 48, Peru, died Thursday morning, July 12, 2012, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 14, 2012

**Ross H. Fisher**, 93, formerly of Wabash passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, July 13, 2012 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. He was born to the late Omer P. and Leora (Helvey) Fisher of May 5, 1919 in Miami County. He was a graduate from Richard Township High School of Chili in 1939. Ross was a member of First United Methodist Church of Wabash. He was formerly married to Maxine Baldwin in 1940, she passed away in 1987; he then married Velma Benson in April of 1972, she passed away May 27, 2012. He was a farmer for 40 years, then he was a tool salesman. He is survived by a son, Michael Fisher (Sharon) of Wabash; daughter, Mrs. Danny (Karen) Howell of Antwerp, Ohio; step daughter, Margaret Jo Wadkins of Wabash; eight grandchildren, Craig Fisher (Tammy) of Silver Lake, LeAnn O'Bannon of Marion, Missy Scott (Donald) of Claypool, Denitza Fisher of Warsaw, Nick Fisher (Out) of Roann, Tia Albea (Brian) of Marion, Chris Howell (Caryn) of Goshen, and Heidi Morris (Donald) of New Haven; 18 great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son, Max Fisher (Becky), brother and sister, along with his parents and wives, Maxine and Velma. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash. Officiating the service will be Pastor Kurt Freeman. Burial will follow in the Lagro Cemetery in Lagro. Visitation for family and friends will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, IN 46992. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 14, 2012

**Vera M. Snyder**, 96, Peru, died at 10:38 p.m. July 12, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Miami County Jan. 4, 1916 to Sylvan and Mary Ruth (Jackson) Cunningham. She married Arthur O. Snyder Dec. 14, 1945 and he preceded her in death. Vera worked at United Technologies and was a member of McMeely Memorial Church. She loved her family, she enjoyed going to her boy's baseball games, watching the cubs on TV, crossword puzzles and her cat. Vera is survived by her sons, Steven A. (Barbara) Snyder, Logansport, and Teddy O. (Debra) Snyder, Peru; a daughter, Louanna (Randy) Prokop, Peru; grandchildren, Lori Gano, Lisa (Joe) Girton, Linda (Scott) Armstrong, Lana (Tony) Skelton, Jennifer Stubler, Jessica (Steve) Ewing, Michelle (Aaron) Douglass, Steven Adair, Donald Dewey and Timothy (Christina) Wallace; nephew Pete Polk; niece Norma Hutter; and sisters-in-law Charlotte Brunfield and Fern Woodring. Also surviving are 28 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Randy Weil officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials to: Guardian Angel Hospice, through the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 14, 2012

**Claude "Smokey" Stokdyk**, 84, of Peru, passed away at 2:48 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born in Cedar Grove, Wis. on Jan. 26, 1928 the son of Harold and Sadie Weinrich Stokdyk. He married Grace Ohlendorf in Kirksville, Mont. on March 27, 1954 and she preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 1997. Smokey was a graduate of Port Washington High School in Port Washington, Wis. and served in the U.S. military for more than 23 years, retiring from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1973. His military decorations include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Air Force Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Viet Nam Service Award and the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal. Returning to civilian life he was an employee of Miami Beverage Company and served as secretary of the Peru Elks Lodge for many years. Smokey was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and participated in the traveling bowling leagues of the Elks, Moose and VFW Lodges. He was manager of the Peru Merchants Softball team in the 1970's. Smokey was a familiar face in Peru as he walked the town for 10 miles every day, while reading the newspaper. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, a life member and former Quartermaster of Miami County VFW Post 2067, a member of the Larimore, N.D. American Legion, Peru Elks Lodge, Literary Aide and the Peru Maennerchor. He is survived by his children Diane Hahn and her husband Michael of Riverside, Calif., Linda Stokdyk of Phoenix, Ariz., Kathy McAteer and her husband Gene of Henderson, Nev., Terry LeVier and his wife Alisha of Peru, Gary Dowe and his wife Val of Grafton, Wis.; a daughter-in-law Cindy Stokdyk of Delphi; 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Grace, a son Bruce Stokdyk, a brother Hugo Stokdyk and a sister Jane Schulze. A service celebrating the life of Claude "Smokey" Stokdyk will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 W. Main St., Peru with the Rev. Stephen Quinlan officiating. Burial will be in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion with graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donation may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 14, 2012

**William C. Crawford**, 48, of Peru, passed away at 12:20 a.m., Thursday, July 12, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was born in Reseda, Calif., on June 27, 1964 the son of William C. and Nancy Morgan Crawford. Bill graduated from W. T. White High School, Dallas, Texas in 1982 and the Ivy Tech School of Culinary Arts. He was a certified massage therapist and was employed as a chef at the Siding Restaurant where he was especially noted for the excellence of his Sunday buffet. He was an active member of Ole Olsen and a Peru Township Advisory Board Member. Bill was an animal advocate and volunteered at numerous animal shelters in our community. He was a beautiful person, a wonderful son, brother and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother Nancy Dice and her husband Donald of Peru; his companion of 20 years Kurt Schindler of Peru; sisters Alicia Burrough and her husband Rodney of Mountainburg, Ark., Christi Crawford of Peru, Teri Moore of Peru and Colleen Crawford of Pasadena, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews. A service celebrating the life of William C. Crawford will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 W. Main St., Peru with the Rev. Stephen Quinlan officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 1-4 p.m., Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 16, 2012

**Mary Jane Creager**, 82, Peru, died at 3:53 p.m. July 14, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 16, 2012

**Paul E. McGaffney**, 82, of Amboy, passed away at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, July 14, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Kokomo, on Sept. 4, 1929, the son of John J. and Effie M. Hil Kirk McGaffney. Paul married Laura Swingle on April 6, 1959. Paul was a 1948 graduate of Galveston High School and a member of the Converse Church of Christ. He retired from Chrysler Corporation in 1989 as a supervisor in the Tool and Dye Casting Department. He was a member of the Miami County Historical Society and a U.S. Army Veteran with the 112th Infantry Regiment. He is survived by a daughter, Monica Oliver of Tipton; a son, Randy James of California and a step-son, William Ray Huiras and his wife Donna Jolene of Silver Lake; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Laura, two sisters, Mary Barbour and Isabel Galloway; and a brother John J. McGaffney, Jr. A service celebrating the life of Paul E. McGaffney will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery and family and friends will gather from 4-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Historical Society. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 16, 2012

**Norma Jean Thurston**, 91, Peru, died at 4:20 a.m. July 14, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, July 17, 2012

**Robert T. Tippmann**, 74, peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday, July 14, 2012, in Fort Wayne. Born in Fort Wayne, Robert worked as a Sales Engineer with Tippmann Engineering. Surviving are his wife, Mary Ann Tippmann, of Fort Wayne; sons, Robert (Dani) Tippmann, Jr. of Arcola, Steven (Kim) Tippmann of Hometown, Jim (Lisa) Tippmann of Fort Pierce, Fla., Larry (Traci) Tippmann of Liberty Township, Ohio, Jerry (Agnes) Tippmann, Dan (Jackie) Tippmann, Ron (Jennifer) Tippmann, Peter (Margee) Tippmann, and Sam (Misty) Tippmann, all of Fort Wayne; daughters, Julie (Robert) Feightner of Fort Wayne, and Colleen (Adam) Krohn of New Haven; 47 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; brothers, Fr. Larry Tippmann, Don (Marie) Tippmann, Gene (Marilyn) Tippmann, John (Jackie) Tippmann, Vince (Lois) Tippmann, Tom (Mary Beth) Tippmann all of Fort Wayne, Joe (Laurel) Tippmann of Rapid City, S.D., and Denny (Mary) Tippmann of New Haven; sisters, Mary Ann Bobay, Helen (John) McCarthy, Virginia (Dave) Perkins, Sally (Rick) Ley, Nancy (Steve) Henry, Carol (Paul) Eisaman all of Fort Wayne; and sister-in-law, Barbara Tippmann. Robert was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence E. and Mary L. Tippmann, and brother, Tony Tippmann, and brother-in-law, Ed Bobay. Mass of Christian Resurrection is Wednesday July 18, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. with calling one hour prior at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road with Msgr. John N. Suelzer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday July 17, 2012 from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with rosaries at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.



Burial in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind. Memorials may be made to the Allen County Right to Life, Christ Child Society or The Franciscan Center. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, July 17, 2012

**Mary Jane Creager**, 82, Peru, died at 3:53 p.m. July 14, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born June 23, 1930 in Peru to Euclid L. and Nora Stella (Kaiser) Creager. Mary worked at Chamberlain Products, Akron. She was a member of the Saint Charles Catholic Church. She lived in Peru all her life. Mary is survived by her nieces, Mary Jo Estep, Nancy Miller and special friend Patrick Jeschke; nephew, Steve Miller; great-niece Alice Estep; great-great-niece Julie, Brittany and Joann Howard; brother James Michael Creager, Cleveland, Ohio; sisters Joan Miller and Helen Hopper; and special friend Melody (Kevin) Roberts. She was preceded in death by both parents, two great-nieces and one brother-in-law. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Saint Charles Catholic Church, with Father Eric Underwood officiating. Burial will be in Saint Charles Catholic Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, July 17, 2012

**Donald J. Groleau**, 75, Rochester, died July 13, 2012. Service at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, July 17, 2012

**Larry A. Rand** passed away July 15, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. A private memorial service will be held at a future time. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 19, 2012

**Robert A. (Bob) Wells**, 85, Peru, died at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 19, 2012

**Mary Kathryn Cline**, 84, of Peru, passed away at 2:55 p.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, surrounded by the family she loved so much. She was born in Princeton, on Sept. 1, 1927 the daughter of Alvin and Helen Hussey Cleveland. Mary Kathryn was a graduate of Zionsville High School Class of 1945 and served as the Clerk-Treasurer of Tipton, until her retirement in 1990. Surviving are a daughter Lucretia Waites of Las Vegas; grandchildren Chelsea Core of New Orleans and Bradley Waites of La Vegas; a great-granddaughter Sunny Waites of Las Vegas, and two nieces Mary Helen Jacobs of Peru and Donna Lee Bagley of Kempton. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son C. A. Core and a sister Nancy Robey. In keeping with Mary Kathryn's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral services and her remains will be scattered in Las Vegas, Nev. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Helping Hands. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences to the family may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, July 20, 2012

**Donald Owen Applegate**, 77, passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in Central Indiana AMG Specialty Hospital, Muncie. Don was born March 20, 1935 in La Grange County. He married Mary Lu Johnston on April 16, 1955 in Fort Wayne and had resided in Hartford City since 1972, moving here from Noblesville. He was a veteran of the Army during the Korean Conflict. Don was regional sales manager for Durkee's, Fort Wayne, and former owner of Tri State Sales, Hartford City. Don was a member of American Legion No. 159, Elks Lodge No. 625, Amvets Post No. 23 and Moose Lodge, Gas City. He had been active in Hartford City Little League, having both coached and umpired. He was an avid card player and liked to visit casinos. Surviving are: three sons, Donald Bruce Applegate, Albion, Thomas Owen Applegate, Alabama, and Michael Joseph (Mary) Applegate, Peru; a daughter, Mary Beth Stevens, Huntington; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lu, a daughter, Cheri, and those who raised him, father Harrison Applegate, uncle Charles Randol, and aunt, Mildred Randol. A visitation will be held from 1–4 p.m. Sunday, July 22 at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City. A graveside service and burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 23 at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Blackford Community Foundation, P.O. Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348, for future scholarships for teachers. Online condolences may be sent to: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, July 20, 2012

**Robert Feller**, 80, rural Kokomo, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, July 20, 2012

**Robert Artty Wells**, 85, Peru, passed away at 8:59 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born June 3, 1927 in Peru to Artty and Faye Wells. Bob attended Peru High School where he graduated in 1945. He married his wife of 62 years, Shirley Jean Chittum, on Aug. 29, 1948 at First Baptist Church Parsonage. Bob served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1946. He was retired from the Peru Fire Department after 14 years of service. He also worked as a farmer, blacksmith, and as an employee with Miami Trucking. He served on the board at the Miami County YMCA, was also a member of the Peru Maennerchor, the Masonic Lodge of Mexico, and the Murat Shrine of Indianapolis. Bob enjoyed ice fishing, hunting, sailing, horses and swimming. He played softball in his early years for Pure O Flame, Vickery Tape and Hausske-Harlan. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, where he served on several boards. Bob is survived by his wife, Shirley (Jane), six daughters, Vicki (Don) Keller, Peru, Kathy Wells, Peru, Kim Weeks, Peru, Nancy (Steve) Hewes, Arlington, Texas, Beth (Chris) Brown, Peru, Jan (Johnny) Bell, Durham, N.C.; 13 grandchildren, Alissa (Joel) Williford, Peru, Kraig Keller, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Michelle Platter, Peru, Angie Weeks, Durham, N.C., Abby (Smitty) Toczcz, Virginia Beach, Va., Daniel (Christine) Weeks, Missoula, Mont., Logan Hewes and Lacey Hewes, Dallas, Texas, Patrick Comerford and Kyle Comerford, Peru, Laura (Adam) Hoffman, Scottsdale, Ariz., Jordan Stone, Greenwood, and Mallory Stone, Raleigh, N.C.; Eight great-grandchildren, Jayden and Jenna Toczcz, Virginia Beach, Va., Lexi Crews, Durham, N.C., Lane and Lydia Weeks, Missoula, Mont., Kearstynn Goulette, Peru, Makenzie and Jacoby Sanders, Peru, and several nieces and nephews; One brother, Richard Wells, Florida. He was preceded in death by his-parents, two sisters, Betty Jean Alberts and Shirley Marie Carroll, and one brother, Paul T. Wells. Friends may call at First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, memorial service following at 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Indiana Resource Center for Autism, or the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center. Arrangements entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 21, 2012

**Delora A. Gable**, 89, Peru, died at 8:43 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012 in Dukes Memorial Hospital. Services: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Visitation: 4-7 p.m. A full obituary will run Monday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 21, 2012

**A. Josephine Kline**, 87, Mexico, passed away on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at Waterford Health Campus, Kokomo. Born Aug. 31, 1924 in Miami County, near Loree, she was the daughter of John W. and Barbara Ellen Mast Sutton. On June 6, 1942 in Mexico, she was married to Herbert H. Kline, and he passed on May 1, 2001. She was an active member of the Mexico Baptist Church and a 50-year member of the Jefferson Township Home Economics Club. She loved her family more than life, and she leaves behind three children, Marcia E. Norris and husband Bud, Peru; Dean Kline and wife Tacy, Kokomo; and Jill K. Fisher and husband Charley, Peru; five grandchildren, Troy (Tina) Norris; Toby (Julie) Norris; Nicolette Wilson; Dustin (Kim) Fisher; and Hayley Ryגיע; 10 great-grandchildren, Sara and Levi Norris; Breanna Townsend; Griffin, Zoe, and Huxley Fisher; Drew, Stella, and Sophia Ryגיע; and Rebekah Lowe; four great great-granddaughters, Julianna Batdorf, Kahlee Ward, and Shelbi and Madilyn Black; one sister, Leota Bowman Decker, Kokomo; one brother, Jack Sutton, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Jake, and John Sutton; and five sisters, Alta Baker, Lula Lesh Couch, Lorene Rayburn, Elva and Velma Sutton; two grandchildren, Casey and Stacy Fisher. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to American Baptist Women (ABW) of Mexico Baptist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 21, 2012

Mary Martha (LYON) KENDALL - Born to Mabel Elizabeth (Crawford) and William Cullen Lyon in Marion. Married Verlin Keith Kendall, Nov. 20, 1954 in Ft. Wayne. Mary was a 1944 graduate of Marion High School. Mary was a farm wife for over 50 years. She loved to cook, can things from the garden, crochet, and loved to spend time with her family. Especially the grandchildren. She also enjoyed her euchre card club friends. Mary was an avid reader. Mary is survived by two sons, Russell

and wife Monte Sue, Converse, Robin Lee and wife Cynthia, Greentown. She had four grandchildren, Ryan Keith Kendall (Michelle), Patrick Kendall (Kaylee), Brittany Bright (Ryan), Kirby Kendall (Adam). Five great-grandchildren, Brady and Abbi Kendall, (Atlanta), Tyson Kendall, Makayla Kendall, Treyvin Kendall (Greentown). One step great-grandson, Kody Smithson. A very special relative, Wendie Futrell of San Diego. Several special nieces and nephews. One sister survives, Patricia Ann Robinson, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband (Keith), four brothers, three sisters and one great-granddaughter. A very special thanks to all of those caring people at Century Villa Health Care. Friends may visit 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 with Pastor Tim Powers officiating. A service celebrating Mary's life will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the Park Lawn cemetery in Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Lung Association. Condolences to the family may be made at [eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, July 21, 2012

**Robert L. Feller**, 80, of Kokomo, passed away at 5:30 a.m., Thursday, July 19, 2012 at his residence following a nine-year battle with carcinoma of the pancreas. He was born in Kokomo on Feb. 7, 1932, the son of Leon and Lorena Bohn Feller. Bob married his bride of more than 61 years, Pauline Swingle on Jan. 6, 1951, and she survives. Bob was a 1951 graduate of Clay Township High School, he attended Northwestern University studying animal husbandry, Purdue University studying animal science and Princeton University studying agronomy. Bob was employed as a salesman of agriculture chemicals and a retired Miami County farmer. A man of great faith and integrity, Bob was an active member of the Converse Church of Christ where he had served as a deacon. He was an avid Purdue football and basketball enthusiast and enjoyed collecting and restoring International Farmall tractors. A recording artist, Bob had recorded several country western songs and had sung with the Norval Phelps Band. He also had preformed shows with Box Car Willie and Captain Stubby. Bob had served on the Miami County Council for eight years, was a member of the Maconaquah School Board for eight years and was active in Ole Olson, where he had the lead in South Pacific and directed Oklahoma. He was a member of the Peru Elks Lodge, the Pioneer Auto Club and the Pioneer Tractor Club. He was past president of the Indiana Duroc Association and was active in breeding and showing stock throughout the United States. Bob was also past president of the American Landrace Association and a member of the Boar Testing Station of Purdue University. Surviving in addition to this wife Pauline is a son, Stephen Feller and his wife Lanell of Kokomo; a daughter Debra L. McKinley of Kokomo; grandchildren Matthew Feller and his wife Andrea, Linzie Feller, Kay McKinley, Erin Feller, Joshua Feller, William Feller and Brandt Murphy; four great-grandchildren; a son-in-law Dean "Fuzzy" Moore of Kokomo, a daughter-in-law Kelly Feller of Peru, a sister-in-law Charlotte Feller of Silver Lake and a sister Karen Youngman of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Roberta Moore, a son Douglas Feller a grandson Robert McKinley, a brother Ronald B. Feller and two sisters Mary Jo Grant and Ada Ferguson. A service celebrating the life of Robert L. Feller will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse with Pastor Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main Street, Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Converse Church of Christ Scholarship Fund or Rainbow Camp. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 23, 2012

**Gladys K. Holycross**, 97, of Blair Ridge died Saturday. Services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Wednesday, with visitation 5 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 23, 2012

**Delora A. Gable**, 89, of Peru, passed away at 8:43 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born in Marion on March 29, 1923, the daughter of Marion and Irene Boxell Vickery. Delora married Richard A. Gable in Peru on March 23, 1946 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 2010. She was a graduate of Peru High School and Marion Business College. She owned and operated Vickery Tape & Label Company in Peru until her retirement in 2003. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Peru and an avid Indiana Pacer and IU basketball fan. Delora enjoyed summers at Lake Manitou with her families and particularly delighted in spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by a son, Mike Gable and his wife Kathy of Peru; a daughter Dixie Eckelbarger and her husband Phillip of Peru; grandchildren Erin Gable, Emily Gable, Adam Gable, Debra Brown and Stacey Sarver and her husband Chris; great-grandchildren Andrew Brown, Megan Brown, Courtney Sarver and Blake Sarver and a brother James Vickery and his wife Pat, of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Delora A. Gable will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 25, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru,

with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 – 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County helping Hands. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 23, 2012

**Mary Martha (Lyon) Kendall**, 86, Greentown, was born to Mabel Elizabeth (Crawford) and William Cullen Lyon in Marion, May 11, 1926. She passed away July 16, 2012. She married Verlin Keith Kendall Nov. 20, 1954 in Fort Wayne. She was a 1944 graduate of Marion High School and was a farm wife for more than 50 years. She loved to cook, can things from the garden, crochet and loved to spend time with her family. Especially the grandchildren. She also enjoyed her euchre card club friends and was an avid reader. Mary is survived by two sons, Russell and wife Monte Sue, Converse, and Robin Lee and wife Cynthia, Greentown; she had four grandchildren, Ryan Keith (Michelle), Kendall Patrick (Kaylee) Kendall, Brittany (Ryan) Bright, Kirby (Adam) Kendall; five great-grandchildren, Brady and Abbi Kendall, Atlanta, Ind., Tyson Kendall, Makayla Kendall, Treyvin Kendall, Greentown and one step-great-grandson, Kody Smithson; a very special relative, Wendi Futrell of San Diego; several nieces and nephews. One sister also survives, Patricia Ann Robinson, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Keith; four brothers; three sisters and one-great-granddaughter. A very special thanks to all of those caring people at Century Villa Health Care. Friends may visit 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, on Tuesday, July 24. A service celebrating Mary's life will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. with Pastor Tim Powers officiating. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Lung Association. Condolences to the family may be made at [eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 25, 2012

**Wayne J. "Shorty" Fye**, 95, Kokomo, died 8:40 a.m. Sunday, July 22, 2012 at his home. He was born Sept. 25, 1916 in Howard County, the son of Homer L. and Lulu D. (Duncan) Fye. On Jan. 30, 1943 he married Mary Evelyn Kuhns, who survives. Wayne was a 1935 graduate of Howard Township High School. He was an Army veteran during WWII from 1941-1945, where he served as lieutenant and captain. He also served in the Battle of the Bulge and during the Korean War from 1951-1952. He was a farmer all of his life, and worked as a Pioneer Seed Dealer Salesman, an assistant mail carrier, and school bus driver for 12 years. He also worked at Crescent Dairy and served on the State Highway Commission for 13 years. Wayne was a member of the Kokomo Zion Methodist Church. He was a 50 year member of the New London Masonic Lodge F&AM 283, a 50 year member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis and a 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 130. He was a former member of the U.C.T. In addition to his wife, Wayne is survived by his children, Terry Fye and wife Linda, Ramona Kendall, Angie Miller and husband Ronnie; grandchildren, Brian (Becky) Fye, Chad (Wendy) Fye, Blake (Desiree) Fye, Ryan (Staci) Kendall, Derek Kendall, Rodney (Angela) Miller, Scott (Alyssa) Miller; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Edwin Fye; one sister, Helen Richey; son-in-law, David Kendall. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2012 at Loree Brethren Church, 8483 South Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Steve Zerbe, the Rev. Blake Fye and the Rev. Gene Oburn officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the VFW Military Rites Team. Friends may call at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St., from 2-8 p.m., where a Masonic service will be held at 7:45 p.m. Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon's International or to Guardian Angel Hospice. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, July 25, 2012

**Ronald Dean Trexler**, 73, formerly of Peru, died at 4:40 p.m. July 23, 2012 at Autumn Ridge Nursing Home, Wabash. He was born March 31, 1939, in Peru to Cecil Ablert Trexler Sr. and Vonda Elaine (Correll) Trexler. Ronald worked at the OK Lunch Restaurant. He is survived by his brothers, David Trexler and wife Karen, Peru, Darrell Trexler, Peru, and Cecil Albert Trexler Jr. and wife Gloria, South Carolina. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; mother; a brother, Michael D. Trexler; and a sister, Barbara (Trexler) Miller. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call Friday from noon until the time of service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 26, 2012

**Aaron Riley Black** went to be with the Lord at 2:30 a.m. July 24, 2012 at the age of 24. Beloved son of Dennis and Tina Black born on May 8, 1988 in Homestead, Fla. He graduated from Maconaquah High School in 2007, and worked at CVS Pharmacy.



His interests were writing, playing the flute, as well as the bass. He is remembered as a loving, giving, gentle and kind person. His laughter and smile filled any room where he was, he was light in a dark and cold world. He is also survived by Braxton of Chicago Ill., Seth of Kokomo, Gavin of Peru, Jessica and husband Colten Pitner of Kokomo. Grandparents are Larry and Eleanor Parker, Frieda Riley, and Earl and Peggy McCullough. He is also survived by many relatives and friends that love and will miss him greatly. Services will be held at First Christian Church in Peru, Ind., a calling to pay respects from 2-4 p.m. followed immediately by the memorial service. Pastor Michael Jones of Wabash will be presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Black family. Arrangements made by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 26, 2012

**Wanda "Pat" Ousley**, 62, Peru, died at 10:29 a.m. July 25, 2012 at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, July 26, 2012

**Helen Tucker**, 102, Peru, died Wednesday morning, July 25, 2012 at Caring Hands in Peru. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 30, 2012

**Scotty Allen Baker**, 36, Wabash passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at his residence. Born March 1, 1976 in Indianapolis, he was the son of David Allen and Vickie Lynn Miller Baker. Survivors include his two children, Scotty and Stormy Baker; two sisters, Misty Dawn Baker and Nicole Lynn Baker; and one niece, Shawna Cook, all of Peru. His parents preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at McClain Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday before the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, love offerings may be directed towards the funeral home to assist with final expenses. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 30, 2012

**Sonia E. Goodnight**, 71, Amboy, passed away at 4:23 a.m. Friday, July 27, 2012 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born in Kettering, England on March 4, 1941 the daughter of Ernest and Emily Wilson Williams. She married Ronald Goodnight on December 27, 1989 and he survives. Sonia was Roman Catholic by faith and a former employee of Memcor and Carnation. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and had walked in the Relay For Life. She enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and loved animals, especially her dog "Buster". Sonia was a wonderful cook and a great "Nanna". Surviving in addition to her husband Ronald are her children; Gary Miller of Peru, Mandy Fisher and her husband James of Amboy, Sherrie Beene and her husband Eric of Peru, Shane Goodnight and his wife Charise of Kokomo, Jason Goodnight of Kokomo and Sasha Lindzy and her husband Greg of Kokomo; grandchildren Kyonna, Jimmy, Zach, Josh, Alishea, Tamika, Allyson, Jesse, A.J., Nakona, and Devaney; great-grandchildren Parker, Jabriel, J.J., Tia, Austin and Kobe; a foster daughter, Michelle Bullock; brothers Tony Murphy and John Murphy; and sisters Nina Singer and Dawn Murphy. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Jim and Terry Williams. A service celebrating the life of Sonia E. Goodnight will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012 at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy with the Rev. Ted Dudzinski officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 2-8 p.m., Tuesday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Animal Kindness Inc. or the American Cancer Society. Condolences to the family may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, July 30, 2012

**Meredith Russell Speicher**, 93, of rural Wabash, died at 8:03 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2012, at Wabash County Hospital. He was born Dec. 4, 1918, in Wabash County, to Lloyd and Elmyra (Shambaugh) Speicher. Meredith was a 1936 graduate of Somerset High School, and received an Associate's Degree from Marion Business College. He retired from Data View in Wabash in 1971, and also worked at General Tire and American Rock Wool. He enjoyed collecting antiques, going to sales, and traveling, especially to Florida. He is survived by his brother, Hirmon Speicher of Wabash; four nephews, Merle (Suzanne) Templin of Converse, Indiana, Jim (Gladys) Speicher of Wabash, Harry (Phyllis) Berglan, Jr. and Mervel Berglan, both of Peru, Indiana; two nieces, Jane Ann (George) Troyer of Kokomo, and Debra Clarkson of Mexico; and his special friend, Raymond Resler of Wabash. He was preceded in death by one brother, Lawrence Speicher and four sisters, Louise Templin, Lavon Stout, Freda Berglan, and Nelda Pence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Grandstaff-



Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Meredith may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, July 31, 2012

**Harold E. Kimmel**, 81, Amboy, died at 5:09 p.m. Sunday, July 29, 2012, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Services are pending at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 1, 2012

**Kenneth E. Reibly**, 79, of Nyona Lake passed away at 12:58 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 1, 2012

**Harold E. Kimmel**, 81, of Amboy, passed away at 5:09 p.m., Sunday, July 29, 2012 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born in Blackford County, on Oct. 23, 1930, the son of William A. and Opal Spaulding Kimmel. Harold married Nancy Brodt on Sept. 26, 1969 and she preceded him in death on May 26, 2005. Harold was a 1949 graduate of Roll High School in Blackford County and a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He retired from Thompson Electronics in Marion after more than 25 years of service. He is survived by his sons; Christopher Kimmel of Kokomo, Gregory Kimmel and his wife Lisa of Miami, Blaine W. Kimmel of Michigan, Scott T. Kimmel of Garrett, and Lance R. Kimmel and his wife Cindy of Garrett; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Nancy and a brother, Leroy Kimmel. A service celebrating the life of Harold E. Kimmel will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy United Methodist Church. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 2, 2012

**Kenneth E. Reibly**, 79, Nyona Lake, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:58 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Peru, July 31, 1933 to Paul P. Reibly and Hazel (Harmon) Shoemaker. He married Nancy (Schmidt) Reibly Dec. 6, 1954 and she preceded him in death Jan. 29, 2010. Kenneth graduated from Peru High School in 1952. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the Peru Fire Department. He attended the First Christian Church in Peru, and was a life member of the Peru Maennerchor. Survivors include daughters Karen Lumpkin, St. Petersburg, Fla., Ruth Hart, Nyona Lake, Mary Lou Betzner (husband Max), Peru; sons William Reibly, Orlando, Fla., Samuel Reibly (wife Phyllis) Burkburnett, Texas, son Dr. Jon Reibly (wife Lisa) Peru, brother George Reibly, Peru; and six grandchildren, Zachary Pasley, Indianapolis, Zane Pasley, Indianapolis, Chrysta Cooley, Rochester, Anthony Reibly (wife Melody), Clarksville, Tenn., Samantha Reibly, Burkburnett, Texas, Hannah Betzner, Indianapolis. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren, Parker Haynes, Lilly Reibly, Cash and Holden Pasley, and Nathan Reibly. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2012 with Pastor Dick Wiles officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, from noon, till time of service at 2 p.m. In lieu of Flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Fireman Ladies Auxiliary. The remains of Kenneth and Nancy Reibly will be interred together.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 3, 2012

**Lester H. Zwiers**, 82, Peru, died at 10:40 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Holland, Mich. to Henry and Hermina (Bartles) Zwiers on April 16, 1930. He married his first wife, Joyce Bussis, in 1950 and she preceded him in death, and married Mary Morris in 1988, who also preceded him in death. Lester lived in Peru for 44 years. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and the Square D Company. He was an Air Force sergeant's assistant for 20 years. Lester was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church and the VFW Post 2067 in Peru. He is survived by daughters, Joan Zwiers and companion Kent Scott, Debra Binkerd and husband Bruce, and Sandra Moxley, all of Peru; his grandchildren, Jeremy (Jasmine) Binkerd, Kokomo, Donovan (Hannah) Moxley, Indianapolis, and Dresden Moxley, Peru; his great-grandchildren, Kiley and Lucas Binker, Kokomo; brothers, Bernard Zwiers and wife Annette, Holland, Mich., and John Zwiers and wife Pat, Tuson, Ariz.; a sister, Josephine Van Kampen, Holland, Mich.; and sisters-in-law Arlene Barton, Holland Mich., and Frankie

Zwiers, Zeeland, Mich. Lester was preceded in death by both wives, both parents, two sons and one brother. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with pastors J. Robert Clark and David Ross officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Miami County Military Rites Team will provide a military committal service. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 3, 2012

**Roy Lee "Jack" Hedrick**, 90, Logansport, passed away at 4:58 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Logansport. He was born in Loree, March 13, 1922 to Cloyd R. and Lula (Cunningham) Hedrick. He married Virginia Stingley, Dec. 17, 1968 and she survives. Jack was a farmer and retired from Chrysler in 1983. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Logansport and a lifetime member of Coon Hunters Association in Logansport. He loved to hunt mushrooms. He is survived by sons Terry Hedrick, Kokomo, Stephen Hedrick (wife Pamela), Galveston, Jack Hedrick (wife Mary), Rochester, Jim Hedrick, Rochester, John Hedrick (wife Iva), Rochester, Robert Hedrick (companion Paula), Royal Center; daughter Rebecca Hulet, Greentown. Also surviving are step-sons Mike Sims (wife Yvette), Logansport, Steve Sims (wife Beatrice), Hebron, Jeffrey Sims (wife Rina), Peru, David Sims, Peru, and step-daughter Kathy Strahlem (husband Bill), Logansport, and one sister Loretta Blanton, Kokomo, and is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 12 step-great grandchildren and one great great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by both of his parents, one step-daughter Donna Blizzard, three brothers and three sisters. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill with Pastor Rod Mason officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call Friday from 3-7 pm at the Allen Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 3, 2012

**June C. Hileman**, 80, Denver, passed away Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012 at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, 2012 at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's paper.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 4, 2012

**Watt E. Stapleton**, 79, Akron, died at 10:16 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012 at the Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room of Rochester. He was born June 29, 1933 in Carter County, Ky. to Oscar and Bethel (Adkins) Stapleton. He married Leona Rae Bowman Aug. 2, 1956 in Logansport, and she preceded him in death April 21, 2007. Watt retired as a driver for the Indiana Department of Transportation, working in the Miami County area. He was a member of the Old Cross Roads Baptist Church of Gilead. Watt enjoyed fishing and bluegrass music. He was an avid western watcher on television. Watt is survived by two daughters, Cindy Hemingway, Akron, and Angie and husband Gary Bradtke, Scottsdale, Ariz.; four sons, Wes and wife Debbie Stapleton, Akron, Troy and wife Leslie Stapleton, Leesburg, Danny and wife Julie Stapleton, Royal Center, and Richard Chilcutt, Akron; two brothers, Paul and wife Ann Stapleton, Texas, and Hubert and wife Susie Stapleton, Bunker Hill; and two sisters, Mary Ousley, Peru, and Evelyn and husband Jim Bailey, Peru. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, 8315 E. Logansport Road, Logansport. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice. Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 4, 2012

**June Carol (Flohr) Hileman**, 80, passed peacefully into eternity from her home outside Denver at 5:45 Thursday morning, Aug. 2, 2012. Born in Fulton County on Aug. 22, 1931, June was the eldest of four children born to Robert and Sylvia (Hoover) Flohr, both preceding her in death. The family moved to Peru, where June graduated high school in 1949. She received a degree in accounting from the Ft. Wayne International Business College which led to her employment as an accountant with several Indiana businesses. Later she worked as a tax preparer for H&R Block before becoming self-employed as an independent agent working from her home office. On Oct. 11, 1953 June married her soldier sweetheart Darrell J. Hileman, who survives. She very much enjoyed her large family. Her children are Mike and Barb Hileman, Peru; Carol and Tom Harp, Macy; Jeff "O.J." and Edna Hileman, Denver and Ann Hileman, Peru. One son, Steven, died at age three weeks in September 1954. Her grandchildren are Mikell and Jennifer Flachman and Shane and Karen Flachman of Texas; Tabatha and

Jimmy Stambaugh, Kokomo; Tom and Jen Coldiron, Michaelle and John Hughes, Monica Flachman and Isaac and Kelly Harp, Peru; Adam and Kristin Harp, Burket; and Robin and Matt Deetz, Martinsville. She was great-grandmother to 24 beautiful children. Also surviving are a sister Peg and Dick Smith, Peru and a brother John and Norma Flohr, Logansport. Brother Larry Flohr preceded her in death in May 2002. June was a thoughtful, kind-hearted person doing whatever she could to address the needs of others. She delivered baskets and baskets of home-made cookies, pies, breads and jellies to her neighbors. As an excellent cook, she was sometimes known as "Aunt Betty Crocker" to her many nieces and nephews. She never lacked for "guinea pigs" to taste a new-tried recipe. Full of spunk and with a mischievous sense of humor, she could pull off some fantastic April Fool's jokes. She built snowmen (and women!), planted flowers in Darrell's old work boots and dressed up in surprising Halloween costumes. Not one to sit still she learned and loved the art of hand-quilting and created over fifty quilts, giving many of them as gifts. She was a talented seamstress making many articles of clothing over the years. She made her wedding dress, in which she will be laid to rest. A favorite activity was camping and fishing - everything else could wait if there was an opportunity for fishing! June was a member of the Oakdale Baptist youth group where she met, fell in love with and married Darrell. Later she worked diligently at genealogy, locating and documenting many relatives from both of their families. There was always a big garden in her back yard; neighbors recognizing the familiar figure pulling weeds and harvesting produce. June tried her hand at preserving all kinds of unusual things from corn cob jelly, to dandelion wine, to corn-husked tamales and lye-soaked hominy. About the only thing she ever threw out was a pot of Russian Borscht! Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2012 at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver with Tom Harp officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Fire Department. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 6, 2012

**Lorine M. Morgan**, 98, Rochester, died Saturday Aug. 5, 2012. Services will be 10 a.m. Aug. 9 at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation Wednesday from 4 – 9 p.m. and one hour prior to the service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 6, 2012

**Irene Fitzpatrick**, 90, Macy, died Saturday, Aug. 4, at Life Care Center, Rochester. Services will be 10 a.m. Aug. 8 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 7, 2012

**Irene Fitzpatrick**, 90, Macy, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Born Dec. 9, 1921 in Smithville, Tenn., she was the daughter of Charlie and Minnie Marie Clemens Clemons. On April 12, 1945 in Peru, she was married to Richard Ray Fitzpatrick, and he survives. She was a 60-year member of the former Perrysburg Baptist Church. When the church closed, she became a member and attended the Deedsville United Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Peggy Lynn Rockey and husband Bill, Peru; Kevin Ray Fitzpatrick and wife Sheila, North Manchester; and Stanley Jay Fitzpatrick and wife Barb, Peru; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two sisters, Vennie Dillman and husband Vern, California; and Marian DeMien, Peru; and one brother, Frank Clemons, Peru. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Coy, Woodrow, and Eskel Clemons; and three sisters, Christine Clemons, Macy Clemons, and Maggie Whittenberger. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deedsville United Methodist Church. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 7, 2012

**Steven L. Stamberger**, Rochester, died Aug. 2, 2012. Service: 11 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Visitation: 4-8 p.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and 10 a.m. Wednesday in the church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 7, 2012

**Kenneth Eugene Brown**, 83, Rochester, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012 at Hickory Creek, Rochester. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 7, 2012

**Lorine Melissa Briney Morgan**, 98, Rochester, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012 at Life Care Center Rochester. Service: 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 8, 2012

**Irene Fitzpatrick**, 90, Macy, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Born Dec. 9, 1921 in Smithville, Tenn., she was the daughter of Charlie and Minnie Marie Clemens Clemons. On April 12, 1945 in Peru, she was married to Richard Ray Fitzpatrick, and he survives. She was a 60-year member of the former Perrysburg Baptist Church. When the church closed, she became a member and attended the Deedsville United Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Peggy Lynn Rockey and husband Bill, Peru; Kevin Ray Fitzpatrick and wife Sheila, North Manchester; and Stanley Jay Fitzpatrick and wife Barb, Peru; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two sisters, Vennie Dillman and husband Vern, California; and Marian DeMien, Peru; and one brother, Frank Clemons, Peru. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Coy, Woodrow, and Eskel Clemons; and three sisters, Christine Clemons, Macy Clemons, and Maggie Whittenberger. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Bill Babb and Pastor Eric Alwine officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation was Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deedsville United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice, Rochester. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 11, 2012

Deceased Name: Linda L. Widman

Linda L. Widman, 64, Rochester, passed away Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 11:17 am.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Deceased Name: Jeffry C. Rendel

Jeffry C. Rendel, 64, Kokomo, passed away Aug. 11, 2012. He was born May 13, 1948, in Indianapolis, to the late Dr. Harold and Betty Rendel.

He grew up in Mexico, graduating from North Miami High School. He graduated Indiana University, Bloomington with a degree in Zoology. He then attended Indiana University School of Medicine, graduating in 1973. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. He was a third generation physician to graduate from Indiana University School of Medicine. He practiced medicine for almost 40 years, including up to the time of his passing. He started and practiced medicine in Jasper, caring for and serving the people of Southern Indiana for 25 years. He then returned to his hometown area, serving as a Family Practitioner and Hospitalist in Kokomo, for the last 14 years.

Dr. Rendel spent his life providing and caring for his family and patients. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Alicia (Anderson) Rendel, his daughter Jennifer and husband John Buechler, and his sons Matthew and wife Allison Rendel, Michael and wife Stephani Rendel, and Jonathan and wife Rachel Rendel. Also surviving are nine grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by his brothers David and Michael Rendel. He was preceded in death by his brother William Rendel.

Dr. Rendel was an active member in the community, and an avid follower of state and national politics. But mostly, Jeffry was a proud and honorable man who cared for his family, friends, and patients more than himself without want or reward. Jeffry passed away peacefully amongst family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

In Kokomo, friends may call from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012 at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road.

In Indianapolis, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012 St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road, Indianapolis, with the Rev. Stephen J. Banet the celebrant. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder; [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)) or Down Syndrome Indiana ([www.dsindiana.org](http://www.dsindiana.org)). Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 14, 2012

**David Paul Frettinger**, 84, Rochester, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2012. Service is 10 a.m. Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Calling is Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 14, 2012

**Don E. Lay**, 69, of Peru, passed away at 7:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2012 at his residence. He was born on Jan. 2, 1943, in Jellico, Tenn., the son of Venis Clayton and Anna May Douglass Lay. Don married Patricia Cooper on Sept. 13, 1971 and she survives. Don was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired supervisor with Classico. Surviving in addition to his wife Pat is his mother Anna May Lay of Jellico, Tenn.; daughters Teresa Petersen of Lyons, Neb. and Pamela Hendrix and her special friend Dave Tharp of Peru; grandchildren Jessie Lay Williams and her husband Adam, Jackie Petersen and special friend Dean Fryer, Jadia Hendrix, Clayton Petersen and his wife Kristen, Collin Petersen and Connor Peterson; great-grandchildren Aiden Williams, Evan Williams, Lexus Petersen and Kennedy Petersen; a brother Archie Lay and his wife Brenda of Jellico, Tenn. and a sister June England and her husband C.D. of Jellico, Tenn.; sisters-in-law Cynthia Cooper Dean and her husband John, Mickie Cooper Newman and her husband Terry; and brothers-in-law John Cooper and his wife Jamie, Theodore Cooper Jr. and Mark Cooper and his wife Pattie and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Don was preceded in death by his father, a sister, Mary Ruth (Tilly) Timberman, and a brother, Ronnie Lay, a sister-in-law Connie Hicks Lay Weaver and a great-grandson, Blake Petersen. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Lay family. Arrangements entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Fuenral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 14, 2012

**Marie L. Wilson**, 93, Peru went to be with the Lord and her many family members and friends at 8:26 pm. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born in Peru, on April 27, 1919 to Walter A. Sunday and Luella M. (Fodge) Sunday. She married Richard Paul Wilson, June 25, 1949 and he preceded her in death Oct. 23, 1989. She was a CAN and a homemaker. Marie was a founding member of Christ's Fellowship Church. She worked at the Baress Hotel in Peru and at the Peru Nursing home. Her favorite things to do were bingo and various cards and games. Many of her children's friends called her mom, a title she loved. She will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by son Richard Wilson (wife Carol), Athens, daughters Sandy Adams (husband Dick) Mexico, and Marilyn Bayak (husband Roger) Goshen, sister Margie Delaney, Wilmington, N.C., 19 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Richard Paul Wilson, her daughter Pat Sanders of Florida, step-daughter Shirley McLaughlin of California, son James Sanders of Florida, and a step-son Ronald Wilson of Peru. Marie's brothers, Paul Sunday, Robert Sunday, William (Billy) Sunday and Buddy Sunday also preceded her in death. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. with Pastor Carol Wilson officiating. She will be interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 15, 2012

**Jean Ellen Grimes**, 88, of 3076 W. 250 S., Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2012 at her temporary residence, Blair Ridge Home of Peru. Jean was born Oct. 14, 1923 in Peru to Pliny and Bessie Angle Garber. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1941. On Sept. 22, 1942, at the home of the Reverend Tom Shively, she married Donald W. Grimes, and they enjoyed 69 years of marriage. They had no children, but shared their lives with many nieces and nephews. During her career, she worked at Redmon Basket Factory in Peru; and for 20 years, Jean worked in Civil Service as a Secretary at Grissom Air Base. She was an excellent cook, had a passion for flowers and gardening and a special love of pets. She belonged to Altrusa sorority and enjoyed meals out with the girls. Jean and Don enjoyed traveling to Louisiana, New Orleans, Canada and, Nebraska. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Peru. Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Donald W. Grimes; and two brothers, Edward and Donald. Surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Jack Roland of Atlanta, Ind.; nieces Linda Hendricks, Lee Ann Sims, Juli Carney and Jill Buger; and nephews Mark Garber, Tom Garber and Jeff Roland. She is survived by her husband, Donald W. Grimes, and special friends Mark and Joyce Sroufe. Visitation for Jean Ellen Grimes will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W.



Third St., Peru. Graveside rites will be officiated by the Rev. George McCarty at the Mexico Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made the Humane Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 15, 2012

**Judith "Judy" A. Jones**, 63, peacefully entered Heaven's gate to spend eternity with her savior, Jesus, at 8:35 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2012, surrounded by her loving family after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born March 23, 1949, to Robert A. and Bertha E. White, in Peru. Judy graduated from Maconaquah High School, Bunker Hill, in 1968. Judy married shortly after graduation to Bruce L. Jones and was married for 29 years. She had three beautiful children and enjoyed raising her family. She worked three years at Delco Electronics and left there to raise her children. She was a caregiver for her grandmother, Mary O. Russell, for many years. She also was a caregiver for many elderly ladies in Kokomo and she enjoyed taking care of them and spending time with them. She was a volunteer for Bunker Hill EMT for many years. She started at the Kokomo Public Library in 1996 and continued working there until early May 2012. She was a devoted grandmother to her grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Judy was a very generous person, always helping others, spending time with her grandchildren and being with her dogs, Gretchen and Daisy May. She enjoyed four-wheeling, going to craft shows, and spending time with her library friends. She fought a hard fight but always had a smile and a sense of humor to bring anyone up. Judy is survived by her loving mother, Beth White, Kokomo; fiancée, Kenny Stage, Cassville; her two daughters, Theresa Chase (James Jones), Miami; Trina (Ronnie) Welcher, Peru; her son, Tracy, Greentown; grandchildren, Shawna Chase, Jena Chase, Allison Welcher, Ronald Welcher, Blaise Jones, and Dawson Jones; three brothers, Tom (Carol) White, Kokomo; Art White, Bunker Hill; and Bruce White, Alexandria and; her favorite uncle and aunt, Charles and Maryann, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her father, Robert White and son-in-law, Shawn Chase. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2012, at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, 115 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill with Pastor Brad Bahler officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Relay for Life or Guardian Angels Hospice. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 16, 2012

**Jean Ellen Grimes**, 88, of 3076 W. 250 S., Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2012 at her temporary residence Blair Ridge Home of Peru. Jean was born Oct. 14, 1923 in Peru to Pliny and Bessie Angle Garber. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1941. On Sept. 22, 1942, at the home of the Rev. Tom Shively, she married Donald W. Grimes, and they enjoyed 69 years of marriage. They had no children, but shared their lives with many nieces and nephews. During her career, she worked at Redmon Basket Factory in Peru; and for 20 years, Jean worked in Civil Service as a Secretary at Grissom Air Base. She was an excellent cook, had a passion for flowers and gardening and a special love of pets. She belonged to Altrusa sorority and enjoyed meals out with the girls. Jean and Don enjoyed traveling to Louisiana, New Orleans, Canada and, Nebraska. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Peru. Jean was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Edward and Donald. Surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Jack Roland of Atlanta, Ind.; nieces Linda Hendricks, Lee Ann Sims, Juli Carney and Jill Buger; and nephews Mark Garber, Tom Garber and Jeff Roland. She is survived by her husband, Donald W. Grimes, and special friends Mark and Joyce Sroufe. Visitation for Jean Ellen Grimes will be at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 W. 3rd St., Peru, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012. Service will be Thursday, 1 p.m. and officiated by the Reverend George McCarty at the Mexico Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made the Humane Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 18, 2012 4:00 am

**Louise Young Gerrick**, 97, Rochester, died Friday, Aug. 17 at her residence. Services will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation one our prior to service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 18, 2012 4:00 am

**Shari Lynn Kirkland**, 48, Tippecanoe Shores, died Aug. 16 at her home. Services will be Aug. 25 at the Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester. Visitation will be two hours prior to service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Bertha M. Thompson**, Peru, 87, died Aug. 18 at 10:10 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. Arrangements are pending at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Larry E. Comerford**, 78, of Cookeville, Tenn., died at 8:16 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012, at his home. He was born Jan. 2, 1934 in Peru, to Carl and Mildred (Dawalt) Comerford. He was a 1951 Butler High School graduate in Miami County. He married Martha J. Landis in Peru, on Nov. 7, 1953. Larry retired from Maple Leaf Farms in Warsaw in 1996, worked part-time at Ace Hardware in Warsaw, and was a truck driver for Murphy Brothers Trucking Company in Denver, Indiana. His hobby was creating stained glass. He is survived by his wife, Martha J. Comerford of Cookeville; six children Carl (Karen) Comerford of Peru, Robert (Joanna) Comerford of Toledo, Ohio, David (Jody) Comerford of Peru, Rita (Tom) Schenkel of

Baxter, Tenn., Cheryl (Earl) McKinney of Peru, and Marcia (Mark) Shelton of Ft. Knox, Ky.; brother, Ted (Catherine) Comerford of Peru, and three sisters, Norma Bowman of Peru, Joyce DeLawter of Fort Wayne, and Carleen Kunkle of Kokomo; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22 with Tim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is American Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Melvin Donald "Don" Branson**, 74, of Wabash, died at 9:47 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born June 3, 1938, in Harlan County, Ky., to Charles and Mary (Farmer) Branson. Don married Beckie Lines in Peru, on June 6, 1964. She died July 15, 2004. He retired from General Tire & Rubber Co./GDX Automotive in Wabash in 2007, after 42 years. He enjoyed going to the farmer's market and attending high school sporting events. He was member of the Church of God Worship Center on Mill Street, in Wabash. Don was also a member of the United Steel Worker's Union, Local 626, where he was a union officer and served on the Labor Council. He is survived by two daughters, Cathy (Jeff) Townsend and Tammy (Terry) Duncan; three grandchildren, Brittany Townsend, Caleb Townsend, and Tyler Duncan; two brothers, Jim (Sue) Branson and Jack (Anna) Branson; and a sister, Billie (Fred) Napier; honorary grandsons, Sam & Robert Phat, all of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Branson. Funeral services will be held at Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road, Wabash, on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Charles Osborne and Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m., Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service, Wednesday, at the church. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Don may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:00 am

Peru attorney **Kent L. Stanley**, 58, passed away at 3:16 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 at Reid Hospital, Richmond. He was born in LaRochelle, France on Oct. 9, 1953 the son of James and Emma Lesley Stanley. Kent married Carol Krepschaw in Peru on Aug. 17, 1974 and she survives.

Kent was a graduate of North Central College and John Marshall Law School. He had practiced law in Peru since 1987. K.L. was a member of the Crossroads Community Church, Kokomo.

His greatest joys were his wife and his twin children. He was a devoted husband and father and a staunch supporter of his children in their activities. K. L. loved cats, was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and a frequent patron of the Peru Public Library. An ideal day for K. L. was a day at home with his family and a good book.

Surviving in addition to his wife Carol, are his twin children Jason Stanley and his wife Christine of Marion, and Jennifer Stanley of Peru; his mother Emma Stanley of Peru and a brother James Brett Stanley of Earlville, Ill.

A service celebrating the life of Kent L. Stanley will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor Jeff Harlow officiating. Family and friends will gather from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Public Library.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Bertha M. Thompson**, 87, Peru, died at 10:10 p.m. Aug. 18, 2012 in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Miami County May 10, 1925, to Edgar and Iva (Larimer) Prather. She married Robert Thompson in 1948, and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the VFW lodge. Bertha is survived by her son, Mark Thompson and grandchildren, Mark and Zach Thompson, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, son Thomas Edward Thompson, two brothers and five sisters. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Leonard Browning officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will take place in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. A private family graveside service will be held Thursday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Judy F. Potts**, 71, of Peru, passed away at 8:05 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born in Peru on Oct. 19, 1940 the daughter of Robert and Jean Sharp Ward. Her father, Lt. Robert Ward was shot down in a bombing raid over Germany on March 18, 1943. Her mother then married J. Milton Cypherd and he raised her as his own. Judy married Raymond F. Potts at the First Baptist Church in Peru on June 8, 1958 and he preceded her in death on June 4, 1996. Judy was a 1958 graduate of Peru High School and was the Home Coming Queen her senior year. She was employed as a quality control specialist for Ebert Machine Shop for 32 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru. An avid sports enthusiast, Judy was a member of the Miami County Golf Association, Miami County Women's Bowling Association and the Miami County Women's Softball Association. She was also a diehard Chicago Cubs fan. Judy is survived by her sons; Ron Potts and his wife Lorrie of Peru and Rick Potts and his wife Susie of Cary, N.C.; a daughter-in-law, Kelli Zink Potts of Jacksonville, Fla.; grandchildren, Amanda Potts Downes, Rachel Potts, Lance Potts, Laura Potts, Matthew Potts and Ian Potts;

great-grandchildren; Logan, Jordyn, Madison and Sydney and a brother John M. Cypherd of N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, her husband, a son, Raymond "Sonny" Potts, Jr.; and a sister, Joan Fites. A service celebrating the life of Judy Potts will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 24, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev Mike Kostula officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the Rosie's Rescue and Retreat. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 23, 2012 4:00 am

**William "Bill" Francis Quigley**, 90, of Peru passed away at 5:43 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Peru on Sept. 14, 1921, son of Edward and Cora Pennel Quigley. Bill married Betty Woodcox in Rochester on May 14, 1971 and she survives. Bill was a 1939-40 graduate of Peru High School and retired from the Norfolk Western Railroad as a freight conductor in 1981 after 40 years of service. He was a US Army WWII Veteran serving with the 726th Railroad Battalion in Pandu, India, in the China Burma Theater. His military decorations include the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. Bill greatest joys in life were his wife and family and his Roman Catholic faith. A devout Catholic, he was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, The Disabled American Veterans, UTU for LIFE and NARVE. Bill and Betty spent 19 winters in Phoenix, Ariz. where as an avid Chicago Cubs fan, Bill had season tickets to the Chicago Cubs Spring Training Games in Mesa, Ariz. He also enjoyed jazz and big band music and the Indianapolis Colts and Pacers.

Surviving in addition to his wife Betty, is a grandson, Derek Townsend, a nephew Edward (Diana) Quigley, and his daughter Kathleen Rose Quigley, a niece Linda Thayer and her daughter Angelina Thayer, and her son Douglass Thayer, a special niece, Katherine (Dr. James) Schalliol and their children; and special nephew Stephen (Sylvia) Wacknitz and their children. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sherrill Hamer and two brothers, Richard and James Quigley.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of William F. Quigley will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, Ind., with the Rev. Eric Underwood officiating.

Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. There will be a Prayer Service 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 23, 2012 4:00 am

**David John McCoy** was born Aug. 1, 1946 in Kokomo. He left this world Aug. 15, 2012 at home, surrounded by love, to be reunited with his adoring mother. David was the much loved son of Frieda Hogg McCoy Smith and John McCoy. He was also blessed with a loving stepfather, Harry Smith. David lived in several Indiana cities as well as in Colorado and Panama.

David was a blue rose in God's garden. He brought joy to all who knew him. He lived and worked with Cardinal Centers in Warsaw for many years. He took great pride in his job in his classroom, where he did assembly work. He loved to paint and draw. He spent many hours watching birds at his bird feeder. He enjoyed country music, old movies, shopping, ice cream, car rides, and wearing sunglasses. David is survived by his niece and guardian, Hazel (Chuck) Jones, of West Lafayette, his sisters Patsy (Joe, deceased) Turner, of Peru, Sandy (Martin) Smith, of Georgia, Gloria (Ken) Briggs, of Colorado, Donna (Ralph) Burch, of Iowa, and sister-in law, Phyllis (Robert M., deceased) McCoy, Kokomo. Surviving brothers are Larry (Marsha) McCoy, of Illinois, Fred Smith, Peru, and Robert McCoy, Florida. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and his wonderful friends at Cardinal Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Nancy and Judy, his brothers James, Robert, Richard, and John, and several nieces and nephews. Services will be Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, 11 a.m., at St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, Father Eric Underwood officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to David's trust at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home or to Cardinal Center. Arrangements Entrusted To Flower-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 23, 2012 4:00 am

**Alverna Klopp**, 79, Tippecanoe Shores, died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday Aug. 22, 2012 at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 23, 2012 4:00 am

**Dean Walter Gaarder**, 78, passed away at Texoma Medical Center in Denison, Texas after a battle with colon cancer on Friday, Aug. 17, 2012. Dean was dearly loved and will be missed by all his family and extended family. He was born on Aug. 24, 1933 to the late Andrew and Hazel Gaarder in Starbuck Minnesota. Dean is survived by two brothers, Arvie and Paul Gaarder; and two sisters, Arlis Sylvester and Marlys Flaten, all of whom live in Minnesota. Two sisters, Adeline Rundquist and Lorriane Tobias, preceded him in death.

Dean served as a noncommissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force for more than 20 years, retiring in 1972. He worked at Schwartz Ford-Chrysler in Peru from 1972-1987. He married Helen Elliott-Utter-Gaarder on March 16, 1958 in Peru and she preceded him in death on July 27, 1999. Their two sons Marvin and Roger Utter survive along with their five children and five grandchildren.

He remarried on June 16, 2001, in Sherman, Texas to Betty Ann Young-Hepner-Gaarder who survives him. His stepsons Michael and Douglas Hepner along with their sister Brenda Hepner Tonelli survive with their four children. Dean thoroughly enjoyed family activities and was an avid fisherman when time permitted. As most would expect he spent the last ten years of retirement picking up multiple used cars for resale.

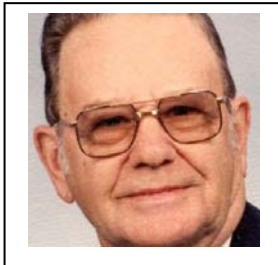
Visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 23, from 5-8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru. Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Aug. 24, at 1:30 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 24, 2012 4:00 am

**Karen Blue**, 70, of Peru passed away at 10:36 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Peru on July 10, 1942, the daughter of Leonard Eugene and Opal Louise Brunson Jackson. Karen married Bob Blue at the Oakdale Baptist Church in Peru on March 12, 1971 and he survives. Karen was a 1960 graduate of Chili High School and a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. She was employed by various cable companies in Peru for more than 25 years. Karen was an avid reader. Surviving in addition to her husband, Bob, are her daughters Lori Miser and her husband Craig, Lori Cole, and Leslie Cole, all of Indianapolis; a sister, Rita Jackson of Peru; and four grandchildren, Alex Miser, Jesse Miser, Travis Correll and Jessica Burton. Family and friends will gather from noon to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 27, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Mt. Hope Cemetery with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Rosie's Rescue and Retreat. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 25, 2012 4:00 am

**Dr. James Charles Frank** of Peru passed away on August 23, 2012. Born in Dayton, Ohio, he moved to Shelbyville with his parents and brother at a young age. He graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1959 and attended Indiana University. After receiving his dental degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1966, he served in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps at Clark Air Force Base in the Philipines from 1966-1968. When he returned from his military service, he established his dental practice in Peru where he has served his patients for over 40 years. He was the beloved husband to wife of Jackie for 40 years, devoted father of Jeffrey (Kristy), Jared (Erin) and Jodi, and cherished grandfather of Aiden, Colin, Emmet and Maxine. He was the dear brother of Ben (Susan) and brother-in-law of Karen and the late Louis Friedman, and cherished uncle of Dan Friedman and Barnett Frank. Dr. Frank will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 at United Jewish Cemetery-Price Hill, 1657 Rosemont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205. For directions go to [www.weilfuneralhome.com](http://www.weilfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, the family invites donations to the Maxine Friedman Cardiovascular Memorial Fund at the Jewish Community Center of Cincinnati, 8485 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236 or the charity of one's choice.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, August 25, 2012 4:00 am

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, **Donald R. Bucher**, 90, of Peru, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Miami County on June 25, 1922, the son of Elmer and Laura Daubenspeck Bucher. Don married Anita Darby on Oct. 28, 1944 and she survives. Don was a 1941 graduate of Clay Township High School, a member of the Loree Brethren Church and retired from Haynes International in 1982 after more than 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and his military decorations include the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, the WWII Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation of Japan Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Surviving in addition to his

wife Anita, is a son, Fred Bucher and his wife Nadine of Peru, grandchildren, Angela Hays, Abra Masuth, Allison Roop, Melissa Bucher, Heather Fowler, Todd Bucher, Sherry Jackson, Patricia Wright and Reba Jackson, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews including Kay McKee, John Rickard and Lee Stuber. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Joe Bucher; a sister, Mary Richard, and four brothers, Glen, Earl, John and Weldon Bucher. A service celebrating the life of Donald R. Bucher will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Aug. 27, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with Pastor Bill Bussard officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Loree Brethren Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 27, 2012 4:00 am

**Carol Ann Davis**, 70, died at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012 at her residence. Service is 1 p.m. today in Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Visitation was 2-5 p.m. Sunday.





Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 27, 2012 4:00 am

**Linda Gene (Hayde) Torrence**, 51, Peru, formerly of Marion and Wabash Counties, died at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 25, 2012 at her home lovingly surrounded by family and friends. She was born in Marion to the late George W. Harde and Jewel (Kierstead) Yohe, Wabash. She lived most of her life in Marion and graduated from Marion High School in 1979. She received her degree from Kokomo School of Practical Nurses. She worked at Millers Merry Manor for 20 years. She lived in Wabash for 10 years and moved to Peru in 2005. She married Dwayne Torrence that same year and lived very happily with him until her passing. Linda and Dwayne enjoyed many travels all over the United States, including many cross-country trips on his motorcycle. In early years, she was an avid artist. She has decorated many rooms, painted many designs, and created many masterpieces that her family have enjoyed. She was a wonderful, loving person who cared and accepted everyone for who

they are. She is survived by her husband Dwayne Torrence, Peru, her mother Jewel (Kierstead) Yohe, Wabash, her sister Nancie (Hayde) Meyer Corvalis, Oregon, four children; Jason Spencer, Army Sgt. Michael Houston, Army Sgt. Matthew Houston and Army Spc. Sarah Houston and two step-daughters Crystal Torrence and Amy Torrence. A viewing will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru on Aug. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. with a nondenominational service from 7 to 8 p.m. Officiating is Pastor Bill Holler. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 27, 2012 4:00 am

**Helen L. Brundage**, 90, of Peru, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Anderson on March 23, 1922, the daughter of Frank and Maggie Lett Brundage. Helen was a 1940 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Anderson, a 1945 graduate of Ball State University and received her master's degree from Ball State University in 1949. She also did post-graduate work in library science at Indiana University and Purdue University. Helen was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and was employed as the librarian at Peru High School for 43 years, retiring in 1990. She is survived by a sister, Donna Baylis of Newark, Del.; nieces Julie Wozniak and her husband John, Carol Moreland and her husband Bob; nephews Michael Baylis, James Baylis and his wife Juliet and Robert Baylis and his wife Heather; and a sister-in-law Jeanne Brundage of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents brothers Norman and George Brundage and a brother-in-law Herbert Baylis. A service celebrating the life of Helen Brundage will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with the Rev. Eric Underwood officiating. Burial will be in Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson. Family and friends will gather from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 27, 2012 4:00 am

**C. Susan (Susie) Holland**, 70, of Kokomo, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Oct. 9, 1941 in Peru to Robert and Josephine Holland. Susie was a 1959 graduate of Peru High School. Susie was a hair stylist for many years in Peru. She retired from Syndicate Sales, Kokomo. Susie was an avid sports fan, an excellent bowler and a long-time softball player. She was a lifetime fan of Notre Dame football. She is survived by her brothers, Dave (Nancy) Holland, Logansport, and Tom (Judy) Holland, Marion. Susie was a loving and supportive aunt to her four nieces, all of whom survive, Trucy (Joe) Fitzgerald, Charlotte, N.C., Jill (John) Cole, Logansport, Jennifer Roesly, Charlotte, N.C., Beth (John) Kimpel, Westfield and a proud, adoring great-aunt to her four great-nieces and four great-nephews. Susie is preceded in death by her parents and youngest brother Dick. Funeral mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru. Keeping with the tradition of friends, family and classmates, immediately following the mass we will gather at Homer's Deck, not to mourn Susie's passing but celebrate her life. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, August 28, 2012 4:00 am

**Delbert Roy Rogers**, 53, of Peru passed away at 4:31 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012. Delbert was born Feb. 15, 1959 in Peru to Damon R. and Pauline M. (Smith) Rogers. He graduated from Peru High School in 1978. On Feb. 16, 1979, he was married to the love of his life, Shirley (Rushton) Rogers by Major Charles Duskin at the Salvation Army Church in Davenport, Iowa. Delbert loved spending time with family, especially his seven grandbabies, fishing, and giving people a hard time. He had a unique sense of humor, and only those that knew Delbert could understand it sometimes. He was a very giving person, always thinking of others before himself Delbert never met a stranger. It didn't matter where he was at, he always managed to make a friend. He was a loving husband, father, pawpaw, brother, uncle, and friend, and will be deeply missed. Surviving are his wife Shirley K. Rogers and four children, Crystal (Kent) Stanley and Tim Rogers of Peru, Nathan (Ashlie) Rogers of Kokomo, and Bethany (Jesse) Duncan of Bunker Hill; seven grandbabies Caitlyn, Isaac, Meadow, and Conner Stanley, Hunter and Hudson Duncan, and Madelynn Rogers; siblings Janet Davis, Peru, Claude (Lois) Rogers, Burnettsville, William (Charolette) Rogers, Stanton, Ky., Harold (Joan) Rogers, Peru, Hazel Owen, Peru, Robin (Robert) Balser, Cecilia, Ky., Ruby (Randy) Brown, Mexico, Linda (Jeff) Tinney, Peru, Missy (Steve) Clark, Peru, and Patricia (John) Mersch, Peru; brothers-in-law Ernest Rushton, Eaton, Ohio, and Ed Rushton, Davenport, Iowa, sisters-in-law Jane (John) Lake, Temple, Ga., and Doris (Tom) Soenke, Cabot, Ark. Delbert was preceded in death by his parents Damon and Pauline Rogers, mother and father-in-law



Virgil and Betty Rushton, brother David E. Rogers, sisters Loretta (Emma) Bowman and Donna S. Spencer, brothers-in-law Harvey Davis and Mike Bowman, and nephews Brian Jobe and James Tinney. Services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, and funeral will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30. Services will be led by pastors Larry and Carol Zumwalt. Burial will follow at Reyburn Cemetery. Love offerings may be made to the family in care of Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 27, 2012 4:00 am

**Leah M. Dale**, 92, formerly of rural North Manchester, died at 10 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester. She was born June 12, 1920, in Miami County, to James M. and Annis M. (Flora) Stone. She married Lewis E. Dale at the Center Chapel Brethren Church in Miami County on July 2, 1948; he died Dec. 29, 2004. She was a 1938 graduate of Chili High School and a 1942 graduate of Manchester College. She started her teaching career in 1942 at Shippshewana and also taught at Chester Township, Northfield, North Miami, and the Heartland Career Center, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Wabash Friends Church, the United Society of Friends Women (USFW), the Wabash County Retired Teachers Association, the Jolly Janes Home Economics Club, and the Wabash County Genealogical Society. She loved quilting, gardening, antiques, and her grandchildren. She is survived by four children, Linda J. Dale of Milford, Ohio, Rita A. (Dan) Houlihan of Rockford, Ill., Philip L. (Robin) Dale of Roann, and Gary L. (JoDee) Dale of Andrews; six grandchildren, Scott A. Houlihan and Matthew D. Houlihan, both of Chicago, Curtis A. Dale of Cheyenne, Wyo., Morgan K. Dale of Roann, Devin R. Dale and Dayna L. Dale, both of Andrews; her sister-in-law, Donna Stone of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Hugh Stone, and her sister, Thelma M. Davis. Funeral services will be held at Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. State Road 13, Wabash, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 N. East Street, North Manchester, 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Preferred memorials are Wabash Friends Church Building Fund or the Timbercrest Retirement Community. The memorial guest book for Leah may be signed at <http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com/>

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, August 29, 2012 4:00 am

**Donna Wernz**, 81, rural Peru, passed away at 9:50 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27, 2012 at her residence. Born Jan. 27, 1931 in Peru she was the daughter of Ernest and Emma Rydell Pavey. Her first marriage was to Glenn Henry Schlemmer, Jr. She was then married on March 21, 1965 to Stephen E. Wernz, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 2010. She loved standard bred horses and bird watching, and she loved her family. Donna is survived by children, Kurt Wernz, Peru, Kathy A. Sunday and husband, Bob, Denver and Kandace B. Hattery and husband, Kendel, Peru; grandchildren, Kurt Wernz, Kristopher Wernz, Brandi Wernz, Taylor Wernz, Cameron Wernz, David Sunday, Brianne Chumbley, Katelyn Hattery and Kassanda Hattery; and many great-grandchildren along with one sister, Norma Hyde, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and two siblings, Helen Eckerty and Derrill Pavey. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Dave Beebe officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, August 30, 2012 4:00 am

**Michael Thomas Klise Lamb**, 56, Peru, died at 2:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was born on June 21, 1956 in Kokomo, and the son of James B. and Shirley J. (Gould) Lamb, Peru, and Max Klise, Kokomo, who survive. Surviving are one daughter, Shannon Nichole King, Palm Bay, Florida, and one granddaughter, Bella Sydney; two brothers, Kevin Gray Lamb, Macy; David Eric (Jennifer) Lamb, Peru; and one sister, Julia Lamb Glessner, Warren, Indiana. He was employed by INDOT for 37 years and worked as a Project Supervisor. He enjoyed listening to classic rock, vintage airplanes, NASCAR, drag racing and history. His daughter and granddaughter hung the moon and stars. Funeral services will be on Monday Sept. 3, 2012 at 11 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, with Fr. Scott Nobbe officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to service. Burial will be at a later date in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston. Visitation will be Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 31, 2012 4:00 am

**Paul H. Miller**, 86 of New Albany, formerly of Rochester, died early Sunday, June 10, 2012, at Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany. Paul was born Jan. 28, 1926, in Lucerne, to Elmer Henry Jacob Miller and Mary Hester (Ferguson) Miller. He graduated from Deedsville High School in 1944 and joined the Army soon after. On Feb. 3, 1945, he married Nada Warner in Denver; she survives. He is survived by; a brother Donald E. Miller and wife Patsy of Avon Park, Fla.; a daughter Barbara Ann Eades of Jeffersonville.; two grandchildren David Eades and wife Grace of Jeffersonville., Joshua Eades and children Emma and Aidan of Duluth, Minn. His parents Elmer and wife Hester; sister Lois and her husband Edward Hauser; daughter Paula Jane "Janie" Miller; and son-in-law Larry E. Eades preceded him in death. Paul retired as a rural mail carrier at Macy;

was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing at the Elks Golf Course in Rochester countless times. He and his wife retired to Sebring, Fla., where they resided for 20 years playing at the Sun 'N Lake Golf Country Club. He was part owner of the Fountain Head Golf Course in Plymouth. He was a member of Perrysburg Baptist Church, Rochester Elks Club, V.F.W. and the Masonic Lodge. In memory of the life of Paul H. Miller, there will be a gathering of friends and family at the Rochester Reception Hall, at 901 E. Ninth Street, Saturday Sept. 8 from 3 to 6 p.m. Please join us to celebrate his life.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 31, 2012 4:00 am

**Evelyn "Eileen" Allman**, 94, Fowler, died at 8:42 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012 in Greenhill Manor Nursing Home, Fowler. She was born in Denver to Claude E. and Flora E. (Shafer) Haines. On Oct. 12, 1935 in Sheldon, Ill., she married Raymond L. "Ray" Allman. He died Feb. 6, 2006. Eileen had lived in Fowler for the last nine years, moving from the Monticello area. She had been attending the Fowler Baptist Church in Fowler, since living there. Prior to moving to Fowler, she attended the Lockport Church in Lockport. Eileen was a member of the O.E.S. of Mexico for over 50 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading and shopping. She is survived by her sons, Robert L. (Sharon) Allman of Summerfield, Fla., and Dennis D. (Linda) Allman of Avon Park, Fla.; daughters, Pamela Rae (Thomas) Havelly, of Belleview, Fla., and Alice "Ann" (Michael) Hardebeck of Earl Park, and a brother, Kenneth Haines, of Westfield. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude E. and Flora E. (Shafer) Haines, husband Raymond L. "Ray" Allman, grandson Michael L. Hardebeck II, great-granddaughter Jessica Lynn Allman, brother Garth Haines and sisters Thais Rairigh and Marjorie Cain. A funeral service will take place at noon Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012 at the Miller-Roscka Funeral Home of Monticello, with the Rev. Nord Zootman officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home, with graveside services at 3 p.m. at the Westlawn Cemetery in Denver. A special graveside service will be held 3 p.m. Saturday at the Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the wishes of the donor. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Arrangements by the Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 31, 2012 4:00 am



**Phyllis A. Gerhart**, 79, Kokomo, died at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012, at Fairmount Rehabilitation in Kokomo. She was born June 3, 1933, in Peru, the daughter of Floyd and Relna (Murtha) Lees. She was married May 25, 1952, to Richard L. Gerhart, who preceded her in death May 29, 1982. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1951 and went on to become the devoted wife, mother and grandmother that she will always be remembered for. She had 30 wonderful years with her husband and together they raised four daughters and one son. She spent most of her years as a homemaker and also worked at First Farmers Bank & Trust in Bennetts Switch and Converse. She was a member of Deer Creek Do-Ettes Home Ec Club for 47 years, Euchre Club and First Christian Church in Kokomo. She enjoyed painting, sewing, reading, playing cards, cooking and wintering in Florida but most importantly spending time with family and friends. Phyllis is survived by her five children, Barbara Payne, Huntington Beach, Calif., Wayne (Sherry) Gerhart, Buffalo, N.Y., Kathy (Mike) Gable, Peru, Lisa (Sam) Waugh, Plano, Texas, and Amy (Leonard) Baxter, Kokomo; in addition Phyllis is survived by 11 grandchildren, Zachary

Payne, Katie Payne, in California, Chris (Veronica) Gerhart, Morgan Gerhart, in California, Erin Gable, in Michigan, Emily Gable, in Indianapolis, Adam Gable, Peru, Tucker Waugh, Grace Waugh, Texas; Madyson Baxter, Will Baxter, Kokomo; and five great-grandchildren, Brian, Curtis, Cameron, Caleb, Connor Gerhart, all of California; a sister, Carolyn Rogers, Tennessee; a sister-in-law, Marion Lees in North Carolina; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Richard, son-in-law Steve Payne, brother Bob Lees, and brother-in-law, Bob Rogers. A prayer for mom: God of compassion and love, trusting in your gracious promises and confident in the sure and certain hope of new life in the world to come. Into your hands we commit our beloved mother. May your will be done. In the gracious name of Christ we pray. Amen. Praying for peace for mom. Xoxo

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, with the Rev. Will Jewsberry and Ellen Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery where she will be laid to rest beside her husband. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 1, 2012 4:00 am

**Clara D. Yoder**, 98, Kokomo, died at 3:50 a.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2012.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Monday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, Kokomo. Calling is from 3 to 7 p.m., Sunday at the church.

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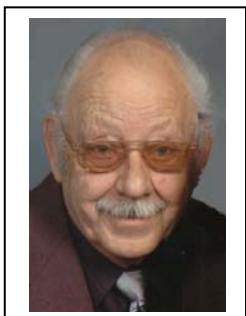
**Gertrude Ramsey**, 96, Silver Lake, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2012 at 8:15 pm at her residence. She was born in Jefferson County, Indiana on Jan. 20, 1916 to Wilbur F. Hand and Martha Ellen (Graham) Hand. She married Roscoe Ramsey in 1942, and he preceded her in death 1962. Gertrude was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill. She is survived by her daughter, Jolene Huiras and husband Bill, Silver Lake, son James D. Ramsey, Silver Lake, and her grandchildren, Tamara Roller, Chris Huiras, Erin Huiras, Willis Huiras, Matt Roller, great-grandchildren Evan, Alex, Mikayla, Charlie, Grant and Mika. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother and four sisters. Services will be held Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Charles Layne officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery in Santa Fe, Indiana. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the Allen Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 1, 2012 4:00 am

**Paul David Rody**, 73, Denver, passed away at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born April 3, 1939 in Peru he was the son of Frank and Gladys Blanche Benedict Rody. On Dec. 11, 1959 at the Denver Baptist Church, he was married to Violet Orma Wellsand, and she survives. Paul was a member of the Denver Baptist Church, Mexico Masonic Lodge #347, and the Teamsters' Union. He enjoyed canoeing, hunting and fishing. He was a truck driver for many years and retired from Wabash Alloys, Wabash. Surviving with his wife are two children, Mike Rody and his wife Linda, Denver; Jane Tafoya and husband Mike, Wasilla, Alaska; six grandchildren, Kelly Maynard, Kent Ireland, both of Denver; Erin Rody, Peru; Leeanne Rody, Kokomo; Lacy Lawson, Mexico; and Betsy Tafoya, Wasilla, Alaska; along with 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Gladys Orma Rody and one sister, Rosalie McLaughlin. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Matt Haynes officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Foundation.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 3, 2012 4:00 am

**Judith K. Spaulding**, 63, Rochester, died Friday Aug. 31 at home. Services will be Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation will start at 4:30 p.m.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 3, 2012 4:00 am

**Robert E. Canfield**, 87, New Waverly, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012 at 10:04 a.m. at his residence. He was born Dec. 31, 1924 in Howard County to Harold P. Canfield and Edith Merle (Boone) Canfield. He married Wanda C. Smith March 18, 1950 in Fort Wayne and she survives. He was the owner of Canfield Motors and was also a retired engineer of the Chessie System Railroad. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America-Sea Scouts, former president of New Waverly P.T.A., past master of the Masonic Lodge #484 New Waverly/Walton Lodge #423, a member of the Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, president of the Cass County Past Masters Association, member of the U.T.U.-B.L.F.E. union, 53-year member of the Miami Township Volunteer Fire Department, former Fire Chief and President, Logansport Kennel Club, president of the Cass County Crime Stoppers, member of the Cass County Sheriff Department during the Sheriff Levitt and Carson administrations, Cass

County Cancer Society, worked the New Waverly United Methodist Breakfast and the Cass County Extension Homemaker booth at the Cass County Fair. Bob's hobby was his work. He worked helping other relatives, neighbors and the average guy. He loved to surf and deep sea fish in Florida, also fishing in the northern Indiana lakes. He loved everything about the automobile. In addition to his wife, he was survived by sons Rick (Teri) Canfield of Walton and Timothy Canfield of Russiaville; grandchildren Dana Canfield of Indianapolis, Justin Canfield of Monticello, Brandee (Justin) Hoffman of LaGrange, Barry Canfield of Melbourne Beach Fla. and Zachary Canfield of Richmond, Va.; great-grandchildren Monica Canfield, Brooklyn Canfield, Danessa Hoffman and Ayden Hoffman as well as four nephews and four nieces. Two sisters, Rosemary Brown and Florence Smith, two nephews and two nieces preceded him in death. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. at Gundrum Funeral home in Logansport with Pastor Glen Knepp officiating. Burial will take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Logansport. Visitation will take place 4 – 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Cass County American Cancer Association. The guest book may be signed and online condolences may be sent at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 4, 2012 4:00 am

**Janet D. Austin**, 74, Converse, passed away at 2:15 a.m. on Aug. 31, 2012 in her Converse residence. Mrs. Austin was born in Converse on July 8, 1938, to the late Sherman and Margaret (Ballard) Hodson. Janet graduated from Converse Jackson Township High School. She married Jack R. Austin on Feb. 24, 1963. He survives in their Converse home. In 1973 she returned to





Converse after living in Hawaii and Michigan. On July 1, 1994 she retired as an office manager in civil service at Grissom Air Force Base. Janet enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, reading, fishing, going to Dewart Lake and traveling extensively in her motor home. Janet is also survived by two children, Trent (Carla) Austin of Batesville, Ind. and Margaret (Chad) Miller of Converse, Ind.; a brother, Carl (Delores) Hodson, Mexico, Ind. and six grandchildren, Amelia, Avery and Alice Austin as well as Vera, Calvin and Jack Miller. She is also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Robert Hodson; and a sister, Helen Johnson. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 11 a.m. – noon in the Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St. in Converse. Graveside committal services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Memorials may be made to Converse

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**Bonnie Coleen Miller**, 82, Roann, died Friday, Aug. 31, 2012 at 11:45 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. She was born March 2, 1930 in Kosciusko County to Urban and Nellie (Dilsaver) Bahney. She married Russell V. Miller on May 11, 1946 in Gilead. He preceded her in death March 30, 1976. Bonnie worked at General Tire of Wabash and was also a homemaker. She was a loving and devoted mother for many years. She is survived by a son, Gary “Storm” Miller of Roann; and a brother John and his wife Barbara Bahney of Macy. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by a son, Terry Miller (1965); three brothers Marvin (2012), Virgil (2009) and Bobbie (1997) Bahney and her special friend Donald J. Whittenberger (2001). Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. Akron, IN with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will take place at Akron Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 1– 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to cause of the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 5, 2012 4:00 am

Miami County Circuit Court Judge, **Robert A. Spahr**, 66, of Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 5, 2012 4:00 am

At 11:03 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, 2012, **Harold Demoin Hilgeman**, 87, took the hand of his Lord and departed this life from the family home which he built 62 years ago near Mexico, Ind. His wife Mickie and daughters Ruthanne and Marceil were at his bedside as they have been throughout his illness. Survived by his wife of 65 years, he and Wilma Maxine “Mickie” Hiers were married April 5, 1947 in Lodi, Ohio by personal friend, the Rev. Stanley J. Shoemaker. Born in Peru, Ind. on April 20, 1925 to Cecil Christian and Lela Margaret Pearce Hilgeman, he lived in the Peru area all his life. He graduated from St. John’s Lutheran School and Peru High School. He attended Coyne Electrical Institute in Chicago, Ill. Unable to serve in the military, he built training models to assist in the training of our WWII military. Significantly knowledgeable and talented in many building crafts, this “fix-it” genius worked locally in factory maintenance positions. He built and operated Hilgeman Camping prior to his illness.



His ability to repair or to produce work-shop items was truly amazing. Surviving in addition to his wife Mickie are daughters Lynda Brower and her husband Jed of Winamac, Ind., Margaret “Penny” Harding of Peru, Ruthanne Abbott of Peru and Marceil Barragan and her companion Joe Mosley of Mexico, Ind.; grandchildren Bill (Kristy) Dougherty, Tammy Dougherty, Jim Abbott, Tim (Shonna) Abbott, Angela Abbott, Julie Brower (Shawn) Shepherd, Erika Anderson Miles and Robert (Melissa) Anderson; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Richard Hilgeman and an infant great-grand daughter Melanie Abbott. Failing health plagued him in recent years following a stroke. This husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather will be sorely missed. This loving and wise, ingeniously talented, industrious and challenging, beloved patriarch is gone from our temporal lives and is mourned. Visitation will be from 2 – 4 and 6 – 8p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind., where funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Riley Children’s Foundation or St. John’s Lutheran Church. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 5, 2012 4:00 am

**Richard Eugene “Gus” Howell**, 65, peacefully entered Heaven’s gate on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012, at 5:34 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind. Born March 13, 1947, in Hartford City, Indiana, Gus was raised in Grant County, Ind., where he attended Marion High School. He was the manager of the Converse, Ind., Shell station, was a farm equipment parts manager for Case International and a driver for Schwartz Ford in Peru, Ind. He attended First Christian Church in Peru, Ind. He is a former member of the Marion Male Chorus and the gospel quartet “Gospel Aires.” Gus had a love for many types of music. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, going for scenic drives and learning about family history. He is survived by his wife of nearly twelve years, Janet Bolinger Hippensteel Howell; parents, Richard “Dick” and Donna Florea, Marion, Ind.; sisters Bonnie (Phil) Elam, Fort Wayne, Ind. and Leslie Florea Martin, Marion, Ind.; soon to be brother-in-law, Tony Roberts, Marion, Ind.; sister-in-law Bobbi (Randy) Lauer, Fort Wayne, Ind.; a blended family including eleven children, Blaine



Howell, Amber (Ross) Amend, JoLynne (Luke) Frydenlund, B. J. Howell, Patrick Howell, Michael (Angel) Howell, Phillip Howell, Jim (Samantha) Hippensteel, Dawn (Tom) Gagliardo, Vicki (Brian) Singleton and Heather Hippensteel; fifteen grandchildren and one on the way; many nieces and nephews; his loyal cat, Pooky and dog, Lilly. He is preceded in death by his brother, DeWayne, Florea. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, Sep. 7, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Peru, Ind. with visitation from 4 - 8 p.m. Thursday at the Funeral Home.

Interment will be at the Garden of Memory in Huntington County, Ind. Pastor Lowell Burris will officiate.

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**Charles "Ed" Nolley, 84**, Peru, went peacefully to be with his Lord from Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, 1:25 a.m. Sunday morning, Sept. 2, 2012. He was born on June 17, 1928 to the late Solon and Bethyl (Hanback) Nolley in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Charles married Sylvia Acord on Aug. 9,

1946 in Sikeston, Missouri, and they shared 64 years together before she passed in June of 2011. Charles worked in the service station and wrecker business for many years. He was a member of the Gospel Light Mission Church for many years. He loved helping people and is leaving behind many friends who love him and will sincerely miss him. Charles is survived by three sons, Larry (Dianna) Nolley, Peru, Rick (Marcie) Nolley, Kokomo and Jeff (Teresa) Nolley, Georgetown, Texas; his grandchildren, Terry (Jennifer) Nolley, Peru, Wesley (Amber) Nolley, Dallas, Texas, Nikki (Jim) Baccus, Peru and Derek Nolley, Peru. Other survivors include his great-grandchildren, Jacob, Kirsten, Destiny, Tyler and Sydnee; along with his beloved dog, Speckles. Charles was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Solon Jr. and Bobby Gene Nolley; a grandson, Matt; and his loving wife, Sylvia. There will be a funeral service for Charles at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street, Kokomo, on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. with Terry Russell officiating. After the funeral service, we will be taking Charles to Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery, Kokomo, Indiana, where he will be laid to rest. Charles' family and friends are welcome to join together for a time of visitation on Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 4 - 8 p.m., also at the mortuary. You are invited to read Charles' obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message, or order flowers for the family. Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street, Kokomo, Ind. assisted the family with arrangements.

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**Robert Spahr** - County judge dies from cancer

After about four years of service, Miami County Circuit Court Judge Robert Spahr, 66, has died due to health complications from cancer. Spahr was diagnosed with cancer about a month ago, and went through chemotherapy, but the treatment was discontinued about a week ago. "We appreciate all the prayers and kind wishes people have given to us over the last month," said son Tim Spahr. "People have been very generous to our family. The kind sentiments, the prayers - it's just been very helpful, the outpouring.

"My father received so many cards, so many letters, so many photo albums. It helped him. You know it's a tough thing to get diagnosed with cancer, especially when it's advanced," he continued. "People just were really kind, and that's why I'm glad I live in a community like Peru. People pull together and support each other, and I know my dad loved living in Peru and the people in it. One of the things that really was troubling him, it was very troubling to him the idea that he wouldn't be able to finish his term as judge. He really wanted to fulfill his responsibility to the community."

The loss has been surreal for the Spahr family, the son noted, as the judge has been a figure of strength for the family.

"I think every family has someone everyone looks to as a source of strength and guidance, and he certainly filled that role for us," Tim Spahr said.

Spahr, originally from Indianapolis, graduated from Indiana University Bloomington with an undergraduate degree before going on to attend law school and pass the bar exam in 1974. He practiced law with Karl Jacobs in Fowler, Benton County, from 1974 to 1979 before moving to Miami County in June of 1979.

In a past interview with the Tribune, he joked that he decided to practice law after his mother suggested it, because he argued a lot. Spahr practiced law in Miami County for 20 years, including work for the Department of Child Services and as a private attorney. His sons, Tim and Tony Spahr, followed in his footsteps by starting their own law office in Peru.

Aside from law work, Spahr served in the U.S. Army for almost three years, which included service in Vietnam. The judge was also active in the community, attending and speaking at Miami County Tea Party meetings, organizing annual patriotic Flag Day events and doing public readings from his self-published works. Spahr wrote seven books for two series, "The Adventures of Torto" and "Abalaster City Flawed". Spahr was a member of the Peru Rotary, the Main Street United Methodist Church and a member of the church's choir. Spahr had been out of the courtroom since early August, with the courts arranging to bring interim judges to sit in for circuit court cases, some of which have been postponed. "Because the office is vacated, it goes to the governor for appointment ... It's a guesstimate, but the process will probably take at least 60 days," county attorney Pat Roberts said. The governor's office usually takes applications, conducts interviews with a committee, then appoints a





judge, according to Roberts. Miami County Commissioners chose to put the county courthouse flag at half-staff in mourning of the judge until the time of his funeral service.

"Bob was an asset to the community," commented Miami County Commissioners Chairman Craig Boyer, who added the judge's community involvement was excellent and that he felt the judge and his wife, Nancy, had an especially strong bond.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. on Friday at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 West Main Street, Peru. A Memorial is planned for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday with Rev. David Scifres officiating.

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Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 6, 2012

**Robert Spahr** - Farewell Spahr

Monday night Miami County lost a judge, community friend and loved one. Judge Robert Spahr sadly lost his battle against cancer. We extend our condolences to his family as we know that losing someone is never easy. Spahr was a community minded man that fought to help keep the county and the country a safe place. He served as an officer in the United States Army in Vietnam before attending Indiana University law school. Afterward he worked to fight for justice in Indiana and before his death sought to fulfill his responsibility as a judge to the community. We applaud that he spent most of his life working to help people, whether it was in the Department of Child Services or his 20 years as a private attorney. His work to organize the annual Flag Day events is just one way to keep his memory alive. By making sure the passion he had about bringing the community together to celebrate the country and its acceptance into the union we can pass on the importance to future generations. The event was always well attended by community members and we hope to see his tradition of celebrating the flag continue on for decades to come. With a great loss like this, it will reverberate through all the organizations he was part of, both big and small. As part of the county he was involved with many groups such as the Miami County Historical Society, Main Street United Methodist Church and was a member of the church's choir and praise team. We're sure his voice was heard far and wide and will be greatly missed during services. It will certainly be an adjustment to all who knew him. The courthouse is working to find someone worthy enough to take his place, but it will take time. We wonder who will inevitably be chosen to take his place in the courthouse. It will certainly be an adjustment as no one will ever completely fill his shoes. One thing is for certain, his legacy will not be forgotten by the lives he touched in and around Miami County. Farewell to a fine community leader.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 6, 2012

**Robert A. Spahr**, 66, Peru, died on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012, at his home. He was born on June 7, 1946, in Indianapolis, to John F. Spahr, Jr., and Marian A. (Roberts) Spahr. He married Nancy B. Aukerman on Aug. 24, 1969, in Glen Ellyn, Ill., and she survives him. Rob graduated in 1968 from Indiana University with an undergraduate degree in history. After serving as an officer in the United States Army in Vietnam, he attended the Indiana University-Indianapolis School of Law, graduating in December 1973. He practiced law in Fowler, Indiana, for five years and then moved to Peru, where he maintained his law office from 1979 until December 2007. Then, in January 2008, he became Judge of the Miami Circuit Court, a position he held until his death. He was active in many community organizations, including the Miami County Historical Society, for which he served as President; the Miami County Tea Party; the choir and praise team at Main Street United Methodist Church; the Peru Rotary Club; the Mount Hope Cemetery Board; and the Miami County Substance Abuse Prevention Council. At varying points in his career, he served as a Deputy Prosecutor, a Public Defender, and attorney for the Miami County Department of Child Services. Rob's interests included national politics, woodworking, and writing fantasy adventure novels. He was the proud author of seven books, which are available online at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children: Tim Spahr (and wife Marcet) of Peru; Kim Fisher (and husband Dustin) of Mount Prospect, Ill.; Tony Spahr (and wife Krystal) of Carmel; and Emily Spahr, Hermitage, Tenn. He also is survived by five grandchildren, Anastasia and John Spahr and Griffin, Zoe, and Huxley Fisher. His two sisters, MaryAnn Dunfee (and husband, Tim), Spencer, Ind., and Susan Thomas (and husband, Mack), Unionville, also survive him. His parents and his brother, John F. Spahr, III, preceded him in death. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, with the Rev. David Scifres officiating. Visitation will take place on Friday, Sept. 7, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Historical Society or Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements and on line condolence may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 7, 2012

**Ruby Faye Conlee**, 77, Peru, died at 12:24 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 7, 2012

**Alice Jane Amos**, 72, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away at 10:53 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Peru, on March 31, 1940 the daughter of Ralph and Pearl Bishop Wilson. Alice married Terry Amos on April 2, 1982 and he survives. Alice was a 1958 graduate of Peru High School and was employed as the Registrar for the Miami County Board of Health for more than 20 years retiring in 2006. She attended St.

Charles Catholic Church and was a member of the Women of the Moose. Family and friends were a priority to Alice and children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She loved going to the lake and vacationing in Clear Water, Fla. Surviving in addition to her husband, Terry, are her children, Debra Draper and her husband Robert of Rochester, Greg Sharp and his wife Diane of Peru, Derek Allen Sharp and his wife Kimberly of Peru, Kathy Smith and her husband Mark of Tipton County and Kirk A. Amos and his wife Mellisa of Kokomo, grandchildren, Zachariah, Miriah, Stephanie, Greg A., Ashley, Kirstie, Olivia, Jarod, Kadee, Christopher, James, Miranda, Max, Sam and Mazie, several great-grandchildren and sisters, Marilyn Sisco of Peru, and Norma Wolfe of Denver. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Lori Davis, a sister, Janette Mills, and brothers Bill Wilson, Ralph Wilson, Jr. and Gene Wilson. A service celebrating the life of Alice Amos will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru with the Rev. Eric Underwood officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 9 a.m., until noon on Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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**Rubin Nelson Jr.**, Kokomo, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012 in St. Vincent's Heart Center, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

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**Barbara K. Kahre**, 81, formerly of Peru, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012 in Texas. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 7, 2012

**Patricia K. Wade**, 62, Peru, died at 11:29 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012. Services will take place 1 p.m. Monday in Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with visitation from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 7, 2012

**Nancy Sahaidachny**, 89, Peru, died at 1:15 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 10, 2012

**Nancy Sahaidachny**, 89, suffered with dementia for ten years and on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012, at 1:15 p.m. she died at her home in the arms of her daughter Helen, who was her caregiver for the duration of her illness. She was born in Ukraine where she married the love of her life, John Sahaidachny, who died in October 1989. They came to Peru from Germany in October 1950. Her parents, Kondrat Tschinick and Nina Fiitschenko Tschinick preceded her in death and also several of her siblings. Nancy is survived by her children Helen Sauer, Mary Ritter, Nicholas Sahaidachny, Peter Sahaidachny, her grandchildren, Dr. Stephen Sauer, Gary Ritter, Dodie (Ritter) Georges, Cassie (Ritter) Good, Marcie (Ritter) Koenig, Rachel Sahaidachny, Karena Sahaidachny, Pete "PJ" Sahaidachny, her great granddaughter Teddie Sauer and Josie Sauer, great grandsons Chase Georges, Brandon Georges, and Luka Sahaidachny. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012 at Flower-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru with the Reverend Father Douglas Hungerford officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012, and 10 a.m. on Monday for one hour prior to the funeral. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 10, 2012

**Sheila Jane Bell**, 59, died Sept. 7, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**Shelia Jane Bell**, 59, Peru, died at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012 in Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born to Hubert and Mildred (Mooers) McGinnis on Sept. 14, 1952 in Fort Lewis, Wash. Shelia was a 1971 graduate of Frankfort High School. She worked as a housekeeper for Caring Hands in Peru, and previously worked as a receptionist and CAN for Wesley Manor. She attended Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. An avid reader, she enjoyed traveling, Facebook and her dog Ivory. Shelia is survived by her daughters, Patricia "Patty" Bell and Katrina Bennett; sisters, Phyllis Bradley and Pat Smith; grandchild, Darrion Young; and close friend Missy West. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 at Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort. Calling hours will be 10 to 11 a.m. that day, in the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help with expenses. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**David A. Hostetler**, 60, Peru, died at 8:10 a.m. Sept. 10, 2012 in Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**Rubin Nelson Jr.**, 75, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, retired, of Kokomo passed away at 6:26 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 6, 2012 at St. Vincent's Heart Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born in Shaw, Miss. on Dec. 21, 1936 the son of Rubin and Julia Mae Stewart Nelson Sr. who preceded him in death. Rubin spent more than 24 years serving as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and he was a Vietnam War veteran. His military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign of Gallantry, the Meritorious Unit Citation Award and the Presidential Unit Citation Award. Following retirement from active duty from the Army, Rubin worked for more than six years for Ratheon Aerospace Corp. in Thule, Greenland as a radar technician. He is survived by a sister, Mildred Jenkins of Chicago, Ill. and a brother Willie Nelson and his wife Valerie of Peru, two sisters-in-law, Frances Stewart of Carol Stream, Ill. and Dorothy Nelson of Bellwood, Ill., numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his, sisters, Theresa Moore, Ruthie Russell, and brothers James H. Stewart, Clifton Nelson, and Lawrence J. Nelson and brothers-in-law, Louis Moore, Nathan Russell and Eddie Jenkins, Sr. Family and friends will gather from 10 to 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 14, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. A service celebrating the life of Rubin Nelson will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In following Rubin's request for a simple dignified service, in lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**Richard F. "Mick" Harding Jr.**, 80, Peru, formerly of the Roann and Gilead communities, died at 6:38 p.m. Sept. 5, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis. He was born Feb. 2, 1932, in Peru to Richard F. and Helen (Miller) Harding. He married Martha M. Broadley Doolittle on Oct. 6, 1971 in La Puente, Calif. and she survives in Peru. Richard worked at General Tire of Wabash until retiring in 1991. He graduated from Gilead High School in 1950. He was a former member of the Moose Lodge in Rochester. He loved "Wii Bowling," fishing, woodworking, pitching horseshoes, shuffle board and wired controlled airplanes. Richard is survived by his wife, Martha Harding, Peru; two daughters, Lesa and husband Steve Petrosky, Akron, and Cindy and husband David Harlow, Rochester; two sons, Richard L. and wife Joyce Harding, Mentone, and Charles Harding, Rochester; step-daughters, Janet Tuley, Rochester and Donita Huffman, Peru; step-sons, Don and wife Carmen Doolittle, Mexico, and Larry and wife Trivenia Doolittle, Hoover, and brother Craig Harding, Logansport. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. A funeral service is planned for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 at Hartzler Fuenral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be in the Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilead Cemetery. Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Born Aug. 12, 1920 to Hugo "Boots" and Harriet (Reavy) Lehnen, **Althea E. Lehnen** – "Thea" lived a full life to age 92 – active and independent. Modest beginnings in Springfield, Ill. and living through the depression in high school was not enough to keep this woman from making her mark and touching the lives of all those around her. A 1938 graduate of Springfield High School, she was on her own at 19 as a working woman traveling and living independently. She spent the years of WWII in bomber plant production – like so many of the "greatest generation" doing her part.

Post war years would find Thea on the beach in Miami, Fla. – a setting she would return to throughout her life. She loved the ocean and it was on the beach she would meet her future husband and life partner Robert "Bob" H. Hosek. Fresh from the European Theater Bob had earned his wings as a B-25 pilot and would make a career of the U.S. Air Force; they were married Dec. 28, 1948. Over the next 17 years Bob would advance from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel and the family would relocate six times to as many states and territories. With each USAF relocation, Thea made sure any air base billet was a warm home for her growing family and those in need, something stray dogs seemed know.

Family was Thea's priority as she and Bob raised three sons, Mike, Bryan, and Eric. Bob retired as a command pilot in 1966 after 25 years in the cockpit. With the military behind them, Thea would make herself known in the private sector. Bob's new position with Square D (Schneider Electric) found the family in Peru. In this north central Indiana town Thea would give to her community just as she had her family – it was home for the next 25 years. Thea's family would grow once more with the adoption of Janie (Yare) in the late 60's.

Thea's list of accomplishment in the 70's and 80's would make any family and community proud. From non-profits to local business involvement, Thea was on the board and getting things done for the United Way, Big Brothers & Big Sisters and the local Chamber of Commerce.

During this period Thea was named Peru's Woman of the Year and then later Miami County's Citizen of the Year (the first woman to receive this honor). Along the way she became a successful realtor and a leading fundraiser. Thea enjoyed many years in retirement with the Colonel, seeing more of the world and spending the summers in Montana and returning to the beaches of Florida for the winter.

After 60 years together, she was preceded in death by Bob in 2005, and her beloved older sister Eileen Saxer. To the end, she was proud and supportive of all her children and loving to her seven grandchildren.

Throughout her life Thea was a woman of charm, strength, poise, intellect, beauty, and grace. It was easy to tell where Thea stood for she lived her values and Christian beliefs out in front for others to see. She was not afraid to speak up against injustices, to support the right idea, or to lend a hand to others less fortunate, seeking nothing in return. The world was a better place for her actions and she lifted others up with her.

Thea passed peacefully in her home on Aug. 27, 2012, having lain down for a nap, she did not awake. Thanks for everything, Thea – rest easy in your faith, you earned it. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 in Bloomington at the Trinity Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church. Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 Bloomington, Indiana is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 11, 2012

**Charlotte Eckensberger McCammon Harris**, 70, of Fort Wayne was united with the Lord after a long battle with cancer at 12:48 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. Her last days were spent at home surrounded by family and friends. "She had an infectious smile, and had the gift of connecting with people and a true compassion for others while touching and inspiring many people throughout her life. She was a loving, strong, and beautiful wife, mother, and grandma. She was known to many as Memaw Darling. She loved her family, Jesus, nature, her cat, sports (especially I.U. basketball), casinos and playing piano." She was born June 19, 1942 in Lawrenceport, Ind. She was a retired manager from First Land Title Company.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen A.; daughters, Stephanie (Donald) Owens of Mexico, Ind. and Stacie McCammon of Fort Wayne; son, Shawn (Julie) McCammon of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Carrie Owens of Fort Wayne, Tiffany Owens of Indianapolis, Joel Heseman of Chicago, Jessica Heseman of Fort Wayne and Jazmyn McCammon of Greenville, S.C.; stepsons, Scott (Erin) Harris of Troy, Ohio and Gregg (Martha) Harris of Troy, Ohio; five step-grandchildren; brothers, Keith (Carol) Eckensberger of Cameron Park, Calif. and Julian (Linda) Eckensberger of Plano, Texas; sisters, Gretchen Blackwell of Mitchell, Ind. and Lynnette Hamilton of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Edgar and Leona Eckensberger; and stepmother, Ula Eckensberger. Memorial service is 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012 at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 Saint Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, with calling two hours prior to service. Pastor Craig Duke officiating. Preferred memorials to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 12, 2012

**Mardell "Marty" Wayne**, 78, of Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Riverwalk Village Nursing Home, Noblesville. Services are pending from Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 13, 2012

**Mardell "Marty" Wayne**, 78, formerly of Peru, IN passed away at 7:50 a.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Riverwalk Village Nursing Home, Noblesville, IN . She was born in Reynolds, IN on August 1, 1934 the daughter of Robert W. and Fanny Kepfer Schroder. Marty married Earl Wayne and March 23, 1956 and he preceded her in death on January 11, 2007. Marty was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. She was a 1952 graduate of White County High School and a homemaker. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, family was paramount to Marty. She and Earl enjoyed spending their winters in Bokeelia, FL found great pleasure walking the white sandy beaches and fishing off the pier. She is survived by daughters, Earlene Smiley and her husband Lloyd of Westfield, IN and Cheryl Kline of Peru, a brother, Kenneth Schroder and his wife Helen of Plymouth, IN, grandchildren, Matthew Smiley and his wife Natalie, Jason Smiley and his wife Rebecca, Stephanie Smiley and Chelsea Kline and great-grandchildren, Eyler Smiley, Emily Smiley, Hudson Smile, Haley Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Earl, and a son, Michael Wayne. A Memorial service celebrating the life of Mardell "Marty" Wayne will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Pastor David Sciffes officiating. Family and friends will gather from noon to 2:00 p.m., Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 13, 2012

Local Businessman **Larry Bowyer** of Peru passed peacefully in his sleep at Kindred Healthcare on September the 7th, 2012. He was born in Cass County on February the 3rd, 1932 the son of Donald C. Bowyer and Mary May (Nead) Bowyer. Larry is survived by two brothers, Vinal Bowyer (wife Marjorie) and Clayson Bowyer (wife Jean) both of Peru. He was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters. He attended Nead School in Nead, Indiana, which was named for his mother's family. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1950 where he played sports. In 1952 he married Erma (Swayer) Bowyer she survives. They had four children, daughter Teresa Pendleton (husband Chester, deceased (January 27, 2012), grandson Ryan Williams (wife Alison), great grandson Connor all of Indianapolis. Granddaughter, Shelley Conyers (husband Brian) of New Castle. Son Steven Bowyer (wife Christine) grandson Christopher of Peru. Stepdaughter of Steven Bowyer Marissa Doyle (husband Rob) children Alyssa, Robert, and Carolyne of Harrison, Ohio. Son Mark Bowyer, granddaughter Mandy Bowyer, grandson Tyler Bowyer of Peru. Son Michael Bowyer (wife Rochelle) granddaughters Abigail and Emily Bowyer of Peru. Larry was a Homebuilder before establishing Bowyer Excavating in 1968 selling the business to his children in 1990. Larry was very proud of his children for continuing and expanding the business. After receiving his pilot's license in 1958 Larry



enjoyed flying his planes. He also enjoyed boating and riding motorcycles, having more than a few of each over the years. Larry loved telling jokes and making people laugh. Larry had many friends that he admired. He specifically wanted to mention his lifelong friend Lewis Glassburn (deceased), Claude Rowe (deceased), Paul J. Comerford (deceased) and Craig Langley. He thought they were all the BEST there was. Larry would never say "Goodbye" he would always say "See Ya Later" and that we will! Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. Saturday with a memorial service at 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Tim Deardorf officiating. Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 14, 2012

**Clara Annabelle Butts** 91, Peru, Indiana, and formerly of Rochester, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 12:03 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at Community Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo, Indiana. She was born on December 11, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Fred and Clara (Donald) Maropke. On June 17, 1939 in Michigan City, Indiana, she married J. Lloyd Butts. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1994. Mrs. Butts had been a homemaker. She attended the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, Indiana, and had been a fifty year member of LaPorte Chapter #280 of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a devoted mother, grandma, great grandma, who took great pride in taking care of her family. Survivors include her son, Jack Lloyd and wife Ann Butts, Naples, Florida, daughter, Barbara Ann and husband Argyle Savage, Peru, Indiana, grandchildren, Jennifer Ann Savage and husband John DeGross, Warsaw, Indiana, Jason Michael and wife Amy Butts, Zionsville, Indiana, Erin Marie and husband Jamie Ragland, Kokomo, Indiana, Kevin Matthew and wife Renee' Butts, Arlington, Tennessee, great grandchildren, Briley Marie Roseberry, Kokomo, Indiana, Alexander Jack Butts, Arlington, Tennessee, Bryson James Ragland, Kokomo, Indiana, Teel Annabelle Butts, Zionsville, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Dorothy Mae Maropke. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday September 16, 2012 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana, with the Rev. Dave Scifres officiating. Friends may call from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, Indiana. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 14, 2012

**Carol Elizabeth Childs**, 63 years old, lived in Greenville, Illinois, passed away September 12, 2012 at 1:13 p.m. in St. Louis, Missouri. She died of complications from a stroke. Born July 16, 1949 in Lockport, New York Daughter of Gordon and Ruth Graham (Ozard). Sister to Marilyn (Larry) Liddle and Phil (Nancy) Graham, wife of William Allan Childs, married June 26, 1971 in Lockport, New York. Graduate of Newfane Central School 1967, Houghton College 1971, Ball State University 1978 Carol was an educator of preschool and elementary aged children for nearly 30 years in Valdosta, Georgia; Peru, Indiana; and Greenville, Illinois. She loved children and was passionate about instructing in new and creative ways, as well as helping others to do the same. Carol enjoyed spending time on the lake, traveling, learning new things, engaging in new cultures and experiences, gardening, and tasting a bit of everyone else's ice cream! She was an amazing wife, mother, and "Grammie" who greatly treasured her family. Above all, however, Carol's life was one of generous giving and sacrificial service. She always put the needs of others before her own, serving in countless ways, from opening her home or preparing meals for those in need to knitting dozens of baby blankets and travelling to Bolivia on a mission trip. She enjoyed hosting a college Bible study, was actively invested in Greenville Teen Mops, and supported various missionaries around the world. Carol was a compassionate person who paid attention to the individual needs and desires of everyone she knew. Carol Childs trusted Jesus as her savior as a young girl and served him her entire life. Survived by her husband of 41 years, Bill Childs of Greenville, Illinois, Children: Christi (Erik) Smith, Brent (Cherish) Childs, Bryan (Renee) Childs. Grandchildren: Kaelyn, Malachi, Abbigail, Annabelle, and Emily. Siblings: Marilyn (Larry) Liddle and Phil (Nancy) Graham. A celebration of her life will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Greenville Free Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Groves officiating. Visitation will be held at the Free Methodist Church from 4-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 2 p.m. until service time. For those who desire memorials may be made to Teen Mops, c/o Greenville Free Methodist Church. [www.donnellwiegand.com](http://www.donnellwiegand.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 15, 2012

**Clara Marie (Wilson) Bowman**, 89, of Peru, passed away at Marion General Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2012. She was born to Willard and Mabel (Funk) Wilson, in Anoka, on March 16, 1923. Clara was a graduate of Twelve Mile High School. On June 27, 1946 she married Carl Bowman Jr., who preceded her in death in Aug. 1990. Clara was retired from Delco Electronics, Kokomo. She was a former member of the Corinth Brethren Church and a current member of Peoria Church. She is survived by daughters, Carla and Dale Troyer and Chris and Dale Bontrager. Clara was a loving grandmother of Marci (Chadd) Engel, Staci (Rob) Hovermale, Ryan (Jennifer) Bontrager, Chad (Jenny) Troyer and Scott Troyer. Great-grandchildren Corynn, Grace and Ainsley Engel, Shiloh and Willow Troyer, Keenan and Mia Hovermale, Ruby and Phineas Bontrager. She is also survived by sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Guss and Ruth Wilson. Also several nieces and nephews. Clara was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters and one brother; Mae Krantz, Mary Book Walter, Ruth Yariam Koontz and Frank Wilson. Private family graveside services will be hosted at Ever Rest Memorial Cemetery with Robert Hovermale presiding. Arrangements were made by Flowers Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 17, 2012

**Randy Hawk**, 54, of Leiter's Ford died on Friday afternoon on September 14th. A celebration of life will be Wednesday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 17, 2012

**Donna Malott** 62, of Rochester passed away September 15, 2012 at 10:53 p.m. Donna is remembered by her children Misty Hoff, Mike and Tony Shaffer. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, September 18, 2012

**Daniel Rankin Michael**, 86, of Peru, passed away at 8:03 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness. He was born in Bluffton, Ind. on June 30, 1927 the son of John and Sarah Elkins Michael. Dan married Helen Fenton on May 7, 1963 and she survives. A paragon of America's Greatest Generation, Dan answered the call of his country on two occasions serving with the United States Marine Corps during WWII and the Korean War. He retired from the N & W Railroad in 1983. Dan was an earnest, thoughtful and soft spoken man who loved his family. He adored his wife and children, nurtured many friendships and treated people he encountered with courtesy and respect. He loved hunting, the donut shop gang and his Smoke House buddies. Surviving in addition to his wife Helen are his children Dixie Hogan and her husband Jerald of Kokomo, Michelle Beatty and her husband Scott of Kokomo, Bill Shuey and his wife Sharon of Peru and Barbara Nye of Peru; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters Libby, Connie and Roberta as well as sons Patrick Michael and Jim Shuey and a son-in-law Gary Nye. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Military rites will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Condolences to the family can be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 19, 2012

**Donna Malott**, 63, Rochester, passed away, September 15, 2012 at her home. A private service will be held at a later date in Lebanon. Arrangements are entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

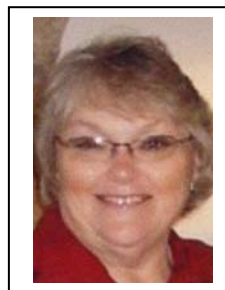
**Alvin "Bo" D. Taylor**, 64, passed away Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 10:20 p.m. at his home. He was born August 11, 1948, in Richmond, Indiana, to Ernest T. and Carrie Mae Griffith Taylor Sagarsee. He was married to Patricia "Patty" Taylor for 23 years. She survives in Logansport. He retired from his own construction business: Taylor Home Improvement. Other survivors include one son, Joshua D. Taylor; two daughters Patricia M. Taylor, and Rebecca R. Taylor; three brothers, Thomas Taylor, Howard Taylor, and Ernest Taylor; two sisters Rita Baker, and Donnya Boyd; one grandchild Andrew D. Taylor. There will be a memorial service for Bo at 30 North County Rd. 800 East Logansport at 5 p.m. Not to mourn Bo's passing but to celebrate his life. Love offerings may be made to the family in care of Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**Cynthia G. Young**, 95, Converse, passed away at 12:55 a.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Laid-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**Arlene Tschiegg**, 59, of Bunker Hill, Indiana, passed away at 11:20 a.m., Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She was born on January 15, 1953 the daughter of Albert and Mattie Helmuth Otto. She married Bill Tschiegg on April 18, 1998 at the Sycamore Friends Church and he survives. Arlene was a former restaurant manager and had spent the last five years as a caretaker for her mother. She was a member of the Sycamore Friends Church where she taught Sunday School, and the Wednesday Night Master Builder, served on the Ministry and Oversight, and was a member Secretariat for Brethren Way of Christ. Her greatest joys in life were her husband, her family and her faith. Surviving in addition to her husband Bill, is her mother Mattie Otto of Bunker Hill; sisters Mary Bontrager and her husband Dale of Harlan, Indiana, Barb Lataillade and her husband Patrick of Mirimar, Fla., and Edith Miller of Huntington, Ind.; brothers Cal Otto and his wife Jean of Sarasota, Fla., and Linn Otto and his wife Marietta of North Adams, Michigan. She was preceded death by her father Albert Otto and a brother-in-law Sam Miller. A service celebrating the life of Arlene Tschiegg will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 22, 2012 at the Sycamore Friends Church, 1148 N 1300 E, Sycamore, Indiana, with Pastor Jesse Vore officiating. Burial will be in the Christner Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Friday at the Sycamore Friends Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Central American Medical Outreach. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, Indiana. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**Earl L. Einselen**, 84, of Bunker Hill, Indiana, passed away on September 18, 2012 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Miami County on November 14, 1927, the son of John F. and Stella Binkerd Einselen. Earl is survived by his high school sweetheart, Wilma Jean (Bowman) Einselen. Earl was a graduate of Butler Township High School and a retired Miami County farmer. Despite being stricken with polio at the age of 20, he always maintained a positive, humble attitude. He

was a member of the Rich Valley Lion's Club and attended the First Presbyterian Church of Peru as long as his health permitted. Earl was president of the New Hope Cemetery for many years. Earl was an adored husband, father, grandfather and friend. He dedicated his life to Jesus Christ in word and deed. He will be sorely missed. In addition to his wife of 62 years, Wilma, Earl is survived by a son Roger Einselen of Bunker Hill; a daughter Diana Einselen Small, MD of Middletown, Ohio; his son-in-law Joseph Small, DDS, and two grandsons Joseph K. Einselen Small and Christopher J. Einselen Small. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Bruce Einselen, a sister Mildred Elliott and two brothers Loren Einselen and John Einselen. A memorial service celebrating the life of Earl L. Einselen will be held at 3 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Rev. Ronald Caddell presiding. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home after 2 p.m., Friday. Private graveside services will be held at New Hope Cemetery at a later date. The family wishes to thank Dr. James Downing, Dr. Robert Steele, Dr. David Sedaghat and his nurses and caregivers for their help and kindness. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to Great Lakes Caring Hospice, the Indiana Alzheimer's Association or a favorite charity. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

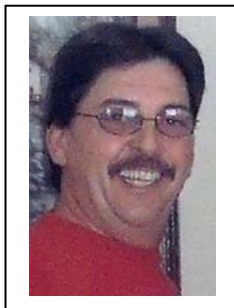
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**Lora Ann Arwood**, 79, of Peru passed away in her sleep at 2:20 a.m., September 13, 2012 at her extended residence Autumn Ridge, Wabash Indiana. She was born August 9, 1933 in Kentucky to EG Sartin and Pearl Clark Sartin. She worked in Home Health Care and Child Care. Ann was an avid golfer and bowler. Ann's brothers were James L. Sartin, Arnold Sartin, and Robert Lee Sartin; sisters: Mary Alice Hughes and Betty Maddix. She is survived by her two sons Roy L. Arwood and Kenneth D. Arwood, two granddaughters Danialle S. Garrard and Amber M. Turley, and three great grandchildren Alexandria E. Garrard, Alexandra B. Turley and Carter S. Turley. She is preceded in death by her late husband Herman Vanbezooyen. There will be no funeral services held at this time. Love offerings may be made to the family in care of Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**Francis C. "Pete" Fisher, Jr.**, 84, Denver, passed away at 9:50 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 20, 2012

**David A. Hostetler**, 60, of Peru, went to be with the Lord on September 10, 2012 at 8:10 a.m. He was born in Peru on September 22, 1951, the son of Robert and Martha Watkins Hostetler. Dave was employed as a truck driver with Yellow Transportation (YRC) in Lafayette and a member of Teamsters Local 135. He attended the Peru Church of the Brethren and was a member of the Peru Mannerchor and Moose Lodges in Peru and Lafayette. Dave had a zest for life and loved telling jokes and making people laugh. He was an avid golfer, bowler, and gun enthusiast. The boys on the Moose Travel League knew they had better keep their lighters in their pockets, because Dave had acquired quite a collection. Dave is survived by his parents Bob and Marty Hostetler of Peru; Barbara Johnson Hostetler whom he married on August 31, 1973; sons Shane Nye and his wife Michelle of Peru, Derek Hostetler of

Lafayette, Hunter Hostetler of Peru; a brother Merle Hostetler and his wife Pat of Gilead; two grandsons Lake Hostetler and Zackary Nye and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends of David A. Hostetler will gather at the Peru Moose Lodge at 2 p.m., Sunday, September 23, 2012 to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Miami County Helping Hands. Condolences to the family may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 22, 2012

**Alvin "Bo" D. Taylor**, 64, passed away Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 10:20 p.m. at his home. He was born August 11, 1948, in Richmond, Indiana, to Ernest T. and Carrie Mae Griffith Taylor Sagarsee. He was married to Patricia "Patty" Taylor for 23 years. She survives in Logansport. He retired from his own construction business: Taylor Home Improvement. Other survivors include one son, Joshua D. Taylor; two daughters Patricia M. Taylor, and Rebecca R. Taylor; three brothers, Thomas Taylor, Howard Taylor, and Ernest Taylor; two sisters Rita Baker, and Donnya Boyd; one grandchild Andrew D. Taylor. There will be a memorial service for Bo at 30 North County Rd. 800 East Logansport, Saturday, September 22nd at 5 p.m. Not to mourn Bo's passing but to celebrate his life. Love offerings may be made to the family in care of Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.





Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 22, 2012

**Buelard Durfee "Buck" McKoon**, 87, Peru, died 6:29 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, 2012, at Caring Hands Health Care Facility in Peru. He was born November 15, 1924, in Kokomo, the son of Carl Durfee and Clara (Hunt) McKoon. He married Leona May Fife January 1, 1946, and she died June 18, 2009. Buck attended Russiaville High School. He was a WWII Veteran, having served in the US Navy. He was employed at Gerber Pottery for eight years and had owned and operated H & H Tavern in Kokomo and The Russiaville Bottle Shop for several years. His first love was farming at the family farm in Wabash County. He enjoyed the game of golf. He is survived by two sons, Gary McKoon of Russiaville and Robert and Sandy McKoon of Wabash; five grandchildren, Tina and Richard Allender, Tiffany and Jeremy Moore, Wendy and Andy Vandenbosch, Jody and Rich Lashbrook and Bradley McKoon; great-grandchildren, Seth and Sheb Allender, Gwenyth and Charles Moore, Eli

Vandenbosch, SyAnne and Sadie Lashbrook. three brothers, Carl McKoon, Dave and Debbie McKoon, Max McKoon; two sisters, Carlene Maugans and Nancy Guthrie; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy McKoon and Sandy and Don Wisher. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one sister, Betty Knezivich, one brother, Cecil McKoon. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, 2012, at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main Street, Russiaville with Pastor Steve Cole officiating. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum with military honors by the Howard County VFW Military Rites Team. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 24, 2012

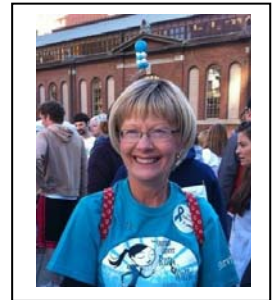
**Kristine Duff**, 55, of Bourbon passed away at 6:04 p.m. at the St. Joseph Medical Center, Mishawaka. A celebration of life of will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26th at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 24, 2012

**Flora B. Rogers**, 86, Peru, died Sunday Sept. 23 at 4:10 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, September 24, 2012

**Jeri Lyn Smith**, 58, Akron, passed away at 1:22 a.m. Saturday Sept. 22, 2012 at Hope Hospice, Logansport Memorial Hospital Logansport, IN she had battled ovarian cancer since May 2007. She was born June 28, 1949 in Peru to Dean and Mary (Helms) Gallahan. She married Randy Smith on Sept. 7, 1969 at Mexico Brethren Church, Mexico, Indiana, he survives. Jeri was a homemaker and stay at home mom. In earlier years, she was manager of Country Cousins Children's Store. She was a part of the Gallahan Oil Company, Peru. She was a member of Olive Branch Church of God where she was very active in church and the Women's Bible Study. She was an avid Purdue fan and tailgater. She loved to cook and take homemade pies and meals to various friends and family. She participated in Teal Ribbon Ovarian Cancer Run and Walk for the past 5 years. She was a 1967 graduate of North Miami High School. Jeri is survived by her husband, Randy Smith, Akron; daughters, Betsy (Barry) Hiffner, Peru, and Sally (Josh) Nixon, Lafayette; son, Casey Smith (Breanna Skinner), West Lafayette; her mother, Mary Gallahan, Peru; her grandchildren, Lucas Hiffner, Nathan Dean Hiffner, Dash Nixon, Crew Nixon and Story Nixon; sister, Lori "Bugs" (Jeff) Laycock, Peru; and brothers, Lance (Carrie) Gallahan, Peru; Kevin (Laura) Gallahan, Peru. She was preceded in death by her father, Dean Gallahan. A funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Olive Branch Church of God Roann, with Pastor Allen Barton and Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at Olive Branch Church of God, 4581 East 1200 North, Roann. Memorial contributions can be made to Ovar'coming Together Inc. 2625 North Meridian Street, Suite 108 Indianapolis, IN 46208, [www.ovariancancer.org](http://www.ovariancancer.org), for Ovarian Cancer Research, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Share a memory or condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).



Flora B Roger

Peru Tribune, The (IN): Tuesday, September 25, 2012 4:00 am

**Flora B. Rogers**, 86, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 4:10 am, Sunday, September 23, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Itawamba County, Mississippi, on November 26, 1925 the daughter of Willie Bob and Daisy Jones Burt. She was married to W. C. "Willie" Rogers and he preceded her in death on April 28, 2012. Flora was a member of the Mt. Herman Baptist Church and loved the Lord and delighted in singing his praises. A mother of eleven children, family was paramount to her. She thoroughly enjoyed her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children Troy Rogers and his wife Angela of Peru, Robert Rogers of Arkansas, Wilbert Rogers of Ft. Wayne, Russell Rogers and his wife Linda of Richmond, Ind., Melvin Rogers of Alabama, Laura Farmer and her husband Dan of Peru, Pam Moore and her husband Larry of Marion, Teresa Morning and her husband Donald of Kewanna; a daughter-in-law Leila Rogers of Alabama; 31 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sisters Johnnie Mae Denmon of St. Louis, Mo., Emma Perry and her husband Rayfield of Carson, Calif., and a



brother Ben Burt and his wife Everjean of Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Willie, sons Roy Rogers and W. C. Rogers, Jr. a daughter Linda Rogers, brothers, David Burt, Ezria Burt, Carson Burt and sisters Jimmie Green, Jackie Clark and Vonja Yerger. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. A service celebrating the life of Flora B. Rogers will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, September 28, 2012 at the Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN): Tuesday, September 25, 2012 4:00 am

**Lorraine E. Gould**, 85 years of age, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 22, 2012. She was born September 15, 1927 in Peru, Indiana to Lewis and Pauline (Hartman) Lutz. She married Richard W. Gould on December 12, 1948 and they celebrated 61 years of marriage. Richard preceded her in death on May 11, 2006 at age 84. Her sister Frances (Cook) also preceded her in death in 2007. She is survived by sons Kent (Devonna) Gould of Peru, Bruce (Pam) Gould of Nashville, Indiana, and Mark (Kris) Gould of Fishers, Indiana; six grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church (Peru) having been confirmed and a graduate of St. John's School in 1941 and a Peru High School graduate in 1945 with a concentration in commercial studies. In high school she was involved with the Girl Reserves, National Honor Society, Commercial Club, Girl's League and the Peruvian school newspaper. Upon graduation, she was employed as a secretary at J.O. Wells Real Estate and Insurance in Peru. As a homemaker raising her three sons, she was active with the Church, school activities such as a Cub Scout leader and volunteered as a Pink Lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Later she worked for JC Penny, Montgomery Ward and Wallace Manufacturing Company. For several years she was employed at the Peru Public Library as an inter-library clerk. Then she was an audio-visual media coordinator and elementary library assistant with the Peru Community Schools. She completed courses through the Wabash Vocational School and was employed as a Kelly Girl. She was also a Welcome Wagon hostess, 1980 U.S. Census worker and an Avon sales representative. She enjoyed family reunions and vacations, Church and school events, and the fine arts - attending Honeywell Center programs for a number of years. Lorraine and Richard resided at North Woods Commons (Kokomo); later Lorraine lived at Riverwalk Commons (Noblesville) and most recently at Prairie Lakes Health Campus (Noblesville).

Visitation will be Tuesday, September 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street, Peru. Services will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main Street, Peru with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.



Peru Tribune, The (IN): Tuesday, September 25, 2012 4:00 am

**Deborah Lynn Harts**, 56, of Amboy, Indiana, passed away at 3:15 am, Monday, September 24, 2012 at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Virden, Illinois on January 12, 1956, the daughter of Stanley and Irene Bettis Smith. Deb married Dennis J. Harts at the Church of the Brethren in Virden, Illinois on December 30, 1978 and he survives. Deb was a 1974 graduate of Virden High School, Virden Illinois and a 1978 graduate of Manchester College where she was a cheerleader and earned a degree in social work. She was an active member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church where she served as a Joy Bunch/Children's Ministries leader for 14 years. Over the years she also served on various committees including the building committee, decorating committee, and nominating committee. She was a "Prayer Warrior" and was serving, along with her husband Dennis, in the role of prayer coordinator at the time of her passing. She spent countless volunteer hours working on the Prayer Chapel during its construction and once construction was

complete spent countless additional hours at the Prayer Chapel on her knees in prayer. She was a traveling grandma who was always on the road spending time with and helping her grandchildren. She also enjoyed antiques and visiting historical sites and pioneer villages. In addition to her husband Dennis, she is survived by her children Jared A. Harts of Amboy, Ind., Natasha Beebe and her husband Chris of Albany, Ind., Trisha Oman and her husband Trent of Carmel, Ind., and Jordan Harts of Amboy, Ind.; grandchildren Liam Oman, Malia Oman, Colton Beebe and Cohen Beebe; her mother Irene Smith of Virden, Illinois; her in-laws Donald and Karen Harts of Amboy, Ind.; sisters Donna Greenslade of Virden, Illinois, Darla Follis and her husband Bill of Auburn, Illinois and a brother Darrell Smith of Virden, Illinois. A service celebrating the life of Deborah Lynn Harts will be at 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Austin officiating. Burial will be in the Santa Fe Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 & 6-8 PM, Wednesday at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN): Tuesday, September 25, 2012 4:00 am

**William B. "Billy" Toepfer Jr.** 50, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, September 26, 2012

**William Bernard "Bill" Toepfer**, 50, of Peru, Indiana passed away Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Coon Hunters in Miami County. Bill was born April 11, 1962 in Heidelberg, Germany to Eleonore (Riebe) Bess and William Earl Toepfer, they both survive. He graduated from Peru High School and Wabash Vocational Center. Bill won awards of "Best Paint", "Best Of

Show", "Best Bike" and numerous others. Bill worked in the paint and body business his whole life. Bill opened his own shop "Billy's Body Shop" in Peru, Ind., on September of 2003. On June 13, 1998, Bill married Mona Gail (Wolf) Toepfer. They enjoyed 14 years together and she survives. Bill enjoyed the outdoors, Harley Davidson's, boating, hotrods, 4-wheeling and all forms of racing, and his family. His grandson Kacen was his pride and joy. He is survived by his wife, Mona, son, Nickolaus George Toepfer, son, David Joseph Toepfer and wife Kayla, mother, Eleonore Bess and husband, Roger, father, William Toepfer, grandson, Kacen Lee Toepfer, sister, Elizabeth Murphy and husband Mark, niece, Alaina Ramer and husband Jason, great nephew, Ethen Ramer, great niece, Emmalee Ramer. Bill was preceded in death by his grandparents Olus and George Toepfer, Lore and Arnold Riebe and stepmom Mary Lee Toepfer. Friends may call from noon to 7 p.m., Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway Peru, Ind., with funeral following at 7 p.m. at the church Thursday, with Pastor Dave Jodry and Pastor Ron Bowland. There will be a lunch Friday, September 28, 2012 at The Peru VFW to celebrate Bill's life at noon. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Bill Toepfer Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 27, 2012

**Anne Musselman**, 90, Denver passed away at 10:09 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at her residence. Born August 20, 1922 in Hoover, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Roy K. and Mary Bloomer Huddleston. On December 24, 1942, at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden, she was married to Gaylord E. Musselman, and he preceded her in death on July 29, 2000. Anne was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. She worked for over twenty years as a legal secretary in Peru, working most of her career in the office of Russell Wildman. She loved to fish, hunt mushrooms, garden, and make noodles, raspberry jelly and delicious pies. She also loved spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. Survivors include three children, George E. Musselman and wife Barbara; and Bruce K. Musselman and wife Carla, all of Denver; Susan M. Morris and husband Michael, Macy; eight grandchildren, George Jacob Gaylord Musselman, Indianapolis; Todd Musselman and wife Christina, Denver; Rodney Musselman and wife Caryn, South Jordan, Utah; Brad Musselman and wife Jualina, Peru; Traci Musselman, Brownsburg; Sara Musselman, Denver; Shane Stec and wife Carrie, Oxford, Michigan; and Stephanie Morris Hopper and husband Jamie, Macy; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Marie Mays and husband Charles, Onward; Margaret Burkhardt, Denver; Mae Brackenhamer, Palm Desert, California; and one brother-in-law, James Hollarman, Santa Maria, California. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Matthew Ellis Musselman; four brothers, Leonard Huddleston, Howard Huddleston, Lewis Huddleston, and Jason Huddleston; and two sisters, Esther Schini and Irene Hollarman. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver with her grandson, Pastor Shane Stec officiating. McClain Funeral Home, Denver has been entrusted with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 27, 2012

**Frances P. Callahan**, 89, formerly of Winamac passed away, Sept. 26, 2012 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 27, 2012

**Samuel M. "Sam" Blinn**, 69, of Bluffton, Indiana, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington, Indiana. He was born on Sunday, January 31, 1943, in Wells County, Ind., to Merle and Ethel (Foust) Blinn. Sam graduated from Jackson Township High School Class of 1961 where he was a member of the basketball team. Following graduation he served in the U.S. Army for nearly 23 years with tours in Vietnam and Germany. Sam received many awards and medals including the Purple Heart. He also served as an ROTC instructor prior to his retirement in 1983. Sam was previously employed at TI Automotive in Ossian. Sam was a member of the Moose Lodge #242 and of the Grover Sheets Post #111 of the American Legion. He was an avid sports fan who especially loved NCAA basketball and football. Survivors include sisters Rebecca "Bob" Hix of Marion, Doris Blinn of Warren, Mary Lou Blinn of Ft. Wayne, brothers James "Jackie" Blinn, John "Karen" Blinn, Jerry "Rita" Blinn all of Warren and brother-in-law Jerry "Barbara" Pearson of Plymouth. Several nieces, nephews and their families and a "special grandson" Austin Garrison, also survive. Sam was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Bonita Pearson and a niece Nancy Blinn. Per Sam's wishes there will be no calling. A private memorial service will take place at a later date with Internment in the Van Buren Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to Donors' Choice. Glancy H. Brown & Son in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 27, 2012

**Pattie McGuire**, 78, Peru, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Calling Friday, 11 a.m., with funeral at noon on Friday. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St. Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, September 27, 2012

**Thomas Michael Smith**, born in La Porte, Indiana on December 2, 1933, passed away Friday evening, September 21 at his home in Naples. He is survived by Mary Boyle Smith, his wife of 56 years, and four daughters: Susan Smith of Seattle, Washington; Sheila Douglas of Guelph, Ontario, Canada; Sara Baldwin of Naples; Sharon Linard of Columbus, Ohio. He was predeceased by his son Timothy Matthew Smith. Also surviving are eight grandchildren. T. Michael received undergraduate



and graduate degrees from Florida State University, and received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1962. He practiced as an attorney in Indiana and served as circuit court judge in Miami County, IN until 1991. He was a member of St. Agnes Church in Naples, the Knights of Columbus, and Georgetown University Alumni Association. He was an active do-it-yourselfer and enjoyed woodworking, auto repair and construction. T. Michael had a thirst for knowledge and travelled Europe extensively. A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, September 28 at 2 p.m. in the chapel at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Naples. Burial will be held in La Porte, Indiana on Friday, October 5th. A memorial will be held at the Miami County Courthouse in Peru, Indiana in October. For online condolences, visit [fullerfuneralhome.com](http://fullerfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 28, 2012

**Terry G. Wheatley**, 48, Macy, passed away at 10:07 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born January 24, 1964 in Kennett, Missouri he was the son of Franklin D. and Marvelene M. Jenkins Wheatley. On July 20, 1985 at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, he was married to Theresa Joann Zimmerman, and she survives. He was a member of One Tree Crossing at Perrysburg. He loved to hunt, play with tractors, and talk on his CB radio. His greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Marvelene Wheatley, Mexico; six children, Mark A. Bowman and wife Heather, Peru; Matthew G. Bowman and wife Danielle, Peru; Ashley Townsend and husband Joshua, Peru; Adam L. Wheatley, Macy; and Terry G. Wheatley, Jr., Macy; and Zachary J. Wheatley and wife Danielle, Peru; thirteen grandchildren; two sisters, Delores Reed and husband Bryan, Peru; and Lisa Wheatley, Peru; and one brother, Ronnie Wheatley, Peru. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor Bryan Ritchey officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, September 28, 2012

**Pattie Ann McGuire**, 78, of 261 N. Grant Street, Peru, Indiana passed away at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pattie was born May 24, 1934 in Logansport, Indiana. She was one of seven children born to the late Raymond C. and Ersa Elshire Applegate. She graduated from Peru High School. She had no children, but she shared in the lives of her many nieces and nephews as if they were her own. She was employed at General Tire in Wabash and Essex Wire in Peru before she began her career with Square D Company in Peru. She retired from Square D after 30 years of service. She enjoyed being outdoors, laughing, spending time with her family and she had a special love for family pets. Pattie was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jackie Applegate; and three sisters, Bernadine Fisher, Imogene Arwood, and Bonnie Glenn. She is survived by a sister, Sandra Applegate, Peru, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Laura Applegate, Peru, Ind.; and a brother-in-law, David C. Fisher also of Peru. She will forever be lovingly remembered by all four generations of her nieces and nephews, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to have known her. Pattie touched the lives of many people with her sense of humor and generosity. A memorial service will be held for Pattie A. McGuire at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd Street, Peru, Indiana at noon on Friday, September 28, 2012. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to the Miami County Humane Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 29, 2012

**Jack Edward Smiley**, 65, died peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, Sept 2, 2012 at his residence in Oviedo, Fla. Jack was born and raised in Peru. He is survived by his mother Jo Anne Smiley, wife Jan Longwell Smiley, daughter Deidra Whitney, brothers Jerry Smiley, Jeff Smiley, Joe Smiley and sisters Juli Thrush, Jan French, Joy Pirino as well as Aunts Mina Burke, Thelma Gustin and many cousins in Peru. He loved music and volunteered to perform for many benefit concerts using his singer/songwriter/musician talents to help others. Being the oldest of 7 children, he was a natural-born leader and mentor to many who deeply feel his sudden loss. His creative mind, generous heart and constant smile will be truly missed.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, September 29, 2012

**Norman Oaks**, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:17 a.m. Thursday, September 27, 2012 at Adena Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born in Baxter, Tennessee on July 28, 1922 to Alvin Whitehead and Maude (Oaks) Jared. He married Martha (Sutton) Oaks in 1942 and she survives. Norman was in the Army, and also worked at Chrysler. He is survived by sons Roy Oaks and wife Wanda, of Ohio, Carl Oaks and wife Bonnie, Texas, Ray Oaks and wife Sharon, Peru, Gary Oaks, Arizona, Alan Oaks and wife Jennifer, Chillicothe, Ohio, Don Oaks, Florida, Danny Oaks, Peru, daughters June Stark and husband Alan, Peru, and Rita Schelonk and husband Richard, Indiana, brother El Oaks, Ohio, and sister Zeda Winchester, Baxter Tennessee, nineteen grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. He was raised by his grandparents Earl and Fronnie Oaks and they preceded him in death. Norman was also preceded in death by both parents, one brother and one sister. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Military Rites will be provided by the Miami County Rites Team.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 1, 2012

**Lila M. Shockey (Lilly)**, 80, Peru, died Saturday, Sept. 29 at 6:29 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 2, 2012

**Hazel Harrison** 83, of Rochester, passed away at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 2, 2012

**Lila M. "Lilly" Shockey**, Peru, went to be with Jesus September 29, 2012. She was born in Wabash County on August 20, 1932 to the late Robert and Virginia Sellers-Lake. On January 10, 1952, she married her only love, David H. Shockey, who passed in 2001. Also preceding her are two brothers and a grandson. Lilly will be greatly missed by those who loved her. She was strong, kind, compassionate and always had encouraging words. She suffered greatly in life but never complained. Her favorite quote, "Write it on your heart, the ones you love are life's most precious gifts". Survivors include four sons, David, Nick, Tony and Danny Shockey as well as one daughter, Pamela Kokta. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Christopher Blair, Alisa March, Racheal Eads, Kasandra Walker, and David M., Koi, Kalop, and Carson Shockey as well as twelve great grandchildren and her beloved pets. Services will be held at Lillys' home church, New Life Praise and Worship Center, 52 N. Broadway, Peru, with Pastor Carol Zumwalt presiding Family and friends welcome. Calling will be from 10am till 12noon on Wed. October 3, 2012, with the funeral to begin at 12noon. Burial will then follow at the Friends Cemetery in Wabash. There will be a fellowship dinner at the church afterwards. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in care of the church for funeral expenses. Arrangements Entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 2, 2012

**Steven "Brownny" Brown**, 66, Peru, passed away at 5:39 a.m. Monday, October 1, 2012 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 3, 2012

**Hazel Harrison**, 83, of Rochester, passed away at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012. Service: 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family for two hours prior to service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 3, 2012

**Kenneth Foster Moore**, 28, Rochester, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2012. Service: Thursday, October 4, at 10 a.m. Calling: Wednesday from 4-8 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, October 4, 2012

**Stephen Lee Brown (Brownie)**, 66, Peru, went home to be with Jesus on October 1, 2012 at 5:39 a.m. He was born in Miami County on April 25, 1946 to the late Robert H. Brown, Sr. and Virginia Mae (Hayden) Brown. He married Lynn A. (Shelby) Brown on March 3, 1976 and she survives along with his loving dog, Precious. Stephen enjoyed many things in life such as camping, horseback riding, riding motorcycles and working on cars. Stephen had a great love and devotion for his family. He also enjoyed farming; so much so, that he would not let you drive the tractors. There are not enough words to describe what a truly great man he was. Survivors include his children Todd L. Brown and wife Shannon, Chad L. Brown, Stephenie L. McGee and husband Keirn, Joseph C. Brown and wife Valerie. He is also survived by his grandchildren Steve Brown, Rocky Brown, Joshua Brown, Nicole Brown, Andy Brown, Megan Brown, Alivia Brown and Kyle Brown. He had one great-grandchild Emma Brown. He is also survived by one brother Robert H. Brown, Jr. and wife Marybeth. Stephen was preceded in death by his mother, father, best friend Danny Stepler and one grandchild. There will be a Celebration of Life ceremony, October 7, 2012 from 2-4 p.m. It will take place at Great Lakes Resort Campground, three miles East of Peru on Wabash Road. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Indiana. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 6, 2012

**Maleigh Marie Rose Bradley**, 3 days, arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 8, 2012

**Pauline I. Ruff**, 84, formerly of Akron, died Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Services are Monday, Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 8, 2012

**Frederick G. Biggs**, 80, Wabash, died at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Wabash Skilled Care Center. He was born November 16, 1931 in Converse, Indiana to Dana and Hildred (Miller) Biggs. Fred married Margaret Givens in Amboy, Indiana on July 26, 1953; she died November 20, 1992. He married Ruth Ann Boyer in 1993 and in December they would have celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. Fred graduated from Converse High School in 1949. He loved his country and was described as a 'true American patriot'. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951 and was a veteran of the Korean War.

While in Korea, Fred was a member of the 1st Marine Division assigned to an amphibian unit where he drove the landing craft commonly referred to as the "DUK". He was honorably discharged in 1953 with the rank of Sergeant. In 1954, Fred joined the Indiana State Police. He was assigned to Wabash County as a Trooper. In 1971 he was promoted to Sergeant and was made Public Information Officer for all counties in the Peru Post District. During his 33 years with the State Police he logged over 2.5 million miles of patrolling. Fred retired from the State Police in 1987. Upon retiring from the ISP he immediately joined the Indiana State Pharmacy Board. He was responsible for inspecting all Pharmacies in the northern third of the state. In 2007 Fred retired from the State Pharmacy Board and received the 'Distinguished Hoosier Award' from Governor Mitch Daniels. On the occasion of Fred's second retirement he was the second longest serving employee of the State of Indiana. He served many years on the Board of 'Hoosier Boy's State' and 'State Police Career Camp' and attended these camps annually. Fred was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash and was also a member of the men's group. Fred was very active as a member of many civic organizations: Fraternal Order of Police member for 33 years and president for 5 years; the Indiana State Police Public Information Officer Association; the Wabash Optimist Club; the Wabash Library Board where he was also a president; the Masonic Lodge - Hanna Lodge No. 61, F & A.M; the Scottish Rite - Valley of Ft. Wayne; the Mizpah Shrine - Valley of Ft. Wayne; the American Legion; the Wabash High School Music Boosters where he was also a president. Fred also volunteered for many community organizations: he was an usher at the Honeywell Center; he was a driver for Meals on Wheels; he delivered fudge for the Winchester Senior Center; and he was a volunteer at the Wabash County Hospital. Fred enjoyed traveling and his goal was to visit every state in the nation. He was an avid sports fan. Fred was very health conscience and was a "regular" at the Springside Life Care Center. Spending time with family and friends was very important to Fred. He was very proud of all five of his children and 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Fred told everyone that he was the luckiest man there is because he had the great fortune to have had two of the most wonderful women there were as his wives. One of the greatest joys in his life was working with young people while with the State Police and through the Optimist Club's Scholarship program. He is survived by wife, Ruth Ann Biggs, Wabash; sister, Betty Smyser, Ft. Wayne; two sons, Brent (Valerie) Biggs, Ft. Wayne, Kenneth (Lori) Biggs, Warsaw; daughter, Beth (Steve) Himes, Terre Haute; stepson, Jeff (Suzi) Boyer, Noblesville; stepdaughter, Janet (Greg) Stuckey, Washington; 11 grandchildren, Josh (Marci) Biggs, Matt Biggs, Michael Biggs, Kristian Biggs, Evan Himes, Kameron (Jessica) Biggs, Cindy Himes, Jason Boyer, Jessica (Steve) Klabak, Jarred (Layne) Stuckey, Taylor Stuckey; great-grandchild, Brodie Glen Biggs. Fred was preceded in death by an infant son Brian Keith; Five brothers - Harvey D., Paul, Don, Bob, and Richard; and one granddaughter Klover Nicole. Funeral services will be at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 North Wabash Street, Wabash, Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Phil Lake officiating. Burial will follow at Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Memorial contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, Wabash. The memorial guest book for Frederick may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

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**Robert (Bob) Raymond Shene**, 79, of 1577 E. 550 N., Peru, Indiana, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2012 in his home. Bob was born July 13, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, to Theodore and Mildred Shene. He graduated from Bush High School in Centerline, Michigan in 1954. On September 15, 1956 he married Dorothy (Dot) M. Liggett. He is survived by his wife of 56 years and four children: Jay Shene, Dawn Buttrum, Lynn Shene-Ward, Paula Ricketts, 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren (soon to be six). During his life he worked as a builder for four years in the United States Navy with NMCB 10 and retired from Square D Electric Co. in 1994. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He could make anyone laugh. A memorial service for Bob will be held at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St., Peru, Tuesday at noon. Services will be officiated by Pastor Greenwold of the St. Lutheran Church of Peru. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a memorial donation be made to the Grissom Air Museum in Bunker Hill, in care of Mr. Price for the upkeep and maintenance of the F-14 Tomcat in memory of Bob Shene. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, October 11, 2012

**Dora M. Pease**, 74, South Bend, formerly of West Jefferson Blvd., Mishawaka, passed away at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, at 1:22 a.m. on Wednesday, following an illness. She was born on August 12th, 1938 in Mishawaka to Fred and Margaret (Raugh) Cook. In June of 1960, she married Jack E. Pease. He died in 1985. She also was preceded in death by her companion of 24 years, Richard Soule Sr., who died April 16, 2008. Also preceding her in death were her mother and father along with a brother, Glen Cook and a stepson, Gregory Lee Soule. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Ousley of South Bend and two stepdaughters, Rita Ann (Arthur) Gibson of Mishawaka and Linda Runyon of Wolcottville, Indiana. Also surviving are two stepsons, Norman L. (Cindy) Soule of Richland Hills, Texas and Richard H. (Carla) Soule Jr. of Mishawaka. Two grandchildren, Jacqueline (Luke) Bailer and Thomas Ousley Jr, both of Angola, Indiana. Two great-grandchildren, Dylan Bailer and Gabrielle Bailer also survive. Dora was a member of the Mishawaka High School Alumni Association, the Mishawaka Moose and was a parishioner of St. Monica Catholic Church, Mishawaka. She loved to sing and was a member of the Singing Cook Twins back in the 1950's and was featured on the Hoosier Favorites Television Show. A mass of Christian burial will take place at St. Monica Catholic Church on Friday at 11 a.m. Friends will be received from 4 until 8 p.m. on Thursday at Bubbs Funeral Chapel, 3910 North Main St., Mishawaka and also one hour prior to the Mass on Friday at the church. Burial will follow the Mass at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, October 12, 2012

**Joan Wells**, Peru, died, Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Service: Ever-Rest Memorial Park Chapel, Friday at 11 a.m. Friends may call Friday at 10 a.m. until time of service at the Chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 15, 2012

**William Rodney "Bill" McCutcheon** 83. Born Nov. 7, 1928 in Bloomfield, Ind., passed away October 2, 2012 in Albuquerque. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, sons William Jr. "Mike", James "Jim", Mark and Gina, of Colorado and daughter Barbara and Martin Burkdoll and their daughter Lacie of N.M. and sisters Avis Glassburn of Indiana and Mary and Richard Howard of California, and grandsons Jason and son Austen; Phillip and wife Jessica and daughter Charlotte; Thomas and wife Alexandria and children Emma-Lee and Troy; and Kimberley and several nieces and nephews. Bill was a friend to everyone, he never knew a stranger. We love him and miss him. Rodney was a graduate of JTHS High School, Mexico, Ind., an Air Force veteran and worked for Bell Telephone Co. Peru, Ind. Services will be Oct. 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Bullock Mortuary in Englewood, Colo., interment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. Donations may be made to Project Share 1515 Yale SE. Albuquerque, N.M. 87106; [www.projectshareinc.org](http://www.projectshareinc.org)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 15, 2012

**Vicki Raver**, 63, Peru, died Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West 3rd St., Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 15, 2012

**Colleen Sue Lee**, 71, of Amboy, passed away at 11:30 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2012 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. She was born in Indianapolis on March 11, 1941, the daughter of Eugene and Olive Matthews Murray. Colleen married Donald Mark Lee on April 3, 1959 and he preceded her in death on January 10, 2011. Colleen was a homemaker and a former Avon representative. She and her husband Don were active in the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization and the Heart and Lung Transplant Support Group at Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her daughters Barbara Fowler of California, Rebecca Stevens and her husband Jim of Oklahoma and Teresa Hershberger and her husband Rich of Peru; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A service celebrating the life of Colleen Sue Lee will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 16, 2012

**Vicki (Bowman) Raver** was set free and went to live with the Lord and family that passed before her at 1:10 p.m. on Oct. 14, 2012. Her children were by her side. She was born on Dec. 1, 1948 to Marion and Maxine (Tibbits) Bowman in Peru, Indiana. She had one sister, Cathy and husband Norman Ray who survives and one brother, Mike Bowman waiting at heavens gates. She loved them both very much. She was a wonderful, loving mother of three children, Rena (Roberts) Gardner and husband, David; Jeri (Roberts) Bowman and husband, Brian; and Christal Roberts, all of Peru. She had thirteen grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She was very proud of them all. Two were waiting for her at heavens gates, Daniel, Matthew, Vickianne, Christina, Jimmy, Jennifer, Mark, Rebecca, Nathan, Victoria, Alissa, Jacob, Madison, Hunter, Kameron, Ashlynnne, Brooke, Konner, Lucas, Isaiah, Gabby, and Brayden. She had several nieces and nephews that were very special to her. She loved her pastors and church family especially Pastor Carol Zumwalt (New Life Praise and Worship) and one close friend, Emma Berkheiser. She touched all of our lives. It will never be the same without her. The Lord, children, and grandchildren were her life. You will be missed but never forgotten. You are in each and every one of our hearts. Keep watching over us. We will see you soon. We all love you. Kiss her for us Lord. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery following the funeral. Officiating will be Pastor Carol Zumwalt and Larry Zumwalt. Memorial contributions: Love offerings may be made to Vicki Raver family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 17, 2012

**James Ray Ballengee**, 61, former resident of Peru, died on October 11, 2012, at Vista Care Hospice in Columbus, GA. Mr. Ballengee was born December 14, 1950 in Peru, Ind., the son of James Eldon Ballengee and Daisy Mannies Ballengee. He was retired from Internet Corp., Columbus and had previously been employed by Lummus Mills, Columbus. Mr. Ballengee was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was active in the American Legion. He was a member of Christ Community Church, Columbus. He is survived by his wife Naomi (Reynolds) Ballengee, five daughters, Tracy Lou Bailey, and her husband, Donnie of Converse, Ind., Glenda Acree of Peru, Ind., Terri Ballengee of Bunker Hill, Ind., Jamie Saunders, and her husband, Chris of Leslie, Ga., Jackie D. Ballengee, and Ken Dykes, Columbus, Ga., one brother, Vernon Ballengee of Oklahoma; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Street, Amboy, Ind. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Ballengee may be made to: Vista Care Hospice, 100 Brookstone Centre Parkway, Columbus, Georgia 31904.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, October 18, 2012

**Edward Ferrell McGee-Johnson**, 62, of Indianapolis, died Wednesday, October 3, 2012 in Marion VA Hospital. He served in the US Army. Ed was born January 15, 1950 in Indianapolis, Ind. Surviving are four brothers: David (Debbie) McGee of Morgantown, Ind., Phillip (Annette) Phillippo of Peru, Ind., Russell Phillippo of Beech Grove, Ind., Stephen (Angie) Phillippo of Port Charlotte, Fla.; two sisters, Rebecca Crowner and Linda Dunlop of Sylmar, Calif. A son Rodney McGee of Indianapolis, Ind., Daughter Dakota McGee Meiser of Goose Creek, S.C. and his companion Joy Taylor of Indianapolis, Ind. He was preceded in death by his mother, Irene E. Johnson Worley; sister, Carolyn Jean Johnson and an infant son. Ed was a retired self-employed contractor, who enjoyed fishing, hunting and was a member of the American Legion. Graveside Service: will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, Ind., at noon on Friday, October 19, 2012 with Pastor Danny Donaldson officiating. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, October 19, 2012

**Tyrone Stidham** 57, Rochester passed away Oct. 18, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, October 19, 2012

**Donna Howell**, 82, Bunker Hill, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012 at 1:38 a.m. at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, October 19, 2012

**Gerald Jones**, 89, of Rochester passed away at 2:25 a.m. October 18th at Life Care Center, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 20, 2012

**Jerry Jones**, 89, Rochester, passed away at 2:25 a.m. Thursday, October 18, 2012. Service: Sunday, 3 p.m. at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Visitation: noon-3 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 20, 2012

**Teresa Marks**, 67, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2012. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 20, 2012

**Dorothy J. Watson**, 86, North Manchester, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Service: 10 a.m. Monday at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave, Wabash. Visitation: Sunday, 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 20, 2012

**Donna Howell**, 82, Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:38 a.m. Thursday, October 18, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born in Mexico, Indiana on April 22, 1930 to James M. Hoagland and Ethel C. (Berger) Chaplin. She married Harold Howell in 1983 and he survives. Donna was a homemaker and a member of Temple Baptist Church of Kokomo, Indiana. She is survived by one daughter, Pam Hunsche, (husband Michael), of Orange County Calif., step-son Michael Howell, Peru, grandchild Trent Hunsche, and one great granddaughter Alysia Rose Hunsche, sisters Sue Pierce, Peru, and Marcia Nunn, also of Peru. She was preceded in death by grandchild Brandon Hunsche, both parents, step-father Glenn Chaplin, son Rick Jackson, three brothers Danny Hoagland, Jack Hoagland, Mick Hoagland and sister Ellen Kaufman. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Michael Holloway officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 22, 2012

**Wilma I. McGee**, 83, of Kewanna, passed away Oct. 21, 2012 at Hickory Creek of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 22, 2012

**Julia C. Larimer**, 92, Peru, died Oct. 19, 2012 at 1:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 22, 2012

**Dorothy M. Easterday**, 86, of LaGrange, Ohio, passed away on Oct. 18, 2012, at Elyria Memorial Hospital following a short illness. She is survived by her son, Charles and a daughter, Linda. She had six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three



great-great-grandchildren and two sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren; brothers Wynell and Hulon; and a sister, Reba. Visitation is on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012 from 7 – 9 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at Mount Hope Cemetery on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012 at 10 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 22, 2012

Beth Badgley, 50, Muncie, died Oct. 20, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. at IU Health/Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Wilma Irene McGee, 83, Kewanna, passed away Sunday, October 21, 2012. A private family service will be held at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester. Interment at the Athens Cemetery.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Jerry Richardson, 69, Bunker Hill passed away Monday, October 22, 2012 at 10:48 p.m. at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Roberta "Bertie" M. Crane, 76, of Logansport, passed away at 6:58 a.m., October 21, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born on October 15, 1936 in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of the late Phreno and Carrie (Shook) Mathis. On May 25, 1955 she married Bobby G. Crane, he survives. She was a 1954 graduate of Bunker Hill High school. Bertie was a homemaker who enjoyed crocheting, fishing and playing games. Survivors include her husband, Bobby G. Crane, her children, Karla Gebhardt (Steve), Kathryn Shedron, Steven A. Crane (Florrie) and James Crane (Brandi) all of Logansport, brother; Robert Mathis (Mary) of Goshen, and sisters; Mary Ann Crites of Kokomo and Hazel Gilliland of Plymouth. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by daughter, Kelly Pearson, sister, Louise Hughes and brothers, Wilbur and Freeman Mathis. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel with Pastor Tom DeFries officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Ataxia Foundation, 2600 Fernbrook Ln., Suite 119, Minneapolis, MN. 55447-4752. Online condolences and personal remembrances may be made to the Crane family at [www.maroccofc.com](http://www.maroccofc.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Local resident of Miami County, **John Benjamin "Ben" Prior**, passed away approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2012 at his residence, soon after chopping a truckload of firewood. He was born in Miami County on April 2nd, 1939, the son of the late Cecil M. and Goldie C. (Yoder) Prior. On September 19, 1965 he married the "Love of his Life," Bonnie C. (Hill) Prior of Rochester, Indiana, and she survives. They had four sons, Greg (Florida), Brent, John (deceased), Michael (wife Jennifer) granddaughters Emily, Clair, and Audrey. Ben is also survived by one brother, James O. Prior (wife Jan) of Peru. After two years service in the U.S. Army as a mechanic in the motor pool, Ben returned to his employment on the Nickel Plate Road, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (CSX Freight and Passenger service as Engineer) and retired with 42 years of service. Since retiring in 2001, Ben enjoyed much of the summer seasons helping to move rides, selling tickets, and running for supplies on Mike and Jennifer's carnival midway. Ben was also known as JB Prior (railroad call name) and enjoyed telling stories of railroad trips and derailments. Ben was a lifelong member of The Oakdale Baptist Church. He was also a member of the United Transportation Union (Enginemen) Peru Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the International Independent Showman's Association (carnival operators club in Gibsonton Florida). Friends may call Thursday from 2 – 8 p.m. at The Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Friday at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Trent Eikenberry. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery in Denver, Indiana. Memorial may be made to The Oakdale Baptist Church through the funeral home. There will be Military Service by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, October 24, 2012

**Robert C. Dearhart**, 90, Peru, passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 7:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, October 25, 2012

**Jerry D. Richardson** of Bunker Hill passed away on October 22, 2012. He was born in Peru, Indiana on February 7, 1943 to Edward and Effie Richardson. He was preceded in death by his sister, Rhoda Fisher. He is survived by wife Nancy A. Richardson. They have six children, Joshua B. Richardson, Ashley L. Richardson Blevins, Robert B. Dexter, Tammy S. Gardner, Mark E. Dexter and Sharon L. DeSize. He has 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be 1-2 p.m. Saturday, October 27th with a memorial service following at Allen funeral Home, 136 S Elm St, Bunker Hill, Indiana 46914.

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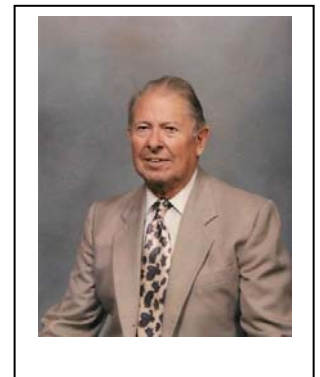
**Robert C. Earhart**, 90, Peru, passed away at 7:55 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born in Miami County, December 23, 1921 to John C. and Nellie (Mohler) Earhart. He married Alice E. Teaboldt, December 12, 1953, she preceded him in death in February 18, 2002. Robert was a 1940 graduate of Peru High School and a lifetime member of Independent Order Forresters. He is survived by son Robert C. Earhart Jr., (Kayla), Evansville, Indiana, two grandchildren Emily and Holly Earhart, a brother Fred Earhart, Rochester, Ind., Sisters Marge Spencer, Michigan and Mary Jane Ashbrook, of Peru. He was preceded in death by both parents, and his wife. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will be a Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until time of service at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, October 25, 2012

**Carl H.C. Graves**, 78, of Logansport, passed away at 7 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2012 in his home. Born December 9, 1933 in Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, he was the son of the late Claude David Piney Delroe Butcher Graves. On September 20, 1951, he was married in Seymour, Indiana, to Betty Raye (Yaste) Graves, who preceded him in death Dec. 12, 1984. From 1951-1976, he was employed as a forklift driver at the Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo. Carl was a member of member of Miami Baptist Church. He enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. He had been a Little League coach. Surviving are five sons, Carl Graves Jr. of Peru, Ron Graves of Somerset, Randy (Peggy) Graves, Lyn Graves, Shane Graves and Brad Graves, all of Logansport; two sisters, Pauline Ryan of Russiaville, and Ruth Graves of Kokomo; 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother Donald, and four sisters Anna Lou Graves, Barbara Sue Graves, Ivadell Smelser and Joann Maverick. A funeral service will take place at Fisher Funeral Chapel, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday October 27, 2012 with Sr. Pastor Rev. Dr. Daisok Panmei officiating. Interment will follow in the Bethel Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2012, and one hour prior to the services on Saturday in the funeral chapel. Contributions may be made to the Miami Baptist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 27, 2012

**James Arthur Grund** was born to Arthur Grund and Charlotte Crismond Grund on January 8, 1919 in Logansport, Indiana. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Constance Hurst Grund. He sewed in the United States Air Force during WWII from 1941-1945. James graduated from Peru High School in 1938. He attended the University of Michigan where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He then graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1949. He practiced law with his father-in-law, Hurd J. Hurst in the Hurst and Grund Law Firm. James Hurst Grund who preceded his father in death joined his father in the Grund and Grund Law Firm. He was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. District Court in Indiana. He served as Peru City Judge from 1960-1968. He served as Deputy Miami County Prosecuting Attorney from 1971-1978. He served as Miami County Prosecuting Attorney from 1978-1982. He also served as Miami County Attorney from 1969-1999. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Miami County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, Life Member of Elks Lodge, and Indiana University Alumnae Association. He loved his lake home on Lake Maxinkuckee where he spent time with his family. He was a wonderful, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. Also surviving is one son, Jeffrey (Karen) Grund, Carmel; one daughter, Jane (Fred) Allen, Winamac. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Jama (Andrew) Lidral, Iowa; Judge James (Shawna) Grund, Peru, Kama K. Grund, James D. Grund, Carmel, Bradferd (Meghan) Allen, Winamac, and Drew J. Allen, Mary Esther, Florida. Surviving also are eight great-grandchildren, Joseph, Hannah, and Erin Lidral, Mallori and Maci Grund, and Addison and Chase Allen. He was preceded in death by one son, James Hurst Grund; and sister, Maxine Dice. Funeral will be at 1:30 a.m., Monday, October 29, 2012 in the Funeral Home, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery. Millitary service by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2012 in the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Miami County Military Rites Team and or the First Chrstian Church.



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PERU -- **Raymond Charles Parrish**, 57, passed away at 3:22 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Cass County, Indiana. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 29, 1955, the son of Edward R. and Marie Bissonnette Parrish. Ray married Julie Culver at the Main Street United Methodist Church on June 10, 1984 and she survives. Ray was a 1977 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in accounting and was employed as an airline pilot with American Airlines. He was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and served as a Major in the United States Air Force. His military decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He was active in the Ole Olson Theater. Ray lived a very active life and was a loving husband and father. He was an example of pure devotion to his wife and son and also to his country. Surviving in addition to his wife, Julie, is his son, Raymond Charles Parrish II, Bloomington; his mother, Marie Fullerton, Chandler, Arizona; a brother, Edward R. Parrish II and his wife Sharon, Chandler, Ariz.; and a sister, Theresa "Sam" Parrish of New York City, NY. A service celebrating the life of Raymond Charles Parrish will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, October 29, 2012 in the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 West Main Street, Peru with

Pastor David Scifres officiating. In lieu of flowers, Raymond would have liked you to take your family to dinner. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, IN. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



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PERU -- **Renee E. Huff**, 90, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, went to be with our Lord at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Miller's Merry Manor of Peru. She was born in Leicester, England on April 30, 1922, the daughter of John E. and Elsie Wilson Creasey. Renee married James W. Huff on June 14, 1945 in Leicester, England and he preceded her in death on June 5, 1993. Renee came to the United States and became a citizen and was a loving wife and devoted mother and grandmother. She delighted in spending time with her family, particularly with her grandchildren. Renee was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as secretary for 29 years retiring in 1997. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and knitting. She is survived by her children, Stewart Huff, Peru, Stephen Huff, Chester, Virginia, and Pamela Hull, Peru; grandchildren Andrea (Rob) Harness, Yvette (Steve) Paul, Jennifer (Tom) Coldiron, Wade Huff and Hilary Huff; great-grandchildren, Blake Hull/Cochran, Katelynn Gilvin, Alyssa Skelton, Jayden Huff and Kane Huff; a sister Pamela Blenkin, Lestershire, England. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; a brother, Eric Creasey; and a sister, Marie Middleton. A memorial service celebrating the life of Renee E. Huff will be held at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2012 in the First Presbyterian Church, 101 West Main Street, Peru with the Rev. Stephen J. Quinlan officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday in the church. Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, IN. Online condolences may be made to [www.eddyfuneralhome.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhome.com).

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Raymond C. Parrish - Peru man dies in motorcycle accident - A Peru man died Thursday afternoon as a result of a crash involving a car and motorcycle in Cass County. According to a release from the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the Cass County dispatch center was noticed of a personal injury crash on U.S. 24 and County Road 600 East involving a car and a motorcycle at about 3:22 p.m. Thursday. Upon arrival at the scene, Cass County Deputies discovered a passenger car and a motorcycle had collided at the intersection. Deputy John O'Connor said that a black 2008 Chrysler two door driven by Anglia K. Lewis, 47, Logansport had been traveling south on County Road 600 East. Witnesses stated that Lewis had stopped at the intersection at U.S. 24 and pulled into the path of an eastbound motorcycle driven by Raymond C. Parrish, 57, Peru. Parrish was pronounced dead at the scene by Cass County Coroner George Franklin. The crash is still under investigation by the Cass County Sheriff's Deputies. They were assisted at the scene by Rural Metro Ambulance Service, New Waverly Fire Department, Walton Fire Department, Indiana DNR Officers Brenda Louthain and the Cass County Coroner's office.

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**Violet May Poff Kaufman**, 87, Timbercrest, North Manchester passed away Wednesday October 24, 2012 at 6 p.m. She was born June 14, 1925 to Chester Poff and Hazel A. Frick Poff in the house where her great grandparents had lived on Wallick Road, Peru, Indiana. She married Raymond Kaufman November 14, 1946. He died January 16, 2010. They had been married 63 years. She graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1944. They had two children, Wayne E. Kaufman (he was killed February 14, 1970 in Viet Nam) and Sharon (Scott) Curtis of Highland, Indiana. Survivors include Sharon; two grandsons, Stephen (Aliya) Curtis and Nathan Curtis; two great granddaughters, Alyssa Curtis and Casandra Curtis; special friends, Linda Henry Houser and family and all of the Fry family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; two brothers, Raymond (Lois) Poff and Harold (Josephine) Poff and many nieces and nephews. She was a 75 year member of the Pipe Creek Church of The Brethren. Her church friends meant so much to her. She was a children's Sunday School Teacher, went to Camp Mack as a Jr. Leader, was president of the Women's Work, served on the South Central Cabinet, and served with Raymond on the Deacon Board. She was a member of the gold Star Mothers Inc. of IN, was Dept. President serving two terms. She was the Peru Chapter president serving until its closure. She enjoyed baking cookies and wedding cakes for family and fiends. She and Raymond moved to Timbercrest in 2006. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Allen Funeral Home Bunker Hill, Indiana. Her Funeral will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the Pipe Creek Church of The Brethren with Pastor ED Johnson officiating. Memorial may be made to Timbercrest, Visting Nurse Hospice, of the Pipe Creek Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 27, 2012

ROCHESTER -- Mrs. Lesa Greathouse Barker, 48, passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2012 in her residence. A celebration of life will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 in the Plainfield Bible Church. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery.





Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, October 27, 2012

**Julia Charlene "Char" Gaffrey-Morris-Larimer** was born March 20, 1920 at Dukes Hospital in Peru, Indiana. "Char" went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 19, 2012 at 1:40 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor with family by her side. She was the daughter of Charles Lamme and Minnie (Gaffrey) Dotterer. Julia (Ferchow) Gaffrey-Trass, grandmother raised Charlene. Charlene's greatest legacy was love. Love for God, love for her family, her co-workers, and friends, her neighbors, her church family at the Oakdale Baptist Church, love for animals and most of all her love of children. She was a Peru High School Honor Society graduate. Charlene worked for Square D Company, Essex Wire, Bryans, Stokley's Canning Factory, and over 45 years at American Stationery from which she retired at the young age of 85! Teaching Sunday school for over 30 years at Oakdale Baptist Church filled many hours of her life, planning projects and lessons for her classes. Through the years, Charlene always tried to be fair and not leave anyone out or treat anyone differently than the other. Charlene's

first marriage was to Forrest Dale Morris who is deceased. They had a son, Dale Patrick "Pat" Morris. Her second marriage was to Raymond Edward Larimer, also deceased. Her sisters, Mary Dotterer and Helen L. (Dotterer) Cassel, (John C.) preceded her to heaven. Charlene is survived by her son Dale "Pat" Morris and his wife Janet in Coalinga, Ca. The message of Charlene's life would not be complete without including the nephews and nieces and their families that she loved. Surviving is her niece, Judith (Cassel) (Edward) Michalek, and their sons, Chad Michalek, wife Nikki, sons Cj and Alex. Adam Michalek, wife Elise. Nephew Stephen E. Cassel, wife Susan, their son, Stan Cassel; daughter, Katie. Their daughter Stephanie (Cassel) Farquer, husband Gene and their children Mackenzie and Owen. Two nephews are deceased, Dennis E. Cassel and John Michael Cassel. Also surviving are great nieces, Tammy (Cassel) Blackwell, husband, Dean and children Rachel and Evan. Jessica (Cassel) Ansari, husband, Bobbie and children Julia, Addison, Gracee and Evie. Frances (Cassel) Chilcutt, husband Drew; great nephews are, Dennis M. Cassel, wife Lisa and sons, Carter and Cole, Chris Cassel and daughters Kaitlynn, Kelsee, and Kloe. Very special friends, Helen Shultz, Nancy and Jerry Cover and Kathy and Dave Kirk. Other surviving grandchildren, Buck and Micala Morris, Misty (Morris) Martinez, Jason and Chasity (Morris) Montgomery and Jason Morris; step-grandchildren surviving, Andrea Gilliatt, Faith Funk, husband, David, Bethany Grainer, husband Gary, Jon Gilliatt, wife Jenny. She also has 14 great-grandchildren, Halie, Chasity, Harlie, Xavier, Julia, Jacob, Nathan, Ben, Simon, Aiden, Austin, Gabrielle, Rosyn, Kyela, and one great- great- granddaughter Karsyn. In California, Charlene was known as Indiana Grandma and in Peru she was a close, loving Grandma figure to her great nephews and nieces. Praying for these children and anyone she found in need was a big part of her character. If she saw someone in need she acted to fill that need with whatever resources God had given her. She would often cut herself short to help fill others needs. She also liked volunteering for the Salvation Army by ringing the bell at Christmas time. Funeral will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday October 30, 2012 in the funeral home with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 29, 2012 in Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, at her request, donations can be made to the Oakdale Baptist Church or a charity of your choice.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 29, 2012

**Blanche E. Myers Norman**, 93, formerly of the Akron and Macy area, passed away at 1:32 p.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Millers Merry Manor East in Wabash, Indiana. Blanche was born May 22, 1919 in Washington County, Indiana to Oren and Alta E. Smith Howard. She married Lawson E. Myers, Oct. 24, 1937 in Amboy, he passed away on Feb. 25, 1966. Later on June 10, 1972 in Miami County, she married W. Glen Norman, who passed away on Dec. 11, 1996.

Blanche was a homemaker and had also worked at Controls Inc. in North Manchester. She enjoyed quilting, gardening, sewing and cooking with one of her specialties being butterscotch pie. While growing up her family lived in the Greentown area.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy (James) Friend, Rochester, IN; two sons, Steven (Peggy) Myers, Macy, IN and Randy (Peggy) Myers, Roann, IN; step-daughter Mary Jo (Jim) Frushour, Rochester, IN and step-son Larry (Lorraine) Norman, Akron, IN. Survivors include five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, 16 step- grandchildren, 32 step-great-grandchildren and six step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Lawson E. Myers and W. Glen Norman and one son, David Myers in 1948. Funeral service will take place 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Burial will be at Clymer Cemetery in Waupecong, Indiana, south of Peru, Indiana on Strawtown Pike. Visiting hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Memorial contributions can be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County P.O. Box 621 Rochester, Indiana, 46975. Online condolences can be shared at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 29, 2012

**Mildred Alamedia Jones**, 96, formerly of Macy, passed away on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Born July 26, 1916 in Union Township, Miami County, Indiana she was the daughter of John and Belva L. Lockwood Mathias. On October 14, 1939, she was married to Berne O. Jones, and he preceded in death on November 1, 2007. She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and a longtime member of the former Macy Chapter-Order of the Eastern Star where she had been a Past Matron. Survivors include her four sons, Berne L. Jones and his wife Holly, Kooskia, Idaho; Glen E. Jones and his wife Chris, Rochester; Dale L. Jones and his wife Sherry,





Oxford; and Carl D. "Pete" Jones and his wife Ladeana, Peru; 13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and several step grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marvis Ann Morgan and her husband Jim, one sister, Cleo M. DePue, and three brothers, Vernon Mathias, Jacob "Bud" Mathias, Dean Mathias. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Paul J. Higgins, Sr.**, 62, of Peru, Ind. went to be with the Lord at 10 p.m., on Oct. 29, 2012. He was born in Everett, Mass on Oct. 10, 1950 the son of Edward Francis and Eleanor Marie Woods Higgins. Paul married Mary Rae Hostetler at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church on Sept. 27, 1970 and she survives. Paul was a 1968 graduate of Stoneham High School, Stoneham Mass and he also attended Ivy Tech College for two years. Paul was a U.S. Air Force Veteran attaining the rank of Tech Sergeant and proudly served his country for eight years. He was called back to active duty at the Grissom Air Reserve Base during both Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom to provide aerial ground support for the aircraft at the base. Paul and Mary enjoyed golfing, gardening and collecting antiques together, as well as spending time with family and friends. Paul was also an

accomplished hockey player playing for over 25 years, with the opportunity to play professionally. He also enjoyed woodworking, was a member of the Moose and a long time rigger with the Peru Amateur Circus. For the past six years he worked as a supervisor at Home Depot, achieving numerous awards for his service. Some of Paul's special pleasures included spending time with his children and grandchildren, and being a friend to all. He liked everyone he ever met and became a friend to many when he left his hometown to settle in Peru, Ind., in 1976 to raise his family. Paul had the uncanny ability to make everyone laugh. He will be remembered for his wit and terrific sense of humor, which never waned during the course of his illness. His hope was to leave a little laughter and positivity wherever he went. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary; three children, Carrie Anne Gallahan and husband Lance, Amy Lynn Stockdale, Paul Joseph Higgins, Jr. and wife Rachel; nine grandchildren, Taralyn, Brittany, Noah, Macey, Jeremy, Paul III, Augustus, Eleanor; a great-granddaughter, Delaney, two brothers, Edward Higgins and John D'Ambrosio; three sisters, Mary Picanco, Rita Wells and Debra Boles; many nieces and nephews who gave him great delight. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his step father, John B D'Ambrosio and brother, Kenneth

A service celebrating the life of Paul J. Higgins, Sr. will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Howard County, Ind., with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4 – 8 p.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the Circus City Festival, Inc.

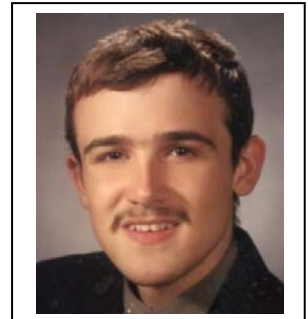
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Corey Adam Clevenger**, 30, Galveston, passed away at 10:52 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 2012 at Community Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He was born September 3, 1982 in Kokomo to Kevin D. Clevenger and Linda (Palmer) Jackson, both survive.

He worked at Kerasotes Theaters in Kokomo and was a spokesman. He graduated from Lewis Cass High School and attended Indiana University on Kokomo. He enjoyed reading, music, movies, and loved his cat Blackie. He loved spending time with his family and was a devoted Cub fan.

He is survived by his father Kevin D. Clevenger, Galveston, mother Linda Jackson, Kokomo, sister Brooke Clevenger and fiancé Mark Miller and son Tate, Galveston, half sister Megan Jackson, Kokomo, half brother Nathan Perry, Lafayette, Ind., niece Ameerah Chiamopoulos, Kokomo, paternal grandmother Jo Anna Clevenger, Peru, and maternal grandmother Coleen and Everett Leach, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Von Clevenger.

A funeral service will be held Friday, November 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Murray Weaver-Funeral Home in Galveston. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery in Galveston. Calling hours are Thursday, November 1, 2012 from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation in Indianapolis, Ind. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).



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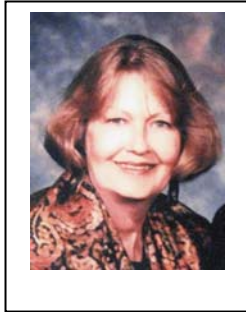
**James L. Nye** of Rochester, IN, passed away at 5:10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 29, 2012, at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Memorial services for **Jerry Sutton**, 54, of Fort Wayne, will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, November 1, 2012, at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester. Pastor Gene Eckerley officiating. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, North Manchester, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Kenneth R. Myers**, 71, Amboy, passed away at 5:50 a.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Mary Ellen Mattice**, 65, of Peru, IN passed away at 2:35 p.m., Monday, October 29, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Miami County on November 4, 1946 the daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Mathias Whiterd. Mary Ellen married Wayne R. Mattice in Rochester, IN on June 11, 1965 and he survives.

Mary Ellen was a 1965 graduate of Maconaquah High School and was employed by General Tire in Wabash for more than 22 years. She valued most her domestic life with family and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and soon to be great-grandmother. Mary Ellen loved the beauty of nature, the flowers in her flowerbeds and the songs of birds especially hummingbirds.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Wayne, her children, Kelli J. Mattice and partner Jo Halstead of Port St. Lucie, FL, Allen W. Mattice of Peru, and Kelly Hotsinpillar and her husband Gary of

Logansport, Indiana, a step-son, John Erickson of Bunker Hill, Ind., grandchildren, Alyssa, Kaylee, Redik, and Joshua, a brother, Frank Whiterd and his wife Janet of Kokomo, Ind., and sisters Edie Lightsey of Loxley, AL and Judy Bell of N.C. and her first great-grandchild is due to be born in November. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother David "Butch" Tate. A service celebrating the life of Mary Ellen Mattice will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Chaplain Ingrid Gaither officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Howard County, Ind. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. of Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Guardian Angel Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Rex Sandor Day**, 68, Dothan, Alabama, passed away October 28, 2012. He was born September 15, 1944 to Bower "Si" and Roseleen (Robins) Day in Macy Indiana. He is survived by three children, Michael R. (Tracy) Day, Wabash, Michelle J. (David) Stafford, Silverlake, Marcella J. (Randy) Shepherd, Wabash, five grandchildren, his mother Roseleen Day, Macy, two brothers Bud (Barb) Day, Chili, Robin (Pam) Day, Rochester, and one sister Sianna (Jerry) Deeds, Macy. He was preceded in death by his father Si Day, two brothers Ray Day and David Day.

Rex was a U.S. Navy Veteran and an avid golfer. He attended the First Baptist Church of Dothan.

Services will be held Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Southern Heritage Funeral Home in Dothan Alabama.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, October 30, 2012

**Maryellen Boone**, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2012 at Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center, Lafontaine, Ind. She was born in Peru on Aug. 6, 1922 to Everett and Helen (Edwards) Borden. She married George Boone on Nov. 15, 1942 and he preceded her in death Dec. 28, 1999.

Maryellen was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church in Peru. She was a past member of Butler Happy Homemakers, a graduate of Butler Township School in 1940. She was active in the First Christian Church Women's Fellowship.

She is survived by sons Darrell Boone, (wife Sandra), Wabash, Gary Boone, (wife Leeanne), Livingston, Texas, daughter Nancy Mills, (husband Tom), Carmel. Also surviving are grandchildren George Roger Boone, (wife Tonya), Peter Boone, Philip Boone, (wife Shelly), Andy Boone (wife Natasha), Karen Mills, Brian Mills and great grandchildren Randall George Boone, Elijah Boone, and Adeline Boone.

She was preceded in death by her husband George, one brother Harold Borden, one sister Irene Overman.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Nov. 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery. Friends may call Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or the Santa Fe Cemetery Association through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 1, 2012

**Kenneth R. Myers**, 71, of Amboy, Indiana passed away at 5:50 a.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care. He was born in Peru, Ind. on July 7, 1941 the son of Rev. Ora E. and Alice Louise Loser Myers. Kenny married Dora Wyatt in Peru on December 13, 1986 and she survives.

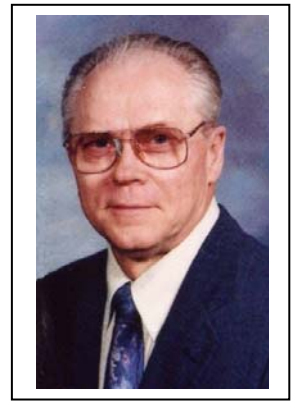
Kenny was a 1959 graduate of Clay Township High School and a retired Delco employee. He was an active member of the Amboy United Methodist Church, where he had served as a Trustee and song leader. Kenny had served as Boy Scout Leader for the Amboy Troop and as a Deputy Marshal for the Amboy community.

Kenny lived his life with a great love of family, friends and the outdoors, as an avid hunter and sportsman. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a man of character who's word could always be counted on.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Dora, are his children, Tresha Rice and her husband Peter of Peru, Tonya Lynn Myers of Huntington, Rhonda Hall and her husband Lawrence of Converse, and J. Adam Myers and his wife LeAnn of Peru, a brother Ralph E. Myers and his wife Marge of Kokomo, 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, Ralph E. Myers.

A service celebrating the life of Kenneth R. Myers will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Amboy United Methodist Church, 200 East Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell and Pastor Mary Everding officiating. Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 1, 2012

**Timothy J. Morecraft**, 58, Peru, died unexpectedly at 6 a.m. Saturday, October 27, 2012 at his residence. He was born April 29, 1954 in Peru to Daniel Morecraft and Marabell Achey Morecraft. He was a 1972 graduate of Peru High School and worked as a truck driver.

He is survived by one sister, Kathy Piper, one brother, David Morecraft, two nephews, Bryan Piper and Zachary Morecraft and one great nephew, Cole Piper, all of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, at the Nazarene Church with the Rev. Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be at Chili Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home to assist with expenses.

Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 2, 2012

**Richard Eugene Graft**, 82, of rural Bunker Hill, Indiana, passed away Thursday October 31, 2012, at his temporary residence Caring Hands of Peru, Indiana. Richard was born February 8, 1930 in Miami Count Indiana. He graduated from Clay Township High School in 1948. On October 14, 1951, at the home of Reverend Tom Shively, he married Marilyn Sue Gerhart, and they enjoyed 61 years of marriage. They have three children.

After serving two years in the U.S. Field Artillery he returned to Miami County. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service as the rural mail carrier in Bunker Hill for 32 years. He also farmed in Miami County.

Richard was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Bunker Hill, life time member of the Bunker Hill Fire Department, member of the American Legion, Shriners, and Scottish Rite. Richard was preceded in death by his parents Arthur L. Graft and Ada Irene Graft (Pier), and a brother Clarence "Jim" Graft.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Sue Graft, children Colleen (Jerry) McDaniel, Pamela (Larry) Bulmer, and Karen (Michael) Scott, grandchildren, Nicolas Bulmer, Joseph Rosinski, David Scott, Megan Gima, Brandon Scott, and Jenna Self. Step-grandchildren Kristi Rabe, Kim Hubert, David Morrison, great-grandchildren, Isabella, Gabriella, and Baby Boy Bulmer, Jaxson and Hudson Scott, and Raegan Gima. Step-great-grandchildren Madilyn and Max Humbert, and Derek Rabe. Sister Norma Kraining.

Visitation for Richard Graft will be at the Allen Funeral Home, 136 South Elm St., Bunker Hill, Indiana from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2012, with Masonic services at 5 p.m. Funeral will be Monday, November 5, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Springdale Cemetery. Officiating will be Pastor Larry Zehring.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 3, 2012

**Annie Lucille Ulsperger**, 82, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, died October 30, 2012. She was born September 10, 1930, in Ward to Jesse and Minnie Smith. She was retired from factory work in Peru, Indiana. Lucille is survived by one son, Harold W. Ulsperger of McRae; one daughter, Retta A. Haney of Tennessee; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jesse Smith of Ward and Gary Smith of Corpus Christi, Texas; and one sister, Mary M. Wright of Jacksonville. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold J. Ulsperger.



Family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Westbrook Funeral Home, Beebe. Funeral will be 2 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2012, at Westbrook Funeral Home, with burial in Old Austin Cemetery.  
[www.westbrookfuneralhome.com](http://www.westbrookfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 3, 2012

**H. R. Ansari**, 64, Peru, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Friday, November 2, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 3, 2012

**Edna Lavonne Thrush Speicher**, 98, formerly of Miami County, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport. Born to Charles and Anna Beam on September 23, 1914, she was the youngest of eight siblings and the last to Passover.

Edna simply enjoyed life to the fullest, always a smile on her face and never let life bring her down. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Fred Thrush and a much loved son Phillip. A second marriage to Lawrence Speicher was a blessed union of families. He also preceded her in passing.

Edna was a lifetime member of Center Chapel Church in Miami County, where she was quite active using her skills with young people. In 1948, she organized the Musical Thrush Family comprised of her immediate family. They entertained often for several years.

Surviving is her daughter, Linda Edmondson of Sebring, Florida. Granddaughters, Tracy Gritter, husband David and their daughter, Anna, of Fishers, Ind., and Marci Miracle, husband Bob and their children Alex and Grace, Logansport, Ind. Cawood Greene and Mark Heiser brought much joy to her life and she considered them as her own family. She cherished all the fun times she had with her beloved nieces and nephews who were so very dedicated to their Aunt Edna. Friends were always considered part of the family. Edna will be dearly missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 11 a.m. with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call 1 hour prior to service at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Edna may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 3, 2012

**James L. Nye**, age 66, Rochester, Indiana, formerly of Redding, California passed away on October 29, 2012, at home. Jim and his wife Carol moved to Rochester, Indiana in 2010. Jim was born in Peru, Indiana, August 22, 1946, to James E. Nye and Elizabeth L. Nye. Jim was the owner of J & B Programs, Inc. and J & B Residential, of Redding Calif. Jim was a Disabled Vietnam Veteran Army Captain and served in Vietnam July 1967 to April 1968. He received the Vietnam Service Medal; Combat Infantryman's Badge; Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Purple Hearts; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea) and the Army Commendation Metal.

Surviving Jim is his wife of 32 years, Carol D.W. Nye, Rochester, Indiana. Additional survivors include seven children: James L. (Lauri) Nye of Kokomo, Ind.; Bret A (Janis) Nye of Peru, Ind.; Melissa A (Tim) Dice of Wabash, Ind.; Jeremiah C. (Wendy) Nye of Reddifulg, Calif.; Benjamin E. (Vonda) Nye of Rochester, Ind. and step-daughters Kimberly E. (Dean) Cubbedge of Mercersburg, Pa., and Kerry D. (Rick) Palmateer of Ocala, Fla. Also surviving are twenty-three (23) grandchildren, brother Ronald Nye of Rochester, Ind., and sister Elizabeth Lubin of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Jim's beloved dog, Ms. Socks.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Julie Nye Robertson, and brother Gerald Nye.

Memorial Service will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, Ind., on Monday November 5, 2012 from 1-2 p.m. visiting with friends and family, 2 p.m. Memorial Service. With Pastor Bill Sheets. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center, 1540 Wentzel Street, Rochester, Ind. 46975. Arrangements entrusted To Flowers -Leedy Funeral Home.

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**Veda D. "Donna" Mills**, 93, Mexico, Ind. passed away at 10:55 p.m. Thursday, November 1, 2012 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born in Silver Lake, Indiana on December 6, 1918 to Louis E Lauer and Clara (Schmalzried) Lauer. She married Charles Clifford Mills in 1938, and he preceded her in death in 1985.

Veda was a homemaker and a member of the Mexico Baptist Church as well as a member of the Eastern Star Lodge.

She is survived by sons Charles E. Milles, Kouts, Ind., Robert A. Mills (wife Penny), Reno, Nevada, Eugene C. Mills (wife Nancy), Freeport Ill., Raymond H. Mills (wife Linda), Rossville,





Ind., and a sister Genieva Amado, of Sandlake, Michigan. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Charles.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Cass County. Friends may call from 2 p.m. till time of service, Monday at the funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Humane Society.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 5, 2012

**Herold A. Dausg**, 87, Peru, died at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 94 W. Main St., Peru



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 5, 2012

**William "Billy" Thomas Roark**, born July 23, 1960, left the early realms on Nov. 1, 2012 at 2:44 a.m., with his wife and son by his side, to go to our Father and Savior in the Heavenly Realms of Eternal Life until once gain joined by all loved ones he loved as stated in 1 Corinthians 13:8, 12; 1 John 3:2.

Billy was a loving husband and friend as well as a father and godfather to his children.

Billy is the son of William F. "Doc" Roark and Marie (Martin) Roark.

Billy was a construction worker for 25 years of his life and loved to help many with anything, but mostly building things.

Billy is a devoted husband, father and godfather to his family of 20 years.

Billy loved his Father and Savior in Heaven and as a family we all prayed together and turned our lives over to our Lord two years ago fully.

Survivors include: wife MaryAnn Campbell-Roark; son, Jacob Campbell; daughter DaNielle Campbell; godchildren Bryce Jones and Natalie and Nacole Ingold-Jones; sister Bonnie Gehring and husband Steve Gehring of Peru, sister Cathy Brubaker of Peru; and many nieces, nephews and aunts and uncles.

Billy was preceded into eternal life by his parents William F. "Doc" Roark and Marie Roark as well as his brother, Jimmy Roark and sister, Carolyn S. Ross; and mother-in-law Joanann Berenschot.

Visitation and final earthly resting place will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, with Pastor Bill Sheets and family and friends accompanying him. Burial will be at the Rayburn Cemetery following the service Wednesday at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the William "Billy" Roark love offering to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Billy gave his life to the Lord and family a couple of years ago and in the hands of our Lord I know he stands until (I) his wife will be with him again, in Jesus name Amen!

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**Ernest Parke Baxter**, 84, died Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012.

Service at 2 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Visitation at 3 – 7 p.m. Nov. 10 and 1 p.m. Nov. 11.

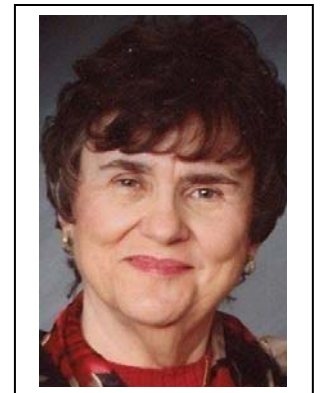
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 5, 2012

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother **Kathy Sue Polk**, 72, of Peru, passed away unexpectedly in the emergency room of Dukes Memorial Hospital at 9:14 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. She was born in Logansport, Ind. on Aug. 30, 1940 the daughter of William Clyde and Ruth Keever Garrison. Sue married Sylvan "Pete" Polk at the First Christian Church Parsonage in Peru on Dec. 1, 1957 and he survives.

Sue was a graduate of Peru High School and an active member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church. She taught Sunday school for more than 45 years and had a passion for the welfare of children's souls. She also taught after school Bible club for children of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (C.E.F.) Club until her retirement earlier this year.

Sue and her husband Pete lovingly raised four children. She had a passion for living which one couldn't help but notice. Sue had an infectious love for life, family and friends. She was involved in countless activities for her children, including many years in PTA organizations. Sue 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. She made hundreds of blankets for her entire family and her wide circle of friends.

Surviving in addition to her husband Pete, are her children James Kelly Polk and his wife Christel of Peru, Jacqueline Sue Sipe and her husband David of Peru, Nancy Gariss and her husband Dennis of Lamar, Mo., Patrick Polk and his wife Deidre of

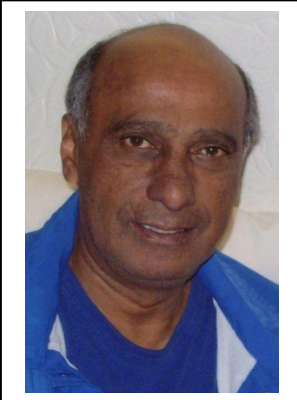


Peru; grandchildren Adam Sipe, Louis Sipe, Laura Sipe, Samuel Gariss, Nicholas Gariss, Natalie Gariss, Isaac Gariss, Opal Polk and Pete Polk; great-grandchildren Molly Berryman, Max Berryman, Daniel Sipe and David Sipe; a sister Sally Knott of Peru, a brother David Odum and his wife Linda of Indianapolis and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two grandchildren, Aaron Miller and Stephanie Polk.

A service for Kathy Sue Polk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway, Peru with Pastor David Jodry officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather 4 - 8 p.m., Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Child Evangelism Fellowship or to the Peru Rolling Chapel. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



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**H. R. Ansari** (Habibur Rehman, "The Legend") 64, of Peru, passed away unexpectedly in the emergency room of Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru at 9:10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. He was born in Mumbai, India on Sept. 10, 1948, the son of Mohammed Ishaque and Amina Ansari. H. R. married Jane Nero on Nov. 1, 1979 and she survives.

He attended St. Peter's School in Panchgani, India from 1956 - 1965. He attended Fergusson College, Poona, India in 1970 and graduated from Central Missouri University with a degree in mass communications in 1975. He was employed as a corrections officer at the Logansport Juvenile Correction Facility.

H.R. was an example of purest devotion, foremost to his wife and children but also to his many friends. He was known for his smiles, hugs and positive outlook. Most of all, he did his best, lived well, loved and was loved by many - a life well lived by any standard.

Surviving in addition to his wife Jane are his children Brandi Mathis and her husband Dave of Peru, Robert Ansari and his wife Jessica of Peru and Shaheen Ansari and her husband Jason Hall of North Carolina; grandchildren Calieb Mathis, Julia Cassel, Emma Mathis, Addison Ansari, Graycee Ansari and Evie Ansari; brothers Abdul Salaam Ansari, Shafique Ansari, Shamin Ansari, Naseem Ansari and Aslam Ansari; sisters Noor Jehan Ansari and Qaiser Ansari; father-in-law Anthony Nero of Peru, brothers-in-law Mike Nero, Tony Nero and his wife Dawn and Dan Nofziger; sisters-in-law Kim Myers and her husband Dave and Vonn Tipton and her husband Ron. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sons Rizwan and Javed Ansari, a sister Najma Ansari and brothers Abdulla and Iqbal Ansari and his mother-in-law June Nero. A service celebrating the life of H. R. Ansari will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Pastor Raleigh Adams officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 3 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

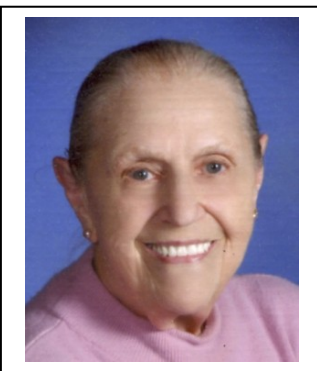
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Sharon M. Wray**, 78, passed from this life on Oct. 29, 2012 at Gulf Coast Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla. after a long illness. She was born to Walter and Inez Wray in Peru, Ind. on July 7, 1934. After graduating from high school she joined the Army and became a nurse and x-ray technician. Sharon remained on Army Reserve status up until her retirement and during this time earned her masters degree at Indiana University to become a science and math teacher in the Indianapolis School System. After retiring from IPS she moved to Fort Myers, Fla. She is preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Marjorie E. Smith and nephew, Larry L. Smith. She is survived by two nephews, Micki Wray Smith, Peru, Ind. and Robert J. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas and a cousin, Lowell Grump, Roann, Ind. along with many family members and friends. Sharon was a dutiful daughter, sister, aunt and friend. By request she was cremated and a celebration of life will be held at the Carefree Community in Fort Myers, Fla.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Herold A. Daugs**, 87, passed away at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus.

Service: Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Mary Jo (Featherstone) Silvey**, 86, Kokomo, went home to be with her Lord Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m., she passed away at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. She was born April 11, 1926 in Kokomo to Elizabeth (Hicks) and Joseph Paul Featherstone. She married Robert Lance Silvery on June 5, 1955 in Kokomo and he preceded her in death July 27, 2006.

Mary Jo worked as a Registered Nurse for over 50 years for St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo and for Dr. Alan R. Crebo. She was a member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kokomo. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and made baby blankets for many of her colleagues. She was passionate about nursing and she loved her family dearly. She freely gave love to friends and strangers alike. Mary Jo is survived by a son Eric Silvey Kokomo, daughter Vanessa Silvey, Indianapolis, a brother James P. Featherstone, Peru and sister Donna Kreutzer,

also of Peru. She was preceded in death by both her parents and husband. A funeral service will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012 at 8 p.m. at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Pastor Joyce Harris officiating. Calling hours will be Thursday, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Kokomo. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 6, 2012

**Mildred Brugh**, 91, of Rochester, passed away at 2:52 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 at the Rivercrest Hospital in Mishawaka. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 7, 2012

**Herold A. "Doc" Daus**, 87, of Peru, Indiana passed away at 11 p.m. Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru, Indiana. He was born in Wyoming, Iowa on February 17, 1925, the son of Herold and Ora Klinge Daus. Doc married Carolyn B. Schroll in Watseka, Illinois on August 16, 1967 and she preceded him in death on May 30, 2003. Doc was a 1942 graduate of Dubuque High School, Dubuque, Iowa and as a member of Americas Greatest Generation he served in the U.S. Army and Air Force for more than 20 years retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force on December 1, 1968. A World War II Veteran, he participated in Campaigns in Normandy and the Rhineland. His decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the European-Africa -Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal for Valor. Following his retirement in 1968, Doc worked in sales for Davis Homes and American Housing retiring in 1974. He was a life member of Miami County Post 2067. Doc loved his motorcycle and thoroughly enjoyed a good pancake breakfast run. Surviving are his step-sons, Larry Morrill and his wife Diane of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Gary Morrill and his wife Kathryn of Chicago, Illinois: grandchildren Carolyne Morrill, Caryn Grace Morrill, Cara Morrill, Gary Morrill, Kristyn Morrill, Nathan Morrill, Alayna Morrill, Amber Morrill and Evan Morrill and brothers Kenneth Daus Phoenix, Arizona, Dennis Daus, Des Moines, Washington, Edward Daus, Colorado Springs, Colorado and Daryl Daus, Gig Harbor, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Carolyn, a grandson Ryan Morrill and a daughter-in-law Kim Morrill. A service celebrating the life of Herold A. "Doc" Daus will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Indiana, with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will be in the Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rights Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday November 7, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations can be made to Miami County Helping Hands. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 7, 2012

**Gaylord L. Floor**, 75, passed away at 9:25 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Center, Peru. Services will be Saturday Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 8, 2012

**Jameson Matthew Williams** was born into the arms of angels Nov. 1, 2012. An angel opened the book of life and wrote down my baby's birth. Then she whispered as she closed the book "too beautiful for earth."

Jameson is survived by his loving parents, Codey and Megan (Hill) Williams of Panama City, Fla.; paternal grandparents Ronald K. and Cyndi L. Williams of Peru Ind.; maternal grandparents Matthew Hill of Ind., and Kelley Jameson Turner and Larry Turner of Amboy, Ind.; his Aunt Carley Williams of Peru, Ind., four uncles, Connor Williams of Peru, Ind., Daniel Hill and Matthew Hill of Sarasota, Fla. and Nolan Turner of Amboy, Ind.; great-grandparents Carolyn Carmen of Marion, Ind., Rita M. Miller of Amboy, Ind. and James and Carol Jameson of Kokomo, Ind.; great-aunt Jamie D. Nelson of Lafayette, Ind. and a great uncle Grant A. Nelson of Amboy, Ind. Also numerous great-great aunts and uncles Mr. and Mrs. James Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Parks all of Kokomo, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Waites of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents Oba Jay Miller, Chester Dollar and Donald and Diane Hamilton.

Services will be held Monday Nov. 12 at the Bunker Hill Free Will Baptist Church, 279 W. Broadway, Bunker Hill, Indiana 46914. Visitation will be from 4 - 6 p.m. with services immediately following.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 8, 2012

**Gaylord L. Floor**, 75, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 9:25 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at the Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru, Ind. Gaylord was born in Peru, Ind., on July 2, 1937, the son of Gaylord D. and Georgetta Correll Floor. He married Beth Kennedy Correll on Jan. 12, 1996, and she survives. Gaylord worked in construction, was a veteran in the U.S. Navy, a member of the Moose and a lifetime member of the Eagles and Peru Maennerchor. An avid golfer, Gaylord enjoyed day on the golf course or out fishing. Surviving in addition to his wife, Beth are his children, Tonya Floor Atkinson of Peru, Ryan Correll and his wife Karie of Kokomo and Corey Correll and his wife Suzanne of N.J.; grandchildren Shayna Fuqua, Travis Fuqua, Mason Correll, Brady Correll and Michael Correll and a great-grandchild, Chance; sisters Carolyn Langan of Texas, Norma Bernard and her husband Jerry of Carmel, Ind., Peggy Floor of Wabash, Ind., Jackie Waite of Wabash, Ind., Rhonda Rathbun and her husband Ed of Wabash, Ind., and Judy Blackman and her husband Bob of Peru and a brother Buddy Floor and his wife Vicki of St. Louis, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Joyce Shepherd.



A service celebrating the life of Gaylord L. Floor will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind., with Pastor David Ross officiating. Family and friends will gather from 1- 3 p.m., Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Vincent de Paul. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Archie Mogle**, 94, Peru, passed away at his residence at 9:50 p.m. November 8, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Marjorie Ellen Sommers**, 85, Converse, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Service: 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Converse United Methodist Church, 109 E. Wabash, Converse, Ind. Arrangements entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.


Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Nicholas A. Walters**, 33, Peru, passed away at his residence Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Anna Belle LaFerney**, 90, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Friday, November 9, 2012 at North Woods Village, Kokomo. Arrangements entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012



**James M. Russell**, 75, of Peru, Indiana, passed away at 1:30 a.m., Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born in Peru, Ind., on April 20, 1937 the son of James H. and Kathryn Working Russell. Jim married Judy Bostic at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru on April 23, 1960 and she survives. Jim was a 1956 graduate of Peru High School, and was a clerk at the Norfolk & Western Railroad for more than 40 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge and the Peru Maennerchor. Jim and Judy lovingly raised two children. Jim was known for the warmth of his smile. He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and a good friend to all. Jim was a man of great integrity, quiet strength and principled values who always put his family's needs ahead of his own. Through the years Jim was active in his children's lives serving on the Board of Directors on the Peru Little League and the Peru Babe Ruth League and coaching girls softball. He was also a staunch supporter of his grandchildren, evidenced by his frequent presence at school and sports functions. He was an avid Chicago Bears, IU basketball and Chicago Cubs fan. Surviving in addition to his wife, Judy, is a daughter Jennifer Hoover and her husband Steve of Peru, a son, James M. Russell and his wife Misty of Logansport, grandchildren Tyler Hoover, Mitchell Hoover, Zachary Russell and Isaac Russell, brothers-in-law Adrian Ralstin of Rochester, Ind., John Bostic of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jay Bostic of Ga., sisters-in-law, Jean Irvine and her husband Larry of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jerri Bostic of Surprise Ariz., and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Beverly Ralstin and a brother-in-law, Jeff Bostic. Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday November 12, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru. Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

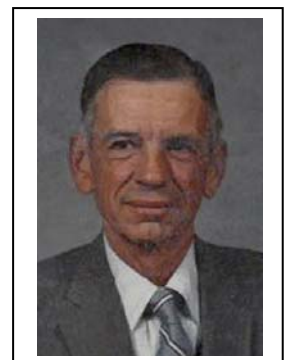
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Maggie M. Schram**, 104, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 9, 2012 at Caring Hands Health Care, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Raymond Merritt Murphy**, 94, Denver, passed away at 8:20 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2012, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru, Ind. He was born March 30, 1918, in Richland Township, Miami County, Ind. His parents were Earl Murphy and June Woolpert Murphy. He graduated from Chili High School in 1936. He was a member of Chili United Methodist Church, a former Richland Township Trustee, manager of the co-op elevator in Macy and a lifetime farmer. He married Lena Louise See on March 12, 1939, with the Rev. C.F. Golden officiating. Raymond and Louise were married 73 years. Raymond is survived by two children, Richard Murphy and wife Janice; Nancy Masten and husband Robert; a sister, Loraine Moore and husband Jean; brother-in-law Doyle Kinley; five grandchildren, Robert Masten Jr. and wife Andrea, Kerwin Masten, Mary Elizabeth Day and husband Richie, Tony Murphy and Michelle Murphy; five great-grandchildren, Corey Masten, Jordan Masten, Alexandra Masten, Katherine Louise Day and London Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother Ruth Murphy, a brother, Lyman (Bud) Murphy, and a sister, Eileen Murphy. Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday, November 12, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will





follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Samuel Earl Coe**, 67, Macy, Indiana, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 12:01 a.m. He was born August 16, 1945 to George Cecil Coe and Geneva Adamson Coe in Frankfort, Indiana. He was retired. He is survived by a brother, Earl James Coe of Wabash, Ind., and a sister, Lorna June Parrett of Norfolk, Va. He is also survived by four children, Samuel Raymond Coe, of Chatsworth, Ga., Melody Ann Tackett of Huntington, Ind., Melinda Sue Coe of Chatsworth, Ga., and Brian E. Coe of Logansport, Ind. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Private services will be held at an undisclosed location and time. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) -: Monday, November 12, 2012 4:00 am

**Archie L. Mogle**, 94, of Peru, Ind., passed away Nov. 8, 2012 at 9:50 p.m. He was born on May 24, 1918 in Miami County. He was the son of Jesse L. Mogle and Ora Glen (Hight) Mogle. On Dec. 16, 1950 he married Bernice (Wecht) Mogle, deceased. Mr. Mogle retired from Bryan Steam after 24 years. He also worked at the Lee Furniture Mfg. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He served in the Philippines and the Pacific Theater. The medals he received were: The Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, WW II Victory medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars. Survivors include: step-son Gene Wecht, step-son Richard Wecht and wife Marcella; grandchildren: Rick (Vicki) Wecht, Linda Wecht, William Wecht Martin, Kathy (Wally) Astrup, Carla Ross and Tim Wecht all from Peru, Ind.; 15 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcella, both parents, brother: Floyd Mogle; sisters: Dorothy Blach and Myrtle Durkes; grandsons: Charles Wecht and Fred Ross. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Pastor George McCary officiating and burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Memorials may be made out to: your favorite charity through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military Rites Service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) -: Monday, November 12, 2012 4:00 am

**Anna Belle LaFerney**, 90, of Kokomo, IN, passed away at 11 a.m., Friday, November 9, 2012 at North Woods Village in Kokomo, IN. She was born in Searcy, AR on January 29, 1922 the daughter of Ive Thomas and Myrtle Mae Wheatley Turnbow. Anna Belle married James O. LaFerney in Higginson, AR on September 4, 1937 and he preceded her in death on January 7, 1987. Anna Belle attended the North Grove Church and was employed as a seamstress at Hausske-Harlan Furniture Manufacturing Company and retired September 24, 2004 from American Stationery. She is survived by a son Orbit LaFerney and his wife Sandra of Rochester, IN; daughters Frances Burk of Kokomo, Betty Sue Hawkins of Peru, Lynda Ness of Dowelltown, TN, Patsy Holmes of Ft. Wayne, Sandra Slyder of Peru and Rebecca McWhirt of Galveston; grandchildren: Francis Walker, Darlene Garrett, Chris Breedlove, Terry Stodgell, Tonya Philpot, Betty J. Hall, Carla Jo Young, Cheryl Molder, Tom LaFerney, Tammy Maine, Bryan LaFerney, Brenda Bechtol, Cathy Shover, Carol Reynolds, Robert Lee James, Jeff Ray, Kevin Ray, Tony Ray, Andrea Bostic, John Judy, Lisa Durbin, Larry Sparks, Brandon LaFerney and Melissa Sidall; 38 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jim, a son James G. LaFerney, six brothers and four sisters. A service celebrating the life of Anna Belle LaFerney will take place at 11 a.m., Monday, November 12, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, IN, with Pastor Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in the Friends Cemetery, Amboy, IN. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) -: Monday, November 12, 2012 4:00 am

**Maggie Mae (Martin) Schram**, 104, loving mother and grandmother, passed peacefully into eternity from her home at Caring Hands on November 9, 2012 at 10:30 a.m., just four days short of her 105th birthday. Born in Hardin County, Kentucky, on November 13, 1907, Maggie was the oldest of three children born to James and Nancy (Crowe) Martin. Maggie's parents along with her siblings, Rubye and Stanley Martin, preceded her in death. On June 6, 1925, she married Walter Schram, who preceded her in death on June 30, 1993. The family moved to Peru from Hardin County, KY, and Maggie graduated from Peru High School in 1925. She was employed as a musician in a local band and could play the violin, ukulele, banjo, guitar, organ and mandolin. She also was employed by Wackerles Greenhouse, Bryan Steam, and Gallahan Oil Company. Maggie was the proud mother of Russell (Gene) Schram and wife Martha of Fishers, Shirley Gahs and her late husband LaVaughn of Peru, the late Virginia "Kate" Myers and her late husband Richard of Chino, Calif., and Jack Schram and his wife Jenny of Columbia City. She was a dear grandmother to David Schram, Kathy (Gahs) Kranz, Lavita (Gahs) Berglan, Lanette (Gahs) Combs, Lanita (Gahs) Ferre', and Danny Gahs of Peru, Linda (Gahs) Hegg of Phoenix AZ, Larry Myers of

Redmond, OR, Sue (Myers) Anderson of West Jordan, Utah, Mike Schram of Viejo, Calif., and Jim Schram of Fort Wayne. She has 20 treasured great-grandchildren and 16 precious great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one cherished niece, Judy Becker of Kokomo, and two cherished nephews, Larry and Jerry Landis of Peru. Maggie was a talented gardener and enjoyed tending to the many flowers in her back yard. She also had a gift for crocheting and knitting and created hundreds of items that she gave to family and friends. Maggie also loved poetry and could recite parts of her favorite poems even after age 100. She enjoyed a long, healthy and active life and will be fondly remembered by her family and those lives she touched. A service celebrating the life of Maggie Schram will take place at 2 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, IN with Penny Mosher officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, IN. Family and friends will gather from noon to 2 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

### **Maggie Schram - Oldest woman in Miami county dies: Newspaper Obituary and Death Notice**

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 12, 2012

Maggie Schram was alive when things were a lot harder and a lot simpler all at the same time and she would have celebrated 105 years on Tuesday. She was reported to be the oldest resident of Miami County. Schram was a resident at Caring Hands in Peru and her granddaughter, Lanette Combs, and her siblings and cousins can recount dozens of stories "Grandma Maggie" told of when she was just a girl. Schram was born several months prematurely in Hardin County, Kentucky, on November 13, 1907 — a time in history when there was next to no medical care. Her parents were James and Nancy Martin. "Her mother was determined to keep her alive that first winter, so she kept her tied in a sling under her shirt to keep her warm and fed," Combs explained. Her father worked for the Peru circus. A blacksmith by trade, Martin shod the horses and he also fed and took care of the circus animals. Schram and her husband Walter were married in 1925 and purchased a house on West Fifth Street in Peru. It's the only home they ever owned. They built a cabin on Nyona Lake during their honeymoon in 1925, and lived in a tent while they built it. They sold the cabin during World War II when the gasoline rationing started. "She told of times when Peru was a thriving community — much bigger than Kokomo," Combs said. "Kokomo didn't have the industry then that they have now. There was a railway in Peru that people would use to get around town."

During the depression money may have been hard to come by but the family didn't go cold or hungry. They had a coal stove in the living room and a laundry stove — a small, boxy stove — in the kitchen. The family made toast on the laundry stove every morning for breakfast and fried potatoes every night for supper. "Hoboes (homeless folks who would hop the railway and ride from town to town) would come around looking for something to eat and Grandma Maggie would always find something for them," Combs said. Grandma Maggie worked for Wackerles Greenhouse, on the east side of Peru, Bryan Steam and later for Gallahan Oil. She had lots of homemade remedies — like making cough syrup. Schram would chop onions and put sugar on top of it, and then let the mixture sit in the window sill for a while. Then whoever had the cough would drink the juice. It helped the croup, Grandma Maggie said. When asked what she attributed to her long life, Schram said she "has never been one to worry." Walter Schram passed away in 1993 at the age of 90. The couple had four children — Russell (Gene) Schram, Shirley Gahs, the late Katie Myers and Jack Schram — plus 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren. A service celebrating the life of Maggie Schram will take place at 2 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. See her complete obituary on A4 for more information.

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**Anna Belle LaFerney**, 90, of Kokomo, IN, passed away at 11 a.m., Friday, November 9, 2012 at North Woods Village in Kokomo, IN. She was born in Searcy, AR on January 29, 1922 the daughter of Ive Thomas and Myrtle Mae Wheatley Turnbow. Anna Belle married James O. LaFerney in Higginson, AR on September 4, 1937 and he preceded her in death on January 7, 1987. Anna Belle attended the North Grove Church and was employed as a seamstress at Hausske-Harlan Furniture Manufacturing Company and retired September 24, 2004 from American Stationery. She is survived by a son Orbit LaFerney and his wife Sandra of Rochester, IN; daughters Frances Burk of Kokomo, Betty Sue Hawkins of Peru, Lynda Ness of Dowlstown, TN, Patsy Holmes of Ft. Wayne, Sandra Slyder of Peru and Rebecca McWhirt of Galveston; grandchildren: Francis Walker, Darlene Garrett, Chris Breedlove, Terry Stodgell, Tonya Philpot, Betty J. Hall, Carla Jo Young, Cheryl Molder, Tom LaFerney, Tammy Maine, Bryan LaFerney, Brenda Bechtol, Cathy Shover, Carol Reynolds, Robert Lee James, Jeff Ray, Kevin Ray, Tony Ray, Andrea Bostic, John Judy, Lisa Durbin, Larry Sparks, Brandon LaFerney and Melissa Sidall; 38 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jim, a son James G. LaFerney, six brothers and four sisters. A service celebrating the life of Anna Belle LaFerney will take place at 11 a.m., Monday, November 12, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, IN, with Pastor Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in the Friends Cemetery, Amboy, IN. Family and friends will gather from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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Nicholas A. 'Nick' Walters: Nick was 33 years of age and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012. Nick was born on Dec. 4, 1978, in Peru, Ind. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Allen T. Miles, Thomas E. Houlihan, Charles Stahl, and grandmothers: Ruth Miles and Marcia Stahl. Brother-in-law: Jeff Banks and Uncle Michael L. Houlihan. He is survived by his four amazing children: Elexis, Nicky, Trevor and Shyanne; his loving companion Jessica; parents: Rodney and Susan Miles, Peru, and Greg and Susie Walters of Germany; four sisters: Carrie Banks and partner Jayson Hall, Katie Shupperd, Victoria Walters and Raeann Cramer; three brothers: Marcel Walters, Damon Miles and Bryon Friend; Brother-in-law: David Shupperd; aunts and uncles: Jim and Jane Miles, Tom and Debbie Houlihan, Willie and Thelma Miles, Bill and Brandy Miles, Kathy and Andy Smith, Teresa Jernigan and Joe Thoden, and great-uncle John F. Houlihan; nieces and nephews: Keanu Walters, Hanna Miles, Gabby Arnold, Callie Walters-Clemons and several cousins. Nick was a devoted, proud and loving father who cherished every moment with his children creating special memories that will last a lifetime. Some of his favorite things to do with his kids were music

trivia, play video games, have movie nights and loved to hear their laughter. He enjoyed spending time with his close companions Cheech, Bumper, JoJo and Spike. Also was an amazing master of the grill and cooking. He was an avid collector of Harley Davidson, loved the outdoors, fishing, camping and quiet evenings on the porch with Jessica. Nick was a friend to all, always willing to lend a helping hand, listen and support those in his life. Sharing with us all his sparkling smile, loving laugh, lifelong lessons and blessing our lives in many ways. He was loved more than words can express and as he cherished each of us, we now each will carry those memories for a lifetime. Visitation will take place Thursday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with services following at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Officiating will be Robert Brown. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial: Love offering may be made to Nick's family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 13, 2012

**Kenneth H. Hively**, 80, passed away at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, November 11, 2012 at his residence in Wabash. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 13, 2012

**Archie L. Mogle**, 94, of Peru, Ind., passed away Nov. 8, 2012 at 9:50 p.m. He was born on May 24, 1918 in Miami County. He was the son of Jesse L. Mogle and Ora Glen (Hight) Mogle. On Dec. 16, 1950 he married Bernice (Wecht) Mogle, deceased. Mr. Mogle retired from Bryan Steam after 24 years. He also worked at the Lee Furniture Mfg. He was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He served in the Philippines and the Pacific Theater. The medals he received were: The Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, WW II Victory medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two bronze stars. Survivors include: step-son Gene Wecht, step-son Richard Wecht and wife Marcella; grandchildren: Rick (Vicki) Wecht, Linda Wecht, William Wecht Martin, Kathy (Wally) Astrup, Carla Ross and Tim Wecht all from Peru, Ind.; 15 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, both parents, brother: Floyd Mogle; sisters: Dorothy Blach and Myrtle Durkes; grandsons: Charles Wecht and Fred Ross. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 1 p.m. Pastor George McCarty officiating and burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Memorials may be made out to: your favorite charity through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military Rites Service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 13, 2012

**Bette Lou Holloway**, 90, of Rochester passed away Sunday evening at Life Care Center of Rochester. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 13, 2012

**Patsy R. Daly**, 80, of Rochester, passed away at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital in Mishawaka. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 14, 2012

**Evelyn Jean Clingaman**, 91, Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, passed away at 10:04 a.m. November 10, 2012. She was born in Mexico, Indiana, July 22, 1921 to Harry Everett Moore and Idella Rose (Wilson) Moore. She married Earl D. Clingaman February 5, 1938 and he preceded her in death. Evelyn was a homemaker and a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. She is survived by her son Melvin Leroy Clingaman, wife Judy, Roann, Indiana, daughters Joyce Louise Stanton, North Manchester, Indiana, and Shirley Diane Knappen, and husband George, Denver, Indiana. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren, 58 great-grandchildren, and 33 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents, husband, one son, Barry Dale Clingaman, one brother and one sister. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-

Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru. Burial will in Olive Branch Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, until time of service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 14, 2012

**Nicholas Walters:** Nick was 33 years of age and went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Nick was born on December 4, 1978 in Peru, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his Grandfathers: Allen T. Miles, Thomas E. Houlihan, Charles Stahl and Grandmothers: Ruth Miles, Margaret A. Houlihan and Marcia Stahl. Brother-in-law Jeff Banks and uncle Michael L. Houlihan.

He is survived by his four amazing children, Elexis, Nicky, Trevor, and Shyanne; his loving companion Jessica; parents Rodney and Susan Miles of Peru, and Greg and Susie Walters of Germany; four sisters: Carrie Banks and partner Jayson Hall, Katie Shupperd, Victoria Walters and Raeann Cramer; three brothers Marcel Walters, Damon Miles and Bryon Friend; brother-in-law David Shupperd; Aunts and Uncles: Jim and Jane Miles, Tom and Debbie Houlihan, Willie and Thelma Miles, Bill and Brandy Miles, Kathy and Andy Smith, Teresa Jernigan and Joe Thoden, and great-uncle John F. Houlihan; Nieces and Nephews: Keanu Walters, Hannah Miles, Gabby Arnold, Callie Walters-Clemons and several cousins. Nick was a devoted, proud and loving father who cherished every moment with his children creating special memories that will last a lifetime. Some of his favorite things to do with his kids were music trivia, play video games, having movie nights and loved to hear their laughter. He enjoyed spending time with his close companions Cheech, Bumper, JoJo and Spike. Also was an amazing master of the grill and cooking. He was an avid collector of Harley Davidson, loved the outdoors, fishing, camping and quite evenings on the porch with Jessica. Nick was a friend to all, always willing to lend a helping hand, listen and support those in his life. Sharing with us all his sparkling smile, loving laugh, lifelong lessons and blessing our lives in many ways. He was loved more than words can express and as he cherished each of us we now each will carry those memories for a lifetime. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 15th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with services following at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third Street. Peru. Officiating will be Robert Brown. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery Peru, Indiana. Memorial: Love offering may be made to Nick's family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 14, 2012- - Thursday, November 15, 2012

**Kenneth H. Hively**, 80, Wabash, passed away at 5:15 a.m. November, 11, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Rochester, Indiana, on May 13, 1932 to Lawrence Hively and Irene (Marshall) Hively. He married Marcella (Kraning) Hively, July 18, 1954 and she survives. He worked at General Tire, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wabash. Kenneth served in the Army. He is survived by his wife, Marcella, a daughter, Darlene Butzin, Roann, and grand-daughters Amber White, husband Kris, Wabash, Sage Butzin, Roann, Ind., brother Larry Hively, brother-in-law Harold Kraning, Peru, brother-in-law Keith Kraning, Peru, and sister Joan Zintsmaster. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, with Pastor Rich Davis from the Friends Church of Wabash officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind. Friends may call from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Miami/Wabash Hospice and/or favorite charity.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 15, 2012 - Friday, November 16, 2012

**Lula Blanche "Lou" Sanders**, 82, 742 Wooburn Green, went to be with the Lord Sunday morning, November 11, 2012. She was born to Fred and Robbie Christopher on May 16, 1930 in Athens, Alabama, where much of her family remains. She moved to Peru in 1955 where she met, and later married James "Jim" Sanders on March 5, 1960. He survives. Lou was a hard worker and held many jobs over the years. She always looked forward to Spring and the time for putting out a garden. She canned everything she could, made jelly and cooked up big dinners when it was time for a family get together. We teased her often about not having enough potatoes and always burning the rolls. It was all in fun and she loved it. She was a Christian and not afraid to share her convictions with anyone. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Peru. Lou loved her boys and was a great mother to them. Also, a wonderful mother-in-law, she never offered answers to questions that weren't asked. Other survivors are her three sons and their wives: Howard (Ronnie) Green, Bart (Tammy) Sanders, of Peru, and Brett (Beverly) Sanders of Cicero, Ind., Lou's siblings: Fred (Peasie) Christopher, Virginia (Dempsey) McClemore, of Athens, Ala., and Thelma Bonner of Tipton, Ind., seven grandchildren, Dara (Todd) Kinney, Michelle (Ron) Stout, Diane (Silouan) Hogsett, and Peter Green (and fiancée, Denisse), Cheyenne and Christopher Sanders, and Zakkary Sanders. She also has 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Robbie Christopher, Mary Elizabeth Smith and Eldine Todd. Friends may call Saturday, November 18, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Service to follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Ken Spangler officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 16, 2012

**Dale K. Petersen**, 89, Rochester passed away November 15, 2012. Service: 10 a.m. Monday, November 19 in the Good Family Funeral Home 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Calling: 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 16, 2012

**Weldon "Joe" Pearce**, 88, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Full obituary to follow, with visitation Monday, Nov. 19 from 9-11 a.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 17, 2012

**Weldon Joseph "Joe" Pearce**, 88, Peru, passed away at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on October 7, 1924 to John Pearce and Beatrice (Kunkle) Pearce. He married Emma Hennesey, and she preceded him in death July 9, 2009. He attended Peru Community Schools and served in the Maritime Services during WWII and was discharged from the United States Coast Guard. He is survived by daughter Sharon Shelter (husband Mike), granddaughter Marie Stevens, grandson Michael Stevens, two step-granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, three great-grandsons and several nephews and nieces also survive. He was preceded in death by his wife Emma, two brothers John Jr. and Deo, one sister Melvina and his parents. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Ind. Friends may call on Monday from 9 a.m. till time of service at 11 a.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012

**Frances James Miller**, 80, Rochester, died Nov. 17, 2012. Services will be Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation will be Tuesday 4 – 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012- Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Stanley Raymond Helton**, loving husband, father and grandfather, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012. He was born to Homer and Ila Mae (Townsend) Helton on Aug. 19, 1935 in Nada, Ky. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Marilyn Helton. Other survives include seven children, Lela (Russ) Toothman, Peru, Brenda (Elbert) Sparks of Stanton, Ky., Linda Spencer (special friend Chad Pavey), Glenn (Jenny) Townsend, David Townsend, Laura (Kevin) Berry, all of Peru and Kim (Bob) Repass of Logansport. Also surviving are two brothers, Virgil (Jackie) Helton of Peru and Bobby Helton of Winchester, Ky.; and one sister, Virgie (Rex) Leach of Stanton, Ky. He was preceded in death by one son, Stanley Jr.; his first wife of 31 years Estill; two brothers, Oliver and Kenneth Helton; and two sisters, Vandetta and Loretta, all of Kentucky. Stanley was the proud grandfather to 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru for 25 years. Mr. Helton was retired from Peru City Utilities after 24 and a half years of employment and after his retirement he worked for the Miami County Courthouse for ten years. Visitation for Mt. Helton will be Monday, Nov. 19 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 3 – 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, located at 331 W. Sixth St., Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Pall bearers will be Glenn Townsend, David Townsend, Trent Townsend, Matt Sparks, Jason Burke and AJ Berry. The family would like to extend special thanks to Flowers-Leedy for the arrangements, Community Howard Regional Hospice and Dr. John Salter and the entire staff of Community Howard Regional Oncology Center.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012 - Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Paul P. Speth**, 92, passed away Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 at the North Woods Village Nursing Home, Kokomo, Ind. Paul was born Nov. 24, 1919 to Edward and Josephine Ruppert Speth in Indianapolis. He had five sisters and five brothers, all deceased. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1937 and married Delores (Dolly) Dietz in 1939. Dolly passed away in 2003. He worked at Wonder Bread Bakery before entering the Army during World War II. A member of the 7th Division, he was seriously wounded on Okinawa May 31, 1945. Awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, he spent four years in military hospitals and was released in 1949. He worked at the Indianapolis Post Office, Illinois Street Station until retiring. An avid athlete and captain of the Sacred Heart basketball team, he and Dolly enjoyed tennis, bowling, and golf. They were married 64 years and had one daughter, Joan Speth Atkinson (Randy) Paragon and one son, Peter, (Annie) Peru and six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. A lifelong Southsider, Paul was an active member of Sacred Heart and St. Barnabas parishes. He was also a lifetime member of the Southside Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. Viewing will be at the Lauck Funeral Home, 1458 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis Monday, Nov. 19, 4 – 8 p.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St. Barnabas Catholic Church 10 a.m. [www.lauckfuneralhome.com](http://www.lauckfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012

**Kenneth J. Kennard**, 69, Peru died at 2:49 p.m. Nov. 16, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012

**Charles "Charlie" Eugene Matheny**, age 66, Bunker Hill, Ind., entered his heavenly home early in the morning on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012. He was born to Richard and Katherine (Miller) Matheny on Oct. 20, 1946 in Clarksburg, W. Va. He attended Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, Ind. Charlie attended Lincoln High School in Shinnston, W. Va. He graduated in 1964. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the military. He was a sergeant in the United States Air Force from March 1965-October 1968.

He continued working civil service at Grissom AFB until retiring in September of 2008 with more than 27 years of service. He also retired from Chrysler with 10 years of service. Charlie is survived by his special friend and companion Yolanda Matheny and her children Justin and Alexis Patton. He is also survived by his children Kevin Matheny and wife Melissa of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Rob Gross of Bunker Hill, Ind.; Yvonne Edgington and husband Chris of Bunker Hill, Ind.; and Peggy Wood and husband Jason of Peru, Ind. He had eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild: Chelsea and Courtney Coleman, Lindsay, Dani and Olivia Gross, Joshua and Jordan Edgington, Britne Jo Bickel, Brooklyne and Kayde Wood, and Sierra Starkey and husband Sam. Broden Starkey is the great-grandchild. Charlie is survived by his siblings Richard Matheny and wife Linda of Gaithersburg, Md.; Irma Bailey and husband Gary of Hazlehurst, Wis.; and Peggy Matish and husband Jim of Bridgeport, W. Va. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. Matheny. Charlie enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing 8-ball and 9-ball on a local league. Charlie owned and operated the Miami County speedway at the 4-H fairgrounds from 1993-1999. He also liked to watch a good World of Outlaws race or the Kings Royal. Charlie also had a faithful four-legged friend named Lady that often rode along with him for his morning coffee trips with his "garage buddies." Charlie was a member of the American Legion and the Eagles. Friends may call Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 2 – 7 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, Ind. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. with Chris Edgington officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made through Allen Funeral Home to The Lighthouse of Bunker Hill, a local youth outreach that Charlie participated in weekly.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012

**Mable A. Daulton**, 96, Rochester, died at 2:25 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012

**Nellie Edith (Frushour) Dotterer**, 95, Florida formerly of Logansport, died Wednesday Nov. 14, 2012 in Bradenton, Fla. Arrangements are pending at Fisher Funeral Chapel.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Ronald D. Shepherd**, 68, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 4 a.m. Monday, November 19, 2012 at his home. He was born August 1, 1944 in Wabash County to Andrew W. and Blanche (Saunders) Shepherd. Ron married Carletha Thompson in Wabash on August 2, 1963; she died August 27, 2011. He attended Noble High School. He retired from General Tire in Wabash in December 1997 after 34 years. Ron was a member of the Wabash Freewill Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching the grandkids. He was a coach in the Wabash Little League and Babe Ruth League several years. He is survived by four children, Gwen Shepherd, Faysha (Sidney) Graber, Dean Shepherd, and Keith Shepherd; four grandchildren, Shanna Bales, Andrew Shepherd, Austin Shepherd, and Ethan Graber; three great-grandchildren, Brianna Clemons, Haydan Hill, and Andrew Shepherd, Jr., all of Wabash. Two sisters, Deloris (Dick) Harrell of Wabash, and Rosie (Paul) Caldwell of Rome City, Indiana; three brothers, Bill (Gisela) Shepherd of Wabash, Brice (Carol) Shepherd of Branson, Missouri, and Randy (Marcie) Shepherd of Wabash; He was preceded in death by his wife and one sister, Dorothy Heck. Funeral services will take place at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash on Friday, November 23, 2012 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Hobert Meek officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, November 21 at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Ron may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Joan Marie Fricano Kirisits** was born to Anthony and Isabelle Kocent Fricano on June 24, 1947 in Lackawanna, N.Y. She is survived by her husband Ronald Kirisits of Peru, Ind. Also surviving are four sons Paul Kirisits and partner Georgia, three kids Mary Ellen, John, and Eileen of San Antonio, Texas, John (Teresa) Kirisits and two children Michaela and Wyatt of Peru, Ind., Scott Kirisits, fiancée Aubrey and three children Hannah, Isabela, and Coltien of Avon, Ind., Patrick (Jessi) Kirisits and one son Tylor of Portland, Tenn. Also survived by two daughters Stacey (Bradley) Burks and five children Alexander and Ryder Guess of Wasilla, Ark. and Eli, Olivia, and Kouper Burks of Peru, Ind., Shannon (Ron Jr.) Hudson and two sons Ron III and Luke of White House, Tenn. She is also survived by several great-grand kids; a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, two nieces and one nephew of New York. She was preceded in death by her parents Anthony and Isabelle Fricano, one brother William Fricano and one grandson Izic Kirisits. She was a member of St. Charles Church. She resided at Millers Merry Manor where she enjoyed playing bingo, sewing, quilting, and sitting outside with her friends. She was a wonderful wife, sister, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and friend to all. On Tuesday November 20, 2012 friends may call from 5 to 6 p.m. with a memorial service following at 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Love offerings to the Joan's Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, November 20, 2012

**Stanley Raymond Helton** loving husband, father, and grandfather went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, November 17 2012. He was born to Homer and Ila Mae (Townsend) Helton on August 19, 1935 in Nada, Ky. He is survived by his wife of 25 years Marilyn Helton. Other survivors include seven children Lela (Russ) Toothman, Peru, Brenda (Elbert)

Sparks of Stanton Ky., Linda Spencer (special friend Chad Pavey) Glenn (Jenny) Townsend, David Townsend, Laura (Kevin) Berry all of Peru, and Kim (Bob) Repass of Logansport. Also surviving are two brothers Virgil (Jackie) Helton of Peru, Bobby Helton of Winchester, Ky., and one sister Virgie (Rex) Leach of Stanton, Ky. He was preceded in death by one son Stanley Jr. and his first wife of 31 years Estill, two brothers Oliver and Kenneth Helton and two sisters Vandetta and Loretta all of Ky. Stanley was the proud grandfather to 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene Peru for 25 yrs. Mr. Helton was retired from Peru City Utilities after 24 and a half years of employment, and after his retirement he worked for the Miami County Court House for ten years. Visitation for Mr. Helton will be Monday, November 19 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 3 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will take place Tuesday, November 20 at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 331 W. Sixth St., Peru, Ind. with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Pall bearers will be Glenn Townsend, David Townsend, Trent Townsend, Matt Sparks, Jason Burke and AJ Berry. Family would like to extend special thanks to Flowers-Leedy for arrangements, Community Howard Regional Hospice and Dr. John Salter and the entire staff of Community Howard Regional Oncology Center.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 19, 2012 - Thursday, November 22, 2012

**Nellie E. (Frushour) Dotterer**, 95, of Bradenton, Florida, formerly of Logansport, Indiana, passed away at 7:15 p.m. on November 14, 2012, at the Heritage Park Care & Rehab Facility in Bradenton, Fla. She was born on November 27, 1916 in Logansport, Indiana to George A. and Myrtle (Copeland) Frushour, both deceased. On October 25, 1947, she married Robert W. Dotterer, who preceded her in death March 28, 2005. Nellie retired from Muelhausen Springs and later from the Logansport State Hospital. She was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, and an associate member of the Central Christian Church, Bradenton, Fla. Nellie was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Stars in Logansport and Royal Center, Ind., the Elkettes and American Legion Auxiliary of Logansport, Ind. Survivors include her daughter, Ann M. Dotterer, Ellenton, Fla.; one sister, Ruth Alber, Jensen Beach, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Helen J. Dotterer and Ruth E. Briner, both of Peru, Ind., nieces, Elizabeth A. (David) Miller, Wabash, Ind., Janet S. (Ronald), Douglas, Peru, Ind., and Sybil Sutton, Monterey, Ind.; several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was also preceded in death by a sister, two brothers, three sisters-in-law and two nephews. Services will take place at the Manasota Memorial Park Funeral Home, Bradenton, Florida, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012. A graveside service will be held at the Spring Creek Cemetery, Logansport, at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, with Rev. Doug Mankell officiating. Fisher Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 3355 - 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205 or Calvary Presbyterian Church, 701 Spencer St., Logansport, Indiana 46947. You may light a candle of hope and share condolences in her online guestbook at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 21, 2012

**Jack L. "Captain Jack" Ulery, Jr.**, 56 of Madison, Ind. passed away at 5:13 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012 at King's Daughters' Hospital, Madison, Ind. He was born July 15, 1956 in Peru, Ind. to Jack L., Sr. and Joyce Schmidt Ulery. Jack is survived by his beloved wife Melissa Jo Bacon Ulery of Madison, Ind.; his daughter Brooke Nice and her husband, Terry Jr. of Peru, Ind.; three sons Kristopher Ulery and his wife, Jessica of Madison, Ind., Scott Ulery and his wife, Megan of Hanover, Ind., Eric Ulery and his wife, Brittany of Hanover, Ind.; two sisters Kim Ahlfeld and her husband, Mike of Kendallville, Ind., Anita Ulery and fiancé, Tony of Sumter, South Carolina; brother Jeff Ulery and his companion, Kathy of Mexico, Ind.; his father-in-law Roger Bacon and his companion, Elaine of Peru, Ind.; his mother-in-law Judy Bacon of Peru, Ind.; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Melanie Jackson and her husband, Alan of Peru, Ind.; his grandchildren Aidan Ulery, Quinn Ulery and Asher Ulery. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack L. Sr. and Joyce Schmidt Ulery; his grandma, Ethel Schmidt. Jack entered this life on July 15, 1956 in Peru, Ind. He was the loving son of the late, Jack L. Sr. and Joyce Schmidt Ulery. He was raised in Peru and was a 1974 graduate of Peru High School. Jack was united in marriage on Jan. 26, 1980 at the Salem Christian Church to his beloved sweetheart, Melissa Jo Bacon. This happy union was blessed with a daughter and three sons. He began his career in the newspaper business with the Peru Dailey Tribune in 1974-1998. Jack had also worked for M & M Towing as a fork lift driver for several years. The family moved to Madison in 1998 and he began working for the Madison Courier as production supervisor until his sudden death. Jack was of the spiritual faith and enjoyed nature and music. He loved playing music and was known as the Percussion Man. Jack had a great passion for golf and played as often as possible with his family and friends. Captain Jack as he was known by so many of his friends and family was always busy, either at work, play, on the Sunrise Golf Course, the Peru Circus Band or with Andra Bladen and the Two Buck Chucks'. He found great enjoyment in watching the Purdue Boilermakers and the Miami Dolphins. Jack will be remembered for his love of music, being the life of the party and his devotion to friends and family. A funeral service will be held Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, 11 a.m., Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Ind., with Mr. Elliot Tompkin officiating. Burial will be at Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, Ind. Calling hours are Saturday from 4 – 8 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. The family requests memorials in memory of Jack to the American Heart Association or Peru Circus Band, contribution cards are available at the funeral home. Arrangements made by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre 325 Demaree Drive Madison, Indiana 47250. Online condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's website: [www.morgannay.com](http://www.morgannay.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 21, 2012

**Patricia Costello**, 61, Rochester passed away Nov. 19, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 22, 2012

**Nellie E. (Frushour) Dotterer**, 95, of Bradenton, Florida, formerly of Logansport, Indiana, passed away at 7:15 p.m. on November 14, 2012, at the Heritage Park Care & Rehab Facility in Bradenton, Fla. She was born on November 27, 1916 in Logansport, Indiana to George A. and Myrtle (Copeland) Frushour, both deceased. On October 25, 1947, she married Robert W. Dotterer, who preceded her in death March 28, 2005. Nellie retired from Muelhausen Springs and later from the Logansport State Hospital. She was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, and an associate member of the Central Christian Church, Bradenton, Fla. Nellie was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Stars in Logansport and Royal Center, Ind., the Elkettes and American Legion Auxiliary of Logansport, Ind. Survivors include her daughter, Ann M. Dotterer, Ellenton, Fla.; one sister, Ruth Alber, Jensen Beach, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Helen J. Dotterer and Ruth E. Briner, both of Peru, Ind., nieces, Elizabeth A. (David) Miller, Wabash, Ind., Janet S. (Ronald), Douglas, Peru, Ind., and Sybil Sutton, Monterey, Ind.; several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was also preceded in death by a sister, two brothers, three sisters-in-law and two nephews. Services will take place at the Manasota Memorial Park Funeral Home, Bradenton, Florida, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012. A graveside service will be held at the Spring Creek Cemetery, Logansport, at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2012, with Rev. Doug Mankell officiating. Fisher Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 3355 - 26th Street West, Bradenton, Florida, 34205 or Calvary Presbyterian Church, 701 Spencer St., Logansport, Indiana 46947. You may light a candle of hope and share condolences in her online guestbook at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 23, 2012

**Walter David Quier**, 78, Nyona Lake, passed away at 2:21 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Born August 10, 1934 in Mentone, Indiana he was the son of Elmer and Cleora Durbin Quier. In 1973, he was married to Betty G. Walters White, and she survives. Walter, known as "Bud" to many, worked in construction most of his life. He was a devoted member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru where he volunteered many hours making things and helping around the church. Walter is survived by his children, Tracey Quier, Akron; Chris Senff, Ft. Wayne; Sonya "Sam" Quier Tener, Bourbon; Dean Quier, Mentone; his stepchildren, Robert A. White, Lagrange; William J. White, Seneca, Mo.; Laurie L. White Lanning, Peru; and Mark A. White, Peru; two sisters, Mary and Linda; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by two infant daughters, two sisters, Edna and Esther; and two brothers, Arthur and Donald. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at the First Church of the Nazarene, Peru with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be held from noon until the time of the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be to Hope Hospice, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 23, 2012

**Kenneth John Kennard** passed away on November 16, 2012 at home after a long illness. He was born to Joseph and Helen Kennard of Upper Darby, Pa. on January 23, 1943. He is survived by his wife Patrise S. Kennard and his three sons Kenneth Kennard, New Jersey, Christopher J. Kennard and his wife Amber, of Kokomo, Indiana and Kevin P. Kennard of Helena, Alabama. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 23, 2012

**Catherine Brubaker**, 94, of Rochester, passed away at 2:37 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at Community Hospital North, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 24, 2012

**Velma M. Myers**, 96, Logansport, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Friday, November 23, 2012 at Chase Center, Logansport, Indiana. She was born in Miami County, May 17, 1916 to Estle and Orra (Miller) Howard. She married John E. Myers, March 6, 1939 in Logansport, Ind. and he preceded her in death on June 10, 2009. Velma was a graduate of New Waverly High School. She was a member of Rockfield Presbyterian Church, and retired from RCA in Monticello, Ind. after 17 years. She enjoyed playing cards with her euchre club. Survivors include daughters Nancy Nulf, Kokomo, Ind., Diana Hershberger and husband Tony, Logansport, Ind., half sister Marcella Murphy, Sweetser, Ind., three grandchildren John Wynn, Kokomo, Ind., Tina Wynn, Kokomo, Ind., and Kelly Henry and wife Krisit of New Waverly, Indiana. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren Scotty Wynn, Brayden Wynn, Kokomo, Ind., Kayleigh, Cassidy and Kyle Henry, New Waverly, Indiana. She was preceded in death by two brothers Nevin Howard and Charles Howard, and one sister Mildred Bowman. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 26, 2012 at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Cemetery, Logansport, Indiana. Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, November 25, 2012 at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E. Broadway, Logansport. Memorials may be made to the Cass County Heart Association.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, November 24, 2012

**Donald W. "Donnie" Barnes**, Peru, passed away Thursday, November 22, 2012 at Caring Hands Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending with Stout & Son Funeral Home, Burlington Chapel.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Mary Katherine Grimes**, 92, Denver, passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born August 1, 1920 in Miami County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Roger and Ruth Hamman Beck. She was married to Robert Harrison Grimes, and he preceded her in death. She is survived by her two children, Charles Thomas Grimes and his wife Annie, Indianapolis; and Nancy Jane Carson; and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Joe Carson and two sisters and two brothers. There will be no services or visitation. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Dalton Daniel McCord**, 20, Peru, went to be with the Lord, due to SUDEP (Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy) Wednesday morning, November 21. Dalton was born on July 17, 1992 to Chuck McCord and Catina (Thomas) McCord. Dalton was a fun loving, energetic boy that loved to snuggle with his Mama and make her laugh. He enjoyed hanging out with his siblings and he adored them. His most recent proud moment was becoming an uncle for the first time, he grinned ear to ear every time he saw his baby nephew and he loved him very much. He also enjoyed playing disc golf, basketball, baseball, softball, hanging out with friends and falling off a skateboard. He was a grandson, son, brother, nephew, uncle and became a friend to nearly everyone that met him. He will be missed terribly and fondly remembered as a loving, fun, silly young man with a personality that you couldn't ignore. Surviving along with his parents are siblings: Braxton McCord, Peru; Calee McCord, Peru; Lakin McCord, Wabash; Dylan McCord, Lincolnton, NC; nephew, Jacksyn Rory McCord. Grandparents: Denise Ryan, Peru; Jim Thomas, Kokomo; Vanessa Martin (Bob), Kokomo; Charlie and Brenda McCord, Peru. Aunts: Tabitha Fritzman (Jaraid Kendall); Michelle McCord-Sparks (Ron), Peru; Amanda Walsh, Peru; Penny Thomas, Arizona; Druan Ryan, Indianapolis. Uncles: Chris McCord (Angel), Peru; Jay Thomas, Peru; Jim McCord, Peru; Darrel Thomas, Kokomo; Bradley Ryan, Zion Ryan, Josiah Ryan and Jace Ryan all of Peru, several cousins and his beloved dog, MaryJane. He was preceded in death by his Uncle, Jack Ryan, Peru; Aunt, Ronda Sims, Kokomo. Visitation will be November 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Zion Chapel, 915 S Broadway, Peru. Service to follow at 7 p.m. with Pastor Lew McKinney officiating and Dalton's Great-Uncle, Pastor Tennyson Fitch saying prayer. Love offerings may be made thru Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Robert V. Billetz, Jr.** passed away on Nov. 18, 2012 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 42. He was the Dear Son of Robert and Toni Billetz, and the Dear Brother of Dawn Thomas. Funeral Services will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin, Detroit, MI 48234, with Robert in state at Church beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit. Condolences may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billetz, 4252 W. 200 N., Peru, IN, 46970.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Izinia Sue "Zanie" Thorrrington**, 62, 3534 East 600 North Peru, formerly of Denver, passed away at 11:34 p.m. Saturday, November 24, 2012 at her residence. She was born in Magoffin County, Ky. on March 17, 1950 to Fred and Myrtle (Manns) Conley. She married Bruce E. Thorrrington on April 29, 1975 in Mexico, he survives. Izinia was a homemaker and she always enjoyed the outdoors. Izinia is survived by her husband, Bruce E. Thorrrington of Peru; daughters, Carol Worthy of Hendersonville, N.C., Linda (Nicolas) Bolanos of East Flat Rocks, N.C., and Crystal Bradord of Fla.; son, Ashkum (Andrea) Thorrrington of Denver; sisters, Zefie Jackons of Akron, Gracie Jackson of Akron, Martha Hancock of North Manchester, and Lorene Tesh of Wabash; brothers, Amos Conley of Ala., Normand Conley of Ga., Alfred Conley of Akron; grandchildren, Michael Worthy, Nikiyah Trejo, Devin Worthy, Stephen Hernandez, Benjamin Hernandez, Chico Hernandez, Ryan Brock, Liana Heady, Aubrianna Thorrrington, Matthew Bradford, Andria Bradford, Madison Bradford, and Adrianna Bradford. Also surviving her are five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter Yesenia Guerrero; sisters, Nancy Pennington, Opal Conley and Christene Cornell and brother, Jerry Conley. A funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester Street, Akron, Ind. with Pastor Brad Eckerley officiating. Burial will be in Gaerte Cemetery, Macy, Ind. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012. Memorial contributions may be made to organization of choice. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Donald W. Barnes**, 62, Peru, quietly went to be with the Lord at 4:45 p.m. Thursday November 22, 2012 at Caring Hands Nursing Facility in Peru, Ind. Donald was born September 28, 1950 to Elmer L. and Lola V. Barnes in Kokomo. Donald was never married and had no children. Since the 1980's, he spent most of his life in nursing facilities. He entered Caring hands Nursing Facility in 2006 and was there until his passing. Donald enjoyed listening to music, especially country music. He also loved the Lord. Donald attended church services at Caring Hands every Sunday. Several times a day, seven days a week, he

could be heard quoting his favorite Bible scripture, "Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Donald loved everyone he met and always had a smile to greet the nursing home staff as they came to work each morning. "Good Morning Beautiful", was his usual greeting. He was given the nickname of "Don Juan" by the staff caring for him at the facility. He is survived by brothers, Jerry L. Barnes (companion Linda Brookshire) of Burlington, and Bob (Linda) Barnes, Kokomo; two sisters, Pat DeVore, Logansport, and W. Jeanie (David) Zell, Peru; also several nieces, nephews and great nephews. Donald was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, John and Martha Barnes and Harvey and Lucy Barnes. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Burlington Chapel, 44 Michigan Street, Burlington with Donny's nephew, Michael Zell officiating. Burial will follow in Whiteman Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be submitted online at [stoutandsonfuneralhome.com](http://stoutandsonfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Mary Katherine Grimes**, 92, Denver, passed away on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born August 1, 1920 in Miami County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Roger and Ruth Hamman Beck. She was married to Robert Harrison Grimes, and he preceded her in death. She is survived by her two children, Charles Thomas Grimes and his wife Annie, Indianapolis; and Nancy Jane Carson; and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Joe Carson and two sisters and two brothers. There will be no services or visitation. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, November 26, 2012

**Charles D. Hardt**, 91, of Logansport, Ind., died at his residence on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. He was born July 15, 1921 in Logansport, Ind. to Frederick and Martha (Packard) Hardt. On June 27, 1941, he married Margery Hoch in Logansport, Ind., she preceded him in death on Oct. 6, 1984. Charles remarried on Nov. 30, 1985 to Rosemary Murphy Fahl in Denver, Ind., she survives. Charles retired from Conrail Railroad as a welder in 1982 after 43 years of service. He was a member of the Miami Baptist Church, the American Legion Post #60 and V.F.W. Post #3790. Charles was a United States Army Veteran having served in WWII. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary E. Hardt, Logansport, Ind.; two daughters, Carol Sue (Harold) McGhee of Riverview, Fla. and Joyce Dalton of Logansport, Ind.; a son, Charles F. Hardt of Logansport, Ind.; step-son, Stanley (Carol) Fahl of Fort Wayne, Ind.; step-son-in-law, James Smith of Indianapolis, Ind.; brother-in-law, Keith Walker of Logansport, Ind.; a sister, Joan (Richard) Davidson of Logansport, Ind.; a brother, John (Fran) Hardt of Sarasota, Fla.; and six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, nine step-great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Courtney Hardt; two sisters, Helen Moore and Carolyn Walker; brother, Robert Hardt; and one step-daughter, Sonna Smith. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at Gundrum Funeral Home, 1603 E Broadway, Logansport, with Rev. Mark Spencer of Rochester officiating. Burial will take place at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Logansport with full military graveside rites. Visitation will take place from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Miami Baptist Church Building fund.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, November 28, 2012

**Sylvan "Pete" Polk**, Peru, passed away at 12:51 a.m. on Tuesday November 27, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Arrangements are pending with Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 29, 2012

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, **Sylvan "Pete" Polk**, 73, of Peru, passed away at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind. at 12:05 a.m., Tuesday, November 27, 2012. He was born in Cass County, Ind. on June 6, 1939 the son of Charles and Irene Cunningham Polk. Pete married Kathy Sue Garrison at the First Christian Church Parsonage in Peru on December 1, 1957 and she preceded him in death on November 2, 2012. Pete was a 1957 graduate of Peru High School, and an engineer on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad for more than 38 years, retiring in 2000. Pete was a loving husband to his wife Sue, a caring father to his children, and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. He loved fishing and was an avid woodworker. Pete was a member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church, the Peru Grace Brethren Keenagers and the NARVE (National Association Retired and Veteran Railway Employees, Inc.). Surviving are his children: James Kelly Polk and his wife Christel of Peru; Jacqueline Sue Sipe and her husband David of Peru; Nancy Gariss and her husband Dennis of Lamar, MO; Patrick Polk and his wife Deidre of Peru; grandchildren, Adam Sipe, Louis Sipe, Laura Berryman, Samuel Gariss, Nicholas Gariss, Natalie Gariss, Isaac Gariss, Opal Polk and Pete Polk; great-grandchildren, Molly Berryman, Max Berryman, Daniel Sipe and David Sipe; a sister, Norma Hutter, of Peru; a sister-in-law, Sally Knott of Peru; a brother-in-law David Odum and his wife Linda of Indianapolis, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren, Aaron Miller and Stephanie Polk, a sister, Marjorie Blue and two brothers, Ron and Ralph Raver. A service for Sylvan "Pete" Polk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 South Broadway, Peru with Pastor Gerald Kelley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather 4-8 p.m. on Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Child Evangelism Fellowship or the Peru Rolling Chapel. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 29, 2012

**Jack Watts** went to be with his wife Bea of 58 years on October 29, 2012 after a brief illness, he really missed her after she passed away earlier this year. He was born to Roy R. and Imogen Watts on October 8, 1926 in Wabash, Ind., graduated from Purdue University, then moved to Washington where he spent the rest of his life. He retired as chief engineer with The Boeing Company after 40 years of devoted service. He never did forget his love for the planes and didn't miss many days sitting at Paine Field with his mocha and watching them take off and land to the very end. He loved to travel and looked forward to the annual trips back home with Bea to Arkansas and Indiana and the cruises they were able to take together. He and Bea loved going to the UW Husky football games and they really enjoyed the many years that they had season tickets. He was a very special person and had a zest for life to the very end. We all will miss him deeply and always cherish all the wonderful memories we have of him. He is survived by his daughter Sue (Ed) Collins and son Ron (Ann) Reisner, grandchildren Kenneth and Amanda, who meant the world to him. A graveside service will take place on December 1, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Bellevue, Wash., with a celebration of life to be held in early 2013, details to follow. In lieu of flowers, Jack requested that contributions may be made to The Museum of Flight.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 29, 2012

**Homer Claude Richardson**, 87, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, Ind., passed away at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at North Woods Village, Kokomo. He was born September 19, 1925 in Livermore, Kentucky to Claude Lawson and Lula (Williams) Richardson. On December 29, 1945 he married Juanita French who preceded him in death on September 13, 2007. He enlisted in the United States Navy on November 18, 1942 and was honorably discharged on November 28, 1945. Homer was a furniture maker who could look at a finished product and know how the frame was built. He was employed by Murphy-Miller Chair Co. in Owensboro, KY, Tell City Chair Co. in Tell City, IN, Jackson Chair Co. in Danville, KY and retired in 1991 as plant superintendent for Guildcrest Furniture Industries, Inc. in Peru. He was also a member of Paws and Taws Square Dance Club and various bowling leagues. His hobbies included gardening, candy making, woodworking and word finds. He is survived by sons, Tom (Jane) Richardson, Kokomo and Travis (Connie) Richardson, Evansville; a grandson, Erik Richardson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a granddaughter, Lindsey (fiancé Casey Jackson) Richardson, Evansville. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Juanita; nine sisters and one brother. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., central time, Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at Glenn Funeral Home, 900 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY, with Rev. Dale Hartlein officiating. Burial will follow in Owensboro Memorial Gardens Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Navy and the Owensboro Military Rites Team. Friends may visit with the family from noon until service time at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Owensboro Military Rites team. Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes & Crematory, Kokomo, Indiana, assisted the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be submitted online at [shirleyandstout.com](http://shirleyandstout.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 29, 2012

**Kathleen "Kitty" Miser Brooks**, 87, of Brazil, passed away November 25, 2012 at Methodist Hospital, in Indianapolis, following a brief illness. Kathleen was born March 29, 1925, in Louisville, Kentucky, the daughter of John and Mary (Coleman) Cash. Her family moved to Wabash, Indiana around 1940. There she attended Wabash High School and worked for General Tire and Rubber, Wabash Honeywell Company and Wabash Magnetics. Kitty was a voracious reader. She also enjoyed playing cards, gardening and watching Pacers basketball, Texas Tech and Indiana University – especially Bobby Knight. She is survived by her daughter and son in law Vicki and John Switzer of Center Point; grandchildren: Matt Switzer and wife Amy of Texas, Wendy Miser Griffith and husband Brad of Peru, IN, and Susan Renee Morgan and husband John of Indianapolis; great grandchildren: Allison, Eric, and Abigail Switzer of Texas, Dirk Ray of Oklahoma, Tasha Ray McCoy (Jake), Brett Griffith and Mercedes Griffith all of Peru, Nicholas Morgan and David Morgan of Indianapolis; great-great grandchildren Drewgin Ray and Lexis Ray of Peru as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was preceded in death by two husbands Wayne A. Miser and Charles Frank Brooks; a son: Tony Miser; parents: John and Mary Cash; two brothers: James Cash and J. W. Cash; two sisters: Betty Piasecki and Rosella Bedics. Visitation will be at Lawson-Miller Chapel, Thursday, November 29, 2012 from 4-8 p.m. Graveside services will take place at Friends Cemetery in Wabash, Indiana at 2 p.m. on Friday. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angels for East Side C/O Clay County Community Foundation, 2901 Ohio Blvd., Terre Haute, IN, 47803 or the Brazil City Parks Non Reverting Fund, Attn: Susan, 203 E. National Avenue, Brazil, Indiana 47834. Visit [www.frenchfuneralhome.com](http://www.frenchfuneralhome.com) to light a candle in her memory.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, November 30, 2012 - Tuesday, December 4, 2012

**Gerald Briney**, 83, of Rochester died Wednesday, November 28, 2012. A celebration of life is planned on Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home. Military graveside rites will be conducted.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 3, 2012

**Judith A. Ludwig**, 74, Rochester, Ind., passed away at 6:28 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012 at her residence. She was born on Aug. 24, 1938 in Peru, Ind., the daughter of Eugene and Mary (Miller) Hoagland. She was a 1956 graduate of Fulton High School, Fulton, Ind., where she graduated salutatorian and graduated from Indiana University with a degree in education. Judith had been a school teacher at Caston Elementary School, Fulton, Ind., and had been a case worker for the Department of

Children Services. She had also sold real estate. In her spare time she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, writing and spending time with nature. Survivors include her children, Beth and husband Rick Williams, Springfield, Ohio, Michael and wife Andrea Ludwig, Rochester, Ind. and Lorri and husband Robert Lemler, Bourbon, Ind.; grandchildren, Bryan Borden, Greg Borden and fiancé Morgan Clark and Brock Williams, all of Springfield, Ohio, Amber Seibert, Fairborn, Ohio, Ben Ludwig, Rochester, Ind., Emily Ludwig, Rochester, Ind., Scott and wife Jessica Collins, Warsaw, Ind., Brad Collins and fiancé Tiffani Davis, Rochester, Ind. And Joshua Lemler, Jezreel Lemler and Jazmin Lemler, all of Bourbon, Ind.; thirteen great-grandchildren; brother Jack and wife Mary Hoagland, Fort Myers, Fla.; sister Mary Jordan, Fairfield, Calif. and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and infant son. Family and friends are invited to the Rochester Meat & Deli Banquet Room, 9th Street and Wabash Avenue, Rochester, Indiana to celebrate Judith's life from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 5, 2012. Private interment will take place at St Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru, Ind. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Public Library or the Fulton County Historical Society. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Ind. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 3, 2012

**Rita G. Fivecoate**, 88, of Kokomo and formerly of Royal Center, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2012 at 4:50 p.m. at Waterford Place, Kokomo. She was born Nov. 13, 1924 in Cass County, Ind., to Wilbur and Marie (Kingery) Azbell. She married Raymond E. (Zip) Fivecoate March 16, 1943, in Miami County. He preceded her in death May 11, 2002. She retired in 1986 after several years working for Switches and was a member of the Webb Chapel United Methodist Church. She also enjoyed quilting. Rita is survived by daughter Carmen R. Gaskill and husband Roger of Kokomo; granddaughters Kelly Inderhees and Husband Tom of Olathe, Kan. and Jenna Ward and husband Chris of Kokomo; grandson Eric Gaskill and fiancée Kelly of Forest, Ind.; brother Basil Azbell and wife Janice of Wabash; sister Deloris Greathouse of Greentown, Ind.; and great grandchildren Haley, Kacie, Andrew and Christopher Inderhees, Adriannah Pierson and Mya Pierson. She was also preceded in death by a son, Allen Wayne Fivecoate. Services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport with the Rev. Bill Bergstrom officiating. Burial will take place at Kistler Cemetery in Royal Center, Ind. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 3 from 3 – 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Webb Chapel Building Fund. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 3, 2012

**Orpha Lough**, 97, of Rochester passed away 5:55 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Woodlawn Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 3, 2012

**George H. Conner Jr.**, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2 - 6 p.m. at Eikenberry – Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 4, 2012

**DeWayne R. Hartleroad**, passed away Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 3:30 a.m., at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. DeWayne was born April 12, 1947 in Peru, Ind. to Raymond H. Hartleroad and Vivian (Clark) Hartleroad. He graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and joined the United States Navy, serving in Vietnam. DeWayne is survived by his mother, Vivian, Peru, and companion of 16 years, Melinda Goggin, St. Louis. Also surviving are three children, DeWayne (Christy) (Hartleroad) Smith, Wabash, Jeffery (Amber) Hartleroad, Chicago, and Stacey (Dan) Amor, South Bend. One brother, Greg (Diane) Hartleroad, Peru, and life-long friend, Eric Clark, of Peru. Six grandchildren, Jarrett and Ashley, Samantha and Emmett, and Jacob and Jordon. Nephews', Greg (Lori) Hartleroad, and Steve (Mandy) Hartleroad, all of Peru, along with other extended family members. DeWayne was retired in 2007, from Nike after 14 years of service and valuable contributions to the Nike Air line of shoes. He enjoyed multiple sports, especially NASCAR and Notre Dame Football. DeWayne enjoyed fishing, hunting, target shooting and boasting about his grandchildren and their many accomplishments. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, November 29th, 2012, at Schrader Funeral Home in Ballwin, Mo.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 4, 2012

**George H. Conner, Jr.**, 82, of Jensen Beach Florida, passed away at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, December 2, 2012, at the Blair Ridge Health Campus Peru, Ind. He was born in Brownstown, Ind. on July 16, 1930, the son of George H. and Mary Ethel Ball Conner Sr. George married Sue Clark in Jasper, Ind. on December 28, 1952, and she survives. George graduated from Brownstown High School in 1948, received his Bachelors degree in education from Indiana State University, his Masters Degree in Administration from Indiana University. He came to Peru in 1965 as Principal of Central Elementary School and later became the Administrative Assistance to the Superintendent of Peru Community Schools until his retirement in 1990. George was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Stuart, Florida, a life member of the Peru Maennerchor, a member of the Circus City Festival, Inc., the Indiana Historical Society, the Grissom Air Force Community Council and the Brownstown Masonic Lodge. He participated in numerous Ole Olson productions and was a former member of the Miami County YMCA Board of Directors. Surviving in addition to his wife of almost 60 years, Sue, are his children: Cindy Watson and her husband Steve of Peru, Andy Conner and his wife Sandy, of Zionsville, Tim Conner and his wife Barbara of Peru, and Tom Conner and his wife Cindy of Port St. Lucie, Florida: grandchildren Matt Feller and his wife Andrea, Ian Watson, Quentin Watson, Kelsey



Conner, Clark Conner, Lauren Conner, Zachary Conner and Abigayle Conner. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Donald and Merle Conner. Family and friends of George Conner will gather from 2–6 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Eikenberry Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, Indiana. There will be a Masonic Service at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown, Ind. with Reverend Doug Pogue officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Circus City Festival, Inc., Ole Olson or Hope Hospice.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 5, 2012

**Max D. Eckelbarger**, 81, Peru, passed away at 10:24 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 6, 2012

**Max Dale Eckelbarger** of Peru, Ind., died on December 4, 2012. He was the son of Clarence "Buck" Eckelbarger and Mary (Miller) Eckelbarger, and was born on November 6, 1931. He was the brother of George, David, Jerry, Jack, Jess, Joe, Linda and Shirley. After serving our country as a Marine in the Korean War, Max married Dianna (Stout) Eckelbarger. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 5, 2011 and Dianna died shortly thereafter. Max was the owner of Buck's Bait and Buck's Wholesale Distributorship. The business was started by his father in the Great Depression. Max bought the business, added rental cottages and a huge distributorship for the business which included territory from Arkansas to Canada. Max knew he had competition so he opened earlier, closed later, and worked harder to make his business a stalwart supporter of our community for over fifty years. Max instilled a strong work ethic in his five children. He was proud that a son and grandson continued the tradition of being a Marine. Max loved to hunt, fish, bowl, lift weights with his boys, learn new things and garden. He is survived by his five children: Arlene (Calvin) Burnette, Arman (Kim) Eckelbarger, Alan (Joyce) Eckelbarger, Shawn (Wendy) Eckelbarger, Wyman (Georgia) Eckelbarger and twelve grandchildren. Viewing will be on Friday from 3-7 p.m. and the funeral on Saturday at 10 a.m., both at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military honors will be given at the graveside at Ever-rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Since Max so loved the outdoors, memorials may be given to the Bunker Hill Fish and Game Club, Izaak Walton League, or your favorite charity through the Flowers -Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 7, 2012

**Evelyn G. Schipper**, 86, Peru, formerly of Akron, died at 7:25 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home in Akron.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 7, 2012

**Miss Prim Ana Ramsey**, Rochester, was stillborn, Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at Dupont Hospital of Fort Wayne. A private family service will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, December 8, 2012

**Evelyn Glee Schipper**, 86, 269 Meadowview Drive, Blair Ridge, Peru, Ind., and formerly of Akron, went to be with her heavenly father at 7:25 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital of Peru. Evelyn was born February 10, 1926 in Miami County to Elmer and Addie Glee (Butt) Fites. She was married by Rev. Golden in her home on March 3, 1946 in Miami County to Roy E. Schipper and he preceded her in death on October 22, 1995. Evelyn was a homemaker and a farmer's wife. She also drove a school bus for Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation for more than 25 years. She was a graduate of Gilead High School, and was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Roann, Ind. She was a seamstress and loved to play the piano and the organ. She is survived by two daughters Jane and husband David Haynes, Akron, Ind., Janet and husband Mike Gonsalves, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., two sons Paul E. and wife Diane Schipper, Kokomo, Ind., and Randal E. and wife Doris Schipper, Roann, nine grandchildren, Aaron and Even Schipper, Amy Weaver, Troy Schipper, Rebecca Bolinger, Travis and Nolan Haynes, Derek Haynes, and Brook Betten. Also surviving are 12 great-grandchildren and a sister Mary Weirick, of Mexico, Ind. She was preceded in death by her parents Elmer and Addie Fites, husband Roy E. Schipper, three sisters Ruth Bammerlin, Grace Waechter and Normalee Wagner, and three brothers Ralph Fites, Paul Fites, and James Fites. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2012 at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Ind. with the Rev. Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery in Akron. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012 at the Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church or the American Red Cross. Online condolences to: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 10, 2012

**Theresa R. Woodruff**, 84, of Peru, passed away at 11:05 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at her residence with her husband, Sheldon, at her bedside. She was born in Davies County, Ind. on December 19, 1927 to Leonard and Mary Dant Grannan. She married Sheldon R. Woodruff on January 10, 1948, he survives. She is survived by Sheldon R. Woodruff, her husband, her two sons Ronald Woodruff and his wife Linda of Akron, Ind. and James Woodruff and his wife, Cindy of Indianapolis, Ind. Two daughters Mary Alexander of Peru, Ind. and Carolyn Cronin and her husband Ed of Marlborough, Mass. Five grandsons, five step-grandchildren, a great-granddaughter; a great-grandson; two sisters LaVerne Grannan and Mary R. Massie of Washington, Ind.; one brother William Grannan of Jeffersonville, Ind. and her beloved dog Rosie. She was preceded in death by her

parents, one sister Doris Wilson, six brothers Norwood, Howard, Carl, Denis, John E. and James R. Grannan. A mass of Christian burial celebrating the life of Theresa R. Woodruff will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru, Ind. with Rev. Eric Underwood officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru, Ind. Family and friends will gather from 5 – 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church, Miami County Helping Hands or Hope Hospice of Logansport. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 10, 2012

**Marion H. Wallace**, 95, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, 2012 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements are pending with Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 10, 2012

**Marion (Roy) Quinton**, 88, of Indianapolis, Ind., passed away on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012. Marion was a veteran of the Army and a member of Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 35th Division Association and American Legion. He worked for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as an usher. Marion is survived by his loving wife, Maralee; children: Christopher D., Russell Lee Quinton, Amy Jo Wilson and Karen L. Quinn, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Raymond Quinton, sisters Kathryn Quinton and Alice Bunish along with several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at Flanner and Buchanan Washington Park East, 10722 East Washington St., from 4 – 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 7995 East 21st Street, Indianapolis, at 10 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to service. Entombment will follow at Washington Park East. Friends and family are welcome to sign the online guest book at [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 11, 2012

**Betty Haynes**, 87, formerly of Converse, passed away at 3:56 p.m. Sunday, December 9, 2012. Service: Wednesday, December 12, 1 p.m. Calling: Wednesday, 11 a.m. At Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St. Amboy, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 11, 2012

**Steve Peltier**, age 57, of Nashville, Tenn., passed away December 3, 2012. Survived by wife, Karen Peltier; children, Christine and Catherine Peltier; father, Roy Peltier; sister, Sharon Stark, nephew and niece, Joshua and Katelyn. Steve was a 1973 graduate of Maconaquah High School, Bunker Hill, Ind., and a graduate of Purdue University. Visitation was held Thursday, Dec. 6, 4-6 p.m., at St. Henry Catholic Church, Nashville and in Kettering, Ohio at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Friday, Dec. 7, 9:30-10:30 a.m., with Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment service followed at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Arrangements by Harpeth Hills Funeral Home, (615) 646-9292.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Harold Elmer Miller**, 81, Fairland, Ind., formerly of Mexico, Ind. passed away on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Candice D. Denny**, 51, Rochester passed away at Woodlawn Hospital at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Marion H. Wallace**, 95, formerly of Peru, passed away peacefully at 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, 2012, at the residence of her daughter, Jean, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Following the death of her son, John, in July, 2000, Marion moved to Utah to live with her family. She was born in Chicago, Ill. on March 30, 1917, the daughter of John J. and Minnie Stark Hume. Marion married William T. Wallace on March 6, 1943, and he preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1994. Marion was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Tri Kappa Sorority and former member of the Order of the Eastern Star Ruth Chapter #120. She is survived by her daughter Jean Gordon and her husband Bill of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren Keith Gordon and his wife Olivia, Karen Gordon and Kristen Pizarro and her husband Gram and three great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, a son John and brothers Robert Hume and John Hume. Marion was a huge presence in the life of her family and friends and will be greatly missed. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru with Pastor Stephen Quinlan officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, Ind. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012 - Thursday, December 13, 2012

**Mary Louise Brewer** born March 25, 1932 left her earthly home to go be with the ones she loved in Heaven on Dec. 10, 2012 at 5:40 p.m. after battling illness for over two years. Mary was a loving mother with a tremendous heart. She was a wonderful friend filled with compassion for those she loved. A beautiful woman filled with pride and deep emotion. Mary is the daughter

of Herbert and Thelma Waymire both deceased. She was a homemaker for many years of her life. Always giving the best she could to her family and friends. Mary is the wife of Lee Dean Brewer who passed away in 2003. Mary and Dean both were very involved with the V.F.W. Mary was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary here in Peru. Helping out the Veterans was something that Mary was honored to do. It was one of the true joys in her life. She was also the District 5 President for the State of Indiana, and the President of the Ladies Auxiliary 2067 of Peru. Mary also enjoyed bowling, fishing, square dancing and a great love for Chihuahuas but was never fond of cooking. Survivors include: son Steve Brewer and wife Dawn of Peru, daughter Debbie Willis and companion Dave Helton of Peru, son Tony Brewer and wife Christine of Peru; grandchildren Latetia Strickler and fiancée David Strickler of Wabash, Steven Brewer and companion Kim Davis Espinoza of Tipton, Mallory Brewer, Mackenzi Brewer, and Emma Warnock of Peru, Tosha Kootnz, Keshia Turpin of Peru. Great-grandchildren include Bryce Brewer of Wabash, Jordyn Brewer of Wabash, Brooklyn Brewer of Tipton, Bradley Turpin, Skyler Turpin, Casandra Daniels all of Peru, Alexis and Autumn Strickler of Wabash, with an additional great-grandchild due in January. Also surviving are countless nieces and nephews and cousins. Along with the survivors include JoAnn Warner of Kokomo, and Nezzie Blake of Avilla who are two of her best friends that stayed beside her through thick and thin. Raven her Chihuahua and Tiny her kitten. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Thursday from 3 – 7 p.m. with memorial services by the Ladies Auxiliary 2067. Funeral Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. conducted by Minister Warren Law. Burial will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Michael L. Ellis**, 63, Anderson, formerly of Elwood, passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012. Service and visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Dunnichay Funeral Home in Elwood from 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 12, 2012

**Kenneth E. Berryman**, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 12:40 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at Kindred Health Care of Kokomo. He was born Oct. 30, 1927, in Peru, Ind., to John Jacob Berryman and Retha K. (Adams) Berryman. On July 20, 1957 in Battleground, Ind. he married Marcia E. Berryman, she survives. Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Army from 1946 to 1948. He graduated from Peru High School in 1946, and later graduated from Ball State University with a Master's Degree in Education. For twenty years he was a teacher at Eastern High School in Business, Accounting, and Typing, retiring in 1977. He was also owner of Dog N Shake Drive-in in Kokomo, and a salesman at various stores in the Kokomo area. He was a member of the American Legion Post 6, Kokomo Senior Center, Howard County School Employees Federal Credit Union serving on the board of directors and volunteered at the Reading Coalition. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing and bowling. He is survived by his wife, of Kokomo; daughter, Lynn and husband Mike Artz, Washingtonville, N.Y.; son, Jon D. Berryman, Chandler, Ariz.; son, Tim and wife Brenda Berryman, Bristow, Va.; daughter, Sara and husband Bryan Daulton, Merrillville, Ind.; thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Services will be held at 10:00 AM Friday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main Street, with Pastor Nancy Blevins officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors by the Kokomo V.F.W. Military Rites Team, and the U.S. Army. Visitation will be held from 5 - 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions will be made the Alzheimer's Association. You are invited to read Kenneth's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message, or order flowers for the family.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 13, 2012

**Harry B. Williams**, 82, of West Lafayette, died at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at Cumberland Pointe Health Campus. Born August 1, 1930 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Harry was the son of the late Burns P. and Mildred L. (Phillips) Williams. He graduated from Jefferson Township High School in Mexico, Indiana and went on to serve two years in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict being honorably discharged in 1953. His marriage was on January 28, 1951 in Peru, Indiana to Pauline Rife and she survives. Harry worked as a Clerk for the former Wabash Railroad for 11 years and at the same time receiving his Bachelor's degree from Purdue University in 1959, Cum Laude. Harry then worked on the management team for R.R. Donnelley and Sons for over 30 years, retiring in 1989. As a result of Harry's career, he and his wife have lived in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Willard, Ohio, Dwight, Illinois, Olympia Fields, Illinois, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Hendersonville, Tennessee and for the past 12 years, in the Greater Lafayette area. Harry was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and a former member of the Lafayette Rotary Club. The times he spent with his wife, Pauline, were the most important times in his life, especially traveling together throughout the Northwestern part of the United States. Harry enjoyed fishing, reading, golfing, and spending time with friends and family. In addition to his wife Pauline, Harry is survived by their five children: Mitchell Williams and his wife Donna of Plano, Texas, David Williams and his wife Elizabeth of Morris, Ill., Beth Wolford and her husband David "Skip" of Culpeper, Virginia, Alec Williams and his wife Jeanne of Wooster, Ohio, and Kerry Williams and his wife Tami of Findlay, Ohio, and 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Harry is also survived by a sister, Myra McKenna and her husband Jack of Tucson, Ariz. and a sister-in-law, Donna Williams of North Manchester, Ind. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Williams. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. Saturday with the service at 4 p.m. at Hippensteel Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Johnson, Pastor Bonnie Shoaf, and Pastor Lore Gibson officiating. Memorial contributions in Harry's name may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, the Alzheimer's Association, or the

American Red Cross. Hippensteel Funeral Home entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 13, 2012

**Harold Elmer Miller**, 81, Fairland, Ind. Passed away on Monday, December 10, 2012 at his residence. Born March 28, 1931 in Peru, Indiana he was the son of Joseph Harold and Mary Deeb Miller. On November 19, 1949 in Mexico, Indiana, he was married to Vera Jean Lutz, and she preceded him in death on May 14, 2011. Harold was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico, Indiana. He worked as Manager of Maintenance at Thomson Electronics where he retired after twenty years of service. Survivors include four children, Linda Mills and husband Raymond, Rossville; Steven Miller and wife Linda, Logansport; Maryann Vincent, Florida; and David Miller and wife Marie, Fairland; ten grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Harold had five brothers, John and wife Margaret, David, Joseph and wife Karen, Edward and wife Barbara, Phillip and wife Cindy; three sisters, Mary Jo and husband, Carl, Freda, and Barbara and husband Larry. Along with one sibling who died at birth. David and Edward preceded Harold in death. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor John Everett officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. on Saturday until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Carmel Cemetery. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

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**Emogene H. Whaley**, age 90, Logansport, loving mother, devoted grandmother and friend to all, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Chase Center. Born January 3, 1922, in Logansport, she was the daughter of Henry and Emma Overmyer Rothermel. On June 11, 1941, in Logansport, she was married to Vernon Ray Whaley, who preceded her in death November 26, 1989. Surviving are eight children, Kristen (Frank) Gilbert, Peru, Rita (Hollis) Moor, Twelve Mile, Janice Lomax, Theresa (Tom) McIntosh, Stephen (Peggy) Whaley, Mark (Carol) Whaley, all of Logansport, Mary Jo (Philip) Keenan, Rochester, Mich., and Charles (Tina) Whaley, Alexandria, Ind.; a brother, David (Rita) Rothermel, Logansport, and a sister, Mary Catherine Rignier, Plymouth, Ind. Seventeen grandchildren also survive, Frank Eric Gilbert, Chris Honick, Jennifer Davis, Derrick McIntosh, Brandon McIntosh, Dr. Zachary Whaley, Scott Emmerd, Brent Whaley, Nick Whaley, Krista Lawler, Mike Ditto, Kaitlin Keenan, Michael Keenan, Aaron Whaley, Alexandra Whaley, Miranda Jiminez and Kindra Cummings, fifteen great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Preceding her in death were an infant daughter, Veronica Whaley, grandson, David Honick, and sons-in-law, Bill Honick and Alan Lomax. The celebration of Emogene's life will be a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at All Saints Catholic Church, with Father Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home. A Scripture Service will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Catholic School or the American Red Cross. Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

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**Margaret Louise Bales-Massey**, 80, passed away peacefully at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, Wednesday, November 7, 2012. She was born in Friendsville Tennessee to Leon and Betty Bales on October 27, 1932. Margaret was a very kind and gentle soul; she had a loving and generous heart. She was preceded in death by her parents Leon and Tilly Bales, Mother Lena (Betty) Mahler, siblings, Henry Bales, Verna Saylor, Ina Webb, Barbara Jean Wilson, Geri Ann Norwood, grandsons, Daniel Massey, Jonathan Massey and great-grandson Rider Massey. She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her loving; brother Frank Bales, and wife Nancy, her daughter Karen Ringstaff; three sons Chris Massey and wife Nancy, Kim Massey and wife Karen, Curt Massey and wife Ellen. Margaret also leaves her memories to seven grandchildren and eight adoring great-grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, December 15 at 1 p.m. at the First Nazarene Church, Peru, Indiana at 331 West 6th Street.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 14, 2012

**Marylynn Black**, 85, Peru, passed away at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She was born in Peru, July 12, 1927 to Henry Boettjer Sr. and Berniece (Ramsey) Boettjer. She married Howard W. Black June 5, 1949, and he preceded her in death September 16, 1984. She retired from the office of the City of Peru Clerk Treasurer after 20 years and the Miami County Clerk's office after 20 years of service as well. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, a member of the Women's Moose Auxillary, Peru Business Women and a member of the State Clerks Association. She is survived by sons William Black (wife Jane) Peru, Steve Black (wife Janet), Kokomo, Thomas Black (wife Suzy) Peru, and James Black, Peru. Also surviving are brothers, Fred Boettjer (wife Ruth Ann), Mexico, Indiana, and Dave Boettjer (wife Cindy), Kokomo, 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Glenn, Henry Jr. and John and one grandson Jarrod Black. A funeral service will be held Monday, December 17, 2012 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru at 10 a.m. with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity through the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, December 15, 2012

**Norma Jean Warner**, 85, Peru, and formerly of Mexico, passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at Blair Ridge in Peru. Born in Miami County on Sept. 15, 1927, she was the daughter of Faye and Maggie Mae Hendricks Longstreth. On Oct. 6, 1945, in Peru, she was married to Wayne Leroy Warner. He preceded her in death on May 16, 2006. Norma was an active member of the New Life United Methodist Church. She was an avid seamstress and very talented with her sewing machine. Norma and Wayne loved to travel. She loved being with friends and family and playing UNO. Survivors include five children, Teresa Ruth Martinez, Greenwood, Nicki Rose Wilson, Rochester, Jodi Jean Warner, Concord, N.C., Timothy Wayne Warner and wife Lori A. Warner, Mexico, and Melissa Ann Warner-Ulla and husband Michael L. Ulla, Concord, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Ryan Allen McClain, Sheridan, Bradley Andrew McClain, Peru, Brandon Nicholas Warner, Argos, Zachary Eli Warner, Indianapolis, Seth Matthew Wilson, Rochester, Paula Leann Knerum, Martinsburg, W.Va., Nathan John Ulla, Concord, N.C., and Gabriella Grace Ulla, Concord, N.C.; twelve great-grandchildren, Tyler Phillip McClain, Allyson Taylor McClain, Elijah Michael McClain, Christian Nicholas Warner, Emma Grace Warner, Danica Charlotte Warner, Katie Grace Mack-Warner, Sky G. Warner, Madison Star Knerum, Destiny Marie Knerum, Caleb Mark Wilson and Aubrey Kay Wilson; and one brother-in-law, Frank J. Pegg, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Maxine Charters and Ruth Pegg, and a son-in-law, Mark Edward Wilson. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2012 at New Life United Methodist Church with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Sunday at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver has been entrusted with the arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church.

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**James Paul McNabney**, 79, of Wabash, Ind., died at 9:18 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at Wabash County Hospital. He was born April 24, 1933 in Peru, Ind., to Paul Harold and Dorothy (Wheeler) McNabney. He married Betty Maxine Woodward in Wabash on Jan. 19, 1957; she died April 9, 2009. James retired from Container Corporation in Wabash after more than 35 years. He was a US Army veteran and was a member of the American Legion of Lagro and the Eagles Lodge of Wabash. He loved animals, fishing and playing with his grandchildren and he enjoyed watching westerns. A consummate tinkerer, he was always building or remodeling. He is survived by his two children, Paul A. (Nancy) McNabney of Columbia City, Ind. and Tracy J. (Walter) Flitcraft of Wabash; seven grandchildren, Jason McNabney of Indianapolis, Ind., Rachel (Jeff) Zamora of Houston, Texas, Jeremy McNabney and Brandi (Kevin) McCann, both of Wabash, Jessica McNabney of North Manchester, Ind., Carey (Doug) Marcum of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Aaron (Julie) Flitcraft of Chicago, Ill.; and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, William J. McNabney, his grandson, Robert Flitcraft, his two brothers, Robert Allen and Richard McNabney and his sister, Doris Ruth Harris. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, on Monday, Dec. 17, 2012 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Billy Fields officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 - 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16 at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Diabetes Association. The memorial guest book for James may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

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**Barbara J. Wilson**, age 75, of Lithopolis, Ohio, formerly of Peru, Indiana, and Lakeland, Florida, died Monday, December 10, 2012 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Born December 19, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Allen and Dessie (Strickland) Lundell. She was a graduate of Indiana University, and was a retired English teacher, having taught at North Miami Jr. and Sr. High Schools in Indiana. She enjoyed birding, reading, gardening and golf. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Hugh Wilson; daughters, Julie A. (Natalie Millikin) Wilson, Greeley, Colorado, Donna L. (Chris) Stoffel, Canal Winchester, Ohio; grandchildren, Samantha (Andrew) Schrank, Daniel Stoffel, and Michael Stoffel; sister, Bonnie O'Brien; nieces and nephews. There will be no visitation or service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Canal Winchester Food Pantry 614-834-4700 in Barbara's memory. Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home, 4171 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio; [www.evansfuneralhome.net](http://www.evansfuneralhome.net).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 17, 2012 4:00 am

**Gregory L. Gollotte Jr.**, 68, of Peru, died at 2:13 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was born in Mississippi on Dec. 3, 1944 to the late Gregory Gollotte Sr. and Virginia (Moreno) Gollotte. He married Deloris (Ousley) Gollette in 1982, she survives. He retired from Chrysler after 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the VFW American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Deloris; daughter, Kerri Milroy, Peru; two step-daughters, Angela Storch (companion Mike Ramer), and Ernesta (James) Moore; step-son, Jack (Stacy) Storch, Amboy; and six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and six step-grandchildren. Gregory was preceded in death by both parents and sister, Iris Sue Gollotte. Burial will take place at Mount Hope cemetery in Peru. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 17, 2012 4:00 am Tuesday, December 18, 2012 4:00 am

**Millard McIntosh**, Peru, died at 3:45 a.m. Dec. 15 in his residence. A graveside service is planned Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery. No visitation. Arrangements by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 19, 2012

**E. Louann Ludwig**, 52, Converse, passed away Sunday, December 16, 2012. A service will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, December 21, 2012 at Converse United Methodist Church, Converse. Arrangements entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 19, 2012

**Richard L. Wecht**, 82, Peru passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Viewing Thursday from 3-7 p.m. and Funeral Friday 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Full obituary in Thursday's paper.

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**Kelcy Marie Almon** was born on June 7, 1998. After fighting severe illnesses at Riley's Children Hospital for the past several months Kelcy was brought home for Hospice Care. On Sunday, December 16, 2012 at 11:10 a.m. Kelcy received her angel wings while in her mother's arms to fly home to Heaven. Her final days were spent surrounded by family and friends. Kelcy is survived by her loving parents mother Brandi Hartleroad and companion Brett Youngblood, Father Clint Almon and wife Amy; Sisters Kenzi Ann Almon and Breanna Kay Youngblood, maternal grandmother Yvette Vandalsen, maternal great-grandparents Carrie and Terri Williams, maternal aunt Dana Byrum and husband Mark, maternal great-uncle Sam Hartleroad and wife Michelle, paternal grandparents Mike Almon and wife Teresa, grandmother Debbie Binny and husband Mark, paternal step aunt Aubree Binny and step Aunt Angie Musall as well as step aunt Talor Shanks. Kelcy also is survived by her great-grandmother (paternal) Betty Sirianni. Kelcy also has many great aunts and uncles and cousins that she is survived by. Kelcy was preceded in the journey to Heaven by her maternal aunt Jelena Marie Hartleroad, maternal great-grandparents (Nanny) Shirley Tarrant and (Papa) Clyde Tarrant, paternal great-grandfather John Albert and great-grandmother Betty Albert. Kelcy's life would seem too short to many, but all those who were touched by her understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time. Her bright smile would light up a room and her laughter was contagious. Kelcy was a very giving and loving child whom cared for others than herself. She loved life. Although Kelcy was battling with illnesses she possessed strength and perseverance. With her courage she led us to believe that each day is a blessing and an opportunity to create lasting memories. She enjoyed music, reading, playing games and being with her family. She also loved the color red. She enjoyed spending time with her grandmother Yvette Vandalsen, whom she was very close to. With Kelcy's passing we remind others that her life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss her every day, especially her bright smile, she will forever remain in our hearts. Through her teaching us about life and loving others unconditionally, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be the parents, family and friends of Kelcy. Kelcy leaves behind many wonderful caregivers that provided love and support that enhanced her quality of life. Kelcy's love extends to her wonderful nurses and doctors and will be dearly missed by all the special caregivers at Riley's Children's Hospital and Guardian Angels Hospice. There is a special place in our hearts for Kelcy's best friend and boyfriend, Arin Hill, because of his continual dedication, love and support. In addition, the many teachers, staff and friends with Maconaquah School Corporation will forever be remembered. A Celebration of Life and visitation will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home (Bunker Hill, Ind.) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with funeral following at 4 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery Bunker Hill, Indiana. Pastor: Kenneth Greenwald. Memorials To: Allen Funeral Home and/or Brandi Hartleroad (Mother) at 3419 Westover St. Peru, Indiana 46970.

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**Betty Jane Ames**, Peru, passed away Monday, December 17, 2012 at 11:30 p.m. at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Betty Jane Rosalle (Robison) Ames**, 89, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Dece. 17, 2012 at her home. She was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Fort Smith, Ark. to Roy Buttler and Zora Waymire Buttler. On Nov. 2, 1942 she married Merrill G. Robison. He preceded her in death in 1999. On Nov. 19, 2004 she married Deverl J. Ames, who survives. She was an active member of the Peoria Church where along with her friends Anna Faye Wimmer and Edith Winn, she wrote "The Legacy of the Peoria United Methodist Church and Community Highlights." She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and a Graduate of Elwood High School and loved to travel. Survivors include her husband, Deverl J. Ames. One son Jerry Robison, Casper, Wyoming, stepson, Wayne Ames (Beth), Peru, and stepdaughter, Wendy Ames (Stephen), Eugene, Ore.; granddaughter, Jennifer Loose, Casper, Wyo., step-grandsons, Justin Ames, Peru, and Toraja Ames, Eugene, Ore.; second mother/aunt to Marty Davies, Peru, Cheri Davies, Elwood, Ind., Tim Davies (Keri), Peru; great-grandsons, Jason and Christopher Loose, Casper, Wyo., and several nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Alberta Buttler. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Ellis Buttler, four sisters, Hallie Mason, Tillie Davies-Holmes, Joline Young and Erma L. Buttler. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Peoria Church with Rev. Brian Daniels officiating. Visitation will be held at

Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West 3rd Street, Peru, Ind. from 4 - 6 p.m. Friday. Burial will be at the Peoria Cemetery Saturday. Arrangements entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Lois Wilma Abbott**, Shawnee resident passed away Dec. 17, 2012 at the age of 74. She was born Aug. 2, 1938 to Maynard L. and Hazel L. (Linback) Martin in Beardstown Ind. She was raised in Peru, Ind. and graduated from Peru High School. As a child she played on the river bank and enjoyed watching carnivals and circuses set up in the park across from her home. She was employed at Tinker Air Force Base and was the quality circle leader in the oxygen unit. She enjoyed floral design and all kinds of crafts. She was proud of her children and especially proud of coming to know Jesus. She was preceded in death by her parents, Maynard and Hazel Martin; her son, David Wayne Swearingen; her first husband, Donald Wayne Swearingen; second husband, Bob Gene Abbott; and her sister, Barbara Joan Barr. She is survived by her son, Warren Alan Swearingen of Ft. Walton, Fla.; her daughter, Wanda Lynn Howard of Shawnee, Okla.; her grandchildren, Warren (Alan) Swearingen Jr., Jeffrey Alan Howard, Kathleen Elizabeth Swearingen and Matthew Ryan Howard; her brother, Roy Leo Martin of Peru, Ind. and sister, Juanita Sue Wiles of Peru, Ind. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012 at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel Shawnee, Okla. Contributions may be made to the Breast Cancer Association, Canine Companions for Independence or the American Heart Association. For more information please visit [www.resthavenfh.com](http://www.resthavenfh.com)

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Mary E. Ousley**, 82, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 at 12:51 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Grayson, Kentucky, April 5, 1930, to Oscar and Bethel Stapleton. She married Arthur Ousley in 1955 and he preceded her in death. Mary was a homemaker. She is survived by son Gary Colegrove and wife Juanita, Peru; daughter Gearldine Glover and husband Lee, Wabash, daughter Barbara Bertram and husband Tom of Indianapolis. Also surviving are brothers Hubert Stapleton and wife Susie, Bunker Hill, Paul Stapleton and wife Ann, of Texas, sister; Evelyn Bailey and husband Jim, of Peru, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, husband Arthur, daughter Carolyn Colegrove, brothers; Watt Stapleton, Clay Stapleton and William Stapleton. A funeral service will be held Saturday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 West Third Street Peru, with Pastor Troy Trusty officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 - 6 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Richard David Dougherty**, 65, Peru, passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 2012 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 20, 2012 4:00 am

**Richard L. Wecht**, 82, of Peru, Ind. passed away Dec. 18, 2012 at 12:29 a.m. He was born on Dec. 3, 1930, in Miami County to Leonard Wecht and Bernice Mogle. In July of 1950, he married the love of his life, Marcella (Kerschner) Wecht. Richard served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a meat cutter at Bazley's and Marburger Meat Packing. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 18 years to then enjoy a much deserved retirement. He also was a member of the First Christian Church for 58 years and a member of the Peru Maennerchor as well. His interests included family, traveling and playing golf, but mostly fishing. He is survived by his wife Marcella, of 62 years; a son Rick Wecht (Vicki); daughter Kathy Astrup (Wally), a daughter Carla Ross and brother Gene Wecht; nine grand children, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-father Archie Mogle; brother Bill Wecht; his father and mother-in-laws Carl and Bertha Kline and son-in-law Fred Ross. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, at 10 a.m. on Friday Dec. 21, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Cemetery, Logansport Road, Cass County. Family and friends may call Thursday, Dec. 20 from 3 - 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made in his name to a charity of your choice through the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Shirley Ann Eckelbarger**, 67, of Peru, died , Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., in Fort Wayne, Ind. Born in Peru Nov. 20, 1945, she was the daughter of Mary E. and Clarence "Buck" Eckelbarger. She retired from American Stationary early in 2012. She was a dedicated and loving mother to her family. She was preceded in death by her daughter Patricia Ann Greer, her brother Max, Jack, Jess and Stephen Eckelbarger, and is survived by her son John A. Reuter Jr. of Huntsville, Texas and her daughter Sandra K. Wally of Peru; four brothers; one sister; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. A memorial service will be held for Shirley on Friday at 6 p.m. at the Lucerne Christian Church 1585 West Frushour St. Lucerne, Indiana 46950. Pastor Dirk Raderstorf officiating. In lieu of flowers the children ask that you consider a donation to the local animal shelter or SPCA chapter in your area.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Janet Marie (Epeards) Shaner** went home to Heaven on Monday, Dec. 10, 2012 at her residence, Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash, Ind., surrounded by her children after a very long struggle with Parkinson's disease. She was born to Arnzi and Strausie (Weaver) Epeards in Indianapolis, Indiana on Aug. 10, 1936. She married Ronald Marion Shaner on Sept. 4, 1954. Janet was a pastor's wife, homemaker and mother to her own five children, plus gave selflessly to the nurturing, care, and mentoring of dozens of additional children throughout her adult life as a day care provider. She was also a foster parent to 33 additional children over a twelve-year period, the last of which was a special needs toddler. She was a life-long member of the Nazarene church, and served in countless ways behind-the-scenes as pastor's wife throughout her marriage to Ron, most recently at the 1st Church of the Nazarene in Peru, Ind. where her husband retired as pastor in 1997 after twenty years of service. She played the piano; loved to paint, build, sew, make crafts, ceramics, knit, crochet, decorate and re-arrange furniture. She was extremely creative, always owned her own tool box, and wasn't afraid to try fixing anything. She will always be remembered for her quiet spirit, strong will, giving heart and unique sense of humor. She was pre-deceased by her father; mother; brother, William Epeards; two additional brothers who died in infancy; and one grandchild, Trevor Shaner. She is survived by her husband who still resides at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash; her five children, Garry (Deb) Shaner of Dewitt, Va.; Sherry (Dave) Parmer of Edmond, Okla.; Terri (James) Sprunger of Wabash, Ind.; Jerry (Barb) Shaner of Galien, Mich. and Perry (Melissa) Shaner of Waterloo, Wis.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a half-brother, Rusty Epeards. A private service given by Pastor Ken Goble was held at Janet's bedside with immediate family. Janet donated her body for research at IV Medical Center. Her cremains will be interred at a later date at Memorial Gardens in Wabash, Ind. For those who wish to honor the memory of Janet Shaner, memorial contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5018. To send a private condolence to Janet's family, visit [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com). Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Richard David Dougherty**, 64, passed away 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2012. There will be no services. Arrangements entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to American Diabetes Association, 7363 East 21st St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, December 22, 2012

Hello, my name is **Robert G. Peattie**. I was called home to be with my Lord and Savior on Dec. 19, 2012. I was born on Oct. 3, 1926, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to William and Charolette Peattie. My father worked as a clerk at the post office and my mother was known as a very promising opera singer in Belfast. In 1950, I immigrated to the United States and applied for citizenship. My choices were to wait six months or join a branch of the armed services and receive citizenship immediately. I chose to join the United States Army. I received my citizenship and my orders for Korea and off to war. I served two years with the 45th Infantry, 180th Regiment, Headquarters Company in Korea. After the war I lived at the YMCA in downtown Detroit where I met my future wife Eleanor. We had three children, Becky Brewer (Howard), Bob Peattie (Connie), and Scott Peattie, all of Logansport. I was an Auditor for Standard Oil. I was transferred to north central Indiana and decided to settle in Logansport in 1968. Tired of traveling often, I decided to take a job at the former Wilson Foods plant where I retired in 1989. I was blessed with five grandchildren, Kim Gordon, Chicago, Kelly Gordon, Kokomo, Mike Berry (Sara), Kokomo, Jake Peattie, Warsaw, and Julia Peattie, Logansport; brother-in-law, Ken Banks, Morcambe, England; and nephew, Gordon Banks, Manchester, England. I was a member of First United Methodist Church, Logansport. I loved to read the Bible. I was a volunteer at the Emmaus Mission Center. Preceding me in death are my parents, William and Charolette Peattie, and sister, Joyce Banks, England. You are invited to come celebrate my life in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church at 800 East Broadway, Logansport, on December 26, from 1 until 4 p.m. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00 am

**Rev. M. Thomas Swantner**, 83, Frankfort, passed away Monday, Dec. 17, 2012. Service: Sunday, Dec. 23 at Amanda Reid Chapel at Wesley Manor, Frankfort at 2 p.m. with a one hour visitation prior to service.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00 am - December 22, 2012 - 4:00 am - December 24, 2012 - 4:00 am

**Leroy C. Wiggins**, 82, Peru, passed away at 10:50 am on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at the Chase Center. He was born in Parris, Ky. on April 17, 1930 to Sameul I. Wiggins and Iva Mae (Gedghegan) Wiggins. He married Celia Jean (Gray) Wiggins July 23, 1950, and she preceded him in death. Leroy served in the Korean War. He retired from U.S. Air Force in 1971, and also retired from Civil Service in 1986. He was a VFW Life Member, MOC Member, American Legion Life Member and a Past Commander of VFW (Bunker Hill, Ind.). Leroy is survived by daughter Yvetta Sims and husband Michael, Logansport; sons Sameul Lee Wiggins, Kokomo, Leroy Edward Wiggins, Fort Wayne, and Joseph Albert Wiggins, Logansport. He is also survived by grandchildren Erika, David, Rebecca, Stacie, Katie, Stephen, Brianna, Kendra, Shelby, Britany; three step-grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; sisters Lorene Rentals, Tennessee, Rubby McDonald, Florida and Opal Forman, Louisiana. A service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 South Elm Street, Bunker Hill, Indiana, with



Pastor Rod Mason officiating. Burial will take place at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 1 - 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, December 22, 2012 4:00 am

**Max A. Imhoof**, 87, Denver, passed away at 10:45 p.m. on Dec. 20, 2012 at his residence. Born on June 19, 1925 in Denver, Indiana, he was the son of Charles O. and Gladys Mikel Imhoof. After serving in the US Army, he began a career in the trucking industry that spanned five decades. Max married Diane Headford in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and she survives. He is also survived by his brother, Maurice Imhoof and his wife Marilynne, Nashville, Indiana; sister, Janice Ruse, Brownsburg; mother-in-law, Harriette L. Headford, Fort Wayne; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Max and Diana enjoyed traveling to all fifty states and over forty countries as well as spending time with their extended family. He was a member of the American Truck Historical Society and American Legion Post 0424. He had been a charter member of the Denver Lions Club. Funeral services will be held at McClain Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Ron Laudenschlager officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 3 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012 at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Lions Club-Max Imhoof Memorial Fund or to Wabash-Miami Hospice.

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**John G. Pryor**, 84, Rochester, passed away Dec. 21, 2012, at South Bend Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, Ind.

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Hello, my name is **Robert G. Peattie**. I was called home to be with my Lord and Savior on Dec. 19, 2012. I was born on Oct. 3, 1926, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to William and Charolette Peattie. My father worked as a clerk at the post office and my mother was known as a very promising opera singer in Belfast. In 1950, I immigrated to the United States and applied for citizenship. My choices were to wait six months or join a branch of the armed services and receive citizenship immediately. I chose to join the United States Army. I received my citizenship and my orders for Korea and off to war. I served two years with the 45th Infantry, 180th Regiment, Headquarters Company in Korea. After the war I lived at the YMCA in downtown Detroit where I met my future wife Eleanor. We had three children, Becky Brewer (Howard), Bob Peattie (Connie), and Scott Peattie, all of Logansport. I was an Auditor for Standard Oil. I was transferred to north central Indiana and decided to settle in Logansport in 1968. Tired of traveling often, I decided to take a job at the former Wilson Foods plant where I retired in 1989. I was blessed with five grandchildren, Kim Gordon, Chicago, Kelly Gordon, Kokomo, Mike Berry (Sara), Kokomo, Jake Peattie, Warsaw, and Julia Peattie, Logansport; brother-in-law, Ken Banks, Morcambe, England; and nephew, Gordon Banks, Manchester, England. I was a member of First United Methodist Church, Logansport. I loved to read the Bible. I was a volunteer at the Emmaus Mission Center. Preceding me in death are my parents, William and Charolette Peattie, and sister, Joyce Banks, England. You are invited to come celebrate my life in the Fellowship Hall at First United Methodist Church at 800 East Broadway, Logansport, on December 26, from 1 until 4 p.m. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 24, 2012

**Nancy J. Emmerling**, 76, 508 Mitchell Drive, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Friday December 21, 2012 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Indiana. She was born on July 8, 1936 in Hepzibah, West Virginia, to Henry Howard and Mary Elizabeth (Gordon) West. On Sept. 22, 1956 in East Liverpool, Ohio, she married Richard Emmerling. He preceded her in death on December 6, 2003. She had been a homemaker and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts Auxiliary in Kokomo and Bunker Hill, Indiana. Survivors include her children, Richard and wife Elizabeth Emmerling, Denver, Colo., Nancy Bolton, Peru, Tara Emmerling, Rochester, Laura Mercer, Rochester, Colleen (Jeff) Cox, Rochester, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister, Charlotte Zopfi, Crystal River, Fla. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Mark Emmerling, and two grandchildren. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Dec. 26, 2012 at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, Ind., with the Rev. Jim Dillinger officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nancy Emmerling Memorial Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 25, 2012

**Dorothy Kelly**, 100, Peru, passed away at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, December 23, 2012 at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 25, 2012

**Connie Jean Mikesell**, Rochester, died Dec. 22, 2012, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice House of Ft. Wayne. Funeral: 10 a.m., Dec. 27 at Good Family Funeral Home. Visitation: 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m., Thursday.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, December 25, 2012

**Bill (Popeye) Pontius**, 76, Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Saturday, December 22, 2012 at Saint Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born March 14, 1936 in Tipton, Indiana to the late Burgess William Pontius and Audra Maxine Clark Pontius. He is survived by his companion of 11 years, Joy Grazioso, son, Todd, daughters, Cindy and Kim. He is also survived by brothers, Robert and Jim, sisters Jean Ann Ewing, Sue Halley and Mary Jane Decker. His sister Colletta Nelson preceded him. He has five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and two stepchildren. There are no services planned and his wishes were to be cremated and his ashes be spread over the Pacific Ocean in Hawaii.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 26, 2012

**Geraldine A. "Geri" Patterson** passed away Sunday. The angels came to take her home at 7:05 p.m. on December 23, 2012 at Hickory Creek in Peru where she had made her home since 2005. Born Dec. 15, 1930 in Miami County, Ind. she was the daughter of Floyd E. and Garnet L. (Marburger) Fisher. On Feb. 20, 1954, at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden, near Denver, she was married to Russell M. Patterson, and he preceded her in death in 1999. She was also preceded in death by both parents, one brother-in-law and one granddaughter. She was a life-long member of the Denver Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school and was involved with a women's fellowship group, Sarah Society. Geri worked for several years at the Wabash Valley Bank & Trust, after which she worked as a beautician out of her home (Countryside Beauty Shop) for more than two decades. Survivors include her three children, Elaine S. See, Denver; Ronald W. Patterson, and his wife Diane, Logansport; and Ray A. Patterson, Argos; seven grandchildren, Jason K. See and wife Katrina, Denver; Todd B. See, Macy; Alissa R. Perron and husband Scott, Lexington, Ky.; Anthony R. Patterson, Mishawaka; Tara M. Patterson, Argos; Jami L. Patterson, Argos; and Holly Brewer, Logansport; one brother, Norman L. Fisher and wife Kay, Peru; one sister, Miriam M. Butler, Denver; eleven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at the Denver Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Bate and Chaplain Jason See officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. before the service on Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hickory Creek Nursing Home of Peru.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, December 26, 2012 4:00 am

**Harold R. Snyder**, 84, of Converse, Ind., died at 5:34 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Arrangements are entrusted to Laird-Eddy Funeral Home.

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**Patty (Pat) Hostetler**, 69, of (Gilead) Macy, Ind., died on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 4:41 p.m. at Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis, where she had been a patient since Oct. following a lengthy illness. She was born Aug. 5, 1943 in Miami County, Ind. to R. Glenn and Mary O. (Nestleroad) Janeway. On July 30, 1966, she married Merle E. Hostetler, he survives. She had worked at Wen Products and the former Chamberlain Products, both in Akron, for more than 20 years. She was also a homemaker. Patty was a former member of the Perry Do Rites Home Ec club. She was a 1961 graduate of Noble High School in Wabash, Ind. She loved sewing and was an avid seamstress. She loved growing and caring for her flowers and watching birds. She is survived by her husband, Merle E. Hostetler, Macy; two daughters, Rhonda and husband Nyle Miller, Akron, Crissy and husband Rodney Crist, Wabash; son, Kevin and wife Hayley Hostetler, Denver; sister, Carolyn and husband Joe Fetter, Pekin; brother, Gene and wife Judy Janeway, Wabash and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron, with Rev. William Babb III officiating. She will be buried at Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation hours will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Hartzler Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, 702 Barnhill Dr. RI2536, Indianapolis, IN, 46202. Memories and condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, December 27, 2012 4:00 am

**Joe B. Williams** born Dec. 31, 1924 left his earthly home to go be with the ones he loved in Heaven on Dec. 26, 2012 at 6:45 a.m. after battling illness for more than two years. Joe was a loving and joyous man with a tremendous heart. He was a wonderful friend filled with compassion for those he loved. A distinguished gentleman filled with pride and deep emotion. He loved his country. Joe joined the United States Navy during WWII, from Oct. 8, 1942 to Dec. 5, 1945. He was a gun operator on the USS Garfield Thomas Destroyer Escort 193 from Jan. 1944 to Sept. 1945. He served in the Atlantic and the Pacific theater. He was a member of the VFW Post 2067 of Peru. He was a retired brakeman and conductor from the N&W Railroad, prior to that he worked on the Pennsylvania and the C&O Railroads. His hobbies included photography, writing letters to the editor and enjoyed traveling. He was a wonderful uncle to all his nieces and nephews and to the great nieces and nephews. Joe is the son of Terry Hubert and Nona (Green) Williams both deceased, and a deceased brother Jerry all from Jackson, Tennessee. Joe is the husband of Geneva F. Poage Williams who passed away in March 31, 1994; they shared 30 wonderful years together. Also a long companion to Eve Stilts who passed away on Jan. 2010. Survivors include: Brother Jimmy Williams of Jackson, Tenn., niece, Betty Yant of Prospect, Tenn., nephews, Tim Williams and Mike Williams of Huntsville, Ala. Also survived by sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws are: Betty and Harry Denham and family of Peru, Marge and Milo Adamson and family of South Carolina, Mildred Fry and family of Peru, and Mable Emmrick and family of Penn. Visitation

will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home of Peru, Friday from 3-6 p.m. and funeral services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. with graveside service at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Military graveside services by Miami County Military Rites Team at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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**Harold Ray Snyder**, 84, of Converse, Ind., passed away at 5:34 p.m., Monday, Dec. 24, 2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, Ind. He was born at home in rural Converse on April 12, 1928, the son of Glen and Beulah Overman Snyder. Harold married Martha Butt at the Denver United Methodist Church on Sept. 30, 1951 and she survives. Harold was a 1947 graduate of Converse High School and a retired Miami County farmer and trucker. He was a member of the Amboy Friends Church and attended the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Surviving in addition to his wife, Martha, is a daughter Anita Kay Rigel and her husband John of Indianapolis, Ind., a son-in-law, Marvin Higdon of Converse, Ind., a brother, Dr. Morris Snyder and his wife Betty of Naples, Fla., and a sister, Lois Campbell of Lebanon, Ind., grandchildren, Joshua Higdon of Converse, Dr. Kristina Yoder and her husband Ryan of Bettendorf, Iowa, Nicholas Higdon and his wife Janna of Warsaw, Ind., Michelle McCune and her husband Adam of Jamestown, Ohio, Amy Rodas and her husband Daniel of San Cristobal Guatemala and Brad Rigel of Fairfield, Ohio, great-grandchildren, Reid Yoder, Ada Denise Yoder, Alex Higdon and Tinsley McCune. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Denise Higdon and a brother, Orval Snyder. A service celebrating the life of Harold Ray Snyder will take place at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, Ind., with Pastor Kenny Cole and Pastor Adam McCune officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Gideons International. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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**Olin O. "Eli" Eliason**, 73, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 7:57 a.m., Dec. 26, 2012 in the emergency room at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Farmersville, Illinois on July 5, 1939 the son of Al and Vera Hoelmer Eliason. Olin was a 1957 graduate of Auburn High School in Auburn, Illinois. He was a Non-commissioned officer in the United States Air Force for more than 22 years retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1981. A Vietnam War veteran, Olin's military decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Surviving include his sons, James Eliason and his wife Jan of Peru, Ind., and Scott Eliason of Las Vegas, Nev., grandchildren, James Eliason, Jr., Jillian Eliason, Brittany Eliason and Melissa Eliason, great-grandchildren, Calin Eliason and Katy Spring, brothers Earl Eliason and his wife Zella of Mo., and LaVern Eliason and his wife Lou of Auburn, Ill. Family and friends of Olin O. Eliason will gather from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru. A service celebrating the life of Olin O. Eliason will take place at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013 at the Bramley Funeral Home, 550 East Jackson, Auburn, Ill. Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Burial with Full Military Honors will be in the Rovey Cemetery, Farmersville, Ill. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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**Juan Alejandro Centeno (Alex)**, 26, passed away on Dec. 21, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He was born March 2, 1986 in Nuremberg, Germany to survivors Alejandro Centeno and Maria Maldonado Centeno. Juan graduated from Peru High School in 2005 and attended Lincoln Tech. He loved spending time with his family and friends, fishing, listening to music, drawing and he loved to sing and rap. Juan is survived by his three beautiful children, Jeslyn Rose Centeno, Ezequiel Alejandro Centeno, and Josiah Anthony Centeno and wife Chelsea (Centeno) Lawson, his sister Mary (Centeno) Whitcomb, brother-in-law Tony Whitcomb, and two nieces Khloe and Ava Whitcomb. Maternal grandmothers Carmen Torres and Laura Centeno, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins are also survivors. Juan was a true believer of living life to the fullest. Although he didn't have much, due to his inability to work because of his pancreatitis, he would give or do anything he could to help out anyone who was in need. With Juan's passing we remind ourselves that life is too short, we shouldn't take things for granted, and we should cherish every moment possible with the ones we love. Juancho, we all love and miss you very much. Visitation will take place on Friday, from 3-6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West 3rd Street, Peru, Ind. Memorials sent to: Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West 3rd Street, Peru, Ind. Funeral Friday at 6 p.m. Pastor: Bill Sheets Memorials: Love offering to the family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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**Charles W. Lester**, 80, Peru, passed away at 9:37 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2012 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born in Lafayette, October 3, 1932 to Lawrence Lester and Nora (Johnson) Lester. He married Carolyn (Mull) Lester February, 12, 1955 and she survives. Charles served in the Air Force Reserve. He retired from N&S Railroad as an engineer.

He was a life member of the Literary Aid and the Peru Maennerchor, also a member of the Peru Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite of Ft. Wayne, Murat Shrine of Indianapolis, Moose Lodge and the American Legion. Charles is survived by daughter, Becky Wright; husband, Mike, Denver, Ind.; son, Robert Lester and wife Linda, Peru; grandchildren, Lisa Vinopal and husband Mike, Brian Wright and wife Leigh, and Michelle Wright and husband Rob. Also surviving are sisters, Barbara Verhey, Windgate, Ind., Maxine Beaver, Brook, Ind., and Eleanor Jennings, Long Boat Key, Fla. and two step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents, a son, Gary Lester, and a brother, Robert Lester. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., with Pastor Steven Archer officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Cass County, Indiana. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the Funeral Home. Military service given by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Memorials may be made to Guardian Angels.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, December 29, 2012 4:00 am

**Velma Naomi Brewer**, 91, Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Friday, December 28, 2012 at her residence. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 31, 2012 4:00 am

**Frances M. Baker**, 85, formerly of Peru, Ind., passed away at 2:42 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 at Indiana University Hospital West, Avon, Ind. She was born in Peru on Jan. 15, 1927, the daughter of Carl and Olga Berker Durkes. Frances married Russell L. Baker in Rochester, Ind., on Dec. 17, 1949 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1987. Frances was a 1944 graduate of Peru High School and an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She worked several years as a bookkeeper at Messmore Bakery in Peru. After marriage to Russell and several children, she became a full time stay at home mom. She was active in St. John's Lutheran School and became the "hot lunch lady", a position she held for many years until declining health forced her retirement. She is survived by daughters, Sandra S. Hughes and her husband J.R. of Peru, Nancy J. Pierce and her husband Millard of Texas, Jo Ellen Hurst and her husband Mike of Indianapolis, Cindy A. Murphy and her husband John of Indianapolis and Vicki L. Rottmiller and her husband Bill of Brownsburg, Ind.; a son, James R. Baker and his wife Katrina of Peru; 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two sisters-in-law Margaret Bradshaw of Peru and Mary Kennedy of Kokomo. A service celebrating the life of Frances M. Baker will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013 at the St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 West Main Street, Peru with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Family and friends will gather from 2-8 p.m., Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund or Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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**Gayle Patrice Farag**, 61, of Sunset Beach, NC, died suddenly on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at her residence. Born in Peru, Ind. on Oct. 29, 1951, she was a daughter of the late, Avery C. and Charlotte H. Miller. Mrs. Farag was known for her unyielding love of family and she always enjoyed a good laugh. She surrounded herself with people who enjoyed her smile and humor, and they will surely miss her laugh. Survivors include her loving husband of 41 years, Samir Fouad Farag; a daughter, Angela Farag Craddock and husband, Tyler Lee Craddock of Wake Forest, NC; a brother, Avery Craig Miller of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Joyce E. Jones of Peru, Ind.; an aunt, Sharron Ogden of Peru, Ind. and her beloved canine friend "Godiva". Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 in the chapel of Brunswick Funeral Service, Shallotte, NC with the Reverend David Davis officiating. Interment will follow in Brunswick Memorial Gardens. Private online condolences may be sent to [www.brunswickfuneralservice.com](http://www.brunswickfuneralservice.com). The family asks that memorials be directed to the American Lung Association, 514 Daniels Street, # 109, Raleigh, NC 27605.

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**Kathleen Mae Ooten**, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2012 at her residence. She was born April 23, 1927 in Fairmount, Ind. to the late Virgil E. and Alta B. (Cole) Turner. On August 29, 1948 in Greentown, she married William H. Price. On July 30, 1981 in Celina, Tenn. she married Ervin E. Ooten; he preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 2005. She retired in 1982 from Delco Electronics after thirty years of service. Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law; Joyce and Roger Higginbottom, Greentown, Carol McKoon, Kokomo, son; William Michael Price, Kokomo, step-daughter; Wanda and Terry Alexander, Denver, Colo., nine grandchildren; Tracy and Scott Comfort, Greentown, Brian and Connie Higginbottom, Greentown, Greg Higginbottom and special friend, Gina Chambers, Kokomo, Christopher and Kelly McKoon, Kokomo, Sean and Jennifer Nofzinger, Auburn, Ind., Janet McKoon Griggs and special friend Aaron Locklear, Kokomo, Jason Michael and Brandee McKoon, Kokomo, Heather Price, Kokomo, Michael Alexander Price, Kokomo, two step-grandchildren; Teresa Alexander Peters, Troy Alexander, both of Colo., twenty great-grandchildren, one sister; Mary Schaefer, Greentown. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law; Eileen Duncan, Kokomo, Lottie Price, Kokomo, three brothers-in-law; Bruce Price, Kokomo, Rusty Ooten, Peru and Earl Ooten, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one grandchild, one great-grandchild, one sister and one brother. Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at First Baptist Church, 224 East Main Street, Greentown, with Pastor Kenn Freeland officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).



Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, December 31, 2012 4:00 am

**William Henry "Bill" Johnson**, 80, of Rochester passed away at Life Care Center, Rochester at 12:15 a.m. on December 29, 2012. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Rochester.