

**Kenneth D. Denny, 36**

Monday, January 01, 2007

Kenneth D. Denny, 36, Peru, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2006 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on January 10, 1970 in Logansport to Simon Junior and Maxine D. (Wooten) Denny. Denny first married Brenda Achey Denny, later marrying Melisa R. (Ramos) Denny on March 3, 2006 in Logansport, and she survives. He worked as a construction worker for Atlas Construction.

The 1988 Lewis Cass High School graduate was a member of the Local 274 in Lafayette, and enjoyed cooking. He had served as the Lewis Cass Powder Puff Girls Softball Team at one time. Aside from his wife, Denny is survived by his father in Logansport; two daughters, Brittany N. Denny, and Bailey N. Denny; one son, Christian D. Denny; four brothers, Michael P. Denny and wife Susanne, Hanhan, South Carolina, Keith A. Denny and wife Debra, Plainfield, Timothy M. Denny, Logansport, and Simon Denny III and wife Ann, Logansport; one sister, Patsy Y. Denny, Fort Wayne; one sister-in-law, Romina R. Benavente, West Palm Beach, Florida; friend, Josh; and three special cats, Timotea, Duqueza, and Star.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Keith Schreffler of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

**Hubert 'Huey' Carl Bowman, 77**

Monday, January 01, 2007

Hubert 'Huey' Carl Bowman, 77, Walton, passed away at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at his residence. He was born on May 29, 1929 in Cass County to Samuel Phillip and Mildred (Cart) Bowman. On August 8, 1955 Bowman married Marjorie 'Ducky' Sadler, who preceded him in death on January 6, 2005. Bowman was a retired farmer, as well as worked at the 18th Street Elevator. He was a member of the Walton American Legion Post #418. Bowman had served in the United States Army during World War II. Bowman is survived by one son, Samuel Elvin Bowman and wife Sue, Logansport; two daughters, Lisa Gibbs and husband Rick, Logansport, and Anita Bowman, Williamsburg, Kentucky; one granddaughter, Amanda Shelton and husband Rick, Logansport; twin brother, Herbert Bowman and wife Marianne, New Waverly, five other brothers, William Bowman and wife Mary, Logansport, Ron Bowman, Logansport, Gerald Bowman, New Waverly, Richard Bowman and wife Sondra, Logansport, and Larry Bowman and wife Wilma, Burnettsville; two step-great-grandchildren, Justin Shelton and Matthew Shelton, both of Logansport. Aside from his wife, Bowman was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Marion Bowman, Truman Bowman, Raymond Bowman, Victor Bowman, and John Bowman; and one sister, Janice Holmes. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, with Pastor Mike Stow officiating, at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American heart Association and/or the Arbor Day Foundation.

**Bonnie Michelle Midget Hinkle, 47**

Tuesday, January 02, 2007

Bonnie Michelle Midget Hinkle, 47, Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2006 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kenneth E. Ammerman, 79**

Tuesday, January 02, 2007

Kenneth E. Ammerman, 79, Peru, passed away at 4:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2006 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Faye Tomlinson, 97**

Wednesday, January 03, 2007

Faye Tomlinson, 97, Kokomo, formerly of Miami County, passed into eternity at Windsor Estates Health Rehab Center on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. She was born May 13, 1909 in Miami County to Ora W. and Edith (Goodwin) Childers. In 1928 she married Floyd Puterbaugh, and he preceded her in death in 1932. In 1934 she then married Verlin Tomlinson, and he preceded her in death in June of 1971. Faye was a homemaker, enjoyed the outdoors and took pride in her garden and flowers. She was a lovable person and will be missed by her family and friends. Before her health failed, she attended the Senior Citizens and was active in the Santa Fe Community Church. Survivors include a daughter, Joan Rayl and husband Robert E., Kokomo; a brother, John Childers and wife Margaret, Peru; two grandchildren, Kathy Wright and Brenda Keegan and husband Mike, all of Kokomo; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, three sisters, a brother, one son who died in infancy, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Kenneth E. Ammerman, 79**

Wednesday, January 03, 2007

Kenneth E. Ammerman, 79, Peru, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at his residence. He was born Oct. 25, 1927 in Peru to Joseph and Viola (Hight) Ammerman. He married Betty A. Tomes in 1949, and she survives. Ammerman graduated from Peru High School in 1949, and retired from Square D Company. He also was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the Peru Maennerchor and an avid softball player.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Dana Ammerman and wife Charlotte K., Peru; two daughters, Janet Vinopal, Peru, and Tracy Ammerman, Orange County, Calif.; five grandchildren, Kellie Brooks, Bunker Hill, Dana A. Ammerman and Melissa Howell, both of Peru, Shannon Fleck, Wabash, and Brooke Price, Peru; 12 great-grandchildren; and a special pet, Kasper. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn Taff.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 State Road 19, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Walker and the Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Bonnie Michelle Midget Hinkle, 47**

Wednesday, January 03, 2007

Bonnie Michelle Midget Hinkle, 47, Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at her residence. She was born Aug. 19, 1959 in Kokomo to Benny Midget and Helen (Coleman) Cunningham. She married David M. Hinkle Sr. June 1, 1991, and he survives. Hinkle graduated from Haworth High School in 1977, and had worked for PPG Industries for 17 years. She also attended Lords Fellowship Church. Survivors include her mother in Peru; two sons, David M. Hinkle Jr. and Joshua JL Hinkle, both of Peru; a daughter, Natasha N. Everling, Tipton; two brothers, Jimmy Midget, Florida, and Bob Banter, Kokomo; two sisters, Marcia Mudd, Florida, and Jackie Ringuette, Kokomo; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and her step-father, Floyd Cunningham. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lords Fellowship Church, 51 Jefferson Ave., Peru, with Pastor Robert Engle officiating. No visitation is planned. Love offerings may be made to the Hinkle family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert Dale Anderson II, 52**

Thursday, January 04, 2007

Robert Dale Anderson II, 52, passed away Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006. He was born May 12, 1954 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson I. Survivors include three children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doty, Danville, Erika (Anderson) Miles, Peru, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Demoin Anderson, Peru; nine grandchildren; and a sister and brother, Barbara and Ronald, who both live out of state. He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements were handled by Grinsteiner Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

**Essie R. Malott, 85**

Thursday, January 04, 2007

Essie R. Malott, 85, Converse, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 2, 2007. She passed away at 4:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007 at Marion General Hospital. She was born Feb. 3, 1921 in Marion to the late Verne and Alice (Sowash) Feller. She graduated from Sweetser High School, and on Feb. 8, 1942 she married J. Mark Malott, who survives. Essie was a homemaker and had worked at First Farmers Bank and Trust in Converse for 43 years. Essie was a member of the Christ Crusaders Sunday School class, Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Miriam Circle and the Senior Saints. She also was a member of the Converse Church of Christ for more than 60 years. She volunteered and enjoyed many activities throughout her lifetime. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Kathy Kendall and husband Mike, Converse; a son, Kenny Malott and wife Laurie, Morristown, Tenn.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two special friends, Betty Lou Maple and Peggy Feller. She was preceded in death by a brother, Weldon Feller; and sister, Nina Colescott. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse, with Pastor Robert Miller officiating.

Burial will follow at the Converse Cemetery. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Samaritan Room in care of the Converse Church of Christ. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, handled arrangements. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.owenweilertduncan.com>.

**Ryan Wrigley Parmeter, 2 1/2**

Friday, January 05, 2007

Ryan Wrigley Parmeter, age 2 1/2, of Thatcher, Arizona was born August 31, 2004 and passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2006. During his life he touched the lives of many people with his intelligence, energy and vibrant personality. He could be found on Wednesday and Saturday nights on the campus of Eastern Arizona College, following his dad's Gila Monster basketball team. Ryan's unique middle name was given due to his father's love and affection for the Chicago Cubs. A gift of pure joy, he touched many lives and was loved by all who knew him. Survivors include his father, Tim Parmeter; grandparents, Patricia and Jim Dunnuck; aunt and uncle, Tara and Scott Seufferer; great-grandparents Frank and Juanita Johnson; and a host of extended family and friends. Graveside services will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, with the Reverend Doug Mankell officiating. Family and friends may join the funeral processional to the

cemetery, which will leave Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service was held in Ryan's honor in Arizona on Thursday. The family is requesting memorial contributions to be made in memory of Ryan to one of two organizations: The Graham County CASA Program, Graham County Courthouse, 800 W. Main, Safford, AZ 85546, and/or The Boys and Girls Club of Gila Valley, 805 S. 7th Ave., Safford, AZ 85548. You may sign Ryan's guestbook and view his online photo album at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**Donald L. Cook, 57**

Monday, January 08, 2007

Donald L. Cook, 57, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Charles "Bud" Wallick, 80**

Monday, January 08, 2007

Charles "Bud" Wallick, 80, of Peru, passed away Friday, Jan. 5, 2007 at 11:20 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born on Dec. 4, 1926 in Peru to Charles S. and Viola (Rabe) Wallick. He married Dorothy (Johnson) Wallick in Peru on June 2, 1953, and she survives. Part of America's "Golden Generation," Bud left Peru High School in 1944 and joined the U.S. Navy to serve in World War II. His military decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and the American Area Campaign Medal. Following his release from the military, Bud joined his father in the operation of Wallick Electric Motor Service, and he and his wife Dorothy owned and operated the family business until 1983. In 1980 he went to work at Delco Electronics in Kokomo and retired from Delco in March of 1993. A man of great faith and integrity, Bud was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. Bud was a caring and fun-loving man with a twinkle in his eye and a smile that would melt your heart. An ardent member of the Peru Amateur Circus, Bud was the vice president in charge of the AmericanTrust Circus City Center. Bud and his two working buddies, Ken Hasselkus and Homer Ferguson, could often be seen at the circus building either fixing a mechanical problem or building a new piece of equipment. Not only did Bud enjoy working at the circus building, but he also took a special interest in flying model airplanes. Bud was a member of the Mississinewa Skyhawks AMA Charter Flying Club. If the weather was decent, there was a good chance you'd find Bud flying one of his many airplanes around the club's private field, located in the heart of the Mississinewa Reservoir. Bud also was a member of the American Legion Glen Owens Post 14.

Surviving in addition to his wife Dorothy are four children, Charles W. Wallick and wife Suzanne, Salina, Kan., Gary A. Wallick, Monticello, Karen Ventura and husband Juan, Dallas, Texas, and Randy Wallick, Peru; eight grandchildren, Chad Wallick, Kristina Polk, Elizabeth Lee and husband Jim, Adam Wallick and wife Rebecca, Mark Ventura, Tony Ventura, Alison Quackenbush and Brittainy Wallick; and six great-grandchildren, Kylie Polk, Hunter Polk, Victoria Wallick, Shawnee Quackenbush, Sierra Quackenbush and Sedona Quackenbush. In addition to this parents, Bud was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

A service celebrating the life of Charles "Bud" Wallick will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial location will be disclosed during visitation. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Circus City Festival Inc.

**Jimmy H. Beiter, 66**

Monday, January 08, 2007

Jimmy H. Beiter, 66, Peru, passed away at 9:12 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at Seton Specialty Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Feb. 9, 1940 in Lexington, Ill. to Enos Franklin and Marie C. (Drummond) Beiter. His companion of 31 years, Barbara Berry, survives. Beiter retired from the U.S. Air Force, and was a Vietnam veteran. He loved collecting and selling antiques, and enjoyed drinking coffee with his friends at Deb's Diner.

Survivors besides his companion include seven children, Steve Beiter and wife Jenny, Fortson, Ga., Julie Menefee and husband Keith, Ossian, Jimmy F. Beiter and wife Tammy, South Bend, Barbara Smith, Saint Louis, Mo., Kevin Berry and wife Laura, Peru, David Berry and wife Teri, New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Thomas Berry and wife Jeannie, Fulton; 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. James Lund officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military rites services will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Willadean L. Mann, 88**

Tuesday, January 09, 2007

Willadean L. Mann, 88, Kokomo, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007 at her residence. She was born on January 29, 1918 in Miami County to William and Helen (North) Venis. In 1947, she married Lester F. Mann, who preceded her in death. Mann was retired from Delco and belonged to the Emmanuel Fellowship Church, as well as the V.F.W. Ladies Auxillary. She is survived by her daughter, Kanda Russo and companion Shawnda Johnson, Kokomo; three grandsons, Craig

Russo, Flora, Bryan Russo, California, and Robert Johnson, Kokomo; great-grandchildren, Evan Russo, Carli Russo, Anna Russo, and Bella Russo; and two sisters, Kate Sumpter, Amboy, and Pauline Norris, Peru. Aside from her husband, Mann was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Athlene Fike; and one brother, Byron 'Bud' Venis. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Howard County Hospice and/or the Emmanuel Fellowship Church.

**Donald L. Cook, 57**

Tuesday, January 09, 2007

Donald L. Cook, 57, Bunker Hill, passed away at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on May 9, 1949 in Peru to Robert W. and Pauline (Glassburn) Cook. On June 3, 1972, Cook married Maxine J. Martin, who survives. Cook was employed at Krogers, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, golfing and spending time with his friends and family. Aside from his wife, Cook is survived by his father, Peru; several nieces; nephews; great nieces; great nephews; great-great nieces; great-great nephews; father- and mother-in-law, Gene and Joyce Martin, Illinois; sister-in-law, Norma Watson and husband Denny, Iowa, sister-in-law, Janet Schnoor and husband Joe, Illinois; brother-in-law, Gail Martin, Illinois; brother, John Cook and wife Linda, Peru, and twin brother, Dan Cook and wife Rita, Peru. He was preceded in death by his mother; and one brother, Jack Cook.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Billy Sheets officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be conducted from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Donald Cook family.

**Don Pier, 90**

Tuesday, January 09, 2007

Don Pier, 90, Miami, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2007 at his residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**John F. Biggs, 80**

Tuesday, January 09, 2007

John F. Biggs, 80, Peru, passed away on Monday, January 8, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

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

**John F. Biggs, 80**

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

John F. Biggs, 80, Peru, was promoted to glory and taken home to the Lord at 7:29 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Feb. 3, 1926 in Miami County to Lester Adam and Rosemarie (Danahey) Biggs. He married Maxine E. (Gaylord) Polerecky Sept. 4, 1971, and she preceded him in death Feb. 28, 2002. Biggs was a former superintendent for the city street department, retiring after 35 years. A friendly and engaging man, John will be remembered by many as the man who carried his wife's picture with him wherever he went, as she was much loved. Biggs was very active in his church and community and loved his Lord Jesus very dearly. He was honored to be a life member of the Salvation Army advisory board, a member of Peru Grace Brethren Church, past president of the Area Five Chapter for Seniors and also worked with Eberle Amusements for many years. He was the youngest and last living of seven brothers and sisters. John and Maxine married too late to have children, but he considered himself blessed to have stepchildren, of whom Martin Polerecky and wife Halo, and two grandchildren, Stephen and Tony Polerecky, survive. Other survivors include one granddaughter, Jackie Loikitis; two sisters-in-law, Jean Biggs and Ruby Biggs; two nephews, Jim Biggs and William Biggs; five nieces, Mary Everding, Bonnie Mathias, Sue Selvidge, Sharon Glaze and Edna Deardorff; many other nieces and nephews; and close friends Andy Atkinson, Milton Hostetler and Dick Fulmer. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Peru Grace Brethren Church, with Pastors Dave Jodry and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Louise Fultz, 96**

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Louise Fultz, 96, Fort Wayne, formerly of Jefferson Township, passed away Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at her residence.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 5 at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

**Donald C. "Don" Pier Sr., 90**

Thursday, January 11, 2007/Friday, January 12, 2007

We as a family are celebrating the life of Donald C. "Don" Pier Sr., 90, Miami, as he ascended to glory. He graduated to glory at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007 at his residence. He was born April 16, 1916 in Miami County to Clarence and Grace (Engel) Pier. He married Genevieve (Marquis) Pier Jan. 31, 1938, and she preceded him in death May 12, 1999. Pier worked

at Wolf Electric Appliance and retired from the railroad. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1934 and was a member of Emmanuel Fellowship Church. He also served the Lord as a Sunday School teacher and superintendent for over 30 years at his church. Survivors include two sons, Don Pier and wife Betty, and Charles Pier, all of Miami; two daughters, Bev Byrum and husband Donald, Peru, and Joyce Schwengels and husband Russ, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; five brothers, Hank, Roy, Ellis, Joe and Wilbur Pier; six sisters, Irene Graft, Sylvia Jones, Gladys White, Dorothy Wolf, Wanita Pier and Mary Lucille Pier; and a son, Wayne Lee Pier. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Brother Steve Bluse officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Fellowship Church.

**Donald W. Doty, 95**

Friday, January 12, 2007

Donald W. Doty, 95, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Carolyn S. Bowder, 58**

Friday, January 12, 2007/Saturday, January 13, 2007

Carolyn S. (Nolte) Bowder, 58, passed away at her residence in Peru on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007. Funeral services will be Saturday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Reverend Rick Tolley officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation is two hours prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

**Earl Wayne, 74**

Friday, January 12, 2007

Earl Wayne, 74, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

**Robin Kay Pogue, 40**

Friday, January 12, 2007

Robin Kay Pogue, 40, Plymouth, passed away at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007 at the Life Care Center of Rochester. She was born in Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1966 to Eugene S. and Barbara J. (Ross) Mangun. On Sept. 10, 1988, Robin and Karl P. Pogue were united in marriage. Robin was a longtime employee at Indiana Heat in Plymouth. She enjoyed crafts, reading, playing pool, fishing and had many other varied interests.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Sierra Pogue and Ecilra Shotts, both of Plymouth; a son, Karl "Paulie" Pogue, Plymouth; a grandson, Justus Shotts, Plymouth; her mother, Barbara Ross-Mangun, Plymouth; three brothers, Lance Mangun, Clayton, Mich., Ross Mangun, Plymouth, and Vince Mangun, Indianapolis; a grandmother, Arlene Ross, North Liberty; her mother-in-law, Esther Rylands, Peru; two brothers-in-law, Danny Tyler and wife Sue, with their children, Peru, and Kurt Pogue and wife Karen, with their children, Lafayette; and four sisters-in-law, Leah Schneider, Plymouth, Amanda Masters, Maxine Benner and Tana Martin, all of Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her father; a grandmother, Clara Mangun; and a grandfather, Worth Ross.

Friends are invited to share memories and celebrate the life of Robin Pogue with her family, on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. There will be no other services. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family on the funeral home's Web page, [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

**Alice E. Ward, 92**

Friday, January 12, 2007-Tuesday, January 16, 2007-Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Alice E. Ward, 92, Peru, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007 at Caring Hands HHC. She was born Oct. 5, 1914 at Newport News, Va., to Clifton and Beulah (Catlett) Carpenter. She graduated from Peru High School in the Class of 1934. On Oct. 30, 1937 Alice married Byron Ward in Monticello, and he preceded her in death on April 11, 1998. Mrs. Ward was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherry Hudson and husband Robert, Peru; a brother, Douglas Carpenter, Deltona, Fla.; five grandchildren, Lisa Hudson, Kelly Strzelecki and husband Ed, Robert Hudson, Robyn Zimmerman and husband Eric, and Erin Kloski and husband Ryan; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Thomas, Fred, and Alan; and one sister, Dorothy Reynolds.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be after 10 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

**Donald W. Doty, 95**

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Donald W. Doty, 95, Peru, passed away at approximately 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 at his residence. He was born Oct. 28, 1911 in Edgerton to William and Minnie (Longardner) Doty. He married Evelyn J. Conner April 15, 1939, and she preceded him in death Aug. 7, 1995. Doty served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II with the 315th bomb wing in Guam. He retired from Peter Eckrich & Son. He loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed cars and working on them. Survivors include a daughter, Kay Hentgen and husband Terry, Peru; a son, Kim Doty and wife Carolyn, New Salisbury; five grandchildren, Kerri Lester and husband Joe, Peru, Kris Fielstra and husband Larry, Granger, Tara Geisel and husband Ryan, Elkhart, Rebecca Kalb and husband Bryan, Denver, and Kimberly Doty, New Salisbury; six great-grandchildren, Korey Shircliff, Jonah Lester, Taylor Fielstra, McKayla Fielstra, Karlie Fielstra and Nolan Geisel; two brothers, Gaylord Doty, New Haven, and Wayne Doty and wife Doris, Woodburn; and a sister, Evelyn Andorfer, Columbia City. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Dallas Savage officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military rites service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Earl Wayne, 74**

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Earl Wayne, 74, Peru, passed away at 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born Nov. 24, 1932 in Lawrenceville, Ill. to Maurice and Fern Harvey Wayne. He married Mardell "Marty" Schroder Wayne March 23, 1956, and she survives. Wayne graduated from Peru High School in 1952 and barber school in 1956, working as a barber 48 years from 1956 to 2005. He also served in the U.S. Army and worked at the Chrysler transmission plant in Kokomo from 1972 to 1996. He was a member of the VFW Post 7403, Peru Maennerchor, United Autoworkers 685 and Peru Moose Lodge. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Earlene Smiley and husband Lloyd, Westfield, and Cheryl Kline and husband Rick, Peru; a brother, William Dean Wayne and wife B.J., Carefree, Ariz.; two sisters, Phyllis Wilson, wife of the late Richard Wilson, Peru, and Jean Bowyer and husband Clay, Peru; four grandchildren; one step-granddaughter and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Wayne, in 1990.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Miami County. The family will receive friends after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or to the chaplain program at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

**Terry M. "Dink" Saylor, 60**

Saturday, January 13, 2007

Terry M. "Dink" Saylor, 60, Bunker Hill, passed away at 11:26 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 at the Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 17, 1946 in Kokomo to Thomas and Mary (Somers) Saylor. He married Linda (Watkins) Saylor Feb. 21, 1981, and she survives. Saylor retired from Square D. He was a member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church and the Peru Maennerchor and enjoyed golfing. Survivors besides his wife include five children, Kelley Barkell and husband Ryan, and Elizabeth "TAZ" Bellar and husband Chuck, all of Peru, Ted Saylor, Anniston, Ala., and Stephanie Santos and Andra Saylor, both of Peru; a brother, Tommy Saylor and wife Mary Jane, Bunker Hill; a sister, Becky Avery and husband Don, Sharpsville; and seven grandchildren, Elijah and Vada Barkell, Kash and Lyla Bellar, Jade Saylor, Ella Santos and Lukus Saylor. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill.

Friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association and/or McGrawsville United Methodist Church.

**Joyce B. Inman, 78**

Monday, January 15, 2007

Joyce B. Inman, 78, Peru, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on Sunday, January 14, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash.

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

**Louise Fultz, 96**

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Louise Fultz, 96, Fort Wayne, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at her residence. She was born July 14, 1910 in Mexico. She was employed with Broadway Galleries for ten years, retiring in 1978. Louise was a member of the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, The Southmoor Singers and the Amicus Club. Survivors include her daughter, Linda Fultz, Fort Wayne; two brothers, Isaac and David Fisher, both of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun St., with calling one hour prior to the service, and also Thursday evening at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren.

**Twin Alexander Marner, four days**

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Twin Alexander Marner, four days, Walton, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007 at St. Vincent Womens Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Jan. 8, 2007 in Kokomo to Jeremy Marner and Donna Cope, both of Walton. Survivors besides his parents include three grandparents, Sheryl and Donald Anderson, Peru, and Tina Hyde, Walton; his twin brother, Jeremy Marner Jr., Walton; and a brother, Domanic Cope, Peru. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to the Alexander Marner family. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Benny J. Willis, 56**

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Benny J. Willis, 56, Macy, passed away at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Joyce B. Inman, 78**

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Joyce B. Inman, 78, Peru, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wabash. She was born Jan. 17, 1928 in Asheville, N.C. to Frederick and Grace (Justice) Bowman. She married Earl N. Inman, and he preceded her in death in 1989. Inman was a homemaker and a member of the Anglican Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Leigh Street and husband Ted, Macomb, Mich.; three grandchildren, Kara France and husband Sean, Joshua Inman and wife Brooke, and Christopher Street and wife Dawn; and six great-grandchildren, Madison and Mason France, Madison Inman, Jackson, Maxwell and Wesley Street. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Brent Inman; an infant son, Frederick Inman; her brothers; her sisters and a grandson, Brad Ashley. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Anglican Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity, 34 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. Father Douglas Hungerford officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Benny J. Willis, 56**

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Benny J. Willis, 56, Macy, passed away at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born Oct. 20, 1950 in Fulton to Trulen and Leola (Tackett) Willis. He married Jo Elaine Zartman Dec. 2, 1972 in Mexico, and she survives. Willis was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1970 to 1972. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Macy; two brothers, Montford R. Willis and wife Wanda, Bunker Hill, and Roger Dale Willis, San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Janet Sue Sandefur, Logansport; seven nephews, Tony and Curt Willis, Tennessee, Robert, Fred and Michael Sandefur, Kentucky, Silas Zartman, Rochester, and Jarod Zartman, St. Petersburg, Russia; and two nieces, Alicia Zartman, South Bend, and Erica Zartman, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother-in-law, Larry Sandefur.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Metea Cemetery, Metea, with military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fulton Baptist Temple.

**Thomas Lee Roller, 79**

Thursday, January 18, 2007

Thomas Lee Roller, 79, Logansport, passed away at his residence at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, 2007. He was born May 13, 1927 in Logansport to David Willis and Anna (Snowdell) Roller. On June 12, 1948 he married Nila Jean Centers in Logansport, and she survives. Tom retired from Rockwell International in 1984 after 31 years of service. He was a member of VFW Post #3790, American Legion Post #60, Eagles Lodge #323 and The Steel Workers Local Union #3261. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II. He was very proud of the fact he had another great-grandchild on the way that would carry his name into the future.

Survivors include his wife, Nila Jean Roller, Logansport; two daughters, Connie L. Morris and husband Ron, Peru, and Debra Drinkwine and husband Bill, Logansport; a son, Thomas Michael Roller and wife Deborah L., Logansport; a brother, James Roller and wife Rosa, Logansport; five sisters, Irma Depoy, Logansport, Barbara Vester, Westfield, Carol Drummond and husband Jerry, Eleanor Kay Rush, and Linda Gable and husband Bob, all of Logansport; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Glen Roller; and a sister, Rhea Weaver. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Gundrum Funeral Home in Logansport, with the Reverend Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport, with full military graveside rites. Visitation will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to The Guardian Angel Hospice, 513 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN 46902.



**M. Joan Rogers Mays, 76**

Friday, January 19, 2007

M. Joan Rogers Mays, 76 of Delphi, passed away unexpectedly, at 11:53 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center-Lafayette. She was born August 10, 1930 in Miami County to Wilmer and Larilla Fern Bayless Rogers. On January 14, 1951 she married Carl E. Mays in Bennetts Switch, and he survives. They had celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Mrs. Mays graduated from Chippewa High School in Wabash County in 1948. Early in life she worked at the Senger Department Store in Peru as a clerk, then helped on their farm, and in 1979 bought the Sunday Castle Restaurant in Delphi, and owned it until in 1983. She and her husband then opened CJ's Hallmark Shop in downtown Delphi, which they have owned from 1985 until the present. She was a member of the Radnor United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School for 30 years; belonged to the Radnor Women of Faith; was a longtime vacation Bible school teacher; played the organ and piano for many years; and was involved with a Bible study group. She was also a 4-H leader for the Madison Township What's Cookin Club; a charter member and past president of the Dolly Madison Home Ec Club; and the Delphi Chamber of Commerce. She enjoyed cooking, flower arranging, Purdue University men's basketball and Colts football.

Survivors include her husband, Carl E. Mays, Delphi; twin daughters, Judy Smith and husband Steve, and Janet Resler and husband Robert, all of Delphi; daughter Mary Jo Meek and husband Jim, Delphi; daughter Linda Barnett and husband Steve, Rossville; and a son, Roger Mays and wife Alida, of Delphi. She enjoyed and loved attending all her 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren's activities. Her brother, Robert, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Radnor United Methodist Church, where she will lie in state one hour prior to the service. The Reverends Phil Emerson, Eric Stoops and Peggy Good will officiate. Burial will follow at Zion Citizens Cemetery, in Carroll County. Friends may call today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Memorials may be made to the Radnor United Methodist Church, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

**Elizabeth Frances "Jean" Smith, 80**

Friday, January 19, 2007

Elizabeth Frances "Jean" Smith, 80 of Wabash, Indiana passed away at 5:34 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at her residence. She was born February 17, 1926 in Wabash, to Grover C. and Mary Louise (Taylor) Leach. Mrs. Smith was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. She enjoyed reading, sewing, flower gardens, playing Euchre, crocheting, and most of all, her family. Survivors include her daughter Carol Whitesel, of Wabash; son Larry Smith and wife Dora, of Logansport; two granddaughters, Kim Bakehorn and husband Paul, Orange County, Calif., and Lisa Lee and husband Dan, Wabash; a grandson, Timothy Smith of Chicago; two great-grandsons, Jordan Bradley and Joe Lee; three great-granddaughters, Kaylyn Bradley, Cydnee Bradley, and Dani Lee, all of Wabash. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Theodore, Charles, Willis, and Jack Leach; and two sisters, Kathleen Speicher and Ann Johnson.

A memorial service will be held at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. S.R. 15, Wabash, at 2 p.m. on Monday with John Leinbaugh and Linda Mirante officiating. Burial will follow at Friends Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday at the church. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service of Wabash is handling the arrangements. Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Jen may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Phyllis Kennedy, 85**

Friday, January 19, 2007

Phyllis Kennedy, 85, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Phyllis Kennedy, 85**

Saturday, January 20, 2007/Sunday, January 21, 2007

Phyllis Kennedy, 85, Peru, passed away at 3:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born May 29, 1921 in Peru to Merton and Anna (Letzner) Siler. She married Joseph B. Kennedy Dec. 1, 1945, and he preceded her in death Feb. 20, 1992. Kennedy and her husband owned and operated the Kennedy Insurance Agency of Peru until their retirement in 1986. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, the Daughters of Isabella, Altar and Rosary Society, Tri Kappa Sorority, and active in the Red Cross Blood Mobile, serving as chairman for many years. Survivors include two sons, Jack Kennedy and wife Karmen, and Michael Kennedy and wife Jonie, all of Peru; seven grandchildren, Johnny Kennedy, Courtney Townsend, Ashley Kennedy, Christie Kennedy, Kristen Ward, Ashley Amick and Zac Kennedy; and three great-grandchildren, Hayley Townsend, Joseph Townsend and Alexis Stanfield. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. A prayer service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.



**William Thomas Baker, 70**

Saturday, January 20, 2007/Sunday, January 21, 2007

William Thomas Baker, 70, Brandywine, Md., passed away suddenly Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007. He was born Nov. 10, 1936 in Owings Mills, Md. Baker was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War and honorably discharged. He also was a devoted father. Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Sanders Burk and husband Michael, Catonsville, Md., Karen Tomson and husband Terry, Denver, and Janis Massengill and husband David, Kokomo; a son, Donald Sanders and wife Joni, Kokomo; a niece, Patsy Still; a nephew, Sonny Bosley; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and his best friend, Pete Babb. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Bosley and Bettye Troyer; and a brother, Ted Baker. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, 38 W. Baltimore St., Taneytown, Md., with Pastor Nicholas Brie officiating. The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Eckhardt Funeral Chapel P.A., 11605 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, Md.

**Arlie O. Smith Jr., 51**

Saturday, January 20, 2007/Sunday, January 21, 2007

Arlie O. Smith Jr., 51, Kokomo, passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at his residence. He was born Dec. 30, 1955 in Kokomo to the late Arlie O. Smith Sr. and Alice Florence (Barnes) Smith. He married Julie D. King in 1997, and she survives. Smith graduated from Haworth High School in 1974, and worked at Syndicate Sales, Kokomo. He was a member of the BCCA and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and Boy Scout activities, and loved spending time with his family. Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Kokomo; a son, Arlie O. Smith III, Kokomo; a step-daughter, Stacy Shuck, Kokomo; a sister, Melissa Jeffers and husband Mike, Kokomo; several nieces and nephews; several cousins; two great-nieces and great-nephews; an aunt, Dorothy Smith, Kokomo; an uncle, Fred Barnes, Kentucky; two brothers-in-law, Wayne King and David King, both of Kokomo; and a sister-in-law, Susan Stanley, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his father; a step-daughter, Amy Miller; and numerous aunts and uncles. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Donnie Hughes officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kokomo. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Messages may be e-mailed to [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).

**Wanelda L. Welke, 93**

Saturday, January 20, 2007/Sunday, January 21, 2007

Wanelda L. Welke, 93, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. She was born Jan. 8, 1914 in Winchester to Clinton and Hazel (Barr) Redd. On March 3, 1934 in Huntington, she married Earl F. Welke, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1958. Welke was a 1932 graduate of Peru High School, and worked as the bookkeeper at Cutler Hardware from 1958 to 1977. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church since 1926, the Barbara Circle of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru Business and Professional Women's Club, director emeritus of Miami County Historical Society, and a member of the Miami County Symphony and Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors include a son, E. Frank Welke and wife Virginia, Kokomo; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

**Lois E. Click, 90**

Monday, January 22, 2007

Lois E. Click, 90, formerly of Denver, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash. She was born Sept. 14, 1916 in Miami County to Samuel M. and Bessie M. Whitney Clingaman. She married Donald E. Click June 26, 1936 at the home of her parents. He preceded her in death Sept. 29, 1998. Click was a member of the former Denver First Brethren Church until its closing in 1990. She later attended Chili Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Doyne Click, Lagrange; three daughters, Shelbie Tidd, Stuart, Fla., Eunice Shafer, Denver, and Joyce Disler, Riverview, Fla.; two brothers, Russell Clingaman, Bay City, Mich., and Kenneth Clingaman, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Garnet Dock; and two brothers, Wendell and Leon Clingaman. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

**Geneva (Gross) Landis, 82**

Monday, January 22, 2007

Geneva (Gross) Landis, 82, formerly of Peru, entered into eternal rest at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007 at Beverly Living Center, formerly Williamsburg Village, Muncie. She was born March 19, 1924 in Irvine, Ky. to Clarence D. and N. Ruth (Samples) Gross. She graduated from Irving High School and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio to work at Boeing as a "Rosie the

Riveter" during World War II. She then moved to Peru in 1946, where she met and married Charles G. Landis. She enjoyed her life as a homemaker, and spent much of her free time volunteering at Dukes Memorial Hospital in the auxiliary and Grissom Air Museum until becoming ill with Alzheimer's disease. She also was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Templeton and husband Glen, Muncie; two granddaughters, Stacy and Tammy Templeton, both of Muncie; a great-granddaughter, Lindsay Templeton, Muncie; two brothers, B. Douglas Gross, Peru, and Frank Gross and wife Jan, College Corner, Ohio; two sisters, Atha Eddings, Columbia City, and Mary E. Itin, West Lafayette; eight nieces; six nephews; and several great-nieces and -nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Charles, in 2002; two sisters, Thelma Masters (husband Leon) and Sonja Johanknecht (husband Arland, who survives); one niece; one great-niece; and her parents. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Stephen Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Grissom Air Museum, 1000 Hoosier Blvd., Peru, IN 46970, or the Indiana Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

**Stephanie J. Sons, 27**

Monday, January 22, 2007

Stephanie J. Sons, 27, Peru, passed away at 8:55 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born March 13, 1979 in Peru to Kenneth and Debra (Tyler) Wheatley. She married Paul Sons March 15, 2003, and he survives. Sons was a CNA at Hickory Creek and a member of First Assembly of God. Survivors besides her husband include her parents in Peru; her mother-in-law, Reta Mam Green, Peru; paternal grandparent, Marvin Wheatley, Peru; maternal grandparent, Helen Tyler, Peru; a brother, Kenny L. Wheatley, Peru; two sisters, Stacey Couchman and husband Fred, Peru, and Virginia Malone and husband John, Kokomo; three nieces and two nephews. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bryan Maggart officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Max Wayne Shultz, 74**

Monday, January 22, 2007

Max Wayne Shultz, 74, Rochester, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2007 at Life Care Center of Rochester where he had been a patient. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Rick Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites at the cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association in his memory. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtco1.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtco1.com).

**Janet Fern Stouffer, 92**

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Janet Fern Stouffer, 92, Timbercrest Retirement Community, North Manchester, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007 at 7 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital. She was born Oct. 13, 1914 in Peru to Charles and Nellie (Thrush) Butt. She graduated from Peru High School, and on April 24, 1943 she married Adrian Stouffer in Peru. He passed away on Dec. 17, 1978. Stouffer was a member of the Wabash Friends Church, the United Society of Friends Women, and served on several committees at the church over the years. She was a charter member of the Hoosier Homemaker Home Extension Club. She was a devoted wife, with a love of working on the farm with her husband. Her greatest joys were her granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Survivors include a son, David Stouffer and wife Renee, Wabash; two granddaughters, Heather Hunsberger and husband Ryan, Wabash, and Melanie Brainard and husband Ryan, Savannah, Ga.; three great-grandchildren, Luke Hunsberger and Ian Hunsberger, both of Wabash, and Madeline Brainard, Savannah, Ga.; and two sisters, Frances Hanaway and Georgia Durkes, both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, and her sister, Lois Stout. Funeral services will be held at Timbercrest Chapel, 2201 East St., North Manchester, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and one hour prior to the funeral at Timbercrest. Preferred memorial is Friends Church Future Development Fund. The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**William Clayton Kepner, 81**

Thursday, January 25, 2007

William Clayton Kepner, 81, West Lafayette, passed away on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at Davis Manor, West Lafayette. He was born on August 29, 1925 in Miami, to James M. and Nora Carnine Kepner. On October 16, 1949, he married Delores Jean Sausaman in Denver, and she survives. Kepner was a member of the St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, as well as the Military Officer's Association and the American Legion. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1963 as a Major, having served during the Korean Conflict. Aside from his wife, Kepner is survived by two sons, Michael A. Kepner and wife Dianna, Crawfordsville, and Scott W. Kepner and wife Terri, West Lafayette; one daughter, Julie A. Kepner, West Lafayette; two grandchildren, Rachel Kepner and James 'J.W.' Kepner; and one sister, Norma

Ireland, Denver. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Jimmy Kepner. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday at 3 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Tim Burchill officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

**Helen M. Wilson, 92**

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Helen M. Wilson, 92, Winona Lake, formerly of Onward, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007 at Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake. Arrangements are pending at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

**Virginia R. Hutcheson, 81**

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Virginia R. Hutcheson, 81, Somerset, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007. She was born on Dec. 20, 1925 in Greenfield to Elijah and Neva Duncan Gates. She married Lewis R. Hutcheson on June 2, 1956 in Noblesville, and he survives. She attended the Methodist Church in Somerset. Survivors other than her husband include two daughters, Barbara Terrell, Fortville, and Donna Fouts and husband Mike, Somerset; a son, Donald Hutcheson, Somerset; grandson, Damin Long, Wabash; granddaughter Dawn Long, Somerset; granddaughter Sara Fouts, Peru; grandson Dan Shetterley, Fortville; granddaughter Amanda Brinkley, Richmond, Va.; great-granddaughter Emma Karp, New Jersey; great-granddaughter Olivia Shetterley, Fortville; great-grandson Conner Shetterley, Fortville; a sister, Helen Gross, Greenfield; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Cleo; and two sisters, Marietta and Mildred.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the chapel at Gravel Lawn Cemetery, Fortville. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Seals Funeral Home, Fortville. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N. Halsted St., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60622.

**Lorraine Oaks, 91**

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Lorraine, Oaks, 91, Peru, passed away at 3:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born on Feb. 18, 1915 in Louisville, Ky., to Willie Lee Collins and Evealina Hall Collins. She married Herman Oaks on Oct. 26, 1931, and he passed away on Nov. 28, 1983. Oaks was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Bartley Oaks and wife Laniece, Peru, and Deon Oaks and wife Roberta, Peru; three daughters, Dolly Oaks, Peru, Mickey Arnett and husband Charles, Peru, and Linda Rasmus and husband Harold, Peru; 15 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Roger Miller officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Geri A. Norwood, 55**

Friday, January 26, 2007

Geri A. Norwood, 55, Peru, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007 at her residence. She was born Nov. 24, 1951 in Peru to Leon and Tillie (McDaniel) Bales. She married Jack A. Norwood June 25, 1971, and he survives. Norwood was a 1970 graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Lori Herrell and husband Chris, Rochester; a grandson, William Herrell, Rochester; a granddaughter, Sara Herrell, Rochester; two brothers, Donnie Kellogg, Michigan City, and Frank Bales and wife Nancy, Peru; four sisters, Sharon Behny, Pam Ashley and husband JR, and Ina Webb, all of Peru, and Margaret Massey, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Russell Kellogg and Henry Bales; and two sisters, Verna Sailors and Barbara Wilson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Gary Colby officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

**Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99**

Friday, January 26, 2007

Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital, LaMirada, Calif. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**William Clayton Kepner, 81**

Friday, January 26, 2007/ Saturday, January 27, 2007

William Clayton Kepner, 81, West Lafayette, passed away on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at Davis Manor, West Lafayette. He was born on August 29, 1925 in Miami, to James M. and Nora Carnine Kepner. On October 16, 1949, he married Delores Jean Sausaman in Denver, and she survives. Kepner was a member of the St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, as well as the Military Officer's Association and the American Legion. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1963 as a Major, having served during the Korean Conflict. Aside from his wife, Kepner is survived by two sons, Michael A. Kepner and wife Dianna, Crawfordsville, and Scott W. Kepner and wife Terri, West Lafayette; one

daughter, Julie A. Kepner, West Lafayette; two grandchildren, Rachel Kepner and James 'J.W.' Kepner; and one sister, Norma Ireland-Imhoof, Denver. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Jimmy Kepner. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday at 3 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Tim Burchill officiating. Burial will follow at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military graveside rites. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Grissom Air Museum.

**Geri A. Norwood, 55**

Friday, January 26, 2007/Saturday, January 27, 2007/ Sunday, January 28, 2007

Geri A. Norwood, 55, Peru, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007 at her residence. She was born Nov. 24, 1951 in Peru to Leon and Tillie (McDaniel) Bales. She married Jack A. Norwood June 25, 1971, and he survives. Norwood was a 1970 graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Lori Herrell and husband Chris, Rochester; a grandson, William Herrell, Rochester; a granddaughter, Sara Herrell, Rochester; two brothers, Donnie Kellogg, Michigan City, and Frank Bales and wife Nancy, Peru; four sisters, Sharon Behny, Pam Ashley and husband JR, and Ina Webb, all of Peru, and Margaret Massey, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Russell Kellogg and Henry Bales; and two sisters, Verna Sailors and Barbara Wilson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Gary Colby officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

**Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99**

Saturday, January 27, 2007

Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital, LaMirada, Calif. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Dennis Stogsdill, 59**

Sunday, January 28, 2007

Dennis Stogsdill, 59, of Peru passed away Monday, January 22, 2007 at Windsor Estates Health and Rehabilitation Center in Kokomo. He was born February 13, 1947 to the late Oliver and Isabelle (Jones) Stogsdill. He moved to Indiana from Michigan in 1993. Survivors include his wife, Judith (Tolley) Stogsdill; a son, Robert Bostick of Peru; daughter, Dena K. Underwood and husband Tracy, also of Peru; four grandchildren, Brittany Druyor, Kayli Underwood, and Jacob and Ryan Bostick; a brother Ronald Hummel of Belleville, Mich.; two sisters, Shirley Smith and Jean Bennett and husband Chuck, all of Garden City, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Nancy Hummel, and also a brother-in-law, Jack Smith.

Visitation was Friday, January 26, 2007 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville, Mich., with a funeral service at 1 p.m. Interment is in Christian Memorial Cultural Center, Rochester Hills, Mich. Memorials to the family would be appreciated.

**Rev. Paul W. Garner, 88**

Monday, January 29, 2007

Rev. Paul W. Garner, 88, Frankfort, passed away Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007 at Wesley Manor in Frankfort. He was born Feb. 4, 1918 in Fulton County to Virgil L. and Edith May Garner. He married Mary Katherine Smith Sept. 4, 1937 in Collins, and she preceded him in death Feb. 11, 1971. He then married Irene O. Daniels April 18, 1971 in Lafayette, and she survives. Garner retired as a Methodist minister after 43 1/2 years of service. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Joyce Fritz and husband Carroll, Goshen; a step-son, Jerry Daniels, Florida; a brother, Charles Garner, Syracuse; two sisters, Marjorie Zeller, Rochester, and Doris Craig, Middleberry; nine grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Taylor; and a brother, Gerald Garner.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Manor in the Amanda Reid Chapel. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Friends may call after 10 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Manor. Memorials would be appreciated to Wesley Manor Samaritan Fund, 1555 N. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041. Arrangements have been entrusted to Archer-Weston Funeral Home, Frankfort.

**Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99**

Monday, January 29, 2007

Anna May Loveland Montgomery, 99, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 at Kindred Hospital, La Mirada, Calif. She was born Nov. 8, 1907 in Kokomo to John and Anna May Carr Cook. She married Henry Clay Loveland Aug. 4, 1929, and he preceded her in death Feb. 3, 1985. She then married Paul Montgomery, and he preceded her in death Dec. 14, 1998. Montgomery was a retired secretary, working for Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Peru, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the United Presbyterian Women and volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. Survivors include a daughter, Margot Jensen, Whittier, Calif.; three grandchildren, Jeanne Ize, Florida, Daniel Isenbarger, Maryland, and Paul Isenbarger, Florida; and five great-grandchildren. She was

preceded in death by two husbands, a brother and three sisters. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Mount Hope Cemetery chapel in Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Alberdine B. "Babe" Koch, 90**

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Alberdine B. "Babe" Koch, 90, Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru, passed away 6:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2007 at her residence. She had lived in the Rolling Prairie area since 1943, moving to Peru in 2006. She was born Nov. 13, 1916 in Marshall, Mich. to Blanche (Foster) and Robert Marion Baird. She graduated from Stillwell High School in 1935, and married William F. Koch Aug. 29, 1936 in LaPorte. He preceded her in death March 7, 1996. Koch was a housewife and homemaker and helped her husband run a truck farm, raising blueberries, strawberries, sweet corn, asparagus and flowers. She also was a member of Rolling Prairie First Christian Church, First Baptist Church in LaPorte, the Golden Warriors, Kankakee Township Homemakers Club and an active square dancer in her early years. In addition, she was active in getting phone lines, mail service and paved roads in the area. Mrs. Koch and her husband also built their own home, were hard workers and very family-oriented. Mrs. Koch started the Koch family reunions. Survivors include a son, Robert Koch and wife Sheila, Peru; a daughter, Shirley Truhn and husband Ray, Galien, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Michael Broda, Karla Sroufe, Kathleen Dyer, Robert W. Koch, Kimberly Draughn, David Broda, Jennifer Chubb and Laura Wilbur; 13 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Janice Broda; and two brothers. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, with the Rev. Ransom Ebersole officiating. Burial will be in Patton Cemetery, LaPorte. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday and from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Rolling Prairie First Christian Church or St. Elizabeth Hospice, Lafayette.

**Lois Adkins, 85**

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Lois Adkins, 85, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert D. Coppock, 90**

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Robert D. Coppock, 90, Peru, passed away at 4:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru. Funeral services are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Bertha E. "Bert" Nolan**

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Funeral services for Bertha E. "Bert" Nolan will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Wabash Friends Church. Calling will be noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Preferred memorial is to Friends Church Music Endowment. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service is handling arrangements.

**Helen M. Wilson, 92**

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Helen M. Wilson, 92, Winona Lake, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake. She was born April 1, 1914, in Rochester to Harley E. and Tessie McCarter Barkman. She was married to Carl J. Wilson on June 16, 1948, in Rochester. He survives. Wilson was a member of Onward Christian Church, where she was active in many groups. She was also a member of the Onward Grange and enjoyed traveling. She taught elementary school in Rochester and Peru for many years. Surviving with her husband are one sister, Mabel Blacketon, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Rev. Robert Kellems officiating. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Kosciusko County. You may light a candle of hope in memory of Helen and view her guest book at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**Lois K. Adkins, 85**

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Lois K. Adkins, 85, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 at her home surrounded by her devoted and loving children. Leaving her dearly loved family, Lois peacefully entered her eternal home with the Lord. He saw her getting tired and when life was not to be, God closed his arms around her and whispered "Come with Me." She was born on Nov. 28, 1921 in Rush, Ky., to Frank and Eunice (Kimble) Davis. In 1936 she married Roy Edward Spillman and he preceded her in death in 1942. She then married Harlen Watt Adkins on April 26, 1944, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 31, 1962. The family moved from Kentucky to Indiana in 1955. Lois was a longtime manager of the Peru Pizza King, where she was known as "Mom" to many. All customers were like family to her. She had a kind, gentle disposition, a constant smile, and love

overflowed through her personality. Many customers, employees and friends said it was a much brighter day as soon as they entered the door and were greeted by her. She was a member of the Grand Street Baptist Church, Wabash. Lois leaves behind a loving family, many good friends and precious memories of such a remarkable person. It is an extraordinary loss for everyone who knew her. Survivors include two sons, David Adkins and wife Tina, Peru, and Wade Adkins and wife Dorothy, Peru; three daughters, Kathy Browning and husband Leonard, Peru, Donna Eikenberry and husband Stanley, Peru, and Glenna Riddell and husband Richard, Peru; a brother, Harvey Davis, Rush, Ky.; four sisters, Virginia, Hazel, Margie and Linda, all of Kentucky; 11 grandchildren, Travis, Barbie and David Adkins, Debbie Browning, Kim Sharp, Sherry Shaffer, Brett Damron, Kevin Butler, Justin Eikenberry and Roger and Dale Spillman; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; one son, Gene Spillman; one brother, Norman Davis; and one grandchild, Michelle Williams. A reflection of her life and a time of memories and conversation with family and friends will be held Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Pastor John Denniston officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to the Peru Lions club to assist the blind.

### **John E. Sunday, 80**

Thursday, February 01, 2007

John E. Sunday, 80, Denver, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007 in Denver. He was born Aug. 7, 1926 in Denver to John L. and Gertrude Sherrard Sunday. He married Juanita P. McGuire Sept. 6, 1947 in Bloomington, and she survives. Sunday retired after 33 years from the Denver branch of Wabash Valley Bank and Trust, where he served as vice president and branch manager. He was a member of the Denver Baptist Church, the Mexico Masonic Lodge No. 347, the Peru Moose Lodge No. 249 and he was known as the "Mayor of Denver." For many years he served as the secretary/treasurer of the Westlawn Cemetery Association. He also played for the Vickery Tape, Puraflame and Hauske Harlan softball teams, and was inducted into the American Softball Association Hall of Fame. Sunday was a 1944 graduate of Jefferson Township High School where he made his first basket in the new gym. He enjoyed mushroom hunting, gardening, sports and spending time with his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor and was always telling a joke or tale. Survivors besides his wife include his step-mother, Faye Eaton, Peru; a daughter, Rebecca L. Lytle and husband Dana, Denver; a son, Robert E. Sunday and wife Kathy, Denver; six grandchildren, Jon David Wright, Denver, Chad J. Wright and wife Maribeth, Roann, David G. Sunday and wife Cheryl, Denver, Brianne Loree Sunday, Denver, Kate L. Lytle, Denver, Ron W. Lytle, Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren; and three half brothers, James Sunday, Indianapolis, Charles Sunday, California, and William Sunday, Perrysburg. He was looking forward to the arrival of a new great-grandchild, "Treebranch." He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, David D. Wright; and a grandson, Dana A. Lytle.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastors Steve Bate and Mark Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Denver Baptist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Denver Baptist Church, Miami-Wabash Home Hospice or Relay for Life.

### **John F. Olinger Jr., 85**

Friday, February 02, 2007

John F. Olinger Jr., 85, Peru, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Jan. 30, 1922 in Peru to Bessie (Oldham) John F. Olinger Sr. He married Barbara (Marks) Olinger June 19, 1942, and she survives. Olinger served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired from C/O Railroad. He also was a member of the Peru Miami Masonic Lodge 67, Peru Maennerchor, Peru Moose, VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed collecting antiques, train memorabilia, spending time in his log cabin, with his friends and family and especially his grandson Drew. In addition, he enjoyed going with his wife Barb after supper every summer evening to Walgreens parking lot "to enjoy people watching." Survivors besides his wife include a son, John F. Olinger III, Louisville, Ky.; two daughters, Dawn Olinger, and Lynn Hunt and husband Jay, all of Peru; a grandson, Drew Hunt, Peru; and special friends, Bob and Sharon Behny, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

### **Frances J. Bonifant, 83**

Sunday, February 04, 2007

Frances J. Bonifant, 83, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007 at her residence. She was born June 18, 1923 in Zanesville, Ohio to Glen and Edith (White) Roberts. She married Dennis Bonifant on Sept. 15, 1941, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 2000. Bonifant was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, John Bonifant and wife Jill, Bunker Hill, David Bonifant, Versailles, Ky., and Robert Bonifant and wife Pam, Millers Port, Ohio; a daughter, Betty Medeiros and husband Marty, Reno, Nev.; a brother, Billy Roberts, Chile; a sister, Mary Lou Everley, Florida; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Richard Bonifant; and a sister, Vonda Lee Halsey.

A private funeral service is planned, with burial in Zanesville, Ohio. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.



**Robert "Bob" Macy, 80**

Sunday, February 04, 2007

Robert "Bob" Macy, 80, Peru, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert G. Macy, 80**

Monday, February 05, 2007/Tuesday, February 06, 2007

Robert G. Macy, 80, Peru, passed away peacefully at home with his wife, Evelyn, by his side at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007. He was born on October 29, 1926 in Converse to Fowler E. and Margueritte Macy. On July 31, 1948, he married Evelyn Pickett. Growing up as childhood sweethearts, Bob and Evelyn, his wife of 58 years, had a wonderful life together. Bob was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and he will be sadly missed by his wife and family. Bob had a great sense of humor, loved to put people on and made up and told the best bedtime stories for his children and grandchildren. He was also always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. As a teacher and coach, Bob was a positive influence and role model for countless students and players. He best expressed his love for his work by commenting how lucky he was to get to go everyday and do something that he loved every minute of. No distance was too far for Bob to drive to see a basketball game, and he actively played basketball with the "oldies" at the YMCA up into his 70s. He graduated from Converse High School in 1944. He joined the United States Navy during World War II and served from 1944 to 1946. He attended Ball State University and graduated from Western New Mexico University in 1950. He received his master's degree from Ball State University in 1962. Bob taught and coached at Chili High School, Albion High School, Indiana Institute of Technology at Fort Wayne, and Peru High School. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, two sons, Kevin Macy and wife Jill, Converse, and Kyle Macy and wife Tina, Lexington, Kentucky; and 11 grandchildren, Kristen, Trisha and her husband Richie, Miles, Molly, Morgan, Nicholas, Olivia, Clayton, Mallory, Meredith, and Malone. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Terrine R. Macy Nailor. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in the Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be conducted from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA to assist needy children with memberships to the YMCA.

**Wanda Juanita Snyder Mettler, 86**

Wednesday, February 07, 2007

Wanda Juanita Snyder Mettler, 86, Monticello, passed away on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 10:30 p.m. at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**James Michael "Mike" Wheeler, 59**

Thursday, February 08, 2007

James Michael "Mike" Wheeler, 59, Columbia City, passed away at 11:20 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007 at The Oaks Living Center where he had been a resident since February 2006. He was born July 1, 1947 in Peru to Richard W. and Velma I. (Ramsey) Wheeler. In 1955 his family moved to Columbia City. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1965 and received his B.A. from Ball State University. Wheeler taught elementary art classes from 1970 to 1975 at Southwick School in Fort Wayne. In 1975 he moved to North Hollywood, Calif. and worked as a sales representative for May Company. In the early 1980s he returned to Fort Wayne and worked as the assistant manager for Wallpapers To Go. He was later employed at Ream Steckbeck Company. He was then self-employed until his health failed and he returned to Columbia City in 1997. His memberships include Grace Lutheran Church. Survivors include his mother, Velma Wheeler, Columbia City; a sister, Deanna Mills Carroll and husband Patrick, Harrisburg, Penn.; and a niece, Megan Ryan. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. C. James Cress, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the National Ataxia Foundation. Wheeler was diagnosed with a rare neuro-degeneration disease, Spino Cerebellar Ataxia. Condolences may be sent to [www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com).

**Harold R. "Poppy" Conner, 75**

Friday, February 09, 2007

Harold R. "Poppy" Conner, 75, Delphi, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007. He was born in Winamac on Nov. 21, 1931 to the late Paris Monroe and Minnie (Baker) Conner. He resided in Lafayette for 45 years before moving to Delphi four years ago. He married Barbara A. Herbert in 1955, and she preceded him in death on July 29, 1995. On Dec. 21, 2001 he married Gwen (Weis) Conner, and she survives. Conner worked in the Mix Department at Rostone for 26 years, retiring in 1996, and was employed at National Homes for 18 years prior to that. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and a member of Hickory Grove Church. He enjoyed woodworking and landscaping. Surviving with his wife is a son, Larry Turner and wife Cindy of Monticello; two daughters, Sandra Conner Delucca and husband Raymond, Logansport, and Sue Turner Watjen, Greencastle; four step-sons, Wayne Morgan and wife Cora, and Kenneth Morgan, all of Orlando, Fla., Frederick Weis and wife Fonda, Monticello, and Jerry Weis and wife Denise, Camden; a brother, Art Conner and wife Betty, Lafayette; and a



sister Julia Downing, Peru; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Conner was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be Saturday at Hippensteel Funeral Home, 822 N. Ninth St., Lafayette, with Pastor Ken Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Requested memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

**Harriet D. Hale, 69**

Friday, February 09, 2007

Harriet Derbyshire Hale, 69, Kirkland, formerly of Peru, passed away Jan. 20, 2007 after a recent stroke.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Kirkland Women's Club. Arrangements were by Barton's Family Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to a charity concentrating on literacy or art education, of the donor's choice.

**Wanda J. Deaton Snyder Mettler, 86**

Friday, February 09, 2007

Wanda Juanita Deaton Snyder Mettler, 86, a resident of Monticello Assisted Living and Health Care, Monticello, formerly of Wabash and Peru, passed away peacefully at 10:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, 2007 at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

She was born in Meta, Ark. to Addie and Pryor McDaniel Oct. 17, 1920. She worked at RBM, Logansport, 3 Sisters in Peru and was a home health aide for many years as well as a homemaker. She enjoyed crocheting and crafts, studying her Bible and always enjoyed her role as homemaker and mother to her children. In addition, she was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. Survivors include four children, Waneta Garbison and husband Harvey, Monticello, Lucy Joyce McKinney and husband Charles, Longboat Key, Fla., Christena Seifried and husband Gary, Peru, and Norman E. Snyder, Kokomo; 10 grandchildren, Richard Glassburn and wife Mary Jo, Peru, Wanda Woodhams and husband David, Monticello, Nancy E. Easterday and husband Larry, Peru, Charles J. Hight and wife Michele, Peru, Stacie M. Keith, Peru, Jodie D. Marburger and husband Erik, Peru, Gary J. Seifried II and wife Susie, Peru, Chris Winn and wife Carol, Wahiawa, Hawaii, Julie K. Truex and husband Todd, Peru, and Tabitha Turner, Galveston; 21 great-grandchildren, Richard Evan and Austin L. Glassburn, Peru, Michael D. and Anthony J. Woodhams, Monticello, Larry "Richie" Easterday, Peru, Heather N. Easterday, Peru, Abigail M. Briley and husband Tommy, Tennessee, Kayde D. Hight and R. Jay Hight, both of Peru, Heaven Lea, Alexandra "Lexi" and Jaxson J. Keith, Peru, Dylan M. and Dalton B. Marburger, Peru, Baylei Sutton, Peru, Bethaney Winn, Mississippi, Zacharey K. Winn, Wahiana, Hawaii, Bryce and Alisah Truex, Peru, and Makayla and Teeia Marie Turner, Galveston; two great-great-grandchildren, Kyndal Lea Wheatley, Peru, and Kirsten Lea Briley, Tennessee; a nephew, Walter Pat Campbell, Peru; seven step-grandchildren, Tim Garbison and wife Kim, Crawfordsville, Jim Garbison and wife Kim, Monticello, Tracy Austin and husband Matt, Birdseye, Ron McKinney and wife Joyce, Longboat Key, Fla., Jon McKinney and wife Meg, Burlington, Wis., Pamela McKinney, Logansport, and Jill Conner and husband Andrew, Terre Haute; and 14 step-great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Cole Garbison, Crawfordsville, Claire and Iain Garbison, Monticello, Isaac, Guy and Bryce Austin, Birdseye, Sarah McKinney, Sarasota, Fla.; Kyle, Emily and Eric McKinney, Burlington, Isabelle, Theo and Charlie Conner, Terre Haute.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one twin son stillborn; a sister, Margy Campbell, Peru; and two grandchildren, Laura Hillman and Holly Glassburn. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with services at 10:30 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Kenneth Greenwald will officiate. Graveside services will follow at Lutheran Cemetery, Peru.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Robert Jackson, 37**

Sunday, February 11, 2007

Robert Jackson, 37, Peru, as well as Frankfort and Onward areas, passed away at 11:28 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 27, 1969 in Lafayette to Herbert Jackson Sr. and Mary Davis. The 1987 Lewis Cass High School graduate attended Calvary Union Church, and had worked 14 years for Indiana Irrigation, as well as for Sangralea Valley. Jackson was a private pilot and coached youth soccer and basketball. He is survived by his mother, Peru; two sons, Nicholas Robert Jackson, and Darron Matthew Jackson, both of Onward; three brothers, Herbert G. Jackson Jr., Lebanon, Jeff Jackson, Peru, and Michael Jackson, Onward; three sisters, Cheryl Bowman, Logansport, Nancy Shirar, Frankfort, and Melinda Wright, Fort Wayne; and former wife, Juanita Jackson, Onward. Jackson was preceded in death by his father; and brother, Richard Jackson. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with the Reverend Michael Stow officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral chapel from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Interment will be at the Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Union Church. Friends may light a candle of hope and remembrance of Robert and view his video tribute at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**Robert D. "Bob" Coppock, 90**

Sunday, February 11, 2007

Robert D. "Bob" Coppock, 90, Peru passed away at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007, at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru, where he had resided since 1996. With the exception of 10 years away, he was a lifelong resident of Peru. Born December 21, 1916 to Donald M. and Madge Oates Coppock, he graduated from Peru High School in 1934 where he was a

member of the National Honor Society. In 1939 he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Indiana University-Bloomington, and in 1940, his teacher certification and a degree from Kokomo Business College. After volunteering and serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Albuquerque, N.M., before returning to Peru in the 1950's. In 1956, after the death of his father he took over the insurance business run by his father in Peru for many years, a business founded in 1883 by his maternal grandfather, Joseph D. Oates. Bob ran the business from his home office at 8 West Third Street until his retirement in 1985. An avid and accomplished golfer, he was a long-time member of the Miami County Golf Association, served as its president, and was awarded many trophies over the years. Among his other civic activities, he belonged to the American Legion, Elks and Moose Lodges; was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church of Peru; and served as Chairman of the Miami County Alcohol Beverage Board. Survivors include five nieces and nephews: David M. Coppock of Sarasota, Fla.; Jane Coppock of New Haven, Conn.; Paul Coppock of Providence, R.I.; Donald Coppock of Brookline, Mass.; and Bruce Coppock of St. Paul, Minn.; and 14 great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph and John Coppock, who grew up with him in Peru; his nephews Michael Coppock of Ione, Wash., and David H. Coppock of San Jose, Calif., and his companion of many years, Berniece Davisson. A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held in May, at a time to be publicly announced. Arrangements to be made by the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru. Burial will be in the Bond Cemetery in Amboy.

**Wilson F. Turner, 89**

Monday, February 12, 2007

Wilson F. Turner, 89, a resident of Wesleyan Health Care Center for the past three years, formerly of Converse, passed away at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Baptist Church, 517 Church St., Sweetser, with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, and after noon Wednesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Liberty Baptist Church.

**Martha M. (Stutzman) Yoder, 62**

Monday, February 12, 2007

Martha M. (Stutzman) Yoder, 62, Amboy, passed away at 12:50 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007 at her residence.

She was born Dec. 4, 1944 in Arthur, Ill. to Menno and Anna (Mast) Stutzman. She married Joe A. Yoder Oct. 25, 1967, and he survives. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Clara Ann Plank and husband Reuben H., Lovington, Ill., and Lou Ann Yoder, Amboy; two sisters, Sovilla Chupp and husband Floyd, and Edna Stutzman, all of Lovington, Ill.; a brother, John M. Stutzman and wife Martha, Arthur, Ill.; a granddaughter, Rosanna Plank, Lovington, Ill.; and a brother-in-law, Alvin Schrock, Arcola, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Gertie Ann Schrock.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Gary Bontrager residence, 4157 E. 1100 South, Amboy, with Bishop Raymond Herschberger officiating. Burial will be in the Christner Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday and will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Bontrager residence. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer, 90**

Monday, February 12, 2007

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer, 90, Peru, passed away peacefully at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 24, 1916 in Peru to Charles Howard and Lenora Belle Jones Harris. She married W.V. "Bill" Palmer in Peru Sept. 12, 1933, and he preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1998. A graduate of Peru High School, Palmer was a homemaker and lifelong member of the First Christian Church of Peru. Her humor, kindness and unconquerable spirit will be greatly missed. Survivors include two children, Ann Palmer and husband Garrett, Peru, and James V. Palmer, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Lisa Beckman and husband William, Peru, James V. Palmer Jr. and wife Viseleki, St. Louis, Mo., and Thomas S. Palmer, Las Vegas, Nev.; and six great-grandchildren, Leigh Brodie, Peru, Stella Palmer, St. Louis, Mo., Will and Ben Beckman, Brandt Murphy and Olivia Pohlmen, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Jane Adams; and a grandson, Jeff Palmer. The also remembers with gratitude Betty's loving caregivers, Cathy, Connie, Eveline, Jo Joyce, Pam and Sharon. A memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer will be held at noon Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Guy G. Provance officiating.

The family will receive friends after 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA or the Wabash-Miami County Hospice.

**Dorothy M. Brown, 87**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Dorothy M. Brown, 87, Rochester, formerly of Macy and Athens, passed away at 2:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester, surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 14, 1919 in Macy to Frank and Bertha Smith McCarter. She married Raymond L. Brown Nov. 28, 1942, and he preceded her in death June 26, 1999.

Brown retired from Chamberlin Products in 1971. She graduated from Macy High School and was a member of Macy Christian Church, Macy. She enjoyed being with her family and friends, collecting owls and loved flowers.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly J. Brown, Rochester; three granddaughters, Rachel Midkiff and husband Jasper, Rochester, Martha Zeiger and twin sister Melanie Zeiger, Rochester; and one great-grandson, Dan A. Midkiff, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating.

Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Services, burial and calling are all weather pending.

### **Ronald D. Chandler, 53**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Ronald D. Chandler, 53, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at his residence.

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

### **Richard Riddell, 61**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Richard Riddell, 61, Peru, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, 2007.

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

### **Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer, 90**

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer, 90, Peru, passed away peacefully at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 24, 1916 in Peru to Charles Howard and Lenora Belle Jones Harris. She married W.V. "Bill" Palmer in Peru Sept. 12, 1933, and he preceded her in death Nov. 8, 1998. A graduate of Peru High School, Palmer was a homemaker and lifelong member of the First Christian Church of Peru. Her humor, kindness and unconquerable spirit will be greatly missed. Survivors include two children, Ann Palmer and husband Garrett, Peru, and James V. Palmer, Indianapolis; three grandchildren, Lisa Beckman and husband William, Peru, James V. Palmer Jr. and wife Viseleki, St. Louis, Mo., and Thomas S. Palmer, Las Vegas, Nev.; and six great-grandchildren, Leigh Brodie, Peru, Stella Palmer, St. Louis, Mo., Will and Ben Beckman, Brandt Murphy and Olivia Pohlmen, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Jane Adams; and a grandson, Jeff Palmer. She also remembers with gratitude Betty's loving caregivers, Cathy, Connie, Eveline, Jo Joyce, Pam and Sharon.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Palmer will be held at noon on Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Guy G. Provance officiating. The family will receive friends after 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA or the Wabash-Miami County Hospice.

### **Pauline E. Norris, 92**

Wednesday, February 14, 2007/Thursday, February 15, 2007

Pauline E. Norris, 92, Peru, passed away at 8:15 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007 at her residence.

She was born on November 2, 1914 in North Grove to William and Helen (North) Venis. In 1935, she married Weldon Norris, who preceded her in death. The 1935 Amboy High School graduate was employed at American Stationery, and was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church. She is survived by one son, Ronald E. Norris and wife Yoshiko, Tucson, Arizona; two daughters, Marilyn Devenport, Peru, and Linda Gornto and husband Bill, Peru; one sister, Katherine Sumpter, Amboy; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 24 great-great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Norris was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Athlene Fike and Willadean Mann; and one brother, Byron 'Bud' Venis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash/Miami County Hospice.

### **Dorothy M. Brown**

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

The funeral services for Dorothy M. Brown at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, originally scheduled for Thursday, have been postponed indefinitely.

### **Richard H. Riddell, 61**

Thursday, February 15, 2007

Richard H. Riddell, 61, Peru, passed away at 3:40 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2007 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Rick peacefully entered his eternal home with the Lord after a long, courageous battle with lung cancer. God saw him getting tired and when a cure was not to be, He closed his arms around Rick and whispered "come with me." He was born on May 17, 1945 to James W. Riddell and Sallie Mae Lamb Riddell in Kokomo. Rick married Ima Jean Shelton on November 23, 1968, and she preceded him in death on February 7, 1981. In 1990, he married Glenna (Adkins) Williams, and she survives.

Rick was a 1963 graduate of Swayzee High School and entered the United States Army in 1965, serving his country proudly.

He retired from Chrysler of Kokomo in 2001 following 38 years of service.

Rick was a member of the Grand Street Baptist Church, Wabash. He had a great love of his Lord and wanted to share that with others. It was not easy for Rick to initiate conversations with people, so he had special caps made proclaiming his faith so as to bring on conversations about his Savior. Rick also gave recitations at churches, which touched many lives. Rick loved reading the Bible, enjoyed traveling, and was a skilled wood-working craftsman. He was a kind, gentle man, always had a positive attitude (to the very end) and had a personal sense of fairness and dignity that was beyond reproach.

He was a remarkable person and an extraordinary loss for all who knew him.

Aside from his wife, Rick is survived by one daughter, Tracy Riddell, Wabash; one son, Richie Riddell, Sims; one step-daughter, Sherry Shaffer, Peru; one grandson, Daniel Riddell, Sims; one step-grandson, Brayden Bockover, Peru; one brother, Jack Riddell, LaFontaine; two sisters, Carol Taylor and husband David, Sims, and Mary Rogers, Sims; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife; both parents; and four brothers, Billy, Teddy, Freddy, and Raymond.

A celebration of life will be conducted on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Grand Street Baptist Church, with Pastor John Denniston officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the A.R.C. of Wabash County through the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Thrailkill Cemetery. A military rites service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit.

### **Reverend Canon John Edward Harry Cotterell, 57**

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Reverend Canon John Edward Harry Cotterell, 57, Athens, Georgia, and formerly of Peru, passed away early Tuesday, February 13, 2007. Canon Cotterell was born on March 28, 1949 to Edward Stanley and Doris Eileen Watts Cotterell in Clethorpes, Lincolnshire. In 1973, he married Emily Mann, who survives.

Father Cotterell was the Priest-in-Charge of Saint Francis' Anglican Catholic Church, Gainesville, Georgia.

He was educated in England and Wales, and after trying his vocation as a Benedictine monk in the Church of England Order of Saint Paul, he married and relocated to the United States. Following his attending seminary in New York, Father Cotterell was ordained in 1983 and served in congregations in Florida, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Aside from his wife, who resides in Athens, Father Cotterell is survived by three sons, Richard and wife Jacquelyn, Kokomo, Michael Cotterell, and Simon Cotterell, both of Athens; grandson, Owen Cotterell, Kokomo; one brother, Peter Cotterell and wife Mavis, Yeoville, Somerset, England; one sister, Sandra and husband Don, Worchester, England; brother- and sister-in-law, James and Sheila Mann, and nephew Christopher Mann, South Carolina; and mother-in-law, Irene Strahan, Wales.

Father Cotterell was preceded in death by one sister, Jill.

A Requiem Mass will be said on February 24 in Gainesville. Interment will follow at Holy Spirit Church, Palm Beach, Florida. Funeral arrangements were handled by Wages and Sons Funeral Homes, Lawrenceville, Georgia.

### **Dorothy M. Brown, 87**

Friday, February 16, 2007

Dorothy M. Brown, 87, Rochester, formerly of Macy and Athens, passed away at 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on April 14, 1919 in Macy to Frank and Bertha Smith McCarter. On November 28, 1942, she married Raymond L. Brown and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1999. The 1937 Macy High School graduate was a member of the Macy Christian Church and retired from Chamberlin Products in 1971. Brown enjoyed being with her family and friends, collecting owls and loved flowers. She is survived by one daughter, Beverly J. Brown, Rochester; three granddaughters, Rachel Midkiff and husband Jasper, Rochester, Martha Zeiger, and twin sister, Melanie Zeiger, Rochester; and one great-grandson, Dane A. Midkiff, Rochester. Aside from her husband, Brown was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Reverend Junior Bose officiating. Burial will be at the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and/or the American Heart Association.

### **Carl J. Dugan, 79**

Friday, February 16, 2007

Carl J. Dugan, 79, Peru, passed away at 8:59 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Nov. 15, 1927 in Eau Claire, Wis. to Robert and Gertie (Waggen) Dugan. He married Judith H. Dixon Morehead Aug. 5, 1988, she survives. Dugan was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran and a Korean Conflict U.S. Air Force veteran, serving a total of 18 1/2 years. He was a retired dispatcher for the N&W Railroad. He currently was a security guard at Trelleborg. He enjoyed fishing and playing pool and darts and was a member of the VFW in Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Vickie Walker and husband Ed, Peru; five sons, Michael Dugan, Cape Canaveral, Fla., Michael Morehead, De Soto, Texas, Jeffery Morehead and wife Annette, Peru, Steve Morehead and Tom Morehead, both of Macungie, Pa.; 14 grandchildren, Elias, Matthew, Aaron, Rachel S., Bethany, Rhoda, Rachel V., Jon, Brittany, Jeffery, Carol, Paul, Justin and Samantha; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Diane Dugan and Brian Dugan; and a sister, Betty Taleff. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Daniel Donaldson officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

**Gordon L. "Bud" Ogle, 80**

Friday, February 16, 2007

Gordon L. "Bud" Ogle, 80, Largo, Fla., formerly of the Bunker Hill-Kokomo area, passed away at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Aug. 4, 1926 in Howard County to Anna L. (Kelley) Ogle and Erbie Ogle. He married Devita R. Garber July 1, 1949, and she survives. After, he married LaDonna R. Bozard Dec. 20, 1983, and she preceded him in death Aug. 10, 2003. Ogle graduated from Kokomo High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. He retired in 1985 after 30 years of service at the Haynes-Stellite Corporation where he worked as chief estimator. He was a member of the Bunker Hill #683 of the Free & Accepted Masons and a member of the American Legion Post 273. Survivors include four daughters, Vicki Ward and husband Geoffrey, Peru, Cathy DeWald and husband John, Peru, Becky Bentz and husband David, North Vernon, and Sara Rogers, Kokomo; 10 grandchildren, Erin Ward, Kyla Douglass and Cory Ward, all of Peru, Erika DeWald, Washington, D.C., Kurt DeWald, Georgetown, Ky., Stephanie Blackman, Peru, Lindsey Blackman, Denver, Colo., Ashley Blackman, North Vernon, Amanda Roberson and husband Anthony, Lebanon, and Jenna Rogers, Kokomo; one great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Roberson, Lebanon; several nieces and nephews; a sister, Elizabeth Attebery, Clackamas, Ore.; four step-children, Kathy and Bill Burga, Lake Geneva, Wis., Tammy and Bob Burge, Kokomo, Cindy and Jim Whiteside, Avon, and Greg and Abby Bozard, McAllen, Texas; seven step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, LaDonna; his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Eilers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Visitation will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. prior to the service Saturday at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Messages may be e-mailed to the family at [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).

**Clint D. Cade, 23**

Friday, February 16, 2007

Clint D. Cade, 23, Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Pauline Flockencier, 94**

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Pauline Flockencier, 94, formerly of Amboy, passed away Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007 at Lees Summit, Mo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Clint D. Cade, 23**

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Clint D. Cade, 23, Peru, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at his home at 1 a.m. He was born the morning of June 25, 1983 in Peru to Frank William and Connie Sue Molder Cade. He attended Maconaquah High School and was employed by Wilson Logging of Peru. Clint enjoyed life to the fullest. He experienced and was accomplished at many activities including baseball, ATV racing, golf, hunting, fishing, and had recently tried bull riding. His good natured laugh, smile and personality was enjoyed by all that came into contact with him. Survivors besides his parents in Peru include two brothers, Joshua Cade and Grant Cade, Peru; two grandmothers, Janie Clark and husband Chris, Peru, and Joan Correll, Bunker Hill; his grandfather, Joe Cade, Hampton, Va.; several aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him dearly along with other dear family and friends Bill Maxwell, Daniel Douglass, Taylor Douglass, Cory Hunter, Jesse Wilson, Allie Wilson, Julian Colazzi and many others too numerous to mention. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jerry D. Molder. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until time of services Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Clint D. Cade love offering.

**Ronald D. "Road Dog" Chandler, 53**

Saturday, February 17, 2007

Ronald D. "Road Dog" Chandler, 53, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007 at his home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

There is no visitation. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Pauline Flockencier, 94**

Monday, February 19, 2007

Pauline Flockencier, 94, formerly of Amboy and Marion, passed away at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Wilshire at Lakewood, Lee's Summit, Missouri. She was born on March 21, 1912 in Amboy to Harvey and Mary (Pearson) Haines. On September 19, 1931, she married William Flockencier, who preceded her in death on February 16, 1995.

The 1929 graduate of Amboy High School was a homemaker and Birthright member of the Amboy Friends Church. She is survived by one son, James Flockencier and wife Marilyn, Hendersonville, Tennessee; one daughter, Jill McComas and husband Rex, Raytown, Missouri; grandchildren, Dr. Laura Flockencier, David Flockencier, Greg McComas, and Kevin McComas; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucile Hodson, Rossville, and Grace Haines, Marion; several nieces and nephews, including Betty Pastorek, Genoa, Ohio. Aside from her husband, Flockencier was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

### **Marilyn Kay Shultz, 69**

Monday, February 19, 2007

Marilyn Kay Shultz, 69, Rochester, passed away at 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at Hickory Creek of Rochester. She was born on November 27, 1937 in Henry Township, Fulton County to Glenn E. and Bessie N. (Thompson) Hoover. On November 24, 1957, she married Max W. Shultz in Rochester, and he preceded her in death on January 19, 2007.

Shultz was a beautician and homemaker, and for many years, she and her husband were co-owners of M & M RV Sales and Service, as well as Shultz Body Shop in Rochester.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, where she was active in the United Methodist Women's Blue Apple Circle, and also enjoyed her rose garden, cooking, and bird watching.

Shultz is survived by two daughters, Jennifer A. Shultz, Alto Pass, Illinois, and Julie A. Kotterman, Rochester; one son, Kevin Shultz, Rochester; grandchildren, Kayla Shultz, Rochester, Austin Kotterman, Rochester, Tanner Kotterman, Rochester; two brothers, Denny L. Hoover and wife Ann, Naples, Florida, and Kenton J. Hoover and wife Sharon, Avon Park, Florida; and one sister, Barbara Freeman, Springdale, Arkansas.

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

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Rick Taylor officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m., as well as 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation and/or to the Parkinson Disease Association. Online condolences may be sent to

[zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

### **Robert L. "Moldy, Jonesey, Papa" Molden Sr., 87**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Robert L. "Moldy, Jonesey, Papa" Molden Sr., 87, Logansport, passed away at 12:39 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. He was born Sept. 25, 1919 in Peru to Charles B. and Hettie J. (Arthur) Molden. He married Lula B. Smith May 18, 1942 in Evansville, and she survives. Molden retired in 1983 after 37 years as an electrical and gas engineer for Northern Indiana Public Service. He had also worked part-time for the Cutler-Jones Hardware Store in Peru for 35 years and Riverside Miniature Golf Course in Logansport for over 25 years. He was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post #3790 and a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II in the following units: Company H 151st Infantry 38th Division, Company H 180th Infantry 45th Division, Base Surgeons Office, Headquarters Atlantic Base Section and the 43rd General Hospital. He served in Sicily, North Africa, Italy and France. He also spent many hours at the White House Restaurant, volunteering his time to meet new acquaintances. He never new a stranger. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Phillip E. Molden and companion Kim Krutz, Stephen Randall Molden and wife Jody, and Robert L. Molden Jr. and wife Ruby, all of Logansport; a daughter, Debra C. Reeser and husband Mike, Walton; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a best friend, Marvin Shepler and wife Lucille, Logansport. He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Brooks Sayer officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, with full military rites. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Indiana Veterans Home. The memorial guest book may be signed or condolences sent at [www.gundrumfuneralhome.com](http://www.gundrumfuneralhome.com).

### **Arlington J. Countryman, 86**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Arlington J. Countryman, 86, Peru, passed away at 10:13 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Dec. 11, 1920 in Point Penninsula, N.Y. to Benjamin Cornwall and Mildred (Harris) Countryman. He married Billie Smith Feb. 5, 1945, and she preceded him in death July 7, 1981. He then married Leatha T. Lewis Feb. 13, 1984, and she survives. Countryman retired from the civil service at Grissom Air Force Base. He joined the military in 1942, serving in the U.S. Army and Air Force. He was a pilot and flight engineer during World War II. He had a 28-year Air Force civil service career, being stationed in New York, Hawaii and Indiana, retiring at Grissom Air Force Base. He also was a summer resident of Chaumont (Point Salubrious, N.Y.). In addition, he was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, Peru, and an avid woodworker, craftsman, inventor and author. He will be remembered and recognized by all he encountered for his dedication,

service, talent, kindness and love. His loving contributions have benefited many people around the world. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. May his spirits soar high like the planes he so dearly loved.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Kyle Countryman, Nashville, Tenn., and Michael Countryman, San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Deborah LaPointe, Chaumont, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Heather Wittig, Holly Countryman, Matthew LaPoint and Carrie LaPoint; a brother, Keith Countryman, Chaumont, N.Y.; two sisters, Mavis Wiley, Three Mile Bay, N.Y., and Mildred "Mim" Higgins, Chaumont, N.Y.; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bob Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military rites service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Nancy Nguyen Vo, 2**

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

Nancy Nguyen Vo, 2, Peru, passed away at 7:16 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

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

### **Charles Philip Satterthwaite, 86**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Charles Philip Satterthwaite, 86, Amboy, passed away at 4:04 p.m. on Monday, February 19, 2007 at Marion General Hospital, Marion. He was born on Nov. 2, 1920 in Huntington to Charles C. and Iona Maude Dillion Satterthwaite. He married Rosanna Stoltz at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, Huntington, on Nov. 17, 1943, and she survives.

Satterthwaite was a retired commercial truck driver who retired in 1983. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Msgr. Paul A. Welsh Assembly #2146, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and Cardinal O'Hara Council #718 Knights of Columbus. Survivors other than his wife include six sons, Rick E. Satterthwaite and wife Becky, Kokomo, P. Mike Satterthwaite and wife Twilla, Shreveport, La., Dennis L. Satterthwaite and wife Mary, Coshocton, Ohio, Charles P. Satterthwaite Jr. and wife Cheryl, Callco, Mo., James A. Satterthwaite and wife Kyle, Converse, and Kevin D. Satterthwaite and wife Kristie, Peru; two daughters, Rose Marie Satterthwaite and Dale Myers, Amboy, and Christine E. Satterthwaite Ebert, Peru; brothers Robert U. Satterthwaite and wife Carol, Mt. Etna, and Rex Satterthwaite, Huntington; sisters Margaret R. Satterthwaite Himelick, Muncie, and Mary L. Satterthwaite Engleman and husband Tom, Foley, Ala.; and 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Patty Beals.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Frances I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a prayer service beginning at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Charles Catholic Church through the funeral home.

### **Pauline Flockencier, 94**

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Pauline Flockencier, 94, formerly of Amboy and Marion, passed away at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at Wilshire at Lakewood, Lee's Summit, Missouri. She was born on March 21, 1912 in Amboy to Harvey and Mary (Pearson) Haines. On September 19, 1931, she married William Flockencier, who preceded her in death on February 16, 1995.

The 1929 graduate of Amboy High School was a homemaker and Birthright member of the Amboy Friends Church.

She is survived by one son, James Flockencier and wife Marilyn, Hendersonville, Tennessee; one daughter, Jill McComas and husband Rex, Raytown, Missouri; grandchildren, Dr. Laura Flockencier, David Flockencier, Greg McComas, and Kevin McComas; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucile Hodson, Rossville, and Grace Haines, Marion; several nieces and nephews, including Betty Pastorek, Genoa, Ohio. Aside from her husband, Flockencier was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Margaret Johnson, Dorothy Corwin, and Miriam 'Betty' Hahn; and one brother, John Haines.

Funeral services will be conducted today at 11 a.m. at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

### **Robert Edward Dilts Sr., 91**

Thursday, February 22, 2007

Robert Edward Dilts Sr., 91, formerly of Peru, passed away Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007 at his home in Plant City, Fla.

He was born in Peru to David and Mabel Dilts in 1916. Dorothy Spohn, who survives, became his bride in 1937 and as the family grew they remained in the Peru area until his retirement from Square D led the couple to Florida.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, David Dilts, Plant City, Fla., Robert Dilts Jr., Clifton, Colo., and Stephen Dilts, Plant City, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter and a great-grandson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice in Mr. Dilts' name. Condolences and words of encouragement would be welcomed by the family at the following address: Dorothy Dilts, 6339 Red Hawk Lane, Plant City, FL 33565.

A memorial gathering is planned at Mrs. Dilts' home.



**Marilyn J. Hartzler, 68**

Saturday, February 24, 2007/Monday, February 26, 2007

Marilyn J. Hartzler, 68, Akron, passed away at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 at her residence.

She was born Feb. 19, 1939 in Silver Lake to Donald and Delphia (Parker) Shoemaker. She married Richard Jack Hartzler Nov. 5, 1960 in Leesburg, and he preceded her in death Sept. 2, 2001. Hartzler graduated from Leesburg High School in 1957, and was a homemaker and co-owner of the former Hartzler Trucking and Hartzler Farms. She also was a member of the Perry Do-Rites Home Ec Club and the Akron Church of God where she was in the Homebuilders Class.

Survivors include 21 nieces and nephews, Sally Landrum, Marion, Don Brewer, North Manchester, Jim Brewer, Wabash, Nancy McCarty, Roann, Larry Keaffaber, West Virginia, Gary Keaffaber, Macy, Kerry Keaffaber, Akron, Kim Johnson, Muncie, Laura Shoemaker, Brian Shoemaker, Texas, Stephenia Barkman, Rochester, Mark Hartzler, Akron, Melinda Pratt, Rochester, Chad Hartzler, Akron, Brad Smith, Macy, Dauneda Shultz, Maribeth Wright, Roann, Jerry Hartzler, Akron, Angie Gast, Akron, Todd Hartzler, Wabash, and Cindy Hartzler, Wabash. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Akron Church of God, Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be in Laketon Cemetery, Laketon.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mount Zion Amish School or the Wabash/Miami County Home Hospice.

**Ruth G. Shafer, 95**

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Ruth G. Shafer, 95, Peru, passed away at 7 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007 at Caring Hands Healthcare.

She was born June 16, 1911 in Miami County to Henry and Rebecca (Strayer) Benner. She married John L. Shafer Dec. 14, 1951, and he preceded her in death July 12, 1968. Shafer formerly worked at the Peru Laundry and retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital in 1984. She also was a member of the Moose and Eagles Lodge auxiliaries in Peru and enjoyed bingo and playing cards. Several nieces and nephews survive, including Esther Richards, Norma Benner, Karen White, Lyman Benner, Mildred Catey, Richard Benner and Shirley Benner. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Donna Marie Angle; four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplains Steve Fleck and George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

**Deborah Kay (Bales) Overstake, 41**

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Deborah Kay (Bales) Overstake, 41, Woodlawn, Tenn., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007 at her residence.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. March 3 at Neal-Tarpley Funeral Home, 335 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tenn.

**Glenn Bradley, 44**

Monday, February 26, 2007

Glenn Bradley, 44, Peru, beloved son, brother, father and grandfather, passed away at 4 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at his residence after a long battle with cancer. He was born Oct. 10, 1962 in Risner, Ky. to Lee and Mary Lou Bradley. Bradley was a 1981 graduate of Peru High School. He was a self-employed carpenter and very skillful with his work. He was always surrounded by his family. He was a founding member of the Peru Bass Masters. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and sitting beside a campfire with family and friends. He will be missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Survivors besides his parents include his beloved companion, April Bradley-Vermilya; two daughters, Kayla Bradley and Sherese Bradley Rizo, both of Peru; three grandchildren, Brayden, Jacob and Karson; two brothers, Doug Bradley and wife Deb, Syracuse, and Mike Bradley and wife Susie, Royalton, Ky.; three sisters, Lisa Simpson and husband Ron, Saylorsville, Ky., Connie Tyler and husband John, Peru, and Lugina Benner and husband Joe, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastors John Armstrong and Gene Ousley officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Joann Arnold, 69**

Monday, February 26, 2007

Joann Arnold, 69, Peru, passed away at 6:19 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

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

**Bessie A. Sherritze, 96**

Monday, February 26, 2007

Bessie A. Sherritze, 96, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at Colonial Oaks Healthcare, Marion. She was born Oct. 1, 1910 in Maynardville, Tenn. to William and Maggie Christin Maples. She married Forrest Sherritze Dec. 14, 1932 in Union City, Tenn., and he preceded her in death Dec. 14, 1978.

Sherritze was a homemaker and a member of North Grove Church and the Harrison Homemakers.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Sherritze and wife Wanda, Converse, Gary Sherritze, Amboy, and Terry Sherritze, Texas; five grandchildren, Becky Mann, Evansville, Cathy Hunnicutt, Peru, Jerri Smith, Carmel, LouAnn LaDuct, Royal Center, and Travis Sherritze, Tennessee; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Clayton Maples; and a sister, Mattie Hutchison.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. John Haines officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to North Grove Church.

**Louise "Little Bit" Smith, 69**

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Louise "Little Bit" Smith, 69, Wabash, passed away at 12:16 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation for family and friends will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).

**Carl Samuel "Sam" Barnett, 90**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Carl Samuel "Sam" Barnett, 90, Wabash, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor West, Wabash. He was born Aug. 12, 1916 in Richvalley to Carl and Maud (DuBois) Barnett. He married Virginia Smith Jan. 17, 1942 in Monticello, and she survives. Barnett graduated from Linlawn High School and attended Manchester College for three years. He retired from General Tire in 1981 after 41 years. He was a member of Wabash First United Methodist Church, Hanna Masonic Lodge, Wabash Moose Lodge and the Sons of the American Legion. He also was active in the Wabash Men's Bowling Association and managed the General Tire Men's Fastpitch Team for several years.

Survivors besides his wife in Wabash include two daughters, Peggy Jo Kilcrease, Grand Prairie, Texas, and Karen Daine and husband David, Wabash; two grandsons, Michael Ihnen and his children, Elizabeth and Ronald, all of Townsend, Tenn., and David Ihnen, Cave City, Ark.; two granddaughters, Angela Hill and husband Greg, and their daughter Lyndsey, all of Knoxville, Tenn., and Teresa Jones and her children Sheldon and Lacie, all of Wabash; and two step-granddaughters, Alicia Boeddeker and husband Tim and their children Austin Brady and Riley, and Angela Pennington and husband Dave and their daughter Davee Layne, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his son, Carl Eugene Barnett in 1942; a brother, Ernest Barnett; a sister, Elizabeth Berkebile; and a great-grandson, David Ihnen Jr.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Chris Madison officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Carl may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Memorials may be given to the Wabash First United Methodist Church.

**William C. 'Buff' Huff, 64**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

William C. 'Buff' Huff, 64, Kokomo, passed away at 9:50 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on December 27, 1942 in Indianapolis to William R. and Evelyn (Crawford) Huff. On May 6, 1960, he married Sandra K. Sharp in Goldsmith, and she survives. The 1960 graduate of Jefferson Township High School, Kempton, worked for the Eisa Corporation in Elwood for the past three years. Earlier he had worked at Acra-Line, Steel Parts, Kokomo Tube and Cabot. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and mentor to many people. Huff enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, camping and reading. Huff is survived by his wife, Sandra K. Huff, Kokomo; mother, Evelyn Huff, Kokomo; children William P. Huff, Kokomo, Kelly Huff Wallace, Elwood, Jeffrey A. Huff and wife Gae L., Sharpsville; grandchildren, Joshua P. Huff, Jackson P. Huff, Kennedy L. Huff, Zachary A. Huff; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watson, Goldsmith, and Jerry Gabriel, Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his father; and a grandson, Kameron Huff. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville, with the Reverend Kim Drake officiating. Burial will be at Normanda Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with medical expenses. Online condolences may be made to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

**JoAnn Arnold, 69**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

JoAnn Arnold, 69, Peru, passed away at 6:19 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Peru on December 16, 1937, the daughter of W.B. and Audrey Spencer. She married Dennis Arnold in the St. Charles Catholic Church on August 31, 1963, and he survives. A lifelong Peru resident, JoAnn graduated from Peru High School in 1956 and attended Indiana Business School upon graduation. She worked at Essex Wire, United Way of Miami County, and Maconaquah Middle School between raising two wonderful children with her husband. A woman of strong spirit and faith, she was a member of The Daughters of Isabella, The Altar and Rosary Society, as well as the K of C Auxiliary. She had a voracious appetite for learning and would spend hours on her laptop researching

topics that were of interest. She thoroughly enjoyed traveling and visited England, Ireland and Scotland, as well as various places of interest throughout the United States. She loved vacationing in New Mexico. Family and friends were a priority to JoAnn and she always looked forward to getting together, whether it was a quiet visit at home, an afternoon lunch out or a large party. She filled the room with joy, love and laughter with her incredible wit and humor. Surviving, in addition to her husband; are children, Angela Arnold and Brian Arnold, both of Indianapolis; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, John Spencer and James Spencer. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of JoAnn Arnold will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. A tribute to JoAnn can also be found on the Web site [www.OCRf.org](http://www.OCRf.org) in the Wall of Hope and Remembrance section.

### **Beth Ann Boyd, 29**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Beth Ann Boyd, 29, Peru, passed away at 9:10 a.m. on Sunday, February 25, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on March 31, 1977 in Peru to Sandra Smith and David Boyd, who both survive. Boyd worked at Noah's Nursery Daycare and preschool and the Time Saver Drive-Thru. She was a member of the Glad Tidings Assembly, Peru.

Aside from her parents, Boyd is survived by a step-mother, Donnya Boyd, Peru; one daughter, Caitlyn Dickerhoff, Peru; two sons, Todd Dickerhoff and Aidan Hobbs, both of Peru; grandparents, Richard and Carol Hutchison, Lester Burnett Sr., Nancy and Wayne Walker, all of Peru; former step-father, Richard Bryan, Logansport; one brother, David Boyd Jr., Kokomo; and three sisters, Erin Bryan, Dana Bryan, and Kayla Stone, each of Peru. She was preceded in death by one son, Wyatt Hobbs, who passed away in December of 2006. A memorial service will be conducted on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Glad Tidings Assembly with Pastor Bryan Maggart officiating. Love offerings may be made to the Beth Ann Boyd family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

### **Walter Charles Ramsey, 90**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Walter Charles Ramsey, 90, formerly of Denver, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2007 at Hickory Creek, Peru. He was born in Perry Township on January 2, 1917 to Charles and Eva (Shaw) Ramsey, and married Mary E. Click on August 27, 1941. She preceded him in death on August 6, 1982. The Gilead High School graduate was a retired farmer and member of the Mexico Masonic Lodge #347. Ramsey is survived by one son, Joe Ramsey and wife Beth, Mexico; two grandchildren, Michael Ramsey and wife Emily, Peru, and Mary Ann Ramsey, Mexico; and one sister, Geneva Miller, Akron.

Aside from his wife, Ramsey was preceded in death by three sisters, Merl Crumrine, Marie Abner, and Agnes Alexander; and three brothers, Verlon Ramsey, Paul Ramsey, and Roscoe Ramsey. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at 7 p.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Rev. Lowell Burrus officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. A private burial will be conducted at Ever-Rest Memorial Park.

### **Colleen Welsh Speight, 75**

Thursday, March 01, 2007

Colleen Welsh Speight, 75, passed away at her residence at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007. She was born on Nov. 4, 1931 in Kokomo to Raymond Powers and Esther (Humble) Powers. She first married Edwin E. Welsh in Peru on June 14, 1947, and he preceded her in death. She then married Cecil L. Speight on Dec. 23, 1978 in Bunker Hill, and he survives. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, James Welsh and wife Julia, and Brad Welsh and wife Karen, all of Kokomo; four daughters, Linda Parslow and husband William, Kokomo, Sandra Welsh, Noblesville, Peggy Richey and husband Mike, Morgantown, and Patsy LeMaster and husband Doug, Bunker Hill; two step-sons, John Speight and wife Kim, Peru, and David Speight and wife Wendy, Georgia; one brother, Conrad Powers and wife Clara, Tucson, Ariz.; 17 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and first husband. Mrs. Speight had worked at the former Delco Electronics for 24 years, retiring in 1988. She attended the United Methodist Church in Cassville and was a member of the Cassville Lions Club and UAW #292. Her greatest enjoyment came from quilting and making all the different quilts for her family, especially the grandbabies. She also enjoyed fishing, gardening, canning and loved to spend time and visit with everyone at the family get-togethers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with Pastor John Newman officiating. Entombment will follow in the Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Those wishing to send online condolences may do so by visiting the Web site [www.MeM.com](http://www.MeM.com).

**Kenneth M. Kaminski, 75**Thursday, March 01, 2007

Kenneth M. Kaminski, 75, Plymouth, formerly of Argos, passed away at 8:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, with the Rev. Mark Fishburn officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, with military graveside rites performed by James Lowell Corey, American Legion Post 68 of Argos. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos Community Schools, Dollars for Scholars, ATTN: Eugene Cooper, Treasurer, 18707 Michigan Road, Argos, IN 46501. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

**Constance E. Hilgeman Robinson, 85**Thursday, March 01, 2007

Constance E. Hilgeman Robinson, 85, Peru, passed away at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 at Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, Ohio. Born in Peru Dec. 31, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Guy F. and Della M. Shaw Berger.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia A. Beverly and husband Stephen M., Springfield, Ohio, and Susan K. Sims and husband David, Delray Beach, Fla. Also surviving Nana are four grandchildren, Brigitte A. Williams and husband Jim, Springfield, Bryan A. Beverly and wife Mendy, New Carlisle, Ohio, Toma Suzette Rusk, Monterey, Calif., and Sebastian Kayne Rusk, Newport Beach, Calif. Six great-grandchildren survive. They are Stephanie and Rachel Ewing and Ryan A. Beverly, New Carlisle, Ohio, Laura Ann and Henry James Kevin Williams, Springfield, and Kayla Marie Rusk, Newport Beach, Calif. Her first marriage was to Charles W. Hilgeman on Nov. 22, 1944. She married Robert J. Robinson on April 5, 1969. They preceded her in death along with her two brothers, Richard Berger and wife Clara, Rochester, and James A. Berger, Peru. A sister-in-law, Rosie Berger, resides in Peru along with her nephew, James L. Berger, and her brother-in-law, John F. Hilgeman and wife Susie, Peru. Two step-daughters also survive. They are Teresa Seikel, Stillwater, Okla., and Detrea Liggitt, Fort Wayne, along with a sister-in-law, Mary Jean Robinson, Peru. Two step-grandsons, Andy and Scott Estep, live in Westerville, Ohio. Mrs. Robinson was a 1941 graduate of Peru High School. She was preceded in death by a son, John Charles Hilgeman, and a great-grandson, Clayton Charles Williams, Springfield. She was a 30-year retired Indiana Bell telephone operator and tutored for Peru Community Schools 17 years, teaching at Holman and Lincoln elementaries.

She was a 50-year member of the First Christian Church and its Dorcas Circle and served as the church librarian. She was active in the Miami County Historical Society, the Miami County Genealogical Society, the Miami County Women's Democrat Club, the Garden Club, the Literary Club, Telephone Pioneers of America, (CWA) Communication Workers of America, Women of the Moose, Bell Ringers Club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Heartfelt appreciation is expressed for the kind and loving care extended by the staff of Petticrew Center, Springfield, and Dr. M. Husein Jawadi, Dr. Amrit Chada, Mercy Hospice Care and Dr. John Crawshaw, Peru. Arrangements in Ohio were handled by Conroy Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor George McCarty and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Fire House Ministries.

**Robert W. Foster, 82**Friday, March 02, 2007

Robert W. Foster, 82, Homosassa, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away on February 25, 2007 at Hospice House, Lecanto, Fla. He was born on May 17, 1924 in Peru to Charles Foster and Texie Hedrick Foster. He was a retired superintendent for CSX Railroad. He was a member of the Sugarmill Woods Country Club and Southern Woods Country Club. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Frances M. Chapin Foster, Homosassa; a son, David M. Foster and wife Valerie, Gold Canyon, Ariz.; two daughters, Candace Wait and husband Jack, Fredericksburg, Texas, and Cynthia Genter and husband Michael of Ludington, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Janna Stellwag, Jeremy Bonneau and Robert M. Foster. A memorial service will be held Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Wilder Funeral Home, Homosassa. Inurement will be held at a later date at Florida National Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Citrus County.

**Edna E. Pressey, 85**Saturday, March 03, 2007

Edna E. Pressey, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 12:09 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2007 at Northwoods Village. She was born Oct. 24, 1921 in Bicknell to Earl and Flossie (Vales) O'Dell. On Nov. 11, 1939 in Vincennes, she married James R. Pressey, who preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 2002. Edna was a homemaker who loved her family and grandchildren. She enjoyed going fishing and cooking. She is survived by one daughter, Millie Pearson and her husband Phil, Greentown; three sons, Robert J. Pressey and wife Lil, West Middleton, Harry W. Pressey and wife, Vera, Peru, and Earl C. Pressey, Kokomo; 16 grandchildren, Mike Pressey, Charles and David Harris, Renee Wade, Gary, Bobby and Jamie Pressey, Kim Turpin, Kathy Cumingham, Troy Pearson, Theresa Drake, Mark and Rick Pressey, and Rich, Rod and Randy Cress; 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, seven brothers, two sisters and one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Pressey. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes, Grecu Chapel, 414 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, with Pastor Joe Bulger officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens

Cemetery. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until service time on Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to Southern Care Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

**Derrill M. Pavey, 82**

Saturday, March 03, 2007

Derrill M. Pavey, 82, Flagler Beach, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007 at his Florida residence. He was born May 26, 1924 in Tipton to Ernest and Emma (Rydell) Pavey. Pavey served during World War II in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the N&W Railroad and was a member of the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge, both of Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Shawn Holmes and husband Jeff, Peru; a son, Chad Pavey, Peru; a granddaughter, Rachel Krisher and husband Anthony, Peru; a great-granddaughter, Ava Krisher, Peru; a step-daughter, Chris Disbro and husband Larry, Peru; a step-son, Bruce Berryman, Peru; a step-granddaughter, Lora Disbro, Peru; and three sisters, Donna Wernz and husband Steve, Peru, Helen Eckerty and husband Reese, Clarksville, and Norma Hyde, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held in Flagler Beach, Fla. at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007. Local arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Ethel Mavrick Chimoures, 84**

Saturday, March 03, 2007

Ethel Mavrick Chimoures, 84, Clearwater, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007 at Hospice House Woodside, Pinellas Park, Fla. She was born June 6, 1922 in Peru and moved to Florida in 1987 from Chicago. She married James Chimoures in 1957 in Peru, and he passed away in 2005. Chimoures was a 1941 Peru High School graduate and retired as an executive assistant in the health care industry. She was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Clearwater, Fla. Other memberships included the Daughters of Penelope, Philoptochos Society and the National Association of Female Executives. She volunteered in numerous churches and community activities including Mease Countryside Hospital, Safety Harbor. Survivors are numerous nieces and nephews, including Greg Mavrick and fiancée Kim, Kokomo, Cindy Mavrick, Indianapolis, Sandra Westcott and husband Harry, Knoxville, Tenn., Jim Mavrick and wife Jodie, Sebastian, Fla., and Susan Landgrave and husband Richard, Peru; and several cousins. Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home, Clearwater, Fla., handled arrangements.

**Loran A. Beckley, 89**

Monday, March 05, 2007

Loran A. Beckley, 89, Twelve Mile, passed away at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 18, 1917 in Royal Center to Clarence and Mabel C. (Millhousen) Beckley. On February 21, 1940, he married FeLitia M. Harrison in Monticello, and she preceded him in death on October 4, 1986. On June 7, 1987, he married Frances V. Beall Bollet in Twelve Mile, and she survives. Beckley was a former member of Grace United Methodist Church, Royal Center, and currently attended Corinth Brethren Church, Twelve Mile. He was a 60-year member of the Royal Center Lodge #585 F &AM, where he was a Past Master in 1951 and 1952, and was currently chaplain for the lodge. Beckley was a Gold Card Holder for the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, a member of the Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne and was a member of the Royal Center Order of the Eastern Star #375, where he was a Past Worthy Patron. He worked as a farmer, who hauled livestock before retiring in 1982. Beckley loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved being outside, going out to eat and always being "on the go." Aside from his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Bonnie J. Smith and husband Virgil 'Bill,' Royal Center; step-son, Robert J. Beall and wife Angela, Twelve Mile; grandchildren, Stephanie Glassburn and husband Todd, Steve Smith and wife Jennifer, Shellie Shaw and husband Tom; step-grandchildren, Jim Beall and wife Jill, and Chris Beall and wife Jodi; great-grandchildren, Matthew, Tom, Andrew, and Hannah Glassburn, Heather Megan and Deven Smith, Tyler and Alyssa Shaw, Erica Taylor and husband Greg, John, Michael, Garrett and Riley Beall; great-great-grandchild, Hunter Taylor; and two special grandchildren, Elizabeth Thomas and husband Brent, and daughter Olivia, and Sarah Pinkerton and husband Jacob; several nieces and nephews. Aside from his first wife, Beckley was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ralph Beckley; and sister, Olivia Beckley.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. today at the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel, with Pastor Michael Thompson officiating. Burial will be in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Memorial contributions may be made to the Corinth Brethren Church, 7057 N. Jefferson Street, Twelve Mile, and/or Riley Children's Hospital, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Online condolences may be made to the family through [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Ronald B. 'Chris' Christopher, 73**

Monday, March 05, 2007

Ronald B. 'Chris' Christopher, 73, Peru, formerly of Denver, passed away at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospice Center, Indianapolis. He was born on April 19, 1933 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to Margaret Phyllis Giles, who preceded him in death on January 4, 2006. On July 8, 1977, Christopher married Doris Marburger, who preceded him in death in 2000. Christopher came to Indiana in the late 1950s while serving in the United States Air Force at the Bunker Hill Air Force Base. After enlisting at the age of 17 years, he also served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, earning a Purple Heart. He was retired from the C & O Railroad, where he was employed from 1962 to 1985. Christopher was a

member of the V.F.W., American Legion, Peru Maennerchor, Peru Moose Lodge, Wabash Saddle Club, and a life member of the U.T.U. Christopher loved horses, fishing, camping and bowling. his best times were spent sitting around a campfire telling "whoppers." He also enjoyed trail riding at the Salamonie State Forest. He is survived by his significant other, Harriet 'Hattie' Tyson; one step-son, Craig Marburger, North Manchester; a nephew, Ronald Connors and wife Judy, Peru; a niece, Robin Kindig and her daughter, Caitlin, Kokomo; a cousin, Glen T. Wilson; his extended family, Carol Biddle and her husband Terry, Peru; Walter Harris and wife Tamako, Warner Robbins, Georgia, Anita Lasley and husband Anthony, Andrews, Tina Wright and husband Terry, Portage, and Rhoda Horwedel, Long Beach, California. Aside from his mother; and wife; he was preceded in death by sister, Beverly Connors.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Reverend J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military graveside rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a memorial service being conducted by the Peru Moose Lodge at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Hospice Center, Indianapolis.

**Louis N. Petrone Sr., 83**

Monday, March 05, 2007

Louis N. Petrone Sr., 83, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:55 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Community Hospital North, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jose M. 'Little Joe' Olivarez, 79**

Monday, March 05, 2007

Jose M. 'Little Joe' Olivarez, 79, passed away at 6:07 a.m. on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jose M. "Little Joe" Olivarez, 79**

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

Jose M. "Little Joe" Olivarez, 79, Peru, passed away at 6:07 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born July 27, 1927 in Robstown, Texas to Sezerino and Eutimia (Marez) Olivarez. He married Eva Tyler Selleck Feb. 14, 1992, and she survives. Olivarez was a U.S. Navy veteran and had worked at Ebert Machine Shop for 12 years. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Peru.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Stanley Olivarez, Albuquerque, N.M., and Michael Olivarez, Miami, Fla.; a daughter, Debbie Beam and husband Wes, Kokomo; three step-sons, Steve Selleck and wife Jackie, Auburn, and Mike and Roger Selleck, both of Peru; three step-daughters, Marla See and husband Ron, Kim Selleck, and Robin Brower and husband Jed, all of Peru; two sisters, Janie Ochoa and husband Nacho, and Anita Molina, all of Dallas, Texas; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a son, a step-son and a step-grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Cancer Society.

**Louis N. Petrone Sr., 83**

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

Louis N. Petrone Sr., 83, Indianapolis, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:55 a.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Community Hospital North, Indianapolis. He was born Nov. 26, 1923 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Gaetano and Maria Lucre Petrone. He married Patricia Roberts June 4, 1944, and she preceded him in death May 6, 1973. Part of America's greatest generation, Petrone served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He later served in the U.S. Air Force from 1947 to 1949, and after his retirement to Florida in 1979 he served in the Coastal Guard Auxiliary for more than 15 years. He owned and operated Circus City Furniture in Peru until his retirement in 1979. Lou and his wife Pat lovingly raised six children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus and the Moose Lodge. He never met a stranger, had a smile that would warm your heart and thoroughly enjoyed talking to people.

Survivors include his children, Louis N. Petrone Jr. and wife Cheryl, Carmel, Richard Petrone and wife Kathy, Louisville, Ky., Thomas Petrone and wife Kathy, Indianapolis, Kathleen Petrone, Christine Petrone and Karin Petrone, all of Indianapolis; a brother, Arthur Petrone, Manchester, Conn.; a sister, Anna Rosalie, Manchester, Conn.; a sister-in-law, Cici Sommers and husband Ralph, Peru; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Louis N. Petrone Sr. will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



**Michele S. Hahn, 57**

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

Michele S. Hahn, 57, Peru, passed away at 3:44 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Michele S. Hahn, 57**

Wednesday, March 07, 2007

Michele S. Hahn, 57, Peru, passed away at 3:44 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007 at her residence with family by her side. She was born on Dec. 19, 1949 in Bremerton, Wash. to James H. and Joan A. (Phillips) Taylor. She moved to Peru in 1964. Hahn worked at Square D Company for 35 years. She also was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and enjoyed archery and won many awards. She loved spending time with her grandson, Levi Garrett Otis, and with her family and friends. Michele's pride and joy was her grandson, Levi Garrett Otis. Survivors include her father in Peru; two children, Shelly Hahn and companion Scott Miller, and Timothy Hahn and companion Melissa Johnson, all of Peru; two sisters, Sharon Maderos, Madesta, Calif., and Theresa Molencupp and husband Donald, Ligonier; a brother, Mike Taylor and wife Cindy, Peru; and a grandchild, Levi Garrett Otis. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Hahn family through the funeral home.

**Esther I. Fites, 91**

Wednesday, March 07, 2007

Esther I. Fites, 91, Hendricks, passed away Friday, March 2, 2007 at Hendricks Nursing Home. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church, Hammond. Memorial services also will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Hendricks Nursing Home chapel, with the Rev. Duane Baun of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery, Deedsville. Visitation was held Tuesday and will be from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the nursing home.

The online registry is at [www.birkfuneralhome.com](http://www.birkfuneralhome.com).

**Florence Evelyn Wood, 97**

Thursday, March 08, 2007

Florence Evelyn Wood, 97, Fort Wayne, passed away at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center, Fort Wayne. She was born Sept. 14, 1909 in Rockfield to Samuel and Rena M. (Windle) Beeler. She married Charles Elmo Wood in Chili on June 9, 1932, and he preceded her in death Nov. 2, 1998. She graduated from Chili High School in 1930, worked on the family farm, for Doud's Orchard in Chili and retired in 1975 from Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was a member of the Chili Baptist Church and a longtime volunteer for the Senior Citizens Center in Peru. She moved from the family farm in Chili in 1975 to Peru. In 1995, she left Peru and moved to Fort Wayne. Survivors include two daughters, Marjorie Lou Gaskill, Fort Wayne, and Patsy Joy Salisbury and husband David, Roanoke; a son, Herman L. Wood and wife Anita, Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Mary Stewart; and a granddaughter, Lydia Salisbury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Gene Personett officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Chili Baptist Church. The memorial guest book for Florence may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Lee Boggs, 75**

Friday, March 09, 2007

Lee Boggs, 75, Peru, passed away at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jack L. Johnson, 78**

Friday, March 09, 2007

Jack L. Johnson, 78, Peru, passed away at 9:05 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born on May 23, 1928 in Wabash County to Lamoine and Isabelle (Binker) Johnson, and resided in Peru, Miami and Wabash Counties his entire life. On December 4, 1970, Johnson married Becky Skinner, who survives. The 1946 graduate of Roann High School was a retired land developer and farmer. He had started a chain of Curb-A-Teria restaurants in Wabash, Peru, Logansport and Monticello earlier in his career. Johnson was a member of the Mexico Lions Club and enjoyed cooking. Aside from his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Larenda Johnson and fiance Dave Lammers, Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Richard Johnson, Wabash; and one brother-in-law, Galen Davenport, LaFontaine. Johnson was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Monyeen Davenport. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Todd Wenger officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Church of the Brethren.



**Lee Boggs, 75**

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Lee Boggs, 75, Peru, passed away at 9:06 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Feb. 3, 1932 in Hyden, Ky. to Levi and Bertha (Day) Boggs. He married Delphia Baker April 13, 1950, and she survives. They were married 56 years and 11 months. Boggs was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during the Korean Conflict. He also was a retired as a welder from the Freeman Corp., Peru. In addition, he was a member of Church of Christ, Peru. Survivors besides his wife include three brothers, Henry J. Boggs, Ohio, Kermit Boggs, Lancaster, Ky., and Homer Boggs, Cumberland, Ky.; and a host of nieces, nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Emery Lee Boggs; a daughter, Kathy Boggs; a brother and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Brothers Willie Hendrix and Arvel Baker officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service today at the funeral home.

**Martin "Mit" Caplan, 77**

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Martin "Mit" Caplan, 77, Peru, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 1, 1929 in St. Louis, Mo. to Harry and Fanny (Bernstein) Caplan. He married Olivia Ross Aug. 3, 1952, and she survives. Caplan was a retired insurance agent and formerly owned and operated Mit Caplan's Women Clothing Store in Peru. He also was a member of Temple B'Nai Israel Church, Kokomo. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Ross Caplan and wife Angel, Peru; a step-son, Brandon McGlothlin and wife Heather, Kokomo; and a sister, Marilyn Caplan, St. Louis, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Stanley and Edwin Caplan. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Rabbi Lewis Weiss officiating. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family.

**Paul Bright Church Jr. 82**

Monday, March 12, 2007

Paul Bright Church Jr. 82, Lafayette, passed away at 8:59 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2007 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette. He had lived four months in Lafayette, coming from Peru. He was born April 21, 1924 in Indianapolis to Paul B. and Vivian (Carbaugh) Church. He married Ruth Joan Graper Aug. 27, 1949 in Crown Point, and she survives. Church graduated from Crown Point High School in 1942. He enlisted in the Private Air Corps. on Dec. 10, 1942, and in 1943 went to flight school at various bases throughout the U.S. He was a P47 fighter pilot in the 79th fighter group 86th Fighter Squadron. His service was credited to the Army Air Corp, and upon discharge he was a lieutenant colonel. He received his B.A. in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1949. From 1949 to 1952 he worked at Automatic Sprinkler company in Youngstown, Ohio. From 1952 until his retirement in 1989 he worked at NIPSCO, starting as an engineer in LaPorte and later serving as a district superintendent of operations in LaPorte, Peru, Logansport and Wabash. He was a Kiwanis member for over 37 years, and in the core group of people who financed and developed Grissom Air Museum, helping with the acquisition of many historical aircraft and artifacts, and serving as interim director before state acquisition. He enjoyed photography and worldwide travel, was an active blood donor, donating many gallons, and volunteered with many community projects. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Paula Watkins and Karen Church, both of Lafayette; a son, Timothy Church and wife Cathi, Rolling Prairie; a sister, Barbara Winters, Alexandria, Va.; and four grandchildren, Christopher, Melissa and husband Peter, Zebulon and Noah. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Jennifer. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, with Pastor Robert Baszner officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the charity of the donor's choice. Funeral arrangements were handled by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes, Lafayette. For more information, visit [www.soller-baker.com](http://www.soller-baker.com).

**Clarence R. Clark, 82**

Monday, March 12, 2007

Clarence R. Clark, 82, Macy, passed away 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Richard Lee "Dick" Kinzie, 59**

Monday, March 12, 2007

Richard Lee "Dick" Kinzie, 59, Denver, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, after an extended illness with leukemia. He was born July 3, 1947 in Peru to Wayne and Gwenneth (Long) Kinzie. He married Cindy (Ashbrook) Kinzie July 1, 1972, and she survives. Kinzie lived on the family farm all his life. He graduated from North Miami High School in 1965 and milked cows most his life. He was still raising cattle and farming until he passed away. He was a member of Denver Methodist Church and the Pioneer Power Tractor Club of North Central Indiana. He also was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was one person if you ever met him you would never forget his great personality and sense of humor. He loved spending time with his family, especially his wonderful grandchildren, farming, Minneapolis-Moline tractors, toy tractors and his ducks. Survivors besides his wife and

mother in Denver include two daughters, Cori Knight and husband Michael, and Jaci France and husband Lee, all of Denver; four grandchildren, Owen Knight, Makinzie, Calie and Madison France; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hardy and Mary Jane Ashbrook, Peru; and a sister, Joyce Gingrich and husband Max, Chili. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jack Hess officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Miami FFA and/or St. Vincent Childrens Hospital of Indianapolis.

**Don K. Betzner, 88**

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Don K. Betzner, 88, Russiaville, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007 at his home in Russiaville. He was born Sept. 14, 1918 in Bunker Hill to Bethel and Edith (Kurtz) Betzner. He married Eva J. (Gibson) Betzner Feb. 7, 1947, and she preceded in death June 1, 1992. Betzner was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II in the Ranger Infantry Battalion. He also was a lifelong farmer, had worked for Kent Feed and Grain in Russiaville and was a pipe fitter at the stove factory in Kokomo. He enjoyed raising cattle and hogs and gardening. He was an IU sports fan and also enjoyed watching the Pacers and the Cardinals. Survivors include a son, Roger Betzner, Kokomo; a daughter, Carolyn Ellis and husband Max, Russiaville; seven grandchildren, Bret Ellis, Stacy Janovitz, Donnie Betzner, Toni Betzner, Kylie Betzner, Andrew Betzner and Phillip Ellis; a great-grandchild, Corinne Janovitz; a brother, Eugene Betzner, Bunker Hill; and a sister, Jane Glassburn, Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, Galveston, with the Rev. Warren Purcell officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, with military honors. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home, U.S. Highway 35 South, Galveston. Memorials may be made to Howard Regional Oncology Center, Kokomo. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).

**Kathleen Parker, 93**

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Kathleen Parker, 93, Peru, passed away at 8:34 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Jackquan Caine officiating. Burial will be in Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo. Friends may call from noon Wednesday until time of service at the funeral home.

**Clarence Ransom Clark, 82**

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Clarence Ransom Clark, 82, Macy, left this world to be with Heavenly Father at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Jan. 30, 1925 in Peru to Clarence Wilson and Donnie May (Wooten) Clark. Clark attended Peru High School. From there he attended Brigham Young University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1950. He received his master's degree in education in 1967 from Indiana University. He was community and service oriented. He served as a missionary in Florida for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in many different positions in the church for most of his life. He taught school for almost 20 years. Clark also served on the town board in Macy and was an Emergency Medical Technician in the first volunteer group in Miami County. He had a passion for music and was an avid gardener. He loved to read and share his knowledge with everyone. He married Norma Jean Shambarger July 29, 1951, and she survives. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Chris and wife Janie; a grandson, Drake; eight step grandchildren; nine great step grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Loren Shambarger and wife Gladys, and Bill Shambarger and wife Janet; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Clark; 18 very cherished nieces and nephews; and numerous other loved family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, DeRees; two great nephews, Jimmy and Michael; a step great grandson, Clint; and a great niece, Raygen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Elder Ronnie W. Yard officiating. Burial will be in Five Corners Cemetery, northern Miami County. Viewing will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings may be made to the family.

**Mary E. Craig, 79**

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Mary E. Craig, 79, Peru, passed away at 10 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Hickory Creek, Peru. She was born May 16, 1927 in Mershons, Ky. to Walter and Nancy Howard Eversole. She married James Craig May 21, 1947 in Greenville, S.C., and he preceded her in death Jan. 21, 1998. Craig was a care giver in home health care and a member of Solid Rock Church, Trenton, Ohio, and First Assembly of God, Peru. Survivors include a daughter, Dolly Bowen and husband Charles, Peru; two sons, James Craig Jr. and Jerry Craig, both of Franklin, Ohio; two brothers, Edward Eversole and wife Judy, and Leonard Eversole and wife Alice, all of East Bernstadt, Ky.; 26 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Susan Hamrick and Peggy Rose; two sisters; a brother; a grandson, Michael Craig; and a great-granddaughter, Toni Gibbs. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Eaton-Anderson-Unglesby Funeral Home, 1357 E. Second St., Franklin, Ohio. Burial will be in Butler County Memorial Park, Trenton, Ohio. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Local arrangements were handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Madeline Working Fry, 80**Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Madeline Working Fry, 80, Peru, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Monday, March 12, 2007 at her residence. She was born on July 26, 1926 in Peru to Newell N. and Effie Mae (Fisher) Woolley. She married Richard Working in 1946, and he preceded her in death in 1992. She then married James Fry in 1993, and he preceded her in death in 2001. Fry was a homemaker and lifelong resident of the area. She also was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Peru. Survivors include three sons, Ronald Working and wife Marlene, Peru, Luke Working and wife Bev, Bristol, and Jeff Working and wife Libby, Macy; two daughters, Judy Trobaugh and Dorothy Miller, both of Peru; a brother, George Woolley and wife Genevieve, Mishawaka; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two sons, Alan S. Working and Clifton Working; and a sister, Maxine Arthur. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Nazarene.

**Don K. Betzner, 88**Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Don K. Betzner, 88, Russiaville, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007 at his home in Russiaville. He was born Sept. 14, 1918 in Bunker Hill to Bethel and Edith (Kurtz) Betzner. He married Eva J. (Gibson) Betzner Feb. 7, 1947, and she preceded in death June 1, 1992. Betzner was a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II in the Ranger Infantry Battalion. He also was a lifelong farmer, had worked for Kent Feed and Grain in Russiaville and was a pipe fitter at the stove factory in Kokomo. He enjoyed raising cattle and hogs and gardening. He was an IU sports fan and also enjoyed watching the Pacers and the Cardinals. Survivors include a son, Roger Betzner, Kokomo; a daughter, Carolyn Ellis and husband Max, Russiaville; seven grandchildren, Bret Ellis, Stacy Janovitz, Donnie Betzner, Toni Betzner, Kylie Betzner, Andrew Betzner and Phillip Ellis; a great-grandchild, Corinne Janovitz; a brother, Eugene Betzner, Bunker Hill; and a sister, Jane Glassburn, Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home Galveston Chapel, Galveston, with the Rev. Warren Purcell officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, Galveston, with military honors. Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home, U.S. Highway 35 South, Galveston. Memorials may be made to Howard Regional Oncology Center, Kokomo. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).

**Kathleen Parker, 93**Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Kathleen Parker, 93, Peru, passed away at 8:34 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Jackquan Caine officiating. Burial will be in Crown Point Cemetery, Kokomo. Friends may call from noon Wednesday until time of service at the funeral home.

**Eugene D. Rich, 89**Thursday, March 15, 2007

Eugene D. Rich, 89, Peru, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kokomo, surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 20, 1917 in Huntington to Robert and Fern Fulton Rich. He married Ruth A. Schafer in Urbana March 23, 1940, and she preceded him in death Sept. 16, 2005. Rich graduated from Huntington High School in 1936. He was employed by the Wabash Railroad and the Norfolk Western Railroad for 28 years, and he was yardmaster in 1968. He and his wife owned and operated Rich's TV & Appliances in Peru until their retirement in 1984. They spent their winters in Okeechobee, Fla. where they attended the Oakdale Baptist Church. He was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He and his wife lovingly raised two wonderful children. He had a great sense of humor, enjoyed IU basketball and loved fishing. Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Sherrick Hirth and husband Dan, Kokomo; a son, Dwight Rich and wife Helen, Monticello; three grandchildren, Derek Sherrick and wife Sandy, Kimberly Buscher and Erica Rich; two step-grandchildren, Elizabeth Lovette and Christopher Lovette; four great-grandchildren, Tanya Sherrick, Kenny Buscher, Kasey Buscher and Alison Sherrick; and two great-great-granddaughters, Rayah Beets and A'nya Beets. A service celebrating the life of Eugene D. Rich will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Sandy Sherrick officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Mary Ward Roberts Eck**Thursday, March 15, 2007

Mary Ward Roberts Eck, 70, Peru, died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 in Atlanta, Ga., after an extended illness. She was born June 25, 1936 in Peru to Ward and Lucia Bearss Roberts. After graduating from Peru High School in 1954, she attended Indiana State University receiving a B.S. in education in 1958. During her summers while a student, she was the lifeguard at the popular old wading pool at Maconaquah Park. She and George Eck were married in 1958,

and during that marriage resided in Ann Arbor, Mich., and Wabash. She moved back to Peru in 1980, and since then had assisted in the management of a family business. Mary was a kind, warm, intelligent woman who was loved by all who knew her. She had a fun-loving sense of humor and grand sense of style. She loved the Peru Amateur Circus and festival, the summer circus band concerts, and was also a very big fan of Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre. She was an avid reader, and enjoyed her cats, Creamy and Dolly. Traveling, including world cruises on the QE2, was one of her favorite pastimes. She was a rabid sports fan, living and dying over IU basketball, the Colts, and, of course, the ever-exasperating Cubs. She was a member of the Peru Chapter of the D.A.R., a charter member of the Peru Croquet League, and had many wonderful friends at the Peru Maennerchor. She also had two very special friends in Stewart and Doris Wade. Survivors include two daughters, Lucia White Eck McCarthy and husband Kevin, Ypsilanti, Mich., and Mary Patterson Eck Byrne and husband Sean, Atlanta, Ga.; two grandchildren, Zoe and Wolfgang Byrne; a brother, Dr. Daniel Bearss Roberts, Peru; a niece, Gizella Katarina "Kati" Roberts, and a nephew, Ward E. Roberts, both of Los Angeles, Calif. A private ceremony was held in Atlanta, and a memorial service to be held in Peru is pending. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Amateur Circus or Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre.

**Jessie "Jean" Fisher, 84**

Friday, March 16, 2007

Jessie "Jean" Fisher, 84, Peru, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**James D. Johnson, 71**

Saturday, March 17, 2007

James D. Johnson, 71, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 3:25 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born Feb. 8, 1936 in Bypro, Ky. to L. Noah and Alma Johnson. He married Orbie Prater Johnson June 16, 1967 in Baltimore, Md., and she survives. Johnson was a U.S. Army veteran and owned and operated a recycling and towing service. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, James Lee Johnson and wife Brenda, Churubusco, and Ronald J. Johnson, Churubusco; two grandchildren, Christopher and Jessica Johnson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and a sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery, Miami County. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**James W. Kenworthy, 65**

Saturday, March 17, 2007

James W. Kenworthy, 65, Peru, formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2007 after an auto accident at 2400 N. Washington St., Kokomo. He was born Aug. 9, 1941 in Kokomo to Glen W. and Norma (Ludwig) Kenworthy. Kenworthy graduated from Kokomo High School in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962, and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, serving in Germany for 18 months. He retired in 1998 after 32 years at Delco Electronics, where he had worked in the plastic molding department. In addition he was a member of U.A.W. Local #292 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He also coached Babe Ruth Baseball for 17 years at Houston Park and in the mid-1970s at Western School. He loved "antiquing" and wood working and enjoyed bowling. Survivors include his mother in Greentown; three children, Robin Kenworthy, Kokomo, Michael Kenworthy and wife Cindy, Bringhurst, and Heather VanNatter and husband Shane, Logansport; a niece who was raised in his care, Kathleen Oreovicz and husband John, Coatsville; five grandchildren, Elise VanNatter, Austin VanNatter, Seth VanNatter, Lonnie Kenworthy and Krystil Kenworthy; and a special nephew, Patrick Oreovicz. He was preceded in death by his father who passed away in 1945 on the USS Indianapolis while serving during World War II; and a sister, Jane Kenworthy Pierce.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with the Rev. Pam Ditson-McCall officiating. Burial will follow in New London Cemetery near Russiaville. Friends and family are invited to call from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

**Jessie "Jean" Fisher, 84**

Saturday, March 17, 2007

Jessie "Jean" Fisher, 84, Peru, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center. She was born Jan. 1, 1923 in Chili to Edward C. and Jessie L. (Allen) Keirn. She married Leo Sullivan in 1942, and he preceded her in death in 1978. She then married Gerald "Scotty" Fisher in 1982, and he survives. Fisher and her husband Leo owned and operated the Sullivan Monument Company in Peru for 30 years. She also served as Miami County clerk and in the Indiana Senate. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, where she taught Bible study for years. She also was a United Methodist Women's Care giver for many years and was a member of the Eastern Star. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Charley Fisher and wife Jill, Peru; two grandchildren, Dustin Fisher and wife Kim, Chicago, Ill., and Hayley Ryגיע, Peru; four great-grandchildren, Drew, Stella and Sophia Ryגיע, all of Peru, and Griffin Fisher, Chicago, Ill.; a brother,

Noel Keirn and wife Helen, Peru; and a sister, Margarite Vale and husband Al, Cottonwood, Ariz. Jean also was a loving aunt to several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; three brothers, Allen, Grant and Max Keirn; two sisters, Rosalyn McKnight and Rosemary Hauss; and two great-grandchildren, Stacy and Casey Fisher. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Main Street United Methodist Church, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Barbara Lee Logan, 71**

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Barbara Lee Logan, 71, Live Oak, Texas, passed into the presence of God on Saturday, March 17, 2007. She was born on May 14, 1935, in Peru and graduated from Peru High School. Barbara met her future husband at a USO-sponsored serviceman's dance and married Owen Lloyd (Gene) Logan in May 1956. Her life as an Air Force wife took her to foreign postings in England, Bermuda and Spain, as well as state side assignments in New Mexico, Georgia, Texas, and Arizona before retiring to San Antonio in 1980. One of Barbara's proudest achievements was being named Zaragoza, Spain Air Base Wife of the Year in 1977. Her generous and loving heart was shown through her active involvement with the Girl Scouts, Protestant Women of the Chapel, Parent Teachers Association and various volunteer activities. After being widowed in 1982, Barbara began a career with the United States Post Office, where she worked until retiring in 2003. She is survived by her daughters, Lori Logan, Austin, Texas, and Beth Logan Mace, Kingwood, Texas. Barbara loved her son-in-law, Roy Mace, like her own son and treasured her two grandchildren Daniel and Trevor Mace, Kingwood. Barbara also leaves behind her daughter-in-love, Marty Lopez, her husband Ricky and their children Daniel and Tiffany.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Valley View Seventh Day Adventist Church, Converse, Texas.

Flowers should be directed to Mission Park Funeral Home, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78230. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer Foundation of America. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

**Steven A. Leedy, 60**

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

Steven A. Leedy, 60, Macy, passed away at 2:38 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, 2007. He was born on July 24, 1946 in Peru to Joseph R. and Ellen (Cunningham) Leedy. Leedy served in the United States Army as a military policeman in Alaska, and was employed at the DaimlerChrysler Transmission Plant in Kokomo, where he was well liked by his co-workers. The 1964 North Miami High School graduate was a member of Skinner Worship Chapel, and he loved his kids, especially his grandson, Jackson (pictured with Steven), and all of the rest of his family. Leedy also loved snowskiing at Lake Tahoe, as well as other Western ski resorts. He also loved all aspects of auto racing. Leedy is survived by two daughters, Jessica Veith and husband Robert, Salem, Oregon, and Jaclyn Leedy, Portland, Oregon; two sons, Jerome Leedy, and Jade Leedy, Vancouver, Washington; grandson, Jackson Leedy Veith; three brothers, Wesley G. Leedy and companion Jeannette, Macy, Thomas Leedy and wife Beth Anne, Peru, and Stanley Leedy and wife Carol, Plymouth; five sisters, Mary Ann Shinn and husband Beveridge, Peru, Jane Deeds, Macy, Rose Marek and husband Frank, Peru, Sue Nutt and husband Curtis, Peru, and Sara Stokes and husband Chuck, Kalispell, Montana. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jerry Leedy, and Roger Leedy and sister-in-law Janet; sister, Ardis Leedy and brother-in-law Guy 'Bill' Deeds.

Funeral services will be conducted at Skinner Worship Chapel, 6910 North C.R. 1050 East, Cass County, at 11 a.m. on Friday, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. There will be a military committal service at the cemetery conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial contributions may be made to the children of Steve Leedy.

**Harold D. Hull, 78**

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Harold D. Hull, 78, Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Thursday, March 15, 2007. He was born March 9, 1929 in Peru to Ralph and Stella (Eldridge) Hull. Hull served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Norfolk and Western Railroad. He moved to Punta Gorda in 1995 from Clarksville, Tenn. He was a member of the Moose and Masonic Lodge, both in Peru. He will be greatly missed by his two daughters, Terri Burzynski, Merritt Island, Fla., and Pamela Lester and husband Kevin, New Castle; a son, Tim Hull and wife Susan, Indianapolis; two sisters, Joann Powell, Port Charlotte, and Carole Luft, Naples, Fla.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Monique.

Funeral services will be conducted April 5 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial donations may be made to Mooseheart, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100. To express condolences to the family, please visit [www.Ltaylorfuneral.com](http://www.Ltaylorfuneral.com) and sign the online guest book. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services, Punta Gorda, Fla.



**Geneva Grace "Gracie" Grist, 3 days**

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Geneva Grace "Gracie" Grist, 3 days, Peru, passed away at 11:55 a.m. Monday, March 19, 2007 at St. Vincent Womens Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, Monticello, with Chris Edgington, assisted by the Rev. Tom Robbins, officiating. Burial will take place at Shiloh Cemetery, rural Kokomo, with graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday at the cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be given to the St. Vincent Womens Hospital, Indianapolis, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

**Leon Wayne Lindsey, 57**

Sunday, March 25, 2007

Leon Wayne Lindsey, 57, Grandview, Missouri, passed away on March 12, 2007 following an extended illness.

He was born in Peru to Willard 'Purt' and Rose Marie Lindsey on July 8, 1949.

The 1967 Peru High School graduate served four years in the United States Air Force.

Lindsey's first wife, Rebecca, and son, James Purt, perished in an automobile accident.

He later married Grace, whom he was married 10 years, and adopted her three grandchildren, Jessica, Elizabeth and Anna, who each reside at home.

Lindsey was a Mason, loved fishing and hunting, and was a motorcycle enthusiast. He belonged to the C.M.A., as well as the Rolling Thunder.

Aside from his second wife and adopted grandchildren, Lindsey is survived by one sister, Barbara Sharp and husband Ed, Peru; one niece, Michelle Transier and husband Rodney, and their children, Nick and Morgan Magee, and Aley and Wes Transier.

Aside from his first wife and son, he was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, James Calvin.

Lindsey will be greatly missed.

**Cornelius Andrews, 95**

Sunday, March 25, 2007

Cornelius Andrews, 95, Peru, passed away at 4:40 a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**William E. Odum, 73**

Monday, March 26, 2007

William E. Odum, 73, Peru, passed away, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

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

**LaVonne M. Streeter, 73**

Monday, March 26, 2007

LaVonne M. Streeter, 73, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Carolyn V. Sullivan, 91**

Monday, March 26, 2007

Carolyn V. Sullivan, 91, Caring Hands Healthcare Center, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007 at her residence.

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

**Cornelius "Andy" Andrews, 95**

Monday, March 26, 2007

Cornelius "Andy" Andrews, 95, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Friday, March 23, 2007 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. He was born July 6, 1911 in South Bend to Cornelius and Willimina (Maschke) Andrews. He married Estelle (Eidimt) Andrews Feb. 15, 1941, and she preceded him in death in 1991. Andrews served in the Army Air Core and retired as a press man in 1980 from the Chicago Tribune. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and the American Legion. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Andersen-Williams and husband Ted, Mexico; two granddaughters, Julie Burton and husband Jason, Brookston, and Jana Anderson and husband Seth McMillan, North Manchester; a great-grandson, Brock Burton, Brookston; and three nephews, Richard Andrews, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Charles Andrews, Granger, and Rick Krause, Port St. Joe, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Charles Andrews; a daughter, Barbara Ellen Andrews; and a companion of 13 years, Rowena McCoy.

Funeral services will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with Father Francis Kilcline officiating.

Burial will be in St. Cashmir Cemetery, Worth, Ill. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time Tuesday at the cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Richard L. Darling, 72**

Monday, March 26, 2007

Richard L. Darling, 72, Rochester, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 13, 1935 in Hancock County to Floyd and Helen Oakes Darling. He married Patricia Rafferty in Bradley United Methodist Church, Greenfield, on June 2, 1957, and she survives. On June 2, 2007, Dick and Pat would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Dick graduated from Greenfield Central High School, attended Franklin College, received his B.S. in education from Ball State University, and his master's degree from Indiana University. He served in the Indiana National Guard and taught history and coached at Knightstown High School, Whiteland High School and Thorntown High School. In 1966, he joined the administrative staff at the Maconaquah School Corporation and retired as assistant principal of Maconaquah Middle School in 1998. He and his wife Pat resided in Peru from 1966 until moving to Rochester's Lake Manitou in 2004. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Peru Moose Lodge, Peru Elks Lodge and the Peru Maennerchor. While residing in Peru he was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and upon moving to the lake he became a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester.

Dick was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; family and friends were a priority to him and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. He thoroughly enjoyed his role as "Driver of the Boat" for his grandchildren as they rode around the lake. Dick had a twinkle in his eye, a smile that would warm your heart and a very dry sense of humor. He was an avid IU basketball fan and had been a season ticket holder for many years. He attended Notre Dame girls basketball games and was an usher and ticket taker for the Notre Dame football team for the past three years.

Surviving in addition to his wife Pat are three sons, Bryan Darling and wife Susan, Noblesville, Michael Darling and wife Michelle, Newark, Ill., and Douglas Darling and wife Ann, Zionsville; seven grandchildren, Nathen Darling, Kimberlee Darling, Emilee Darling, Megan Darling, Lindsey Darling, Morgan Darling and Connor Darling; two great-grandsons, Deylen and Evan; and two brothers, Norman Darling and wife Nancy, Bend, Oreg., and Thomas Darling and wife Beverley, Carmel.

A service celebrating the life of Richard L. Darling will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastors Steven Ailes and Rick Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

**William E. "Bill" Odum, 72**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

William E. "Bill" Odum, 72, Peru, passed away at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born May 14, 1934 in Peru to David and Anna L. (Wey) Odum. Odum graduated from Peru High School in 1952 and served eight years in the U.S. Army in Germany. He also was a shoe repairman and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church and the VFW. Survivors include a special friend, Kat Stevens; several nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and -nephews; five step-children, Beth Stevens, Christopher Stevens and wife Katrina, Mary Poppe and husband Pete, Thomas Stevens and Angela Stevens; a sister, Betty Odum, Indianapolis; 13 step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and eight brothers and sisters, George, Joe, John, Jim, David, Mary Kay, Jane and Helen.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service will be conducted at the cemetery by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 11 a.m. Friday until time of service at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Carolyn V. Sullivan, 91**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Carolyn V. Sullivan, 91, Caring Hands HealthCare Center, passed away at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007 at her residence. She was born Sept. 17, 1915 in Peru to C. Edwin and Edith (Wilson) Moseley. She married Elbert J. Sullivan Aug. 23, 1942, and he preceded her in death April 20, 1997. Sullivan was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the area. She was a member of First Christian Church, Peru, the American Bell Association, the Hoosier Bell Association, Miami County Historical Society and an active member of the Republican Party. Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Wilson and husband Don, Warsaw, and Carol Kunce and husband Mike, Indianapolis; a son, Glen Sullivan and wife Laurie, Spirit Lake, Idaho; two brothers, Harold Moseley and wife Betty, and Don Moseley, all of Peru; a sister, Eileen Burkhart, Peru; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a grandson, Scott; a brother, Ed; a brother-in-law, Andy Burkhart; and a sister-in-law, Violet Moseley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 10 a.m. Saturday until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the SOUTHERNCARE Hospice of Kokomo and/or Miami County Historical Society.



**La Vonne M. Streeter, 73**

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

La Vonne M. Streeter, 73, Bunker Hill, passed away at 7:20 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born May 19, 1933 in Wells, Minn. to John and Bessie (Keller) Mithun. She married Donald Streeter May 12, 1956, and he survives. Streeter was a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Richard Streeter, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Judith Detamore and husband Floyd, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Theresa Mithun, Wells, Minn.; a brother, Darwin Mithun, Minnesota; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Wayne; and a daughter, Joyce. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor David Duke officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Esther L. Dingman, 89**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Esther L. Dingman, 89, Peru, passed away at 12:58 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Dec. 4, 1917 in Athens to Otto S. and Edna P. (Benn) Miller. She married Warren Dingman Aug. 22, 1937, and he preceded her in death in 1984. Dingman retired from Gilcrest and was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church, the Moose Lodge, Eagles and Bunker Hill VFW Auxiliary. Survivors include three sons, Richard Dingman and wife Mary, Shelbyville, James A. Dingman, Hillsville, Va., and John E. Dingman and wife Phyllis, Danville; a daughter, Norma L. Hechathorn and husband John, Logansport; four brothers, Charles E. Miller and Robert L. Miller, both of Winchester, Billy Lee Miller, Coldwater, Mich., and Jerry Miller, Noblesville; two sisters, Rosetta Lerch, Clearwater, Fla., and Helen Stinnett, Pierceton; 17 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Paul Miller and Cleo Miller; and a sister, Dorothy Kidwell. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home.

**William Brenner, 86**

Thursday, March 29, 2007

William Brenner, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Alberta M. Warnock, 83**

Thursday, March 29, 2007

Alberta M. Warnock, 83, Converse, passed away at 4:02 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007. She was born Dec. 17, 1923 in Converse to the late Clyde and Idell (Pochant) Pavey. She married G. Dale Warnock on May 3, 1942, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1998. They were married 56 years. She graduated from Van Buren High School in 1941 and farmed with her husband. Survivors include a son, Gary Warnock and wife Vickie, Converse; two daughters, Judy Shrock and husband Steve, Amboy, and Gwen Lombard and husband Robert, Peoria, Ill.; three sisters, Berneda Stinson, Roann, Wanda Hopper, Bunker Hill, and Jeanette Bridgett, Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Robb Lombard, Kevin Trimble, Courtney Henderson and Eric Eltzroth; and three great-grandchildren, Nicholas Myers, and Kathleen and Kale Trimble. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Converse United Methodist Church, 109 E. Wabash St., Converse, with the Rev. Bob Preusz officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Converse United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Converse United Methodist Church or Converse Ambulance Corporation, 310 N. Jefferson St., Converse. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, handled the arrangements.

**Alice G. Vettel, 92**

Friday, March 30, 2007

Alice G. Vettel, 92, Peru, passed away at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2006 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**William A. Brenner, 86**

Friday, March 30, 2007

William A. Brenner, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born on February 10, 1921 in Logansport to Andrew B. and Emma Damron Brenner. On June 21, 1947, he married Mary Grace (Shipman) Brenner in Logansport, and she preceded him in death on December 23, 2005. The Logansport High School graduate served in the United States Army during World War II, and earned the World War II Victory Medal, as well as the Good Conduct Medal. Brenner was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Miami County VFW Post 2067, Peru American Legion and the Glen Owens Post 14. He worked as a railroad conductor for the C & O

Railroad prior to retiring. Brenner is survived by two sons, Donald Mowrey, Peru, and John Brenner and wife Lynda, Moncks Corner, South Carolina; three daughters, Judith White and husband Edward, Peru, Lana Stone, Peru, Tracey Shurboff and husband Henry, Peru; half-sister, Charlene Sullivan, Palm Beach, Florida; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Brenner was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and one daughter, Andrea Brenner. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Garland E. Southerton, 82**

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Garland E. Southerton, 82, West Lafayette, formerly of Fulton, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007 at the Indiana Veterans' Home, West Lafayette. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Alice G. Vettel, 92**

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Alice G. Vettel, 92, Peru, passed away at noon Thursday, March 29, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care and Rehab. She was born May 11, 1914 in Howard County to Mason and Alma Hollingsworth Vettel. Vettel worked in housekeeping at Dukes Memorial Hospital, where she retired in 1980. She also was a member of Erie United Methodist Church. Survivors include a nephew, John Vettel and wife Jane, Peru; and a niece, Linda Petty and husband Larrie, Peru. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mildred Zartman Kreutzer, 93**

Saturday, March 31, 2007/Monday, April 02, 2007

Mildred Zartman Kreutzer, 93, Lisle, Ill., passed away at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007 at her residence. A funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1725 S. Walnut, Springfield, Ill., with the Rev. David Hoefler as celebrant. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. The family welcomes friends to visit from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday at Kirlin-Egan and Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. Sixth St., Springfield, Ill. Visitation will begin with a prayer service at 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Those who wish may offer masses in memory of Mildred. For more information, visit [www.butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhomes.com).

**Helen L. Berlet, 91**

Monday, April 02, 2007

Helen L. Berlet, 91, Walton, went to be with the Lord at 7:40 p.m. Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport. She was born Feb. 14, 1916 in Hoover to Sam and Bessie (Wray) Rush. She married Donald E. Berlet March 1, 1936 in Mexico, and he preceded her in death Aug. 10, 2004. Berlet was a graduate of Twelve Mile High School and a homemaker. She also was a member of the Blue Ball Church in Walton and enjoyed sewing, crafts and watching the birds in her back yard. Survivors include a son, Jack Berlet and wife Judy, Walton; a daughter, Bonnie Sailors and husband Tom, Walton; four grandchildren, Dan Reutebuch and wife Brenda, Scott Sailors and wife Tammy, Jeff Berlet and wife Julie, and Jill Murray and husband Mark, all of Walton; eight great-grandchildren, Chris Neal, Chad Sailors, Nick Sailors, Joshua Murray, Matthew Murray, Jennifer Berlet, Kristi Berlet, and Bradley Berlet, all of Walton; and a brother, Ray Rush and wife Bonnie, Logansport. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a great-grandson, Samuel Berlet. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Murray Weaver Funeral Home, 401 S. California St., Galveston, with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial will be in Bruner Cemetery, Walton. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Gideons International.

**Garland E. Southerton, 82**

Monday, April 02, 2007

Garland E. Southerton, 82, formerly of Fulton County, passed away at 10:55 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007 at the Indiana Veterans' Home, West Lafayette. He was born Aug. 21, 1924 in Macy to Charles and Essie Williams Southerton. He married Marie C. Gust March 17, 1959 in Logansport, and she survives. Southerton was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Europe during World War II. He also was a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Eagles, all of Logansport, and the Disabled American Veterans of Plymouth. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Larry Southerton, Fulton, and Marty Turnipseed, Rochester; three daughters, Diana Middleton, Denver, Kathy Overholser, Twelve Mile, and Jennie Moran, Rochester; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Southerton and Steve McDonald; two brothers, Sherl and Chester Southerton; and two sisters, Ruth Abbott and Dolly Vice. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating. Burial will follow in Five Corners Cemetery, Macy, with military graveside rites. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Kenneth P. Henry, 79**

Monday, April 02, 2007

Kenneth P. Henry, 79, Wabash, passed away at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 30, 1927 in Marion to Hobart J. and Donita (Shanks) Henry. He has lived in Wabash for the past 39 years and formerly lived in Marion and Peru. He married Margaret Hendey on Jan. 25, 1945, and she survives.

Henry retired from Clarks Finer Foods, Wabash, and formerly worked for A&P Foods in Marion, Peru and Wabash. He was a member of First Christian Church, Marion, an IU basketball fan, an avid Indianapolis Colts fan and enjoyed playing golf.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Michael Henry and wife Ginny, Muskegon, Mich., Jeffrey Henry and wife Mindy, Indianapolis, and Patrick Henry and wife Melody, Wabash; seven grandchildren, Brett Henry and wife Nancy, McKenzie Schoo, and Molly Henry, all of Indianapolis, Shane Hadley and husband Tom, Carmel, Blake Henry and wife Traci, Auburn, Ala., Maren Henry, Wabash, and Matthew Henry and fiancée Belinda Shock, Huntington; three great-grandchildren, Brendan Henry, Huntington, Griffin Hadley and Regan Hadley, both of Carmel; two sisters, Miriam Satterthwaite, Fort Wayne, and Naomi Ropp, Marion; and a sister-in-law, Ina Belle Henry, Fairfield, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Max Henry.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Rodger Moore officiating. Burial will be in the Estates of Serenity, Marion. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 1970 N. Wabash Road, Marion, IN 46952.

**Rosalyn Gallagher Trook, 94**

Monday, April 02, 2007

Rosalyn Gallagher Trook, 94, Huntington, passed away at 3:22 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2007 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. She was born Aug. 20, 1912 in Peru to John P. and Mary Ann Cody Gallagher. She married Carleton L. Trook Oct. 7, 1935, and he preceded her in death May 2, 2005. Trook was a homemaker. She also was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, The Child Conservation Club, Huntington College Women Auxiliary and Erie Women Auxiliary. Survivors include a daughter, Carole Hacker, Huntington; a son, John C. Trook, Huntington; a sister, Mary Rita Paine, Fort Wayne; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Dorothy E. Gallagher.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. today at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington; with Father John Pfister officiating. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Huntington. Calling was Sunday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington. Additional calling will be one hour prior to the church service today. Preferred memorials may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church for masses, Riley Hospital for Children or Huntington County Hospice in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750. Online condolences may be made at [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).

**Harold D. Hull, 78**

Tuesday, April 03, 2007

Harold D. Hull, 78, Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away March 15, 2007 in Florida. A memorial service will be at noon Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Mooseheart, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100.

**Patricia A. Boston (Ladybug), 60**

Wednesday, April 04, 2007

Patricia A. Boston (Ladybug), 60, Peru, passed away at 12:12 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. She was born April 14, 1946 in Akron, Ohio to Leonard and Stella (Palmer) Maryland. She married Daniel Boston Aug. 22, 1993, and he survives. Boston was a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include her very best friend, Alford Willis, Peru; three best friends, Pam Moore, Marion, and Pam Nelson and Lori Goodman, both of Peru; and a friend, Michael Willis, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Stella, Emma and Ruby. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**David Rogers, 52**

Thursday, April 05, 2007

David Rogers, 52, Denver, passed away at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Rosalee (Odie) Jones, 94**

Friday, April 06, 2007

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Rosalee (Odie) Jones. She passed away peacefully of natural causes Thursday morning, March 15, 2007 at a nursing home in Fairfax, Va., just 12 days before her 95th birthday.

She was born March 27, 1912 in Peru. She was the sister of the late Ernestine (Studie) Newhouse of Peru, aunt to Chris Newhouse, Peru, Phillip and Richard Newhouse, and Babette Newhouse Skeen. She had many wonderful stories of growing up during the days when the circus wintered in Peru, of the elephants being taken down to the Wabash River for baths, of a lion trainer being chastised for raising lion cubs in his apartment on Fifth Street, just a block from their home on Sixth Street. Odie married Ramon Perry in 1930. They divorced in 1950. After the death of her second husband, Glen Jones, she moved to Fairfax, Va. to reside with her daughter, Jo Ann Perry Jones and husband. Odie collected specimens of wildflowers and gave many lectures on them to interested garden and horticulture groups. She gave her impressive collection to The Nature Center, Lagrange, in 1994. She was very skilled in the needle arts and had won many blue ribbons. She had a quick wit and loved playing bridge. In addition to her daughter, Jo Ann, Odie leaves two adored grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Mary Elizabeth Walters, 87**

Friday, April 06, 2007

Mary Elizabeth Walters, 87, Wabash, passed away at 7:24 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Oct. 31, 1919 in Miami County to Jesse and Pauline (Mills) King. She first married Austin Branam, then married Arthur Moon, who preceded her in death in 1960. She then married Larry Walters, and he preceded her in death in 1982. Walters was a member of the Women of the Moose. She loved being with people, had a gift for hospitality and enjoyed cooking and taking care of people. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Christle and husband Jack, Wabash, and Sharon Dellamarggio, Lafayette; a granddaughter, Dawn Dials and husband Jerry, Wabash; two grandsons, Michael Macaluso, Kokomo, and Robert Macaluso and wife Nancy, Delton, Fla.; three great-grandsons, Zachary Dials, Jacob Dials and Niko Macaluso, all of Wabash; a great-granddaughter, Christin Macaluso, Wabash; a brother, Charles F. King, Baja, Calif.; and a half-sister of California. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Brandon Reisch officiating. Burial will follow in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Mary may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Melba Kandler Loe, 86**

Friday, April 06, 2007

Melba Kandler Loe, 86, Logansport, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Thursday, April 5, 2007 at Chase Center, Logansport. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor Fred Drye, New Life of Alliance in Logansport, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the cemetery chapel. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, which is handling arrangements.

**David Eugene Rogers, 52**

Friday, April 06, 2007

David Eugene Rogers, 52, Denver, passed away at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at his residence. He was born June 5, 1954 in Peru to Damon and Pauline (Smith) Rogers. He married Karan S. (Hetzner) Rogers in 1975, and she survives. Rogers retired from Pike Lumber and enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren and family. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Jason Kendall and wife Heather, Peru, and David Rogers Jr. and wife Jenn, Denver; a daughter, Sarah Ferguson and husband Richard, Converse; four brothers, Harold "Frank" Rogers, Peru, Claude "Toby Rogers, Burnettsville, Delbert Rogers, Peru, and William "Bill" Rogers, Stanton, Ky.; eight sisters, Linda Tinney, Peru, Ruby Brown, Mexico, Patricia Mersh, Melissa Clark, Donna Spencer, all of Peru, Robin Balsler, Cecilia, Ky., Hazel "Aline" Owen and Janet Davis, both of Peru; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Loretta "Emma" Bowman. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Jeff Tinney officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings may be made to the funeral home.

**Dale Allen Dillman, 88**

Saturday, April 07, 2007

Dale Allen Dillman, 88, Logansport, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2007 at Chase Convalescent Center, Logansport. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Walter Chellberg officiating. Church Council services will be at 7 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Shideler Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, and one hour prior to services at the church. Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Robert L. Latta, 79**

Saturday, April 07, 2007

Robert L. Latta, 79, Bradenton, Fla., passed away on Friday, March 30, 2007. He was born March 22, 1928 in Peru, and wintered in Bradenton since 1988. In 1993 he moved permanently to Bradenton. Robert is a veteran of the United States Marines, serving during World War II. Survivors include his wife Gloria; two daughters, Cheryl Fields and husband Vernon,

Bicknell, and Jean Hudson, Peru; three sons, Steven Latta and wife Pam, Bunker Hill, and Randy and Brad Latta, both of Peru; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A memorial service was held Friday at Brown and Sons Funeral Homes 43rd Street Chapel, 604 43rd St., Bradenton, Fla.

**Bonita Kay Combs, 65**

Monday, April 09, 2007

Bonita Kay Combs, 65, Peru, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Bonita Kay Combs, 65**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Bonita Kay Combs, 65, Peru, passed away on Saturday, April 7, 2007 at her residence. She was born on July 7, 1941 in Peru, and always found beauty in the ordinary, and most importantly, found humor in adversity. A recent retiree from Square D, she became a successful freelance photographer and authored a history of Peru weblog, 'Peru Then and Now.'

Combs was a member of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority, The Artist's Connection, was a Miami County Historical Museum volunteer, and was a 50-year member of the First Presbyterian Church. The 1959 graduate of Peru High School also volunteered for the Cole Porter Birthplace restoration project, was an avid gardener and fisherman. She is survived by her children, Marci Richter and husband Edi, Malissa Strasser and husband Shaun, Randy Combs and wife Michelle; her mother, Juanita Geberin; and siblings, Terry Geberin and wife Susie, and Elizabeth Edwards and husband Art. A devoted and involved grandmother, Bonnie will be missed by her 11 grandchildren, Jordan, Amber, April, Ben Michael, Bradley, Matthew, Jeremiah, Corinne, Haley, Zach, and Joey, as well as her three great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Raven, and Emma.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Geberin. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Hospice and/or First Presbyterian Church in Bonnie's name. Online condolences may be sent to [www.peruthenandnow.blogspot.com](http://www.peruthenandnow.blogspot.com).

**Mary L. Hodson, 82**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Mary L. Hodson, 82, a good and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, went to be with Him on April 7, 2007 at 7:40 p.m. at her residence. She was born on November 28, 1924 in Wabash County to John J. and Pearl (Fivecoate) Bowman, and married Billy S. Boxell on October 10, 1943. He was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division and died in France on June 10, 1944. She later married Eugene McGinnity on August 11, 1945 and to this union was born Kate McGinnity, Lambertville, New Jersey, Alan E. McGinnity and wife Alice, Spokane, Washington, Susan J. Fahey and husband Ed, Summerfield, Florida, and Maureen A. Gehlhausen and husband Joe, Marion. Mr. McGinnity passed away in 1985 and she later married Herb Hodson on May 1, 1990. He then passed away on February 19, 2000. Ms. Hodson attended North Grove Elementary School, Amboy High School and Marquette University. She was a bookkeeper by occupation, but was most proud of being a mother and grandmother. Hodson also was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church, Marion. Other survivors include 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; as well as step-children, Tom Hodson and wife Karen, Peggy Hodson Richardson, Susan Hodson Mick, Marilyn Hodson Eby; and eight step-grandchildren, all of Florida. Also surviving is her brother, James E. Bowman and wife Martha, Indianapolis. Aside from her two husbands, Hodson was preceded in death by siblings, Eva Haynes and husband Floyd, John Bowman and wife Madge, Flonnie Herrell and husband Leo, Barbara Shively and husband Clarence, and Robert Lee Bowman. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. James Lutheran Church, Marion, with Pastor Mark Carlson officiating. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Interment will be at a later date. Memorial may be directed to the church, 1206 N. Miller Ave., and/or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 205 S. Washington Street, Marion, 46953. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion.

**L.D. Wolf, 84**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

L.D. Wolf, 84, of Twelve Mile passed away at 7:55 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born April 1, 1923 in Bringhurst, to David Clarence and Flossie L. (Brower) Wolf. On July 18, 1942 he married Edna Evalena Root in Peru, and she survives. Wolf graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1941, was a carpenter in the Peru area since 1962, and had formerly worked as a farmer. He was a member of the Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church, near Hoover, where he served as an Elder. Survivors, along with his wife, include two daughters, Judith Lavonne Whitaker and husband Charles, Delphi, and Janice Eilene Kuns and husband Marlin, Twelve Mile; two sons, Lynn Douglas Wolfe and wife Kay, Wonewoc, Wisconsin, and Neil Edward Wolfe, Logansport; one sister, Esther L. Boyd, North Manchester; 17 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by one son, Mark Eldon Wolf; two brothers, Paul B. and Richard Wolf; one granddaughter, Anita D. Wolf; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Mexico Old German Baptist Brethren Church, with the Brethren officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m., as well as 6 to 9 p.m., at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling the funeral arrangements.

**Robert Paul Merrix, 80**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Robert Paul Merrix, 80, a 10-year resident of Wilmington, North Carolina, and formerly of Akron, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at his residence. He was born on May 6, 1926 in Princeton, West Virginia to William and Margaret Atkins and later adopted by Gladys and Robert Merrix. Merrix received his PhD in English (Renaissance Literature) at the University of Cincinnati in 1966, and served as a professor at the University of Akron from 1966 to 1994. He received the Warren W. Wooden Award for Scholarship from the Patristic Medieval and Renaissance Conference in 1987. Merrix served as the head of the Department of English from 1982 through 1987 and was widely published on English Literary Renaissance.

He is survived by his first wife, Katie Merrix, Peru, and their son, Terry Merrix and wife Debra, Peru. Also surviving are two sons, Steven and Jeffrey, by his second marriage to Clair, who is deceased; his third wife, Mary Alice; and step-children, Robert and Bonnie; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Capitola. Aside from his second wife, Merrix was preceded in death by a daughter, Gayle Lynn, whom he had with his first wife; and four siblings. A memorial service will be conducted on May 3, 2007 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Martin Center at the University of Akron.

**J. Roscoe Simpson, 73**

Wednesday, April 11, 2007/Thursday, April 12, 2007

J. Roscoe Simpson, 73, Amboy, passed away at 4:02 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 2, 1934 in Anderson to Delbert and Minnie Irene (Snyder) Simpson. He married Betty Stepler June 27, 1954, and she preceded him in death March 10, 1993. He then married Audra Stepler Beene Aug. 27, 1994, and she survives. Simpson attended Greentown High School until he moved to Amboy, and then went to Converse High School. He served in the Indiana National Guard in the early 1950s. He retired from Chrysler in 1993 after working there 38 years. He also worked at Fenstamaker Case Implement in Amboy, Kiley Nash in Marion, Lymon Lewis Standard, Amboy, and Amboy Cabinet Factory. He served on the Amboy Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years, serving as chief during that time. He also served on the Amboy Town Board, had been an Explorer Scout advisor, is a life member of the Eastern Woodland Carvers Club, had been involved in the Good Sam Camping Club and Doll Collecting Organization for years. In addition, he was a member and served on the Amboy United Methodist Church board and taught Sunday School. He was a helper and friend to all. Survivors besides his wife include seven children, Thomas C. Brown Jr. and wife Suzi, Converse, Lana K. Maulson and husband Lee, Marion, Jeff Beene and Tony Beene, both of Conway, Ark., Tracy Vickers and husband Matt, Amboy, Eric Beene and wife Sherry, Peru, and Nichole (Beene) Francis and husband Bill, Kokomo; a son-in-law, Dave Kenyon, Converse; 26 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife. A service celebrating the life of J. Roscoe Simpson will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, with Pastor James McDowell officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy United Methodist Church.

**Sarah Viola "Shaw" Doran, 89**

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Sarah Viola "Shaw" Doran, 89, New Waverly, passed away at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at her residence.

She was born April 17, 1917 in Logansport to Charles N. and Sarah Myrtle (Hand) Shaw. She married Charles E. Doran Jan. 27, 1940 in Walton, and he survives. Doran was a homemaker. She had also worked at SS Kresge Dime Store and the General Store in New Waverly. She also was a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church and the W.O.T.M. Logansport Chapter. In addition, she was an avid bingo player, enjoyed fishing and loved working puzzles. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Richard Doran and wife Ingrid, El Paso, Texas; two daughters, Gloria Ott and husband Gary, Logansport, and Sally Karkkainen and husband Steven, Schofield, Wis.; seven grandchildren, Jim Doran and wife Mary, El Paso, Texas, Tom Doran, El Paso, Texas, Diana Walls and husband Ron, West Pueblo, Colo., Dana Ott, Logansport, John Ott, Avondale, Ariz., Lisa Kipina and husband Ken, Calumet, Mich., and Dan Karkkainen and wife Deanna, Hatley, Wis.; 10 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Charles Shaw; and two sisters, Gladys V. Bowyer and Margaret Greasor. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. Keith Schreffler officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Waverly Volunteer Fire Department.



**Gordon E. Heltzel, 85**

Friday, April 13, 2007

Gordon E. Heltzel, 85, Rochester, passed away at his residence at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2007. He was a lifelong resident of Miami and Fulton counties. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Akron Church of God, 301 S. West St., Akron, with the Reverends Terry Canfield, Steve Fleck and George Hapner officiating. Burial will follow in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Viewing will be Saturday, 4 to 8 p.m., in Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and one hour prior to services on Sunday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Akron Church of God Church Camp for Kids.

**Rosanna Scott Richardson, 81**

Sunday, April 15, 2007/ Monday, April 16, 2007

Rosanna Scott Richardson, 81, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2007 at Zionsville Meadows Nursing Home, Zionsville. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Ever-Rest Chapel, with Steven Moulton officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Earnest 'Butch' Lee Meives, 70**

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Earnest 'Butch' Lee Meives, 70, Peru, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Our dearly loved husband, father, grandfather, and brother will be deeply missed. Meives retired from Meives and Sons Janitorial Service in November 2001 following 38 years of ownership. He was a faithful servant of Jehovah God for 55 years. Meives is survived by his wife of 46 years, Gertrude 'Rose' Rosella Tolley Meives; children, Timothy Meives and wife Karen, East Ridge, Tennessee, Rachel Moore and husband Richard, Spokane, Washing-ton, Rebekah Grace and husband James, Warsaw, Stephen Meives and wife Brandi, Indianapolis, Barack Meives and wife Heather, Bunker Hill, Caleb Meives, Peru, Tabitha Wolfe and husband Cliff, Indianapolis, and Micah Meives and wife Monique, Peru; brothers, Bob Weaver, Bill Weaver, Bernard Weaver, Mel Meives, Dan Meives, Lawrence Meives, George Meives, Everett Meives, Al Meives, Kenneth Meives, and Jack Meives; sisters, Nancy Cassidy, Norma Seifert, Juanita Von Seggern, Barbara Meives, Bonnie Meives, and Rosey Meives; 25 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Weaver; father, Marion Meives; and granddaughter, Brooke Meives.

A memorial service will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 108 E. Spring St., Peru, with Brother George Lauman officiating. In lieu of flowers, in accordance with the decedent's wishes, it would be greatly appreciated if donations were made to the Hometown Federal Credit Union Medical Expenses Fund in the decedent's name.

**Juanita L. Hays, 84**

Monday, April 16, 2007

Juanita L. Hays, 84, Mexico, passed away at 4:57 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born Feb. 11, 1923 in Union County to Kenneth and Bessie (Retherford) Fields. She moved to Peru in 1952 from Union County. She married Charles E. Hays Oct. 12, 1946, and he survives. Hays formerly owned and operated a beauty shop in Peru. Survivors besides her husband include a special niece, Vinita Alcorn and husband Jimmie, Kirklin; other nieces and nephews, Jimmy and Ellen Fields, Dan and Laura Pike, John C. and April Pike, Vilas and Brad Wiwi, Jayna Soper, Joseph Pike, Tina Fields and Susie Pfladderer; several great-nieces and great-nephews; a brother-in-law, John Pike, Liberty; and a sister-in-law, Mary Fields, Connersville. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gayle; three brothers, Harold, Gayle and James Fields; and a sister, Norma Jean Pike. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

**Athelene F. Wise, 88**

Monday, April 16, 2007

Athelene F. Wise, 88, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007 at Odyssey Hospice, Mesa, Ariz. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Ruby O. Combs, 66**

Monday, April 16, 2007

Ruby O. Combs, 66, Peru, passed away at 2:56 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born April 12, 1941 in Williamsburg, Ky. to Granville and Stella (Hamblin) Hill. She married Bueal "Junior" Combs Aug. 22, 1960, and he preceded her in death March 6, 2006. Combs retired in from Electro-Nite in 2001.

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Combs, Peru; two sons, Larry Combs and wife Mary, Elwood, Ill., and Austin Combs and wife Gail, Chicago, Ill.; a brother, Demps "Ed" Hill, Williamsburg, Ky.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, a brother and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Michael Morecraft officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Athelene F. Wise, 88**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Athelene F. Wise, 88, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2007 at Odyssey Hospice, Mesa, Arizona. She was born on May 4, 1918 in Wabash to Henry and Ola (Roser) Jacobs. On November 18, 1939, she married Harold G. Wise, who preceded her in death on October 13, 2002. The homemaker was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church. Wise is survived by two brothers, Herman Jacobs, Pinetop, Arizona, and Donald Jacobs, LaFontaine; one sister, Virginia Campbell, Mesa; several nieces and nephews. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Aubrey Jacobs, William Jacobs and Frederick Jacobs. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Oakdale Baptist Church, with Pastor Robert Stuck. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Chris Mitchell Jr., 61**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Chris Mitchell Jr., 61, Peru, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 20, 1946 in Kokomo to Chris Sr. and Mamie (Hunter) Mitchell. On July 6, 1990, he married Connie Hartleroad, and she survives. Mitchell worked at Bryan Steam Corporation, and served in the United States Navy. He was a member of the Eagle's Lodge and enjoyed horseshoes, watching sports, gardening, camping, and spending time with his family. Mitchell is survived by three sons, Shane Hilgenman and wife Laura, Peru, Michael Hoover and wife Kim, Peru, and Joey Mitchell, Kokomo; one daughter, Amy Mitchell, Kokomo; one brother, John Mitchell and wife Kim, Kokomo; three sisters, Susan Brantley and husband Ed, Kokomo, Sophia Belt, Greentown, Christine Simmons, Terre Haute; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County.

**Betty J. (Cotner) Eller, 81**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Betty J. (Cotner) Eller, 81, Fishers, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Carmel Care Center, Carmel. She was born on September 15, 1925 in Wabash to Ora and Catherine (Thrush) Cotner. She was married to Van Eller for 41 years, and he survives. Eller was a lifelong registered nurse and served at Wishard Hospital, Indianapolis, Logansport State Hospital, as well as Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a charter member of the Wishard Hospital Museum, a graduate of Marion County General Hospital, and the Indiana University School of Nursing. Eller was a member of the Faith Circle and the 50+ Club at Fishers United Methodist Church. Aside from her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Dick Cotner and wife Dolores, Peru, and William O. Cotner and wife Gloria, Waterbury, Connecticut; six nieces and nephews, Cathy Crouse and husband Ralph, Wolcott, Connecticut, Graham Cotner, Waterbury, Becky Pear and husband Bob, Peru, Richard Cotner and wife Deb, Logansport, Ross Cotner, Logansport, and Randy Cotner and wife Barb, Ashville, Ohio; and several great nieces and great nephews. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Randall and Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 1201 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with the Reverend Mike Reed officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the mortuary. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Fishers United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements have been handled by Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville-Fishers.

**Bertha M. Harding, 87**

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Bertha M. Harding, 87, Visalia, Calif., passed away at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Anna Faye Wimmer, 88**

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Anna Faye Wimmer, 88, passed away at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at the home of her daughter near Amboy. She was born Jan. 5, 1919 in Butler Township, Miami County, to George Celland and Blanch Parr Holt. She married James Harold Wimmer March 13, 1937, and he preceded her in death in August of 2000. Wimmer was an active member of the Peoria Church where, along with her friends Betty Robison Ames and Edith Winn, she wrote "The Legacy of the Peoria United Methodist Church and Community Highlights." She was a graduate of Butler Township High School and a member of the former Bunker Hill Order of the Eastern Star and Butler Township Happy Homemakers Home Extension Club. Survivors include a daughter, Joleen S. Means, Amboy; two grandchildren, Marcia Ann Hunter and husband Jason David, Mexico, and J. Shawn Means, Greenfield, and fiancée, Christy Hagan, Kokomo; four great-grandchildren, Grant and Annie Blackburn, and Landon and Blayne Hunter, all of Mexico; and a sister-in-law, Norma Holt Hanna, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son-in-law, C. Frank Means; and a brother, Walter "Jake" Lee Holt. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Peoria Church with the Rev. Brian Daniels officiating. Private burial will be held at the Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe.



Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, junction of U.S. 31 North and State Road 16, near Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peoria Church Building Fund.

**Mary L. "Micki" Wolf, 88**

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Mary L. "Micki" Wolf, 88, Peru, passed away at 1:50 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on June 22, 1918 in Grant County to Chester Arthur and Amy Seville Benbow Buffington. She married Claud Arthur "Art" Wolf on October 13, 1939 at Peru Grace Brethren Church, and he passed away on August 28, 1989. Wolf was a homemaker. She is survived by a daughter, Diane W. Darnton and husband Jim; a granddaughter, Hannah Darnton; and a grandson, Lukas Darnton; all of St. Joseph, Michigan. She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband; and one brother, Fred Thomas Buffington. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Peru Grace Brethren Church, with Pastor David Jodry officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Grant County, on Saturday. Visitation is from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions can be made to Peru Grace Brethren Church.

**Louis G. Papai, 87**

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Louis G. Papai, 87, Avilla, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, following a lengthy illness. He was born December 5, 1919 in South Bend, to Louis and Anna (Vargo) Papai, both deceased. He married Evelyn Helen Weber November 22, 1941 in Fort Wayne, and she preceded him in death March 31, 1992. He was a journeyman electrotyper for Fort Wayne Engraving Co., and Cuneo Press for 44 years. He was a 20-year resident of Fort Wayne, 22 years in Sharpsville, 11 years in Churubusco, and seven years in Avilla. Papai graduated from Southside High School in Fort Wayne, and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla; a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla; VFW of Churubusco; a past member of the Electrotypers Journeyman Union of America. Papai is survived by his sons, Kenneth Papai and wife Mary Ellen, Lake James; Stephen Papai and wife Judy, Avilla; Robert Papai and wife Judy, Amboy; Martin Papai and wife Teresa, Avilla; 14 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna Norwald of Texas, and Margaret Coe and husband Max, Huntertown. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Ed Erpelding officiating. Burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne, with military graveside honors by the American Legion Post 240. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services at the church. Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, F Unit, Avilla, and/or Noble County Hospice.

**Bertha Mae Harding, 87**

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Bertha Mae Harding, 87, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at Kaweah Delta Hospital, Visalia, California. She was born on April 5, 1920 in Isabella, Oklahoma, to John Wesley and Izzy Owens. In 1945, she married Carl E. "Paul" Harding, who preceded her in death on March 20, 1971. Harding and her husband owned and operated Harding's Pizza House for 20 years. She is survived by two sons, Wayne Harding and wife Mary, Peru, and Darwin Harding, Florida; grandchildren, Damian Harding, Terry Harding, Katherine Jackson, Dawn Harding, and Sasheen Harding; one brother, Furlin Owens, Visalia; one sister, Bertie Ipo, Exeter, California; and eight great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Harding was preceded in death by her parents; seven brothers; and one great-grandchild. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Eunice M. Gillam, 76**

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Eunice M. Gillam, 76, Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at her residence. She was born on May 3, 1930 in Kentucky to Raymond and Lola (Hall) Gross. On June 19, 1966, she married Donald E. Gillam, and he preceded her in death on September 9, 2006. Gillam was a member of the Liberty Gospel Mission Church, Amboy, where she served as the church organist. She is survived by three brothers, Levaughn Gross and wife Sue, Peru, Ervil Gross and wife Betty, Arkansas, and Bufford Gross and wife Nedra, Peru; two sisters, Thelma Wireman and husband Easterling, Peru, and Lois Briscoe and husband David, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. Aside from her husband, Gillam was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Mike Neal and Mike Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

**Glennis Geneva Douglass, 98**

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Glennis Geneva Douglass, 98, Converse, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at her residence. She was born near Converse on October 16, 1908 to Merle and Bessie (Overman) Powell. On April 30, 1931, she married Bernard Douglass, who preceded her in death on May 27, 1978. Her long life began in the final stages of the pioneer period and she witnessed the greatest changes of any era of time. The 1925 Converse High School graduate also earned degrees from Ball State University and Indiana Wesleyan University. Douglass retired from the Oak Hill School Corporation, where she was an elementary school teacher for 25 years. She also taught in the Jackson and Union Township schools in Howard County for three years. Douglass was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, as well as the Miami County Retired Teachers Association. Since retiring, Douglass has appeared in costume, entertaining many grade school children in her log cabin, telling them stories of pioneer times. Douglass was a life member of the Amboy Friends Church, having served as librarian for 20 years, historian, monthly meeting clerk, and many years of teaching Sunday School classes. In 1952, she was a delegate to the Friends' World Conference in Oxford, England. While there, she made a study of the English school system through Indiana University. Other activities include being a Past Regent of the General Francis Marion Chapter of the D.A.R., and during her years of membership, she was a five-time delegate to the National Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Douglass also was a member of the Indiana Historical Society, a 50-year member of the Jackson Homemakers Club, Tri Arts Club, Colonial Dames XVII Century, Magna Carta Dames, and the Americans of Royal Descent. Douglass is survived by one daughter, Nancy Boyer and husband Craig, Converse; three grandchildren, John Boyer and wife Carole, Converse, Sue Dulmes and husband Robert, Kokomo, and Mark Boyer and wife Rachel, Amboy; three sisters, Jeanette McKeefe, Converse, Elizabeth Bunner, New Castle, and Martha Grace Hahn and husband Ivan, Peru; one brother, Ronald Powell and wife Barbara, Converse; seven great-grandchildren, Matthew, Nathan, Abbie and Samuel Boyer, Christina Wyrick and husband Geoffrey, Andrew and Melissa Dulmes; and one great-great grandson, Lance Wyrick. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents.

A service celebrating the life of Glennis G. Douglass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at the Amboy Friends Church, with Pastors Richard Martens and Robert Morris officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church and/or the Howard Regional Hospice Services. Funeral arrangements have been handled by the Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Leona Rae Stapleton, 69**

Monday, April 23, 2007

Leona Rae Stapleton, 69, Akron, Ind., went to be with Jesus at 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at her residence. She was born on February 5, 1938 in Detroit, Mich. to Sisco Bowman and Melva Casebolt. She was married on August 2, 1956 in Logansport to Watt E. Stapleton, and he survives at home. She had worked for several years at United Technologies in Peru and also had worked at Torx Products in Rochester. She attended the Water of Life Church in Silverlake, and was a graduate of Iron River High School, Iron River, Mich. Survivors other than her husband include two daughters, Cindy Hemingway and husband Mark, Syracuse, and Angie Bradtke and husband Gary; four sons, Richard Chilcutt, Akron, Wesley Stapleton and wife Debbie, Sturgis, Mich., Troy Stapleton and wife Leslie, Leesburg, and Danny Stapleton and wife Julie, Royal Center; 13 grandchildren; one sister, Loretta Merrell and husband Kenneth, Wimauma, Fla.; two brothers, Clinton Bowman and wife Mary, Ten Mile, Tenn., and David McIntosh and wife Teri, Jefferson, Wis. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sue Jackson, and a brother, James Arnold Bowman.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron, with Pastor Henry Arnett Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to Kosciusko County Home Care & Hospice, 902 Provident Dr., Warsaw, IN 46580.

**Isabel Larrison, 91**

Monday, April 23, 2007

Isabel Larrison, 91, Amboy, passed away Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 2:39 a.m. at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, surrounded by the family she loved so much. She was born November 27, 1915 in Miami County, the daughter of Ray and Gladys Landrum Miller. Isabel married Donald Larrison on June 9, 1935 and he preceded her in death. Isabel graduated from Amboy High School and Marion Business College. She had worked in the Miami County Treasurer's Office and the Miami County Clerk's Office. Isabel and her husband Donald lovingly raised two children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was a member of the Amboy Friends Church where she had served as Church Treasurer and she attended McGrawsville United Methodist Church. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who modeled Christ's love to her family with her unconditional love. She was a 60-year member of the Harrison Homemakers. Survivors include a daughter, Janet Ann Vincent and her husband Wendell of Amboy; a son, Robert Mark Larrison and his wife Joyce of Peru; grandchildren Stephanie Fruth and husband Mike, Lezlie Woods and husband Kevin, Elizabeth Getzin and husband Scott, Roger Vincent and wife Lisa, Kim Ankenbruck, Jennifer Butcher and husband John, and Amy Larrison; great-grandchildren Brad Fruth and wife Laura, Emily Tumbleson and husband Clint, Stephen Fruth, Jordan Woods, Hannah Woods, Parker Woods, Rachel Getzin, Kelsey Getzin, Devin Vincent, Sean Vincent, Nick Ankenbruck, Julie Ankenbruck, Audrey Butcher, and Ian Butcher; brothers Warren Miller of Amboy, and Howard Miller and wife Pat of Abilene, Texas; and a sister, Louise Helm of Peru.

A service celebrating the life of Isabel Larrison will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 E., Amboy, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating; burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church, the McGrawsville United Methodist or the Quaker Haven Church Camp.

**Kyle O. Adkins, 82**

Monday, April 23, 2007

Kyle O. Adkins, 82, of Las Vegas (formerly of Peru) passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at the Adelson Hospice in Las Vegas, Nev., after a five month illness. He was born January 17, 1925 in West Hamlin, W. Va. to Emory and Maude Adkins. A 1943 graduate of Guyan Valley High School, he served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Elizabeth Ann Rish, who survives. Adkins was employed with C & O Railroad from 1946, where he worked as an operator and brakeman/conductor until his retirement in 1986. He was a lifetime member of the Peru Maennerchor. Survivors include one brother, Conrad Adkins of Branchland, W.Va.; four sons: Kevin Adkins, Marquette, Mich., Karim Adkins, Mansfield, Texas; Kreig Adkins and Kelly Adkins, both of Peru; 15 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one son. A Memorial Service will be held at the Main Street Methodist Church in Peru at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. A graveside military service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007 at the Enon Cemetery near West Hamlin, West Virginia.

**Wanda F. Rogers, 53**

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Wanda F. Rogers, 53, rural Roann, passed away at 9:37 a.m. Sunday, April 22, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Oct. 4, 1952 in Pine Mountain, Ky. to Marshall and Bertha (Boggs) Browning. She married Stephen P. Rogers May 8, 1971 in Peru, and he survives. Rogers was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and friend to all. She enjoyed working with flowers, gardening and taking care of her home. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, Stephen P. Rogers II and wife Jamie, Roann, and Bradley M. Rogers and wife Holly, Peru; four grandchildren, Kennedy Rogers and Chelsea Rogers, both of Roann, Elizabeth Rogers and Jackson Rogers, both of Peru; six brothers, Asbel Browning and wife Lorraine, Pine Mountain, Ky., Aaron Browning, Peru, Jim Browning and wife Eileen, Denver, Leonard Browning and wife Kathy, Donald Browning and wife Betty, and Marshall Browning Jr. and wife Juanita, all of Peru; and two sisters, Rose Appleton and husband Tom, Peru, and Lola Jordan and husband Dan, Denver. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Aster Browning.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Paw Paw United Methodist Church, Miami County, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Paw Paw Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. The memorial guest book for Wanda may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Lou Frances Garnett, 57**

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Lou Frances Garnett, 57, Peru, passed away at 2:52 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Jan. 2, 1950 in Covington, Ky. to Willie and Ora Lillie (Anderson) Garnett. Garnett was a member of Wayman AME Church, Peru. Survivors include two daughters, Vanessa Garnett Hampton and husband Juan, and Gina Garnett, all of Indianapolis; two sons, Gregory and Phillip Garnett, both of Peru; three grandchildren, Victoria Hampton, Trenton Cobble and Brooklynn Garnett; two brothers, Claude Garnett, Indianapolis, and James Garnett, Georgia; and five sisters, Berta Gayle, Kentucky, Bessie Lee, Indianapolis, Jean Jackson, Regina Lee and Pauline Killion, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in New Liberty Cemetery, New Liberty, Ky.

**Donald E. Canada, 72**

Friday, April 27, 2007

Donald E. Canada, 72, Denver, formerly of Danville, passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at his residence. He was born Dec. 31, 1934 in Lebanon to Lester and Zola (Chesterson) Canada. He married Joy Lee Singleton Aug. 26, 1961 in Danville, and she survives. Canada was a mechanical engineer for several years at several companies. He earned his bachelor's degree from General Motors Institute, and graduated from Danville High School in 1953. He also served in the U.S. Air Force for six years. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Michael Canada and wife Julie, Akron, and Steven Canada and wife Sheri, Brownsburg; a daughter, Lisa Miller and husband Dennis, Rossville; four grandchildren, Kelsey, Kyle, Bryston and Cheney; and one grandchild due in November. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Baker Funeral Home, Danville. Burial will follow at Hadley Friends Cemetery. Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 575 N. Pennsylvania St., Room 320, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Condolences may be made at [www.bakerfuneralservice.com](http://www.bakerfuneralservice.com).

**Dennis "Mike" Donaldson, 71**

Friday, April 27, 2007

Dennis "Mike" Donaldson, 71, Peru, passed away 3:18 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Dennis 'Mike' Donaldson, 71**

Sunday, April 29, 2007

Dennis 'Mike' Donaldson, 71, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 3:18 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007, due to his illness with Alzheimer's, while his family stood by his side at Caring Hands Healthcare Center. Donaldson was born on January 29, 1936 in Peru to Richard 'Dick' and Helen (Ebey) Donaldson. On June 15, 1958, he married Karen (Doran) Donaldson, and she survives. He worked at Mike's Painting, as well as Donaldson Mobile Powerwash. Donaldson was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church, and enjoyed playing baseball, softball, was an avid pool player, and spending time with his family, friends and grandchildren. He served in the United States Army. Aside from his wife, Donaldson is survived by two daughters, Lori Summers and husband Jim, Peru, Keri Davies and husband Tim, Peru; son, Michael Donaldson, Florida; grandchildren, Christopher Summers, Cody Summers, Stephanie Donaldson, Michael Donaldson, Derek Davies, Andrea Davies, and Jacklyn Davies; and three sisters, Carol Hoover and husband Jim, Peru, Della McKee and husband John, Bunker Hill, and Diana Donaldson, Houston. Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 7 p.m. on Monday, with Deacon Jim Hoover officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a love offering for the Donaldson family.

**Robert Leroy Burns, 68**

Sunday, April 29, 2007

Robert Leroy Burns, 68, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 26, 2007 at 1:05 a.m. He was born December 13, 1938 to Robert Franklin and Dorothy Marie (Weir) Burns in Anderson. He graduated from Ben Davis High School and the Indiana State Police Training Academy. Burns worked for the Indiana State Police for 35 years in all manner of criminal investigations. He retired in 1994 as a commander in the Major Drug Section. He was then promoted to "Chief cook and bottle washer" with his wonderful wife, Nancy. He is survived by his wife Nancy, and sons Scott Burns, Chris Burns and wife Debbie; Larry Burns and wife Pam; stepchildren Scott E. Cover and wife Samantha; Brandi Haskett and husband Ryan; and Amber Cover; a brother, Donald Burns and wife Patty; sisters, Julia Burns, and Jan Goetsch and husband Tom. There are several nieces, nephews, grand and great-grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed some farm life and had great fun. On July 14, 1979 he married Nancy Kay Cover. Bob and Nancy decided to move to Missouri in 2000, where they fell in love with the Missourians and friendliness of their neighbors. They enjoyed Missouri Fox Trotters even before moving to Missouri. His first word was "horse" and he hopes that all those trail riders will get out and enjoy their ponies. He sure has! To all our helpers, Wilma, Kay, Sammy, Leah, Linda, Mary, Sheila, Virginia, and everyone else who has given their support. Great job!

Bob served as Chairman of the Board for SMMBCH, President of DCFTHBA Affiliate, and Chairman of the MFTHBA Trail Committee. He also served on the Ethics Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and is a Lifetime Member of the MFTHBA. He was also a member in good standing with the local saddle club. He was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church. A celebration of life memorial service will be held on May 1 at 10 a.m. at the Clinkingbeard Funeral Home, in Ava, Missouri. Memorials may be made to Community Hospice in care of the funeral home.

**Charles Vernon Otis, 76**

Monday, April 30, 2007

Charles Vernon Otis, 76, Sheridan, formerly of Westfield, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Sheridan Healthcare Center of natural causes. He was born May 5, 1930 in Peru to Renzi Jackson and Ollie (Thompson) Otis. He married Wanda (Fariss) Birden Aug. 31, 2003, and she survives. Otis graduated from Westfield High School in 1948, and graduated from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University). He also was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. In addition, he was a minister in the Nazarene Church, retiring in 1976. He was a supervisor for the the Transportation Department of the Finance Center at Ft. Harrison in Indianapolis, retiring in 1993, and a substitute teacher for the Westfield Elementary School System for 10 years. He also was a member of Sheridan Wesleyan Church and the Sheridan Historical Society. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Daniel D. Otis, Peru; a step-son, Michael A. Birden, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Julia J. Montgomery and husband Jamie, Westfield; three step-daughters, Mary Ann Parr, Anderson, Debra S. Rybolt, Sheridan, and Nancy L. Heliotis, Noblesville; two sisters, Louise Correll, Peru, and Sondra Mendenhall, Tipton; several nieces and nephews; five grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Eldon Otis.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sheridan Wesleyan Church, Sheridan, with Pastors Steve Martin and Jason Coffman officiating. Interment will be at Summitt Lawn Cemetery, Westfield. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Kercheval Funeral Home, Sheridan. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sheridan Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

**Connie M. Hutchison, 65**

Monday, April 30, 2007/Tuesday, May 01, 2007

Connie M. Hutchison, 65, Peru, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Saturday, April 28, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born Nov. 26, 1941 in Peru to Earl W. and Betty (Drudge) VanBaalén. She graduated from Peru High School in 1959, and married Don W. Hutchison Dec. 29, 1975. He preceded her in death Nov. 12, 2006. Hutchison retired from Delphi Electronics, Kokomo. Survivors include her mother in Peru; a daughter, Laura Santos and husband David, Kokomo; a son, Jeff Harshman and wife Sharon, Denver; two step-daughters, Sandra Winslow and husband Fred, Kokomo, and Bedra Galant and husband

Rick, Millington, Mich.; a step-son, Don Hutchison and wife Suk, Dallas, Texas; a sister, Kathy Sparks and husband Danny, Peru; three grandchildren; five step-grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, her husband and a step-granddaughter, Tersea Osborne. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ever-Rest Cemetery Chapel, Cass County, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until time of service Tuesday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lewis D. Little, 92**

Tuesday, May 01, 2007

Lewis D. Little, 92, Peru, passed away at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, at 2:22 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2007. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Frances Marguerite Vale, 87**

Tuesday, May 01, 2007

Frances Marguerite Vale, 87, Cottonwood, Ariz., passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2007. She was born Dec. 31, 1919 in Chili to Edward and Jessie (Allen) Keirn. Vale was fortunate to be able to stay at home and truly enjoy her roles as wife and mother. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother. Her family adored her, and shall forever. She was a member of Mountain View Methodist Church, Cottonwood, Ariz., where she enjoyed singing in the church choir. She also enjoyed traveling. Vale leaves behind her loving husband of 58 years, Albert Vale, Cottonwood, Ariz.; two daughters, Melanie Gould and husband Randy, Encinitas, Calif., and Vicki Wait and husband Rick, Oxnard, Calif.; a brother, Noel Keirn and wife Helen, Peru; her only grandson, Alex Gould, Encinitas, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews, including Jerry Keirn, Peru, Kelly Meadows, Peru, and Edward Keirn, Indianapolis.

Burial will take place at a later date in the Chili Cemetery, Chili. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Charles L. Douglas, 74**

Tuesday, May 01, 2007

Charles L. Douglas, 74, Royal Center, passed away Monday, April 30, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born March 24, 1933 in Hoopston, Ill., to Lawrence Fred and Viola (Hoover) Douglas. On June 28, 1953 he married Leaetta J. Vernon, and she survives. Douglas was a 1951 Royal Center High School graduate, an Army National Guard veteran for over 30 years, a member of Crooked Creek Christian Church, Royal Center, Winamac Aero Modelers Club and a lifetime member of the N.R.A. His hobbies included woodworking and coin collecting. He retired in 1993 from the Logansport State Hospital where he was a manager in the cold storage department. Surviving besides his wife include a son, Ron Douglas and wife Jan, Peru; two grandchildren, Sabrina and Blake Douglas; and special family friends, Don and Darlene Kerr and family, Royal Center. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Juanita Drake and Thelma Rhody Jersoki.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel, with Pastor Adrian Whitlock officiating. Burial will be at Davis Cemetery, Burnettsville. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to DSI Dialysis, 1025 Michigan Ave., Logansport, Indiana 46947. Online condolences may be made to [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

**Lewis D. Little, 92**

Thursday, May 03, 2007

Lewis D. Little, 92, Caring Hands Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 2:22 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2007 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 16, 1914 in Miami County to Charles and Nell (DeLawter) Little. He married Thelma L. (Hopper) Little June 9, 1935, and she survives. Little retired in 1977 as a pipe mechanic from NIPSCO. He also was a member of First Christian Church, Peru. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Janet Cochran, Melbourne, Fla., Deloris Wise and husband Jerry, Peru, and Ruth Ellis and husband Major "Ned," Kokomo; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Indiana Davidson; a daughter, Shirley Snyder; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Duane Gene Spear, 63**

Friday, May 04, 2007

Duane Gene Spear, 63, Deming, N.M., passed away Sunday, March 11, 2007 at Mimbres Memorial Hospital, Deming. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru.

**Sylvia Ann Shultz, 63**

Saturday, May 05, 2007

Sylvia Ann Shultz, 63, Peru, passed away at 7:37 p.m. Thursday, May 3, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born May 22, 1943 in Metropolis, Ill. to Naomi Davis. She was adopted and raised by Roy E. and Myrtle L. Barrett (deceased). She married Paul K. Shultz Oct. 9, 1971, and he preceded her in death Jan. 4, 2006. Shultz was a homemaker, loved to garden and canning what she and her husband grew. Painting still life was one of her favorite hobbies. In addition, she played several instruments and was a member of Church of Christ, Peru. Survivors include her mother, Naomi Reed; two half-sisters, June Greeson and Linda LaFary; four half-brothers, James, Clifford, Michael and Jason Reed; and two special cousins, Minnie Lee Maxwell and Betsy Maxwell.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Evangelist Ivan Minglin officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Church of Christ, Peru.

**Keith 'Randy' Correll, 53**

Monday, May 07, 2007

Keith 'Randy' Correll, 53, Peru, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

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

**Frances Jean Cook, 75**

Monday, May 07, 2007

Frances Jean Cook, 75, Peru, passed away at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital. She was born on September 28, 1931 in LaFontaine, to Charles A. and Neva B. Shafer. On March 22, 1952, she married Dale W. Cook Sr. and he preceded her in death. Cook was a cancer survivor, and was very active in home health care as a nurse's aide. She performed this duty, caring for others, including her best friend, Betty Hunter, even while undergoing chemotherapy treatments herself. She retired as a machine operator at United Technologies, and was a member of the First Christian Church in Peru. Cook is survived by two sons, Dale W. Cook Jr., Balch Springs, Texas, and Phillip D. Cook, Peru; four daughters, Sue Ann VanMeter and husband Jimmie, Kokomo, Patricia Woodhouse and husband Steve, Peru, Barbara J. Anderson and husband David, Peru, and Jane K. Lowe and husband Ron, Peru; two sisters, Marie DeVault, Prescott, Arizona, and Louise Perkins, Lake Havasu, Arizona; 19 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Cook was preceded in death by her parents; one brother; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. A love offering may be made to the Frances Jean Cook family.

**Lowell R. "Dick" Myers, 72**

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

Lowell R. "Dick" Myers, 72, Roann, passed away at 2:29 a.m. Sunday, May 6, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

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

**Robert R. Mace, 76**

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

Robert R. Mace, 76, Anderson, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2007 at his residence. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church in Anderson. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery, with military graveside services by VFW Post 266. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Home.

Online condolences to [www.brownbutzdiedring.com](http://www.brownbutzdiedring.com).

**Keith Randell Correll, 53**

Tuesday, May 08, 2007

Keith Randell Correll, 53, Peru, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He had been suffering with a severe illness for several months. Keith, known as Randy, was born Sept. 23, 1953 in Peru to Keith E. and Dorothy (Eckelbarger) Correll. He was raised and supported his entire life by his grandparents: Archi and Ethel Eckelbarger (deceased). Randy was a special kind of man who befriended everyone he met. He worked at lawn and garden care in his younger days and had a happy life in spite of being dealt several challenges in his journey through life. Survivors include his father in Kokomo; his mother in Logansport; three sisters; a step-brother; a step-sister; aunts and uncles. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with burial there as well. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.



**Lowell R. "Dick" Myers, 74**

Wednesday, May 09, 2007

Lowell R. "Dick" Myers, 74, Roann, passed away at 2:29 a.m. Sunday, May 6, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born April 9, 1933 in Corning, Ark. to Harry G. and Gladys J. (Dunlap) Myers. He married Shirley Hopkins July 2, 1951, and she survives. Myers retired from the U.S. Navy, serving 10 years in the Fleet Navy and 10 years in the Navy Seabees. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, he was a self-employed heating/cooling technician and electrician. He also was a life member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the National Rifle Association and the Fleet Reserve Association. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Catherine Ray and husband Jerry, Peru; two sons, Jeffrey E. Myers and wife Cynthia, Nashville, Tenn., and Franklin R. Myers and wife JoAnn, Brisbane, Calif.; five grandchildren, Erich J. Myers, Dereck W. Ray and wife Amanda, Amanda C. Bullins, Amber Hurt and husband Shannon, and Tara L. Myers; four great-grandchildren, Dalton, Nathaniel, Andrew and Jackson; three brothers, Harry Myers Jr. and wife Becky, Blytheville, Ark., Robert L. Myers and wife Nancy, Georgia, and Ronald G. Myers and wife Mattie, Blytheville, Ark.; four sisters, Claraellen Mertz and wife Delmar, St. Louis, Mo., Iola Smith, Elsberry, Mo., Dolores Hill, Calico Rock, Ark., and Norma Jean Hicks and husband Tommy, Osceola, Ark.; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastors Richard Rickus and Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery. A military committal service will be performed by the U.S. Navy. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Kevin Wade Duncan, 19**

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Kevin Wade Duncan, 19, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at the University of Southern Alabama Medical Center in Mobile, Ala. He was born on Feb. 14, 1988 in Elwood to Jeffrey and Cathy (Cover) Duncan. He graduated from Oak Hill High School in 2006 and had recently completed his first semester of college at Ivy Tech Community College in Marion. Kevin loved the game of soccer and played for the Oak Hill Golden Eagles for four years. He enjoyed classic rock music and was a huge fan of the Tennessee Titans. He loved his dog Zoe, enjoyed sports and his Acura RSX-Type S car and dreamed of owning his own Ford Lightning. Survivors besides his parents in Swayzee include a sister, Michelle Duncan, Muncie; paternal grandparents, Homer and JoAnn Duncan, Swayzee; maternal grandparents, Fritz and Jean Cover, Swayzee; five aunts and uncles, Lee Ann and Victor Teumer, Fairhope, Ala., Bobbi and Tom Combs, Columbia City, and Michael Duncan, Slidel, La.; and several cousins. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Swayzee United Methodist Church, with the Reverends James Miller and Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery, Swayzee. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee, and one hour prior to service Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to Oak Hill Soccer Association, P.O. Box 185, Sweetser, IN 46987. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Edwina M. Thompson, 88**

Thursday, May 10, 2007/Friday, May 11, 2007

Edwina M. Thompson, 88, Peru, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at her residence. She was born Oct. 31, 1918 in Caldwell, N.J. to George and Helen Myers. She married Robert L. Thompson Oct. 10, 1942 in Muncie, and he survives. Thompson attended Shimer Junior College in Evanston, Ill., and graduated from Indiana University Bloomington. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru, the 19th Star Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Tri Kappa Sorority, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Peru Art Collection Advisory Board, past president of the Peru School Board, a Red Cross volunteer, and very active in the PTA when her children were attending Peru Community Schools. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Helen Boys and husband Larry, Indianapolis; two sons, Todd E. Thompson and wife Feezela, Mill Valley, Calif., and Bruce R. Thompson and wife Wendy, Worthington, Ohio; five grandchildren, Stephanie Boys and Anna, Rebecca, Jeffrey and Justin Thompson. He was preceded in death by two brothers. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church.

**Robert Eugene Lees, 77**

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Robert Eugene Lees, 77, Jamestown, N.C., passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at his residence. He was born May 14, 1929 in Peru to Floyd and Relna Murtha Lees. On March 11, 1951 he married Marion Durkes, his wife of 56 years, and she survives. Lees was a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He also was a die cast engineer and was employed with Southern Die Casting for over 20 years as sales manager. He was very dedicated to his profession and received numerous awards in the aluminum die cast industry. He also was a member of the National Die Cast Society of America and held various offices in the organization. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in High Point, N.C. Survivors besides his wife include a son, David Lees and wife Marsha, High Point, N.C.; two grandsons, Thomas and Mike Lees; two sisters, Carolyn Rogers, Paris, Tenn., and Phyllis Gerhart, Kokomo; and 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark

Edward Lees, in 1998. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Holy Family Chapel of First United Methodist Church by the Reverend Chris Fitzgerald. Inurnment in the church columbarium will be at a later date. The family will receive friends at Sechrest Funeral Service, 1301 E. Lexington Ave., High Point, N.C., on Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, 202 Center Port Drive, Suite 100, Greensboro, NC 27409 or to the American Cancer Society, 4-A Oakbranch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407. Please share your thoughts and memories with the Lees family at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Sadie Lindsey, 56**

Friday, May 11, 2007

Sadie Lindsey, 56, Peru, passed away at approximately 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Sadie Rae Lindsey, 56**

Sunday, May 13, 2007

Sadie Rae Lindsey, 56, Peru, passed away at approximately 11 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at her residence. She was born on August 27, 1950 in Portland, Oregon to Leonard C. and Sadie P. (Elder) Lewis. On February 9, 1974, she married James Lindsey, who preceded her in death on December 10, 2000. Lindsey was a homemaker, former apartment manager, and talented artist. She is survived by one daughter, Tina Rae Finnegan Raider, Peru; grandkids, Nash, Austin and Clay Raider; and two sisters, Penny B. Finnegan, Rochester, and Peggy J. Owings, Rusk, Texas. Aside from her husband, Lindsey was preceded in death by her father on November 25, 1980, and mother on October 11, 1985; and a brother, Leonard Lewis. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Butch Troke officiating. Burial will be at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rochester. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

**Wilma M. Birk, 66**

Monday, May 14, 2007

Wilma M. Birk, 66, Roann, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Sunday May 13, 2007 her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**Robert "Dale" Jackson, 89**

Monday, May 14, 2007

Robert "Dale" Jackson, 89, Peru, passed away at 4:15 a.m. Sunday, May 13, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. He was born Oct. 16, 1917 in Peru to Wayne and Jessie (Boxell) Jackson. He married Maurie E. Smythe June 8, 1940, and she survives. Jackson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and a C&O railroad-secretary to the train master. He was a member of First Christian Church, where he also served as deacon. In addition, he was a member of the American Legion, former member of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority and a musician with the Peru Civic Band and Starlighters Orchestra. Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Bonnie Sims Doran and husband Michael, Peru, Patricia Sarzynski and husband Donald, Mount Clemens, Mich., and Kathleen Lett and husband William, Huntingburg; a brother, Bill Jackson and wife Roberta, Peru; a sister, June Cooper and husband John, Columbus, N.C.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A military committal service at the cemetery will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Wilma M. "Willie" Birk, 66**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Wilma M. "Willie" Birk, 66, Roann, formerly of Plymouth, passed away of natural causes at her residence at 8:20 a.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2007. A devoted mother, she was very proud of her children and grandchildren. Willie was born in Grovertown on Nov. 3, 1940. She was the daughter of Elvin Wesley Eads and Sylvia Reinholt Eads Skoog. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1958. On Oct. 1, 1960 in Plymouth, Willie and Robert L. Birk were married. A homemaker, Willie was very creative and artistically skilled. She loved gardening and working with her lush flowers. She enjoyed sign language and playing games, including bingo. Willie appreciated all kinds of music. She was a member of the Peru Card Club and Delta Theta Tau philanthropic sorority. Survivors besides her husband include five children: three sons and two daughters. Her daughters and grandchildren are: Robin (Peter, "Chip") VanBuskirk, and their children, Matthew and Megan, Las Vegas, Nev., and Rhonda (Greg) Dale and their children, Grant and Gracie, North Manchester. Her sons are: Rodney (Ann) Birk, and their children, Lindsay (Brian) Swihart, Braden and Bayli, Wabash, Randall and Estelle Birk and their children, Marissa and Jacob, Las Vegas, Nev., and Robert "Boo" Birk, Fort Wayne. Two sisters, Connie (Michael) Gardner, Bremen, and Vickie (Kim) Finkenbiner, North Webster; and two brothers, Arlie (Dorothy) Eads, Plymouth, and Eugene (Linda) Eads, Las Vegas, Nev., also survive. Willie was preceded in death by her parents; two granddaughters, Brittany Truss and Britain Birk; and a sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia and Carl Zimmerman. Funeral services for Willie will be held on

Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Charles Krieg officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Friends will be welcomed by Willie's family to share memories and celebrate her life on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial gifts in Willie's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home's Web site: [www.Johnson-danielson.com](http://www.Johnson-danielson.com).

**Jean "A.J." Mattice Nylin, 86**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Jean "A.J." Mattice Nylin, 86, Rochester, passed away at 4:17 p.m. Friday, May 11, 2007 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions may be made to the Steven Bruce Mattice Memorial Scholarship through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**John A. Eltzroth, 80**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

John A. Eltzroth, 80, Amboy, passed away at 7:03 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2007 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center, Marion. He was born Sept. 7, 1926 in Marion to Albert H. and Esther A. Guyer Eltzroth. He married Barbara Lentz Eltzroth Dec. 11, 1977 in Peru, and she survives. Eltzroth graduated from Amboy High School and was a retired Miami County farmer. He also was a member of the Converse Masonic Lodge 601, Peru Maennerchor, Eagles Lodge and Peru Moose Lodge. In addition, he loved sports, especially IU basketball, the Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts and Los Angeles Dodgers. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Keith Eltzroth and wife Linda, Kokomo; a daughter, Julia Vossler and husband Jeff, Converse; a step-son, Sam Jackson and wife Becky, Amboy; a step-daughter, Pam Hunt and husband Russell, Sweetser; four grandchildren, Eric Eltzroth and wife Melissa, Huntington, Courtney Henderson and husband Jeff, Swayzee, Nick Vossler, Converse, and Megan Vossler, Indianapolis; three step-grandchildren, David and Todd Jackson and Katie Hunt; and a great-grandchild, Austin Vossler. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Carolyn Mikesell officiating. Burial will be in Bond Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

**Richard L. "Buzz" Remy, 52**

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Richard L. "Buzz" Remy, 52, Kokomo, passed away on Friday, May 11, 2007 at his residence. He was born on Nov. 29, 1954 in Kokomo to Archie and Marion (Leisure) Remy. Remy served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1973. He later worked as a self-employed carpenter. He enjoyed bowling and playing pool and was an avid NASCAR fan. Richard leaves behind his care givers Donna and Larry Massey and several close friends and family. Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with the Rev. Joyce Brooks officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society through Dr. Steele's office at 806 S. Berkley Road, Kokomo, IN 46901. Online condolences can be made at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Charles D. Marburger, 58**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Charles D. Marburger, 58, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Geraldine M. Wiltshire, 85**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Geraldine M. Wiltshire, 85, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 6:55 p.m. Monday, May 14, 2007 at her residence following an extended illness. Burial will be in St. Charles Cemetery, Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Earl M. Lees, 83**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Earl M. Lees, 83, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 21, 1923 in Bunker Hill to Charles and Mae (Nichols) Lees. He married Geraldine "Gerri" Wilson Aug. 31, 1946, and she survives. Lees graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1942, Butler University in 1951 and Ball State University in 1958. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired school teacher. After retirement, he served as guidance counselor at Haworth High School in Kokomo. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Glenna Youngblood and husband Ron, Peru; a grandson, Aaron Youngblood and wife Debi, Marcelline, Ill.; a great-granddaughter, Madison Youngblood; two brothers, Ray A. Lees, Kokomo, and James Lees, Burlington; and two sisters, Louise Whybrew and Wilma Pearson, both of Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Konda Lees; and four brothers, Elzie, Clyde, Donald and John Lees. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Steve Fleck and George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided

by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dukes chaplaincy.

**Ruth A. McNamara, 91**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Ruth A. McNamara, 91, Peru, passed away at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 6, 1915 in Peru to James P. and Lenice (Crume) McNamara. A graduate of St. Charles High School in the class of 1933, she was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Survivors include her cousins, Barb Day and husband Bud, Chili, Penny Burns and husband Lee, Denver, Elaine Labrocca and husband Ron, Plainview, N.Y., Judy Henderson and husband Don, Nashville, Steve Crume and wife Mindy of Paulsbo, Wash., and Jim Crume and wife Cindy of Anderson. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Jane Ringle. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church.

**Carol A. Damron, 57**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Carol A. Damron, 57, Rochester, passed away at 3:22 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at her residence. She was born in Rochester April 24, 1950 to Ronald L. and Nilah G. (Edwards) Baber. She was a 1967 graduate of North Miami High School. During high school she attended school in Guam for several years, while her family was stationed there. She enjoyed extensive traveling in the Far East during her high school years, and after graduation she traveled throughout Europe. On April 17, 1971 she married David P. Damron at the Macy United Methodist Church, and he survives. Mrs. Damron had been a distribution clerk, field record clerk and service technician for Northern Indiana Public Service Company. She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, and enjoyed reading, boating, flowers, fix-it projects, traveling and spending time with her family. Survivors besides her husband include her son, Kyle Damron and wife Megan, Somerset, Ky.; a brother, Rick L. Baber and wife Teresa, Rochester; a sister Barbara Brown and husband Ed, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with the Reverend Rick Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home in Rochester, and one hour prior to service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to Grace United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Mary I. Dillon, 68**

Thursday, May 17, 2007

Mary I. Dillon, 68, Kokomo, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Nov. 4, 1938 Pangburn, Alaska, to George and Gurthy (Hollman) Glosser. She married Leonard Dillon March 3, 1956, and he survives. Mary enjoyed spending time as a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband of over 50 years include three daughters, Linda Pickens, Knoxville, Tenn., Judy Mace, Kokomo, and Marie Muntz, Maynardville, Tenn.; three brothers, Charles Glosser, Peru, George Glosser, Bunker Hill, and Albert Glosser, Whiteville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Daniel Pickens, Sarah Pickens, Heather Pickens and Christine Pickens, all of Knoxville, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her parents and her twin sister's passing at birth. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Harold Williams officiating. Burial will be in Albright Cemetery Kokomo. Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today at the Webster Street Chapel.

**Margaret V. Young, 97**

Friday, May 18, 2007

Margaret V. Young, 97, formerly of Gilead, passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

**Charles D. Marburger, 58**

Friday, May 18, 2007/Sunday, May 20, 2007

Charles D. Marburger, 58, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at his residence. He was born on March 13, 1949 in Rochester to Willis D. 'Bud' and Joyce (Dillman) Marburger, who both survive in Peru. The 1967 graduate of North Miami High School enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, cars and just being outdoors. Marburger was the former vice-president of Marburger Ready Mix, as well as worked for D & B Ready Mix and Irving Materials prior to his retirement in 1994. He was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. Aside from his parents, Marburger is survived by daughter, Jessica Shannon and husband Mike, Logansport; two sons, Jason Marburger, Peru, and Jeff Marburger, Mexico; grandson, Conner Shannon; and brother, Michael Marburger and wife Kyletta, Peru. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Stephen Bates officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice, American Cancer Society, and/or Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

**Catherine H. Boyd, 83**

Friday, May 18, 2007/Sunday, May 20, 2007

Catherine H. Boyd, 83, of New Port Richey, Florida passed away on Friday, May 4, 2007 at Gulfside Regional Hospital in New Port Richey. She was born in Mercer County, Ohio and moved to Florida in 1956. Boyd retired as a teacher in Ohio and Pinellas County, Florida, and was later a homemaker. From 1965 to 1983 she was an organist at the Palm Grove Reform Church. She was an active member of the Christian Women's Club and a member of the Living Word Church of New Port Richey. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, William W. Boyd; a son, William L. Boyd, Lake City, Florida; a daughter, Susan Cullen, Trinity, Florida; a brother, Elmer Hisey, Bellevue, Washington; four sisters: Mary Hablitzel, Aurora, Colorado; Alice Gassidy, Van Wert, Ohio; Betty Moser of Peru; and Carol Rude, Green Valley, Arizona. She is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Thomas Dobies Funeral Homes, Seven Springs Chapel, New Port Richey was in charge of arrangements.

**Earl M. Lees, 83**

Friday, May 18, 2007/Sunday, May 20, 2007

Earl M. Lees, 83, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Aug. 21, 1923 in Bunker Hill to Charles and Mae (Nichols) Lees. He married Geraldine "Gerri" Wilson Aug. 31, 1946, and she survives. Lees graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1942, Butler University in 1951 and Ball State University in 1958. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired school teacher. After retirement, he served as guidance counselor at Haworth High School in Kokomo. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Glenna Youngblood and husband Ron, Peru; a grandson, Aaron Youngblood and wife Debi, Marcelline, Ill.; a great-granddaughter, Madison Youngblood; two brothers, Ray A. Lees, Kokomo, and James Lees, Burlington; and two sisters, Louise Whybrew and Wilma Pearson, both of Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Konda Lees; and four brothers, Elzie, Clyde, Donald and John Lees. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Steve Fleck and George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dukes chaplaincy.

**Ruth A. McNamara, 91**

Friday, May 18, 2007/Sunday, May 20, 2007

Ruth A. McNamara, 91, Peru, passed away at 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 6, 1915 in Peru to James P. and Lenice (Crume) McNamara. A graduate of St. Charles High School in the class of 1933, she was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society. Ruth was Deputy Recorder for Miami County from 1941 to 1986. Survivors include her cousins, Barb Day and husband Bud, Chili, Penny Burns and husband Lee, Denver, Elaine Labrocca and husband Ron, Plainview, New York, Judy Henderson and husband Don, Nashville, Steve Crume and wife Mindy of Paulsbo, Washington, Jim Crume and wife Cindy of Anderson, and Rita Cook and husband Dan, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Jane Ringle.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church.

**Margaret Viola Young, 97**

Saturday, May 19, 2007/Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Margaret Viola Young, 97, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, since August 1995, formerly of the Gilead area, passed away at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 2007 at her residence. She was born Jan. 29, 1910 in Wabash County to Benjamin Harrison and Rose Bell (King) Miller. She married Floyd E. Young Nov. 6, 1928 in Gilead, and he preceded her in death Jan. 31, 2000. They had been married 78 years. Young was a homemaker and a member of Gilead United Methodist Church and the WCSC. She enjoyed sewing, baking, journaling and ceramics. In addition, she enjoyed dressing dolls of president's wives in inaugural gowns, for which she received a letter from the White House about these gowns. Survivors include a daughter, Wanita Haupt, Fort Wayne; two sons, Ronald Young and wife Carolyn, Rochester, and James Young, Gilead; a sister, Sarah Garretson, Warren; a sister-in-law, Geneva Miller, Akron; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; She was preceded in death by two daughters, Donna Beverly Fields and infant Lois Judy Young; a sister, Betty Gilbert; two brothers, George and Wesley Miller; a daughter-in-law, Rosalene Young; a son-in-law, Charles Haupt; a great-grandson, Ryan Bennett; and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Thomas Craig officiating. Burial will be in Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Gilead Cemetery, Wabash/Miami County Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

**Mary H. Dockum, 77**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Mary H. Dockum, 77, Dunnellon, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:46 a.m. on May 19, 2007 at Monroe Regional Hospital, Ocala, Fla. She was born on July 29, 1929 in Peru to Lawrence and Mary G. Beckett Enyeart. She married Donald L. Dockum on May 2, 1958 and he survives. Dockum was a retired Avon district manager. She worked for 20 years from the Fort Worth, Texas office. She was a member of First Christian Church, Peru, and the Florida Red Hat Society. She loved to dance and play Bingo, Bunco and Shuffle Board. Survivors include two sons, John Miller and wife Rose, Orlando, Fla., and Jim Miller and wife Shirley, Kokomo; two daughters, Susan Chilcutt, Bunker Hill, and Debbie Dockum Massey and companion Roy Rheinfrank, Kokomo; two grandchildren, Matthew Chilcutt and fiancée Maggie Jackson, Bunker Hill, and Nancy Lewis and husband Thomas, Kokomo; a great-grand daughter, Brooklynn Lewis, Kokomo; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard Enyeart, Melbourne, Fla.; and many dear friends, including Dottie Greer, Peru and Dee Hartwick, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Enyeart; and a son-in-law, Larry G. Chilcutt.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck and Steve Watson officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

**Eugene J. Thomas, 69**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Eugene J. Thomas, 69, Kokomo, formerly of Peru from 1978-1992, died at 6:38 a.m. Saturday, May 19, 2007, at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born May 11, 1938, in McKees Rocks, Penn., the son of John and Julia (Uram) Thomas. He married Barbara Williamson in McKees Rocks, Penn., August 11, 1962, and she survives. Eugene Thomas Gene was a 1956 graduate of Langley High School and a 1961 graduate of Duquesne University in Pennsylvania, earning a bachelor's degree in music. While at the university, he was a member of Beta Pi Sigma fraternity. He spent two years in the U.S. Army from 1961 through 1963. Following his tour of duty in the armed services, he enjoyed a career spanning 28 years with U.S. Government Civil Services in their Special Services Division. His memberships included St. Athanasius Great Byzantine Catholic Church of Indianapolis, the Knights of Columbus and The National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Gene was an accomplished musician and after retirement, he visited different nursing homes and entertained residents by playing his accordion. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Bob Thomas and his wife Natalie of Canton, Mich., and Gary Thomas and his wife Debra of Florence, Ky.; one brother, Timothy Thomas of San Francisco, Calif.; and grandchildren Elena Thomas, Jaydon Thomas, Ethan Thomas, Noah Thomas and Megan Thomas. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Athanasius Great Byzantine Catholic Church at 1117 S. Blaine Ave. in Indianapolis with Rev. Fr. Sid Sidor the celebrant. Graveside services and burial will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery in Kokomo. The family will receive friends from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Rd., Kokomo. Online condolences may be left at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com)

**Barbara J. Thorpe, 76**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Barbara J. Thorpe, 76, Peru, passed away at 8:07 a.m. on May 21, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo.

A private family graveside service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. There is no visitation planned. Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Michelle R. Steele Taylor, 37**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Michelle R. Steele Taylor, 37, Cumberland, Md., formerly of Kokomo, passed away on May 8, 2007 at Memorial Hospital in Cumberland. Services were Monday at 7 p.m. at Morning Star Church, Kokomo, with pastor Greg Reed officiating. Arrangements were by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Helen L. Walden, 87**

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Helen L. Walden, 87, Peru, passed away at 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at Hickory Creek nursing home, Peru. She was born on Dec. 30, 1919 in Peru to Joseph and Rilda Dilts Arwood. Walden was retired from American Stationery. Survivors include three children, Peggy Frisby and husband Jack, Peru, Carol Sheehan and husband Sonny of Baton Rouge, La., and Lester Walden and wife Kim, Mexico; nine grandchildren, Kimberly Douglass, Howard Draving, Kevin Draving, Michelle Dennison, Daniel Walden, Josh Walden, Benjamin Walden, Jerry Frisby and Phil Frisby; six great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and one grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



**Juanita E. Flora Birk, 87**

Thursday, May 24, 2007/ Friday, May 25, 2007

Juanita E. Flora Birk, 87, Macy, passed away at 8:12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at the home of her daughter near Kewanna. She was born in Jefferson Township on February 23, 1920 to Dale and Honor Maus Flora. On April 6, 1940, she married Edward F. Birk at the home of her parents, and he survives. Birk was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Women's Group. She was also a member of the Pleasant Hour Club, as well as The Notables singing group in Rochester. She enjoyed making all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren quilts, afghans, and doing all sorts of crafts. Birk especially enjoyed making Christmas tree ornaments. Her mission for her church was to send cards to all of the sick and shut-ins, and sending greetings to the members on their anniversaries and birthdays. Aside from her husband, she is survived by her children, James E. Birk and wife Margo, Defiance, Ohio, and Gloria Friedrich and husband Larry, Kewanna; six grandchildren, Amy Seeman and husband Dan, Greenfield, Dale Friedrich and wife Regina, Pierceton, Sara Birk, Missoula, Montana, Megan Birk, Lafayette, Dana Birk, Defiance, and Abby Birk, Defiance; three great-grandchildren, Ashleigh and Nataleigh Friedrich and Morgan Seeman; and one sister, Eunice Webster and husband Richard, Rialto, California. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Wayne Balmer and Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Building Fund and/or to Hope Hospice.

**Beatrice E. 'Betty' Evans, 75**

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Beatrice E. "Betty" Evans, 75, of Bonita Springs, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. She was born in Huntington to Frank and Mildred (Bolinger) Hopkins. Evans enjoyed bowling and golf, and she was also a talented craft maker, enjoying several types of home crafts. Survivors include her loving husband of two years, Arthur D. Evans, Bonita Springs; daughters, Linda M. Kozey and husband Bill of Dallas, Georgia; Drinda K. Inskip of Naples, Florida; and Pamela S. Groves of Brownsburg.; sons, Robert E. Flora and wife Lucy, Richardson, Texas, and Ronald E. Flora of Winter Park, Florida; sisters, Lucille Shepler and husband Marvin, Logansport; Joyce Cardwell and husband Jim, Peru; and Sandy Surface and husband Jim, Walton; brothers, Bob Hopkins of Fort Wayne; and Ray Hopkins and wife Carolyn of Peru. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Evans was preceded in death by her first husband, Earl R. Flora; a daughter, Lannette Flora, and son-in-law, Randall Groves.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on June 2 at the Peru Church of the Brethren. Memorials in her name should be directed to American Association for Cancer Research, 615 Chestnut Street, 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

**Elva "Devon" Enyeart, 89**

Saturday, May 26, 2007

On May 24, 2007 at 3:20 a.m. Elva "Devon" Enyeart passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home at 25 Donate Drive, Peru, surrounded by loving family and extended family of hospice care givers. Devon was a very simple, loving and caring lady who was always there for everyone with a strong hand, kind smile and a warm heart. She "lived life to the fullest and had a grand time" whether as a waitress in Las Vegas, Chicago or at the Peru Elks Club from the 1940s to the 1970s, along with enjoying her crafts and fun times mushroom hunting with her best friends. So too has her family been blessed to care for her in her own home these final years of her life. Born in the Wabash County Hospital on July 14, 1917 to Elwood and Florence Huddleston-Long of Wabash, she lived in the Wabash and Peru area most of her life, attending the Richvalley School traveling from the country by horse drawn cart with her grandfather at the reins. She was married to M.L. Sutton in 1932 and to Leo Enyeart in 1950, who both preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, sons Clyde and Robert Sutton, and grandson Willis Halterman. Devon is survived by her loving daughter Kloreeta Kay Sutton; seven grandchildren, James Miller and wife Allie, Randy Miller and wife Leah, Karen Smith and husband Jim, Marie Pugh and husband Dallas, Pat Sutton and wife Debbie, Mike Sutton and wife Christine and Cathy Sutton; 14 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; her loving niece Melinda Ross; her faithful loving Yorkie "Kamee"; several cousins; all her very close "Best Friends Forever"; Helen Sheneman and Marty Cruea; and especially her extended family of hospice care givers with Kokomo Hospice Guardian Angels and the Wabash-Peru Hospice nurses, CNAs, pastors and volunteers during her 13 months at home. Devon was proudly active throughout her early years in many local ladies auxiliaries, including the B.P.O.E., Peru Elkettes, B.F.O.E., Golden Age Eagle and Women of the Moose.

Please join her family in "Celebrating Devon's Life" at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday one hour prior to service for visitation. Her "Going Home Service" will commence on Saturday at 11 a.m., conducted by her longtime family friend and pastor, George "Butch" Dinkel. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made in Devon's loving memory to Peru-Wabash-Kokomo Hospice, Inc., so it may continue providing such compassionate comfort and care for all loved ones who choose such a dignified manner during their "Time of Life".

**Leland S. Exmeyer Jr., 87**

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Leland S. Exmeyer, Jr., 87 passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at Lakeview Manor Nursing Home in Indianapolis. A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Christopher Church, Speedway, Indiana at 1 p.m. today, with calling one hour prior to the service at noon. Entombment will be at West Ridge Cemetery, with all arrangements by Conkle Funeral Home Speedway Chapel.

**Charlotte L. Fenstermaker, 97**

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Charlotte L. Fenstermaker, 97, passed away at 9:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center, Marion. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home in Amboy, with burial at Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made through the funeral home to New Hope Hospice .

**Reverend Ross Dean Cook, 75**

Monday, May 28, 2007

Reverend Ross Dean Cook, 75, Nappanee, passed away at 6:26 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa. He was born on September 26, 1931 in Miami County to Horace D. and Ethel (White) Cook. On September 1, 1979 in Nappanee, Cook married Lois Anglin, who survives. Cook had resided in Nappanee since 1996, and was a graduate of Butler High School, Manchester College, as well as the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois.

He was a retired Methodist minister, and had served in churches in Liberty Mills, Rochester, Burr Oak, Pretty Lake, Roanoke, South Whitley, Syracuse, Howe, Fremont, Leo, as well as served on the staff of the Bashor Home.

Cook was a member of the North Indiana Conference of United Methodist Church, as well as the Lions Club and Rotary Club. He enjoyed John Deere tractors. Aside from his wife, Cook is survived by two daughters, Rita Pittman and husband Mark, Tomah, Wisconsin, and Diane Stewart, Cicero; one son, Gary Cook and wife Annie, Syracuse; two step-daughters, Jill Boleman and husband Mike, Douglasville, Georgia, and Joan Krieg and husband Dan, Fort Wayne; two step-sons, Mike Anglin and wife Jennifer, Nappanee, and Tom Anglin and wife Kathy, Nappanee; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; first wife, Charlotte Morrill, Syracuse; two sisters, Ruth Hunt, Amboy, and Doris Kuntz and husband Richard, Oregon City, Oregon; and one brother, Dale Cook, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Nappanee United Methodist Church, with the Reverend David Harrold officiating. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Visitation will be at Thompson-Lengacher and Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee on Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Sunshine Unit at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

**V. Lorraine Lowe, 75**

Monday, May 28, 2007

V. Lorraine Lowe, 75, Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at her residence. She was born on November 27, 1931 in Cass County to Glenn and Crystal (Helvie) Long. On November 26, 1950 in New Waverly, she married C. Mendel Lowe, and he survives. Lowe retired from J.C. Penney in 1984 following 26 years of service. She was a member of the Miami Township Extension Homemakers Club for over 50 years, as well as a member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church. Aside from her husband, she is survived by son, Steven M. Lowe and wife Carol, Peru; daughter, Kay Wolfe and husband Jerry, Peru; sister-in-law, Betty Long, Logansport; grandchildren, David Lowe and wife Charlotte, New Waverly, Kevin Lowe and wife Laura, Peru, Angie Mayhill and husband Dan, Peru, and Emily Conklin, Peru; step-granddaughter, Malinda Taylor and husband Jamie, Peru; four great-grandchildren; several nieces; and one nephew. She was preceded in death by one son, David J. Lowe; three brothers, Oval Long, Carl Long, and infant Curtis Ray Long; and granddaughter, Kayla Conklin.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Carl Davis officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Women of the New Waverly United Methodist Church.

**Betty Hopkins Flora Evans, 75**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Beatrice 'Betty' Hopkins Flora Evans, 75, recently passed away in Bonita Springs, Florida. There will be a memorial service for her at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Peru Church of the Brethren.

**Treva R. Fagan, 58**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Treva R. Fagan, 58, Swayzee, passed away at 2:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28, 2007 at her home, surrounded by family and friends. She was born on September 19, 1948 in Peru to Raymond L. Jr. and Frances I. (Johnson) Jackson, and had resided in Swayzee for the past 40 years. Treva earned her master's in education and was currently teaching first grade at Eastern Howard School Corporation, where she had taught for the previous 30 years. She loved the children and their eagerness to learn. Not

only did Treva love to teach, but she valued the friendships of fellow teachers, especially the North Hall and Baltimore groups, where they shared a special closeness during dinners and little trips. Melody Thomas was a fellow teacher in which Treva shared a special 27-year friendship. She was a member of the ISTA and the NEA, and attended the Converse Church of Christ. Treva enjoyed travelling, especially to Florida, where she enjoyed spending time with Bob and Carolyn King, as well as Marilyn Percy. She belonged to two different card clubs, where not many cards were played, but eating out was plentiful. Treva loved watching her grandchildren, reading, crocheting, gardening and spending time with her family out by the pool. She is survived by her mother, Frances I. Jackson, Peru; three sons, Mark Fagan and wife Tammy, Marion, Ryan Fagan and wife Anne, Swayzee, and Jarod Fagan and Shelley Carmichael, Marion; grandchildren, Kiley, Jackson, Dean and Tyler Fagan; one sister, Brenda Brown and husband Sam, Peru; one brother, Eddie Jackson and wife Kathy, Seymour; special aunt Helen Shultz, Peru; several nieces and nephews. Treva was preceded in death by her father, Raymond L. Jackson Jr. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, Marion. Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Visitation will be at the chapel from 4 to 8 p.m. today. Online condolences may be sent to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). Preferred memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1220 Meridian Street, Anderson, IN 46016.

**Bertha A. Myers, 91**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Bertha A. Myers, 91, Peru, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, 2007 at Lagona Hills, California. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Shawn Beard, 46**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Shawn Beard, 46, Peru, passed away at 12:40 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, 2007 following a car-train collision at CR 450 East and Daniels Road. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Carol L. Morris 59**

Thursday, May 31, 2007

Carol L. Morris, 59, Rochester, passed away at 6:05 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. A memorial service and interment will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Helen Sherman "Pam" Parmalee, 92**

Thursday, May 31, 2007

Helen Sherman "Pam" Parmalee, 92, Rochester, passed away at 8:10 a.m. Monday, May 28, 2007 at Life Care Center in Rochester. Funeral services were Wednesday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester. Burial followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorials may be made to Pam Parmalee Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

**Shawn Beard, 46**

Friday, June 01, 2007

Shawn Beard, 46, Peru, died Sunday, May 27, 2007. He was born on January 24, 1961 in Abilene, Texas to Judith K. and Harry R. Beard. On November 26, 1983, he married Michelle D. (Brewer) Beard. He worked as a controller for Hayes Lemmerz in Wabash and as a volunteer varsity basketball and softball coach for Peru High School. His daughter, Bridgette K., a freshman, played for both teams. Shawn graduated from Peru High School in 1979, for whom he starred in football, basketball, and baseball. Despite being hampered by a severe knee injury, he went on to play basketball for Manchester College. While at Manchester College he met Michelle who was also involved in sports. On May 27, 1984, Shawn and Michelle were blessed with their first child, Benjamin, who was followed by Beau on January 28, 1986, and Bridgette K. on March 28, 1991. Shawn's top priority was always his family, who he supported by working long hours. Despite working up to 90 hours a week, he coached all his children in sports from a young age, beginning with Benjamin in T-Ball, through coaching both sons in football, basketball and baseball, and continuing with Bridgette in basketball and softball. On Friday, May 25, 2007, he helped coach Bridgette and the Peru High School softball team to a sectional championship. Shawn was known for his sharp wit, sense of humor, toughness, and as a strong leader. He is survived by Michelle and their three children, his parents, his brothers Sheldon and Shannon, and sister Cathy Primerano.

The viewing will be held Sunday, June 3, from 3 to 8 p.m. and the funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, June 4, with the Rev. Mark Malin officiating. Both services will be at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, 84 W. Main, in downtown Peru, Indiana. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Beard Family Trust Fund.

**William Leon O'Connor, 86**Friday, June 01, 2007

William Leon O'Connor, 86, League City, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Evelyn "Pretty Lady" O'Connor; a daughter, Connie "Peanuts" O'Connor; a son, Ronald "Cowboy" O'Connor and wife Darlene; grandchildren, Bill O'Connor and wife Sherrie, and Mike O'Connor and wife Vinessa; great-grandchildren, Matt, Mike and Misty; and a great-great grandchild, Angelique. William was a Pearl Harbor survivor and recipient of three Distinguished Flying Crosses. When anyone asked him how he was doing, he always responded with his famous quote "sober, dammitt!" A graveside service was held on Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at Forest Park East Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank The Hospice Care Team for all their exceptional and professional service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Hospice Care Team, Inc., 1708 Amburn, Suite C, Texas City, TX 77591.

**Shirley J. Hollenback, 77**Friday, June 01, 2007/ Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Shirley J. Hollenback, 77, formerly of Bunker Hill, and from Brunswick, Maine passed away Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Meadowview Manor in Sheboygan, Wis. following a long illness. Shirley was born December 24, 1929 in Malden, Mass., to William B. and Gertrude E. (Barry) Koreva. She attended Brunswick schools and graduated from Brunswick High School in 1948. She continued her education and graduated from Farmington State Teachers College in 1952. Shirley taught for four years in Braintree, Mass. before teaching in Casablanca, Morocco from 1956 to 1959. She then taught in the Maconaquah School Corporation for the next five years. Shirley earned her master's degree at Ball State University, and went on to teach for 28 years at Holman School in Peru. While teaching at Holman she took courses from Purdue University. During her teaching career in Casablanca she married Ronald Christopher. She later married William Hollenback, and they were married for 13 years prior to his death in 1988. Following William's death, Shirley traveled extensively with her mother throughout Europe, Alaska, the Caribbean, and South America. She was a past president and lifetime member of the James Reece VFW Post 1122 Ladies Auxiliary, and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, both in Bunker Hill.

Survivors include her mother, Gertrude Koreva of Brunswick, Maine; a sister Johanna O. Conroy and husband William, Sheboygan, Wis.; a niece, Angel Allmond and husband Patrick, and their daughter Leesa, Oklahoma City, Okla.; a step-niece, Molly Conroy and husband Jason, and their children, Liam and Isabella, Madison, Wis.; and a step-nephew, William Control of Eau Claire, Wis. In addition to her father William, and husband William, she was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Whybrew, and a sister-in-law, Rosetta Hollenback. In remembrance of Shirley Hollenback, family members will greet her friends at an open house to be held on Saturday, June 9, 2007 at the First Christian Church, 53 W. Main Street, Peru, 2 to 4 p.m. Memorials in Shirley's name may be directed to: Miami County Community Foundation Literacy Initiative, 13 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

**Elsie M. Oldfather Saylor, 95**Sunday, June 03, 2007

Elsie M. Oldfather Saylor, 95, passed away at 1:50 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2007 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Bertha A. Myers, 91**Sunday, June 03, 2007

Bertha A. Myers, 91 of Peru, passed away at 8:45 Sunday, May 27, 2007, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Miami County on February 14, 1916, to Charles and Ida Belle Finch Hoff. Bertha married Dean E. Myers on December 24, 1937, and he preceded her in death on December 19, 1999. A lifelong resident of Miami County, Bertha graduated from Peru High School in 1934. She and her husband, Dean, owned and operated the Fireside Cafe in Peru for many years. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of the Church of the Brethren in Peru, where she was a lifetime deacon. The church was a focal point in her life, and she served in many capacities in the church during her lifetime. Bertha's family was paramount in her life, and she was very important to each member of her family. She loved doing handicrafts, particularly sewing. Survivors include a daughter, Judith Myers of Dana Point, Calif.; a granddaughter, Christine A. Bowen, also of Dana Point; a grandson, Bret Bowen and his wife Eva, Laguna Hills, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Louise Hentgen and her husband Bill, Peru; nieces Kathleen Kepner and Debbie Kinney; and nephews Glenn L. Miller, Dennis Weideman, Gary Weideman, David Weideman, and Brian Weideman. A cousin, Glen Lowe and his wife Virginia, Bunker Hill, also survive. She was preceded in death by a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Peter Bowen; and a sister Agnes Miller. A service celebrating the life of Bertha A. Myers will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Church of the Brethren, 134 E. Fifth St., Peru, with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Church of the Brethren.

**Marian E. Pohlman, 86**

Monday, June 04, 2007

Marian E. Pohlman, 86, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born March 29, 1921 in Lincoln, Neb. to Edward and Katherine Monke Nieman. She married Ray W. Pohlman May 16, 1946 in Celina, Ohio, and he preceded her in death April 26, 1997. Marian and her late husband owned and operated Pohlman's Home Improvement Co. in Peru for more than 45 years. She also was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, served as an American Red Cross volunteer for more than 25 years, was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Lutheran Missionary League and was a former Girl Scout leader. Survivors include three daughters, Wray Anne Crawford, Indianapolis, Mary Katherine Frushour and husband David, Peru, and Christine Mudd and husband James, St. Louis, Mo.; four grandchildren, Carley Everts and husband Chad, Michael Frushour, and Thomas and Daniel Mudd; and two great-grandchildren, Samuel and Lillian Everts. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister, Josephine Schmidt.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating.

Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call at the church one hour before the service Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Elsie Marie Oldfather Saylor, 95**

Monday, June 04, 2007

Elsie Marie Oldfather Saylor, 95, Peru, has gone to be with her Lord at 1:50 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2007 at Howard Regional Health Systems. She was born in Miami, Indiana on August 23, 1911. Her parents John and Clara (Antrobus) Oldfather preceded her in death. Elsie was a member of the Miami United Methodist Church. She attended grade school in Miami, but had to ride the inter urban to Kokomo to attend high school. After completing her education, she worked at the Reliance Garment Company. She soon met and married Jack Dillion, they had one son, James Albert (wife, Margaret) both deceased.

She then married Arthur Black, they had four children: Sharon Arnold Bartlett (husband, Glen) of Macy; Sally Lennon (husband, Thomas) of Peru; Shirley Bagley Collins of Logansport; and John Black (wife, Charlotte) of Bloomington, Illinois.

Elsie was then married to Homer Saylor June 19, 1947; they had two children: a son, Rev. Richard Saylor (wife, Jan) of Cullman, Alabama; and Cathy Wainscott (husband, Jeffrey) of Peru.

All three husbands preceded her in death, with Homer passing in 1972. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ida Hurlock and Mable Kuhns, and two brothers, John Riley Oldfather and Chod Oldfather. She is survived by her younger sister, Sedailah Stanley of Kokomo, Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

From her seven children she was blessed with 22 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren.

While raising her family, she worked as a head cook at Veach's Inn in Peru. Along with her husband Homer, she owned and operated the Saratoga Bar & Grill; cooked at the Patio Restaurant and the Paramount. She also found time to be a care giver to several people outside the family. She loved to sing, dance, listen to music, cook wonderful meals, make great popcorn balls and have family together anytime! Though going through a World War, in which she lost a brother and many childhood friends, she always would say that was the best of times. She was an interesting character and a great storyteller. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Richard Saylor officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Edith M. Holdren, 87**

Monday, June 04, 2007

Edith M. Holdren, 87, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 9:20 p.m. Friday, June 1, 2007 at her residence following an extended illness. She was born Oct. 20, 1919 in Pulaski County to Ira and Hettie (Freeman) Clark. She married Edward C. Holdren Feb. 18, 1939, and he preceded her in death Dec. 13, 1990. Edith was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Sue North and husband Ned, Peru; a son, Edward Clark Holdren and wife Mary Jo, Dayton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Mike North and wife Cindy, Jeff North and wife Amy, Kirk North, Brian Holdren and Michelle Long; and seven great-grandchildren, Michael North and wife Laura, David and Austin North, Jacob, Kaleb and Kara Long, and Brayden Holdren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four brothers and four sisters.

A private graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Todd Alan Horn, 37**

Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Todd Alan Horn, 37, of Rochester passed away at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Todd was born March 26, 1970 in Peru to Mickey and Janice (Gibson) Horn. He had resided in Rochester for 17 years, coming from Macy. On February 17, 2006 he married Jacquelyn Lynn Scott in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and she survives. As a youngster, Todd enjoyed frequent visits to his grandparents' home on Lake Manitou, and looked forward to grandpa taking him slalom skiing and bare-footing. In 1988 with great Warrior pride, he graduated from North Miami High School. His love for mechanics and diligence in correcting flaws in engines led him to become a local businessman. Todd owned and operated Horn Automotive. He was the master technician and dedicated to providing the best automotive care to his customers.

Todd was a man of diversified interests. As an American sportsman, he embraced nature by camping, boating, fishing for bluegill, water skiing and, as a marksman, target practice. His intense intrigue of engines created opportunities for drag racing. His favorite tracks were at Bunker Hill and Osceola. He found catching the breeze, riding his Kawasaki Ninja, a.k.a. "the Mean Green Demon," provided freedom and the ultimate in relaxation. As a Christian, Todd read his favorite book, the Bible, daily. As a family man, Todd was a devoted father, son, grandson, and uncle. He adored his wife and best friend, Jackie.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Horn, Rochester; a daughter, Amy; two sons, Anthony and Kyle; parents Mickey and Janice Horn, Macy; a brother Troy and wife Missy Horn, Denver; maternal grandfather, Carl Gibson; paternal grandparents, Harold and Velma Horn, of Mentone; mother-in-law Carolyn Ness and husband Tom, Rochester; father-in-law Lavern "Butch" Scott and companion Tammy, Rochester; sister-in-law Victoria Bailey and husband Phil, Culver; and brother-in-law Bruce Scott and wife Mary, of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rhonda Horn, and his grandmother, Rose Gibson.

A celebration of Todd Alan Horn's life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., in Rochester, with Pastor Don Mayer officiating. Interment to follow in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Friends may visit with his family 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hope Hospice/Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

### **Terry A. McKinney, 52**

Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Terry A. McKinney, 52, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 2007 at his residence. He was born on July 28, 1954 in Peru to William F. and Mary Deeter McKinney. He married Becky Martin McKinney on Oct. 19, 1977, and she survives.

Terry was a member of the Moose and Eagles lodges. Survivors other than his wife include three daughters, Misty McKinney, Brittany McKinney and Tiffany McKinney, all of Peru; two sons, William "Bill" McKinney, Peru, and Dale McKinney and wife Angie, Bunker Hill; two brothers Bill McKinney, North Manchester, and Kevin McKinney, Peru; a sister-in-law, Barb McKinney, New Jersey; four sisters, Carla Worley, Peru, Mary Kay McKinney, Peru, Sue McKinney, Westfield, and Paula McKinney, Peru; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and two brothers, Richard and Garry McKinney. A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. There is no visitation planned. Love offerings can be made to the Terry McKinney family.

### **Rickie Wilcox, 54**

Tuesday, June 05, 2007

Rickie Wilcox, 54, of Wabash, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2007 in rural Wabash County. He was born on June 24, 1952 in Paintsville, Ky. to Robert and Minnie Alice (Hyden) Wilcox. Rickie worked at Wabash Alloys for 34 years. He married Lola Ann Berry in Wabash on July 25, 1998. She passed away March 27, 1999. He is survived by four brothers, Randell Wilcox and wife Beth of LaFontaine, Danny Wilcox and wife BillieJo of Wabash, Mike Wilcox and wife Colleen of LaFontaine, and Robby Wilcox and wife Sandi of Lenoir City, Tenn.; two sisters, Kay McAllister and husband Paul of Peru, and Brenda Wilcox of Wabash; ten nieces; eight nephews; nine great nieces; and six great nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one niece and one great nephew. Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service on Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Rickie may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

### **Mary Marguerite Freeman, 90**

Wednesday, June 06, 2007

Mary Marguerite Freeman, 90, Greentown, went to her eternal home at 5:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at Century Villa Healthcare, Greentown. She was born in Howard County on Sept. 26, 1916 to Simpson Lawrence and Nettie (Hamblen) Heck. She married Von Freeman on Dec. 21, 1935 in Amboy. He passed away on April 22, 2002. Marguerite was a 1935 graduate of Jackson Township High School, a 60-year resident of Greentown, a homemaker and wonderful mother. She also was a member of Sycamore Friends Church, a 50-year member and Past Matron of the OES #195, a 60-year member of the Home Demonstration Club and a member of the Past Matrons Club. In addition, Marguerite was a great cook and enjoyed making Greentown Glass pictures and collecting antiques. She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Darwin and Martha Freeman, Greentown; one daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and Wade Howard, Alexandria; four grandchildren and spouses, Craig and Sherry Langley, Jody and Tim Leas, Bryan Freeman and Kevin and Jennifer Freeman; nine great grandchildren, Jeremy, Jason and Matty Freeman, Jenna and Brooke Langley, Eric, Todd and Haley Leas, and Eli Freeman; three sisters-in-law, Hazel Heck, Alice Rose and Opal Hurley; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters, Pauline Ottinger, Golda Boswell and Wilma Usher; and two brothers, Paul and George Heck. Services celebrating Marguerite's life will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Sycamore Friends Church, 1148 N. 1100 E., Greentown, with Pastors Lou Herchenroeder and Jesse Vore officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown. Friends and family may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Sycamore Friends Church Building Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com).



**Mildred J. Castell, 84**

Thursday, June 07, 2007

Mildred J. Castell, 84, Peru, passed away at 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Jan. 6, 1923 in Peru to Raymond and Henrietta (Allison) Fenton. She married Joseph H. Castell Jan. 6, 1942, and he preceded her in death June 24, 2004. Mildred was a retired operator for Indiana Bell Telephone. She was a 51-year member of First Christian Church, a former member of the Peru Elkettes and a member of the Telephone Pioneers. Survivors include a daughter, Michele K. Trotter, Lansdowne, Va.; three grandchildren, Sean Trotter, Joseph A. "Jay" Trotter III and Kindra Cook; eight great-grandchildren, Eric, Michael, Matthew, Cassidy and Maggie Trotter, and Jeremy, Brendon and Caleb Cook; a nephew, Bill Shuey and wife Sharon, Peru; a niece, Barbara Nye and husband Gary, Peru; and a sister, Helen Michael and husband Daniel, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a sister, Lauraetta Crawford; and a grandson, Seth M. Trotter. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church and/or the University of Delaware Seth Trotter Memorial Fund, payable to the University of Delaware. Contributions may be sent to University of Delaware Library Associates, Newark, DE 19717-5267.

**Richard P. Arnold, 40**

Friday, June 08, 2007

Richard P. Arnold, 40, Mexico, passed away early Thursday morning, June 7, 2007, as a result of injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Marthann 'Marty' Worsley, 70**

Friday, June 08, 2007

Marthann 'Marty' Worsley, 70, Elwood, passed away on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Elwood following a brief illness. She was born on May 31, 1937 in Peru to Paul Edward and Helen (Sampson) Weinke. Marthann married Dean W. Wosley on September 1, 1957, and he survives. The 1955 graduate of Peru High School was a member of the Elwood Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She served as a secretary for the Madison County Commissioners until retiring in 2003, and also volunteered for St. Vincent Mercy Hospital for three years.

Aside from her husband, Marthann is survived by four children, Theresa L. Jackel and husband Dave, Pittsburgh, David E. Worsley and wife Cindy, Elwood, Kathy A. bean, Gaffney, South Carolina, Mark E. Worsley and wife Terry, Elwood; one brother, Terry P. Weinke and wife Donita, Peru; eight grandchildren, Kristin Worsley, Elwood, Matthew Jackel, Pittsburgh, Sydnee Stephens, Gaffney, Kelsee Stephens, Gaffney, Andrew Jackel, Pittsburgh, Derek Worsley, Elwood, Troy Worsley, Elwood, and Kevin Worsley, Elwood. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Jay Weinke.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Elwood, with President Doug Beamer presiding and Jack Phillips conducting. Burial will be at Forrestville Cemetery, Summitville.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home, Elwood, as well as from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday at the church. The Volunteers of St. Vincent Mercy Hospital will conduct a memorial service at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [copherfeslermay.com](http://copherfeslermay.com).

**Frances Louise "Lou" Pier, 60**

Friday, June 08, 2007

On June 6, 2007, a beautiful angel received her wings. Frances Louise "Lou" Pier, 60, Kokomo, passed away at 4:53 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on May 3, 1947 in Gate City, Va., to William "Bill" and Ada Frazier Rhoton. She married a lovely, devoted husband, James Edward "Ed" Pier, on June 6, 1964, and he survives. Lou was a homemaker with a passion for playing cards, quilting, crafts and softball. However, the most important thing to her was her family. Survivors other than her husband include her children, Lisa Brady and husband Jon, Rich Pier and wife Angie, Kimberly Catron and husband Kevin, Tina Lawson and husband Wayne, and Calvin Pier and wife Hannah, all of Kokomo; two brothers, William "Buddy" Rhoton Jr. and wife, Pam, Odon, and Larry Rhoton and wife Phyllis, Kokomo; sisters Brenda Kirby and husband Ken, Jerri Thompson and husband Wayne, and Loretta Stiner and companion Dave Morgan, all of Kokomo; grandchildren Kasey Pier, Contessa Lawson, Kayla Pier, Chelsie Lawson, Kyle Catron, Kortney Pier, Joe Lawson, Cheyenna Lawson, Braden Lawson, Kaitlyn Catron, Clayton Lawson, Kolbie Lawson, Kassee Lawson, Kamren Pier, Autumn Brady, and an unborn grandchild, Mackenzie Brady; four brothers-in-law, James "Jimmy" Lane, Kokomo, Ronnie Pier, Kokomo, Steve Pier, Peru, and Kenny Pier, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Roberta "Bert" Jackson, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Margaret Lane, and a nephew, William "Willie" Rhoton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Ron DeGraaff officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation through Allen Funeral Home.

**Monty R. "Sonny" Beatty, 65**

Saturday, June 09, 2007

Monty R. "Sonny" Beatty, 65, Peru, passed away at 4:40 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2007. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Patrick Bousom officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday.

**Milton L. Tucker, 70**

Saturday, June 09, 2007

Milton L. Tucker, 70, Bunker Hill, passed away at 11:50 a.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at his residence. There are no services planned. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Laura L. McGaffney, 84**

Saturday, June 09, 2007

Laura L. McGaffney, 84, Amboy, passed away at 9:25 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2007, at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. She was born on Sept. 14, 1922 in Upland to William Ray and Verna Shrock Swingle. She married Paul E. McGaffney on April 6, 1959 and he survives. Laura was a homemaker. She graduated from Amboy High School in 1940 and was a member of Converse Christian Church. Survivors other than her husband include a son, William Ray Huiras and wife Jolene, Silver Lake; a daughter, Monica Oliver and husband Jeffrey, Sheridan; a brother, Mark Swingle and wife Barbara, Edinburg; sisters Marceille Siedlecki, Florida, and Pauline Feller and husband Robert, Cassville; grandchildren Nathan Hovermale, Mark Hovermale, Kyra Oliver, Erin Huiras, Ed Huiras, Chris Huiras and Tamara Roller; and great-grandchildren Evan Huiras, Alex Huiras, Charlie Huiras and Mikayla Roller. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Rev. Erin Huiras officiating. Burial will follow in Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe. Visitation is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Converse Christian Church.

**Richard P. Arnold, 40**

Saturday, June 09, 2007/Sunday, Jun 10, 2007

Richard P. Arnold, 40, Mexico, passed away on Thursday morning, June 7, 2007, in Miami County. He was born on October 4, 1966 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Richard Phillip Arnold and the former Paula Jean Hunt. He was raised by his grandparents, James and Nancy Burton Hunt, who both preceded him in death. Richard worked for DaimlerChrysler in Kokomo. He enjoyed camping, hiking and riding motorcycles. On September 16, 2000 he married Melissa K. "Memmer" Correll in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and she survives. Other survivors include his father-in-law, Paul J. Correll Sr., Mexico; a brother-in-law, Paul J. "Shod" Correll, II, Indianapolis; a niece, Alicia K. Murphy, Mexico; a nephew, Gavin Michael Rose, Indianapolis; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Januita Correll, and a sister-in-law, Paula Ann Murphy. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Eugene Correll officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Zion Cemetery, Denver.

**Shirley Ann Myers, 77**

Monday, June 11, 2007

Shirley Ann Myers, 77, Roann, passed away at 3:12 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Robert "Bob" A. Cherry, 88**

Monday, June 11, 2007

Robert "Bob" A. Cherry, 88, Wabash, passed away at 6:05 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. He was born Feb. 21, 1919 in Elkhart to Arvel E. and Ruth E. (Shrader) Cherry. He married Hetty Louise (Armstrong) Cherry April 13, 1962, and she preceded him in death May 19, 1991. Robert was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, receiving five Bronze Stars, the American Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Medal. He also retired from Delco and was a member of Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, Richard Bonner, Texas; a daughter, Nancy Kruger, England; five nephews; four nieces; two sisters, Anna Marie Eakright and Beulah Francis Singleton, both of Wabash; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor David Duke officiating.

Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

**Julia M. Downing, 98**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Julia M. Downing, 98, Peru, passed away at 11:10 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

She was born in Pulaski County June 17, 1908, the daughter of Monroe and Minnie Baker Conner. She married Ralph F. Downing, and he preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1972. Julia was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. She retired from Square D Corp. in 1973 and was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aero Space Workers. She lived a long and beautiful life. Family and friends were a priority with her and she thoroughly enjoyed family get-togethers and holidays. She filled the room with joy, love and her incredible smile that would warm your heart. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Margaret Funkhouser and her husband Richard, Peru; two sons, Eugene "Rudy" Downing and his wife Claudette, Peru, and Francis J. Downing and his wife Mary Jo, Peru; a brother, Arthur Conner, Lafayette; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, six sisters and one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Julia M. Downing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, 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 St. Charles Catholic Church or the Miami-Wabash Hospice, Peru, passed away at 11:10 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru. She was born in Pulaski County June 17, 1908, the daughter of Monroe and Minnie Baker Conner. She married Ralph F. Downing, and he preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1972.

Julia was a devout Catholic and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. She retired from Square D Corp. in 1973 and was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aero Space Workers. She lived a long and beautiful life. Family and friends were a priority with her and she thoroughly enjoyed family get-togethers and holidays. She filled the room with joy, love and her incredible smile that would warm your heart.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Margaret Funkhouser and her husband Richard, Peru; two sons, Eugene "Rudy" Downing and his wife Claudette, Peru, and Francis J. Downing and his wife Mary Jo, Peru; a brother, Arthur Conner, Lafayette; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers, six sisters and one great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Julia M. Downing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, 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 St. Charles Catholic Church or the Miami-Wabash Hospice.

### **Lonie Marvin Kent "Bud" Garner, 72**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Lonie Marvin Kent "Bud" Garner, 72, Peru, passed away at 2:35 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Sept. 20, 1934 in Peru to Lonie Major and Callie (Clemons) Garner. He married Anna Kay Penner April 16, 1973, and she survives. Lonie served in the U.S. Army and was a custodian at Peru High School. He also was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Brenda L. Moore and husband Ed, Arkansas, and Beth Ann Brech and husband Ken, Utah; a son, Bryan M. Garner and wife Susie, Arkansas; a brother-in-law, Rick Penner, Nashville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and five sisters. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 315 S. Business 31, with Bishop Ken Giles officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and/or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church Missionary fund.

### **Shirley Ann Myers, 77**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Shirley Ann Myers, 77, Roann, passed away at 3:12 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Feb. 17, 1930 in State College, Pa. to Howard and Catherine (Harpster) Hopkins. She married Lowell R. "Dick" Myers July 2, 1951, and he preceded her in death May 6, 2007. Shirley served in the U.S. Navy Waves and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. She also was a homemaker, an avid reader and collected first and second edition books and cookbooks. Survivors include a daughter, Catherine Ray and husband Jerry, Peru; two sons, Jeffrey E. Myers and wife Cynthia, Nashville, Tenn., and Franklin R. Myers and wife JoAnn, Brisbane, Calif.; five grandchildren, Erich J. Myers, Dereck W. Ray and wife Amanda, Amanda C. Bullins, Amber Hurt and husband Shannon, and Tara L. Myers; four great-grandchildren, Dalton, Nathaniel, Andrew and Jackson; and several cousins in Boalsburg, Pa. She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, James Hallinan; and her husband. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastors Kenneth Greenwald and Richard Rickus and Vicar Kenneth Clausing officiating. Burial will be in Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Roy Eugene Estes, 60**

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Roy Eugene Estes, 60, Peru, passed away at 6:27 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Burial will also be in Mount Hope Cemetery. No visitation is planned. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, in memory of Roy Eugene Estes. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Alice Jones, 82**

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Alice Jones, 82, Logansport, formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the McClain Funeral Home, Denver. There will be no funeral service.

**Virginia Louise Hostetler, 83**

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Virginia Louise Hostetler, 83, Chandler, Ariz., formerly of Peru, was welcomed into God's loving arms on April 26, 2007. She was born January 19, 1924 in Marion to William and Mabel Lyon. On February 19, 1945 she married Robert D. Hostetler, who survives, and they celebrated over 62 wonderful years together. Virginia was a homemaker her entire life, and was very devoted to her family. She was a loving mother to two daughters: Marcia Hamblin and husband Jim of Queen Creek, Ariz.; and Roberta Dedaker and husband Nick, Kokomo; and cherished by five grandchildren, Cory West of San Diego, Calif., Beth Hamblin and Megan Hamblin, both of Queen Creek, Ariz., Brian Dedaker and wife Brandi of Bunker Hill, and Lindsay Rice and husband Nick, of Converse. She also had four great-grandchildren, Trevor and Aubree Dedaker, and Trista and Shelby Rice. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 4893 E. 100 North, Kokomo IN 46901.

**Jeanette Lavon Miller, 85**

Monday, June 18, 2007

Jeanette Lavon Miller, 85, Perrysburg, passed away at her residence at 7 a.m. on Sunday, June 17, 2007. She was born on October 17, 1921 in Urbana to Ernest and Lucille (Barker) Miller. On December 20, 1941, she married Carl Addison Miller, Perrysburg, and they had celebrated 62 years of marriage prior to his passing on April 23, 2004. Jeanette worked several years at Kuepper Favor Company in Peru, and was very proud to have made the top hats for Guy Lombardo, when he played on New Year's Eves at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City. She enjoyed playing bingo, homemaking and her family.

Jeanette is survived by one son, Jimmy Miller, Peru; two daughters, Susan Bolin, Logansport, and Linda Browning and husband Stave, Peru; seven grandchildren, Mark Miller, Logansport, Kenneth Miller, Peru, Eric Arnold, Logansport, Steve Arnold, Logansport, Trisha Robbins and husband Tom, Jamie Ross and husband Fred, and Jan Browning, each of Peru; seven great-grandchildren, Jessica Short-Miller, Wyatt Miller, Aaron Arnold, Matthew Arnold, Matthew Ross, Alexander Ross, Braxten Robbins, and she was thrilled to discover that Addison Lavon Robbins will be born in a few months; one sister, Doris Smith, Marion; and two sister-in-laws, Patricia Miller and Frances Miller, both of Wabash.

Aside from her parents; and husband; Jeanette was preceded in death by two brothers, Herbert Miller and Keith Miller; two sisters, Josephine VanPrater and Treva Miller. Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Wednesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow at Perrysburg Cemetery.

Visitation will be at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

**Ida Elizabeth Warren, 70**

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Ida Elizabeth Warren, 70, Pflugerville, Texas, passed away Monday, June 18, 2007. She was born Nov. 13, 1936 in Latrobe, Penn., to Clarence and Melda (Fetter) Piper. Mrs. Warren enlisted in the U.S. Navy Sept. 23, 1955, and proudly served her country. She married Jesse F. Warren June 2, 1956, in Norfolk, Va. After retirement from Civil Service, she enjoyed spending time with children and grandchildren on the Colorado River in Kingsland, Texas. She attended First Baptist Church in Pflugerville, Texas. She is survived by three daughters, Vicki L. Crouse and her husband, Mark, Marble Falls, Texas, Cindy Farris, Marble Falls, Texas, and Carol Sandlin and her husband, Lance, Pflugerville, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Jason, Ashlea, Heather, Michael, Jesse, Isaac, Free, Elizabeth, Zachary, Jackson and Aidan; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Lailyn; and her beloved dog, Little Bit. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Beck Funeral Home Chapel, Pflugerville, Texas.

Private interment will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet, Texas. Dr. Steve Washburn of Pflugerville First Baptist Church will officiate. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Beck Funeral Home in Pflugerville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Christopher House of Austin, 2820 E. MLK Blvd., Austin, TX 78702.

Arrangements are made by Beck Funeral Home, 1407 Priem Lane, Pflugerville, TX 78660, (512) 251-3500.

**Irene V. White, 89**

Saturday, June 23, 2007

Irene V. White, 89, Kokomo, passed away at 6 a.m. Friday, June 22, 2007 at Northwood Village, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary Lou Scott Sector, 89**

Monday, June 25, 2007

Mary Lou Scott Sector, 89, Peru, passed into the Lord's hands on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born on April 4, 1918 in North Manchester to William and Violet Koller. Mary Lou graduated from North Manchester High School and attended beauty college in Fort Wayne. While living in Fort Wayne, she met Richard H. Scott, whom she married on August 30, 1941. Mr. Scott passed away on September 8, 1984. Mary Lou married Carl W. Sector on November 29, 1986, and he survives. She was a loving and caring wife, and mother to her three children. Dick and Mary Lou owned and operated Scott's IGA Food Center until retirement in 1981. Mary Lou was a devout and loving Christian, who was very active in the life of Main Street United Methodist Church, where she served on the Board of Trustees and several other committees, and was still active in Ester Circle of the United Methodist Women. Her other activities included a long membership in Psi Iota Xi Sorority, the Miami County Symphony Unit, and the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. When not busy with these activities, she enjoyed painting, crafts, sewing, and knitting, as well as travelling throughout the United States. She traveled to Europe, the Holy Land, Alaska and the Caribbean. Mary Lou also enjoyed gardening and grew lovely roses. She led a very full and active life. Survivors, in addition to husband Carl, are children, Martha and husband Michael Hayes, Richmond; Rich and wife Leslie Scott, Peru; Nancy Lee, Muncie; and brother Dr. Charles Koller and wife Joan of North Manchester. Her living grandchildren include Melissa Krail, Matthew Hayes, Megan Larson, Rick Scott, Rachel Sand, Aaron Scott, Adam Scott, Andy Scott, Niccole Lee, and Scott Lee. Mary was blessed with 12 great-grandchildren. First husband Richard H. Scott and son-in-law Michael Lee preceded her in death. A service celebrating her life and the passing on to the Lord's hands will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru with the Reverend Steven Ailes officiating, with burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m., with a Psi Iota Xi memorial service to follow at 8 pm. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street Preschool.

**Michael A. Miser, 48**

Monday, June 25, 2007

Michael A. Miser, 48, Mexico, passed away at 6:28 a.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**William A. Zipperian, 84**

Monday, June 25, 2007

William A. Zipperian, 84, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Norwood Health and Rehab Center, Huntington. He was born August 10, 1922 in Peru to George and Helen (Hyre) Zipperian. He married Helen West Zipperian on June 2, 1946, and she passed away on December 21, 2006. William was a retired yardmaster with the C & O Railroad. The 1941 Peru High School graduate served in World War II with the U.S. Army, participating in campaigns in Northern Solomons and Luzon. His military decorations include the WWII Victory Medal, the Asiatic/Pacific Theater Ribbon with two bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, the Good Conduct ribbon and the Distinguished Unit Badge. William was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church where he was a past trustee, finance chairman and a member of the official board. He also served on the Maconaquah school board for several years, was a member of the Peru Planning and Zoning Commission for 12 years, was a member of the Peru Kiwanis Club and was a Red Cross Volunteer driver. Survivors include his daughter, Candice Kaylor and husband David, Huntington; grandchildren Kari Kaylor and Kylene Jenson and husband Adam; and a brother, Phillip Zipperian and wife Joan, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating and burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Military grave rites will be performed by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial contributions can be made to Main Street United Methodist Church.

**Irene V. "Winnie" White, 89**

Monday, June 25, 2007

Irene V. "Winnie" White, 89, Kokomo, formerly of Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. on June 22, 2007 at North Woods Village, Kokomo, after an extended illness. She was born on January 19, 1918 in Logansport to Edward O. and Eunice P. Parker Brooks. She married Neal R. White on September 2, 1939 and he passed away on September 8, 1985. Winnie was a homemaker and an active member of Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church. Survivors include a nephew, Phil Brooks, Peru; a cousin, Norma Biddle, Peru; a sister-in-law, Norma Brooks, California; a half-brother, Lynn Michener, California; and several great and great-great nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and three brothers. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church, Peru, with Rev. Douglas

Hungerford officiating with burial to follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until time of service Wednesday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, who is caring for arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Holy Trinity Anglican Catholic Church or the activities department at North Woods Village, Kokomo.

**Dr. Gary A. Allbritten, 95**

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Dr. Gary A. Allbritten, 95, Martinsville, passed away at 6:19 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2007 at Morgan Hospital & Medical Center, Martinsville. He had lived in Martinsville since 1987. He was born May 21, 1912 in Calloway County, Ky. to the Rev. Francis Harley and Maggielee (Matheny) Allbritten. He married Mary Frances (Hern) Allbritten April 21, 1934, and she preceded him in death May 1, 1999. Gary moved to Indiana at an early age and attended Jackson High School in Westport, where he graduated in 1930. He then attended Franklin College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. On Sept. 15, 1935, Gary was ordained to gospel ministry by the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Sardinia. He served many churches throughout central and southern Indiana, including Freedom Baptist Church, Spencer First Baptist Church, Waynetown Baptist Church, Salem First Baptist Church, Peru First Baptist Church and Anderson First Baptist Church. He was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill. During his ministry he was an active evangelist, holding numerous revivals throughout the Midwest and traveled to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Dr. Allbritten was currently serving as pastor emeritus of the First Baptist Church of Martinsville. He served as past president of the Indiana Baptist Convention and past president of the Baptist Homes & Hospitals of Zionsville. He was actively involved in various civic organizations during his life and was a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was a 50-year member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67 in Miami County and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Robert Allbritten, Marquette, Mich., and John M. Allbritten, Martinsville; two daughters, Rebecca Hodgkin, Northbrook, Ill., and Mary Kaweck, Palm Harbor, Fla.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Eve Lewter, Plainfield, Ill., and Nancy Kenady, Sedro Woolley, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife; two brothers, Robert and Wade Allbritten; and a sister, Wilma Allbritten.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 1109 E. Columbus St., Martinsville.

A private committal service will be in Westport Cemetery, Westport, Decatur County. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Neal & Summers Mortuary, Martinsville, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.nealandsummers.com](http://www.nealandsummers.com).

**Robert Norman McLaughlin, 85**

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Robert Norman McLaughlin, 85, passed away June 1, 2007 in Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla. He was born January 22, 1922 to Walter and Lillian McLaughlin. On April 22, 1944 he married Hazel Marie "Pat" Lipscomb and she survives. Robert graduated from Southport High School in 1940, and was a Navy pilot during World War II. Following the war, he completed degrees at Indiana Central College in Indianapolis. He worked as an insurance claims adjuster for Illinois National for 25 years, until his retirement in July of 1978. He resided in Peru from 1952 until 1992, when he moved to Tampa, Fla. He loved boating and spending time with his family. Robert is survived by his wife of 63 years; three sons - Robert Scott McLaughlin and wife Joan, Cullowee, N.C.; James Edward McLaughlin and wife Carla, Ellenton, Fla.; and Timothy Jay McLaughlin and wife Vicki, Walton, Ind; six grandchildren - Andrew McLaughlin, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jason McLaughlin and wife Trisha, Norwich, Conn.; Mary Beth McLaughlin, Hilton Head, S.C.; Katy McLaughlin, New York, N.Y.; Robert Steven McLaughlin and wife Cassie, Flora, Ind.; and Patricia Jean McLaughlin, Walton, Ind. He is survived by three great-grandchildren, Izzabeth, Ariel and Ethan McLaughlin, of Norwich. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Walter McLaughlin and Charles McLaughlin, and a son, Chris David McLaughlin.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru with Pastor Jeff Tomson officiating.

**Michael A. Miser, 48**

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Michael A. Miser, 48, Mexico, passed away at 6:28 a.m. Sunday, June 24, 2007, at home with his loving wife Debra at his side. He was born in Wichita, Kan. on Oct. 13, 1958, the son of Harold and Roberta Helminger Miser. Michael married Debra Greer Aug. 27, 1994 in Mexico. Mike graduated from North Miami High School in 1977, and was employed as a millwright at Altivity Packaging (Jefferson Smurfit/Container) Wabash. Mike and Debra lovingly raised five children in a Christian home. A man of great faith, he was an active member of the Mexico Baptist Church where he has served as a Deacon. He was a devoted son, husband, father and loving grandfather, who enjoyed spending time with his family. Family activities included camping, hiking and hunting. He was an avid wood carver and made his bows and knives. An active member of the Circus City Festival, Inc., Mike devoted many volunteer hours to the organization. Survivors include his wife Debra, of Mexico; his parents, Harold and Roberta Miser, Mexico; his children, Jamie Miser and wife Laura, Denver, Matthew Birner, Mexico, Starr Rairigh and husband Justin, Mexico, Misty Baker and husband Joe, Lewisburg, and Melissa Black and husband Todd, Mexico; grandchildren Chas, Braiden, Thaddeus, Sydnee, Austin, Jayden, Kinzee, Dylan and Tyler; brothers Craig Miser and wife Lori,

Indianapolis, Jerry Miser and wife Margo of Indianapolis, and Brian Miser and wife Tina, Peru. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Faye and George Helmlinger, and paternal grandparents, Millard and Minta Miser. A service celebrating the life of Michael A. Miser will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Mexico Baptist Church, with the Reverend J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to World Vision.

**Dorothea D. "Dottie" Beigh, 81**

Friday, June 29, 2007

Dorothea D. "Dottie" Beigh, 81, Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Forum at the Crossing Healthcare Center, Indianapolis. She was born June 19, 1926 in Auburn to Clarence and Charlotte (Hull) Walker. She was raised in the Auburn area and attended Auburn High School. She married James E. Beigh Jan. 20, 1945 in her parents' Auburn home. He preceded her in death April 22, 1987. Dottie was a homemaker and a teacher's wife, whose life revolved around helping raise their five children. As her youngest child entered high school in the early '70s, Dottie worked at Ribordy Drugs in Peru. Dottie loved to cook and enjoyed family gatherings. She devoted many hours to attending her children's school, sports and musical activities. During high school football and basketball season, she traveled with Jim to local sports events, keeping statistics for him, as he announced the games on WARU Radio. Survivors include two sons, Michael Beigh and wife Debbie, Zionsville, and Robert D. Beigh and wife Linda, Valparaiso; three daughters, Pamela J. Silverstone and husband Bruce, Trumbull, Conn., Vicki J. Peters, Indianapolis, and Patti S. Smith and husband Roger, Amboy; seven grandchildren, Shawn A. Peters, Indianapolis, Jodi Silverstone, Boston, Mass., Geoffrey S. Smith, Plymouth, Chad A. Peters, Carmel, Adam Silverstone, Trumbull, Conn., and Matthew J. and Sarah Beigh, both of Valparaiso; a sister, Patricia McCorkle, Auburn; great aunts, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She left each of her grandchildren with many special memories of their Nanna. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, three brothers, one sister and a niece. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, to St. Vincent Hospice.

**Annabelle L. Shrock, 79**

Friday, June 29, 2007

Annabelle L. Shrock, 79, was ushered into heaven at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. She was born Feb. 15, 1928 on a farm north of McGrawsville in Miami County to Austin and Sadie (Miller) Mishler. On July 6, 1946, she married James Shrock. He preceded her in death July 4, 2005. Annabelle graduated from Greentown High School in 1946. After high school, she worked at Delco Radio in Kokomo until she became a dedicated mother and homemaker. Later in life, she was the bookkeeper for Plevna Implement Co. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Greentown. She is survived by a sister, Betty Mosely and husband Harold, Peru; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Paula Shrock, Bradley and Mary Shrock, and J. William (Bill) and Kathy Shrock, all of Greentown; six grandchildren (and their spouses), Gayle Lessmann and husband Ryan, Commerce City, Colo., Kyle Shrock and wife Cami, Marissa Shrock, Trent Shrock and wife Heather, and Drew Shrock and wife Alyssa, all of Greentown, and Kent Shrock and wife Kristin, Indianapolis; one great-grandchild with three more great-grandchildren on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one sister, Gwenivere Agness. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Greentown First United Methodist Church, 127 S. Meridian, Greentown, with Pastor Michael Goodspeed officiating. Burial at Shrock Cemetery in Howard County will follow the service. Visitation is Sunday, 3 to 8 p.m. at the church, and one hour before the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greentown First United Methodist Building Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, Greentown. Online condolences can be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com).

**Pamela Jean Drake, 57**

Friday, June 29, 2007

Pamela Jean Drake, 57, Kokomo, passed away at 9:59 a.m. Thursday, June 28, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Sunday, May 14, 1950 in Indianapolis to the late Howard George Drake and the late Armilda (Wickes) Drake. Pamela was a licensed preschool teacher who taught at Learning Tree. She also worked at Sears, and most recently at Lowes Home Improvement. She was a graduate of Clown School in La Crosse, Wis.; current president of the Smilemakers, known as Patti Cake; was a clown in the Peru Amateur Circus; and member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. Survivors include two brothers, Philip G. Drake and wife Linda, Kokomo, and Arnold Paul Drake and wife Joyce Anne, North Manchester; two nephews, George Drake and wife Lindsey, and Gary Drake and wife Kris, all of Kokomo; and a niece, Cheryl Smith and husband Preston, West Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Main Street United Methodist Church, 830 S. Main St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Kerry O'Brien officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery, Kokomo. Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday in Eilers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 S. Main St., Kokomo, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday. Memorials may be directed to the Smilemakers. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Messages to the family may be e-mailed to [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).



**James B. Spiker, 59**Sunday, July 01, 2007

James B. Spiker, 59, passed away at 3:46 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on December 13, 1947 in Canton, Ohio, to George Donald and Mary Elizabeth (Allenbaugh) Spiker. On October 28, 1978, he married Jo Ann Hill in Elyria, Ohio, who survives. The 1965 graduate of Canton Lincoln High School earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Malone College. James enjoyed gardening, and Ohio State University basketball and football, golf, and was a fan of the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and Cleveland Cavaliers. He begun his career as a shoe salesman in Canton, and worked for J.C. Penney for the past 40 years. James spent the past decade serving as the store manager for the J.C. Penney stores in both Peru and Logansport. Aside from his wife, James is survived by one son, Jeffrey Urban and wife Meagan, Greenwich, Connecticut; four daughters, Alyson Boyle and husband Keith, Medina, Ohio, Jaymi Poindexter and husband Derek, Peru, Jessica Spiker, Indianapolis, and Juliana Spiker, Lafayette; one brother, David Spiker and wife Elizabeth, Mogadore, Ohio; mother-in-law, Betty Eberly, Norwalk, Ohio; six grandchildren, Sara Boland, Claire Urban, Tate Urban, and Scarlet Urban, each of Greenwich, Zachary Poindexter and Curtis Poindexter, both of Peru; one niece; and one nephew. Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Monday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Reverend Elizabeth Spiker officiating. Burial will be in Ohio. Visitation will be on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 383 Main Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851.

**Ruth K. Bayless, 82**Sunday, July 01, 2007

Ruth K. Bayless, 82, Peru, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2007 at Caring Hands Healthcare Center. She was born on September 4, 1914 in Peru to Charles G. and Nettie (Staller) Bayless. Ruth resided in Peru for several years, and spent the past 18 months at Caring Hands. The 1932 Deedsville High School graduate worked in a sewing factory following her graduation, then returned to school at Ivy Tech in Kokomo, where she earned her qualified medical degree. Ruth was employed at Miller's Merry Manor for 21 years as a charge nurse prior to her retirement. Ruth was a member of the First Baptist Church in Perrysburg, then the First Baptist Church in Peru for over 70 years, where she was active in Bible studies and Sunday School. She was a member of the Miami County Historical Society, the Art Guild, the Extension Homemakers, served on the board of the Peru Civic Center for six years, and was a member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority. Ruth volunteered for several charities, and her hobbies included painting artwork and collecting dolls, both of which she had displayed at several locations. Ruth also enjoyed traveling. She is survived by five great-nieces, Judy Smith and husband Steve, Delphi, Janet Resler and husband Robert, Delphi, Maryjo Meek and husband Jim, Delphi, Linda Barnett and husband Steve, Rossville, and Karen Watson and husband Dennis, Memphis; one nephew, Carl Mays, Delphi; one niece, Carolyn Rogers, Paris, Tennessee; two great-nephews, Dan Rogers and wife Diane, Cohutta, Georgia, and Roger Mays and wife Alida, Delphi; and one cousin, Violet Mosier, formerly of Peru. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, L. Fern Rogers; one niece, M. Joan Mays; and one nephew, Robert Rogers. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Patricia A. Campbell, 59**Monday, July 02, 2007

Patricia A. Campbell, 59, Fort Wayne, passed away Friday, June 29, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Forrest Van Gundy officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today and one prior to the funeral service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Michigan Headache Clinic.

**Merrill F. Stoner, 83**Monday, July 02, 2007

Merrill F. Stoner, 83, Peru, passed away at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Donald Eugene Ensley, 80**Monday, July 02, 2007

Donald Eugene Ensley, 80, Peru, formerly of Denver, passed away at 1:35 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Hickory Creek, Peru. He was born March 30, 1927 in Peru to Marvin Edward Ensley Sr. and Esther Marie Chambers Ensley. Donald was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the European Theater at the end of World War II. Survivors include a brother, Marvin Edward Ensley Jr., Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Smith. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Private burial will be in Chili Cemetery. Full military honors will be presented. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Bonnie Glenn, 68**

Monday, July 02, 2007

Bonnie Glenn, 68, Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Wilma Mullins, 75**

Monday, July 02, 2007

Wilma Mullins, 75, Macy, passed away at 1 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She had been a Macy area resident since 1968, moving from Wisconsin. She was born June 13, 1932 in Mammoth, W.Va. to Emery and Juanita Mullins. She married Jesse Mullins Jr. Nov. 10, 1951 in Beaumont, W.Va., and he survives. Wilma was a homemaker and a 20-plus year member of the Macy Fireman's Auxiliary, serving as the former treasurer. She enjoyed flower gardening and bingo, was a very active grandmother who crocheted baby blankets and afghans for family and friends. Survivors besides her husband include three daughters, Cheryl Bach and husband Gary, Pewaukee, Wis., Terri Holbrook and Lori Oberg, both of Macy; two sons, Michael Mullins and Beverly Conley, Macy, and Larry Mullins and wife Karen, all of Macy; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four sisters; three brothers; and Missy, Wilma's canine companion. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Fulton Mullins in 1995; and a great-granddaughter, Reagan Cattin in 2005. A private family service will be held today at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be conveyed to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Edith Freeman, 92**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Edith Freeman, 92, passed away at 7:50 a.m. Friday, June 29, 2007 in Peru, at the home of her son, Maurice Gordon. Arrangements are pending at Smith and McQuiston Funeral Home in Fountain City.

**Edith Twining, 84**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Edith Twining, 84, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:20 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born March 13, 1923 in Los Angeles, Calif. to Hyman and Esther (Warren) Prosin. She married Robert Twining Jr. May 17, 1945, and he preceded her in death July 10, 1998. Survivors include a son, Howard Twining and wife Teri, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Nancy Potochniak and husband Daniel, Ocala, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Joanne Twining, Peru; seven grandchildren, Steven Potochniak, Robert Twining, Linda Slimm, Rebecca Schaeffner, Julie Twining, Jonathan Zipperian and Abigail Zipperian; and four great-grandchildren, Kaleb Slimm, Autumn Schaeffner and Anna and Alex Potochniak. Edith was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Steven Twining. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery.

No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to either Pipe Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department or the Salvation Army of Peru. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Clarence G. Martens, 88**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Clarence G. Martens, 88, Rochester, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2007 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Citrus Park Softball League, Bonita Springs, Fla., and to Grace United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Merrill F. Stoner, 83**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Merrill F. Stoner, 83, Peru, passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Saturday June 30, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born April 26, 1924 in Chili to Noah and Mildred Philabaum Stoner. On March 20, 1946 in Peru, he was married to A. Charlene Poor, and she survives. Merrill was a graduate of Chili High School, and he was a member of the Chili United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1943 to 1946 in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater where he earned two Bronze Stars and a Good Conduct medal. A farmer by trade, he was the owner of Stoner's Equipment near Wabash for 25 years, selling Case farm machinery and grain systems. He was an avid sports fan, and he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include include one son, James G. Stoner, Peru; a daughter-in-law, Dianne Stoner, Denver; four grandchildren, Sean P. Stoner, Macy, Kris L. Stoner, Chili, Shannon See and Kelli Stoner, Plymouth; and two great-grandchildren, Jon Bailey Stoner and Peyton Noah Stoner. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Stoner-Landes; and one son, Jon A. Stoner. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home,

Denver, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery, with military graveside rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Bonnie L. Glenn, 68**

Tuesday, July 03, 2007

Bonnie L. Glenn, 68, Peru, passed away at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at her residence. She was born May 23, 1939 in Logansport to Ray C. and Ersa F. Elshire Applegate. She married Elmer F. Glenn May 29, 1957 in Mexico, and he preceded her in death April 5, 2001. Bonnie was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Diana West and husband Jerry, Wabash; two grandchildren, Ashley West, Wabash, and J.D. West and fiancée Ashley Combs, Marion, and they are expecting Bonnie's first great-grandchild, Carson, on Oct. 2, 2007; a brother, Larry J. Applegate and wife Laura, Peru; two sisters, Pattie McGuire and Sandra S. Applegate, both of Peru; two brothers-in-law, David Fisher, Peru, and Elwyn Glenn, Paragould, Ark; two sisters-in-law, Frances Lamb and husband Burl, Paragould, Ark., and Georgie Reed, Wabash; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and a brother. A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Lena Thomas, 90**

Wednesday, July 04, 2007

Lena Thomas, 90, Bunker Hill, passed away at 5 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 2, 1916 in Wabash to George and Pearl (Butler) Hoover. She married Delos Thomas in 1949, and he preceded her in death in 1988. Lena was a retired seamstress from Esslings, LaPorte, and a homemaker. Survivors include four granddaughters, Toni Hagan and husband John, Miami, Vicki Gilbreath and husband Bob, Wendy McGinnis and husband Tim, and Tina Ballard, all of Bunker Hill; six great-grandchildren, Christina, Chance, Zack, Sarah, Matt and Trevor; six great-great-grandchildren, Kory, Nick, Anthony, Kindrick, Fletcher and Daisy Kay; a daughter-in-law, Sally Ballard, Bunker Hill; a sister-in-law, Frances Hoover, Michigan; and a niece, Lesia McQuade, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Charles Ballard; three brothers and two nephews. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Laketon Cemetery, Laketon, with Pastor Rick Stone officiating. Burial will be in Laketon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Georgia L. Cook, 62**

Wednesday, July 04, 2007

Georgia L. Cook, 62, Logansport, formerly of Peru, passed away at 7:58 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at Chase Center, Logansport. She was born April 30, 1945 in Akron to Donald Junior Barnes and Emma Jean (Clemons) Sonafrank. She married Harry Cook in 1973, and he preceded her in death in 1978. Georgia was a homemaker. Survivors include her stepfather, David Sonafrank, Peru; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Barnes, Peru, and Lisa K. Barnes, Arcadia; a son, Timothy L. Barnes, Peru; a brother-in-law, James Scarlett; three sisters, Delores Smyth, Barbara Babcock and Debi Hartleroad and husband Garry, all of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Larry Barnes; and two sisters, Susie Scarlett and Linda Chappa. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Brent Kirby officiating. Burial will be in Gaerte Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the aid of the family. The Cook family would like to extend a thank you to the Southern Care Hospice.

**Eugene Cook, 90**

Thursday, July 05, 2007

H. Eugene Cook, 90, Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. He was born on July 27, 1916 in Boone County to Ernest E. and Ruth Shaw Cook. The 1934 Lebanon High School graduate served in the United States Army during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre. Cook married Hazel Carter on November 27, 1953, and she preceded him in death on April 4, 2004. Gene worked as an auditor for Phillips Petroleum for over 40 years, retiring in 1941. He played softball for the Phillips Petroleum team during the 1940s and 1950s. He was a 53-year member of the Emerson Avenue Baptist Church, as well as a member of the Riviera Club. An avid golfer, Gene last played at the age of 89. He is survived by two sons, Bruce C. Embrey and wife Cheryl, Peru, and K. Douglas Cook and wife Becky, Fishers; one daughter, Patricia Cook Crews and husband Kenneth, Dallas; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, Gene was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Kenneth S. Cook. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis. Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emerson Avenue Baptist Church, 308 N. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

**Billie D. Schache Sr., 88**

Friday, July 06, 2007

Billie D. Schache Sr., 88, Logansport, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born April 14, 1919 in Hartford City to William Edward and Laura Angeline (Diltz) Schache. On Aug. 24, 1940 he married Mary Jane Demuth Schache in Peru, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 2005. For 42 years Billie worked as an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Prior to that, he had engineered for the Wabash Railroad. He attended the Logansport Church of Christ, where he was active in the Golden Agers. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #323. Billie enjoyed bowling and golfing. One of his greatest joys was volunteering at Chase Center the past 20 years, where he made many friends and was dearly loved. Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Kistler and her husband George, Logansport; two sons, Billie Schache Jr., Indianapolis, and Donald Schache and wife Linda, Walton; one brother, Ferris "Bud" Wayne Schache, Gas City; three grandsons, Josh Schache and wife Erica, Fort Wayne, Aaron Kistler and wife Stephanie, Lewisville, Texas, and Matthew Kistler of Dallas, Texas; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers and four sisters. Funeral services will be held at Fisher Funeral Chapel at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, with the Reverend Jeff Strite officiating. Interment will follow in the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends will be received at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral chapel. Contributions may be made to the Logansport Church of Christ Building Fund. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Billie at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**David Edward Rich, 41**

Saturday, July 07, 2007

David Edward Rich, 41, rural Wabash, passed away at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2007. He was born April 8, 1966 in Peru to Jack E. and Linda L. (Bodey-McGowen) Rich. He married Connie S. Cloud March 28, 1998 in Wabash, and she survives. David was a 1984 graduate of North Miami High School. He attended Wabash Friends Church and was a member of Mexico Masonic Lodge, Wabash F.O.P. Lodge 83, Indiana State Police Alliance and the Indiana Troopers Association. He was a Wabash YMCA T-ball and soccer coach. His children were his life! He is survived by wife Connie S. Rich, a daughter, Lauren E. Rich, twin sons, Carson J. Rich and Connor J. Rich, all of Wabash; his parents, Jack E. and Linda L. Rich, Peru; a brother, Robert J. Rich and wife Kathy, Culver; a sister, Kimberly S. Larson, Carmel; three nieces, Alexa Larson, Carmel, and Anna Rich and Emily Rich, both of Culver; and a nephew, Jack Rich, Culver. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Honeywell Center gymnasium, 275 W. Market St., Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorials are to the Children of Trooper David Rich Memorial Fund, c/o First Merchants Bank, 1250 N. Cass St., Wabash, IN 46992. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for David may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Monday, July 09, 2007

**P. Kenneth Taylor, 68**, Rochester, passed away at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2007 at his residence. He had relocated to Fulton County from Peru in 1962. Taylor was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he had served in the U.S. Air rescue. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Dan Mundt officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery in Rochester. Visitation will be on Tuesday at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m., as well as 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, and/or to the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

**Marilyn Line Downen, 75**, Elmhurst, Illinois passed away Sunday, July 1, 2007. She was born in Miami County in August of 1931 to Dr. Homer and Lavonne Line of Chili. In 1951 she graduated from Chili High School. Marilyn's survivors include her husband Doug; daughter, Lisa Ann Jackson and husband Eric; son, Michael Downen and wife Anna Marie; two granddaughters, Siobhan Downen and Alayna Jackson; and a brother, Homer Line and wife Esther of Wabash. Funeral services were held July 6, 2007 in Elmhurst, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, and interment was at St. Peter's Cemetery.

**Rosaleen Crowe, 74**, Kokomo, passed away Monday, July 9, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo after an extended battle against cancer. She was born to Edgar Hopper and Ruth (Dibble) Hopper on Dec. 2, 1932 in Lewisburg. She graduated from Onward High School in 1951, and married William Crowe in 1951. He survives. She was employed at General Motors for 36 years before retiring in 1991. Rosie's life was dedicated to her love of the Lord our Father, Jesus Christ. She was a member of Chapel Hill Christian Church in Kokomo. Rosaleen loved sewing, gardening, women's fellowship and various church activities. She was always volunteering her time for others. Rosaleen is survived by her husband of 55 years, William T. Crowe; two daughters, Cathy Jo Elmore and husband Kenneth, Kokomo, and Julie Renee Earnest and husband Randy, Peoria, Ill.; a son, William R. Crowe and wife Kathy Lynn, Kokomo; two brothers, Leonard Hopper, Logansport, and Richard Hopper, North Dakota; two sisters, Thelma Little, Bunker Hill, and Betty Henry, Indianapolis; grandchildren Stacey Alexander and husband Brian, Laurle Bunch, Kati Pratt and husband Bo; and great-grandchildren Megan, Allyson, and Mason Bunch, Brooke, Shelby, and Bryce Alexander. She was preceded in death by two sisters, a brother and her parents.

Funeral services will be held at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home on Thursday at 11 a.m., with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.Mem.com](http://www.Mem.com).

The Lord called **Billie Sue Fisher, 88**, home on Friday, July 6, 2007 from Haven Hospice in Gainesville, Florida. She was born August 6, 1918 in Kokomo to Michael and Bertha Harkin. On May 15, 1937 she married Norman E. Fisher, who preceded her in death after 58 years of marriage. After many years of memories from residing in rural Miami County, they retired to Zephyrhills, Fla. In part, through their membership in the Zephyr Christian Church, they were quite involved in activities. After relocating to Gainesville, in her last years she attended Wesley United Methodist Church and enjoyed fellowship with the United Methodist Women's "Morning Glories" circle. Special friendships at her residence in Turkey Creek Forest (TCF) in Gainesville were embellished by her participation in the Red Hat Society's Chapter, "Hibiscus Honeys of TCF." She spent her last months at Oakridge Assisted Living Facility in Mayo, Florida, further expanding acquaintances and friendships. Billie Sue was truly devoted to all of her family roles, and always made family her priority with a special love in her heart. Also notable were her talents as a homemaker, nurse, and artist. She took pride in their musical successes and performances throughout the years. Surviving are her two sons, Norman J. Fisher, Fort Wayne; Michael Fisher, Liberty; and two daughters, Carol S. Clemons, Deedsville; Bonnie J. Carlin, Gainesville, Fla.; two brothers, Michael Harkin of Hammond; and Joseph Douglas Harkin, Highland; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 13, 2007 at Deedsville United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend William Babb officiating. In lieu of flowers for those who wish, contributions may be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32606, or Oakridge ALF, 297 CR 300, Mayo, FL 32066.

**Brian Maus, 53**, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jeran Abigail Snyder, newborn**, passed away at St. Joseph Hospital on Friday, July 6, 2007. She was born to Jeremy Snyder and Andrea Ogle on Friday, July 6, 2007. She is survived by her parents; her grandparents, Norman and Kathy Snyder, Kokomo, and Gregory and Carole Ogle, Bunker Hill; great-grandparents, Jack and Betty Snyder, Kokomo, Harold and Mildred Myers, Miami, and Phyllis Swisher, Peru; a cousin, Ethan Snyder; uncles Matthew and Valerie Snyder, Kokomo, and G.M. Ogle, Washington; and an aunt, Kelly Snyder, Kokomo. Jeran will be joining her brother, Zachary, in heaven. A private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Foundation, Birthing Center, to purchase memory boxes provided to mothers experiencing the loss of an infant. Please send checks to St. Joseph Foundation, 1907 W. Sycamore, Kokomo, IN 46901, in memory of Jeran Snyder.

Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, handled arrangements.

**Kenneth P. Taylor, 68**, Rochester, passed away at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2007 at his residence. He had relocated to Fulton County from Peru in 1962. Kenneth was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he had served in Air rescue. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. today, July 11, 2007 at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Dan Mundt officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery in Rochester. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. today and was Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, and/or to the Fulton County Animal Shelter.

#### Thursday, July 12, 2007

**Donald E. Wolf, 81**, Easley, S.C., formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 12:53 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007 at Laurel Hill Living Center, Pickens, S.C. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Brian D. Maus, 53**, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Monday, July 9, 2007 at his residence. He was born Jan. 8, 1954 in Peru to Edwin and Carol (Fuqua) Maus. Brian graduated from Peru High School in 1972, and attended Manchester College, North Manchester. He was a retired map maker for the Federal Aviation Administration in Indianapolis. In addition, he attended Parkview United Methodist Church. Survivors include his parents in Peru; a sister, Julieann Vandagriff and husband David, Acworth, Ga.; a brother, Michael Maus and wife Andrea, Peru; a nephew, Andrew Vandagriff; and three nieces, Leanna Vandagriff, Meredith and Melanie Maus. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Jeran Abigail Snyder, newborn**, passed away at St. Joseph Hospital on Friday, July 6, 2007. She was born to Jeremy and Andrea (Ogle) Snyder on Friday, July 6, 2007. She is survived by her parents; her grandparents, Norman and Kathy Snyder, Kokomo, and Gregory and Carole Ogle, Bunker Hill; great-grandparents, Jack and Betty Snyder, Kokomo, Harold and Mildred Myers, Miami, and Phyllis Swisher, Peru; a cousin, Ethan Snyder; an uncle and aunt, Matthew and Valerie Snyder, Kokomo; an uncle, G.M. Ogle, Seattle, Wash.; and an aunt, Kelly Snyder, Kokomo. Jeran will be joining her brother, Zachary, in heaven. A private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Joseph Foundation, Birthing

Center, to purchase memory boxes provided to mothers experiencing the loss of an infant. Please send checks to St. Joseph Foundation, 1907 W. Sycamore, Kokomo, IN 46901, in memory of Jeran Snyder. Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, handled arrangements.

Friday, July 13, 2007

**Donald E. Wolf, 81**, Pickens, S.C., formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 12:53 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2007 at Laurel Hill Living Center, Pickens, S.C. He was born April 10, 1926 in Miami County to Claude A. and Fern Viola (Frick) Wolf. He married Patty J. Gibson, and she survives. Donald was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He retired from General Motors and was a member of Red Hill Baptist Church. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Gary L. Wolf, Coatesville, and Brad L. Wolf, Pickens, S.C.; a daughter, Karen E. Glaser, Jackson, Mich.; six grandchildren and a great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Saturday, July 14, 2007

**Lance Michael Gingerich, 21**, formerly of Kokomo, and for the past nine months of Seattle, passed away at 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle. Funeral arrangements are pending at Shirley and Stout Funeral Homes, Lincoln Road Chapel, Kokomo.

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

**Lance Michael Gingerich, 21**, passed away at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007 in Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Wash., following an accident. He was born Sept. 25, 1985 in Kokomo, and graduated from Maconaquah High School in 2004. He was working in Seattle in the construction trades. Lance attended Lincoln Tech in Indianapolis, and was employed at Fastenal in Indianapolis. While in high school he worked in several local restaurants, and was later employed by Fastenal in Marion. Lance had been an active member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church while living in Miami County. He gave the gift of life by being an organ donor. He was a wonderful son and grandson who enjoyed tinkering on cars and riding four-wheelers. Survivors include his parents, Angie and Kenny Gingerich, Kokomo, and Todd and Yasha Shirley, Seattle, Wash.; siblings Dustin Gingerich and wife Savannah, Cookeville, Tenn., Brooklyn Gingerich, Kokomo, Olivia Shirley, William Shirley and Jonathon Shirley, all of Seattle; grandparents, Gene and Joanna Hedrick, Bill and Lyn Shirley and Stella Reynolds, all of Kokomo; great-grandparents, Alice Horner, Wilma Hedrick and Irene Vega, all of Kokomo, and Dorothy Melloan, Beech Grove; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. His fiancée, Missy Chaney, Seattle, also survives. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 East, Amboy, with Pastor David Leeder officiating, assisted by Pastor Ian Nacy. Burial will follow in Mast-Hensler Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, and on Thursday one hour before the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to McGrawsville United Methodist Church to benefit youth programs and envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. Online condolences may be made to [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

**Betty Jane Verbosky, 76**, Russiaville, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born Aug. 30, 1930 in Portland, Tenn. to Herschel and Amanda (Harper) Johns. On Nov. 1, 1947 in Newark, Ohio, she married Paul W. Verbosky, and he preceded her in death. Betty was a member of the Eagles and the Moose in Florida. She was a loving mother and housewife. She is survived by two sons, Paul W. Verbosky and wife Donna, Russiaville, and James A. Verbosky and wife Barbara, Amboy; one daughter, Juday A. Larsen and husband Brad, Orno, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Troy, Amanda, James Jr., Aaron, Dustin, Sam, Seth, Jennifer, Joshua, Brian and Bradly; and four great-grandchildren, Morgan, Breanna, Tyler and Phillip. Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul; one son, Phillip Lee, twin brother to James; three brothers; and one sister. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo, with burial following at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery, Kokomo. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice in Kokomo. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Steven Alan Pell, 50**, Wellington Fla., passed away at 6:20 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2007 at Palm Beach County Hospice, West Palm Beach, Fla. He was born Nov. 12, 1956 in Chicago, Ill. to Harold L. and Edna L. (Maple) Pell. Steve was a 1974 Wabash High School graduate and worked at ABN Amro in Chicago, Ill. He loved gardening and remodeling houses. His daughters, grandson and family were his life. He is survived by two daughters, Chelsea (Aaron) Overman, Bunker Hill, and Lindsay Pell, Peru; a grandson, Aiden Overman, Bunker Hill; his father, Harold L. Pell, Wellington, Fla.; his mother, Edna L. (Maple) Pell, Wellington, Fla.; a sister, Vicki Brown, Wellington, Fla.; a niece, Debra L. (Anthony) Hagan, Concord, N.C.; and a nephew, Randall (Amy) Brown, La Fontaine. He was preceded in death by one brother, Randall Pell, who passed away April 8, 1970. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Chris Madison officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call from 4



to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Steven may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

**James "Jamie" Smith, 34**, Peru, passed away at 12:14 p.m. Sunday, July 15, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born April 27, 1973 in Peru to James R. and Connie (Stevens) Smith. James worked at Timberland R.V. Company. Survivors include his mother in Peru; his girlfriend, Kristi Callaway; two daughters, Shalane Lockhart and husband Steve, and Lilly Grace Smith, all of Peru; two brothers, Bryan Eyman and wife Kelly, Fort Wayne, and John Smith, Peru; and two sisters, Vicki Worl and husband Kerry, and Kim Uhrin and husband Dave, all of Bunker Hill. He was preceded in death by his father and a daughter, Jada Rose Smith. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Donna E. Higginbotham, 84**, Titusville, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2007 in Titusville, Fla. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Myrval R. "Dutch" Guttrich, 77**, Wabash, formerly of Urbana, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. He was born Jan. 6, 1930 in Urbana to Philip and Melba (Roy) Guttrich. He married Marlene Schroll on July 14, 1962 in Urbana; she preceded him in death in November of 1984. Myrval was a 1948 graduate of Urbana High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked on the family farm and owned and operated D&G Furniture in Urbana from 1973 to 1986. From 1986 to 2006 he worked for Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service. Dutch also was a member of Urbana Yoke Parish and Urbana American Legion Post 175. He is survived by two daughters, Lynn Beech and husband Don, Peru, and Gina Stefanatos and husband Jaire, North Manchester; four grandchildren, Ethan Beech, Peru, Marlee Stefanatos, North Manchester, Evan Beech, Peru, and Ty Stefanatos, North Manchester; and a brother, Marcus Guttrich, Carmel. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Dutch may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Thursday, July 19, 2007

**Louise Smith, 83**, formerly of Akron, passed away at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Grace Village Healthcare, Winona Lake. She was born June 24, 1924 in Miami County to Victor R. Cover and Ida Pearl Raymer. On February 1, 1944, Louise married Harold L. Smith in Macy, and he preceded her in death on August 31, 2004. Louise was a homemaker, as well as helped her husband with their dairy farm. She was a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women of the church, the Order of the Eastern Stars # 124, Macy, where she was a past Worthy Matron. Louise is survived by one son, Randy J. Smith and wife Jeri, Akron; one sister, Lois Yoder, Macy; three grandchildren, Betsy Hiffner and husband Barry, Peru, Casey Smith, Lafayette, and Sally Nixon and husband Josh, West Lafayette; and two great-grandsons, Lucas Hiffner and Dash Nixon. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Margaret Cook. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Reverend Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be at the Gilead Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Robert D. "Bob" Coppock, 90**, passed away at 4:15 a.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru, where he had resided since 1996. With the exception of 10 years, he was a lifelong resident of Peru. Bob was born to Donald M. and Madge (Oates) Coppock on December 21, 1916. He graduated from Peru High School in 1934, where he was a member of the National Honor Society. In 1939 he received his bachelor of arts degree in history, from Indiana University Bloomington, and in 1940 his teacher certification and a degree from Kokomo Business College. After volunteering and serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Albuquerque, New Mexico, before returning to Peru in the 1950s. After the death of his father in 1956, he took over the insurance business his father had run in Peru for many years. The Coppock insurance business was founded in 1883 by his maternal grandfather Joseph D. Oates. Bob Coppock ran the business from his home office at 68 West Third Street until his retirement in 1985. An avid and accomplished golfer, he was a longtime member of the Miami County Golf Association, served as its president, and was awarded many trophies over the years. Among his other civic activities, he belonged to the American Legion, Elks and Moose Lodges, was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church of Peru, and served as Chairman of the Miami County Alcohol Beverage Board. Bob is survived by five nieces and nephews: David M. Coppock of Sarasota, Florida; Jane Coppock of New Haven, Connecticut; Paul Coppock of Providence, Rhode Island; Donald Coppock of Brookline, Massachusetts; and Bruce Coppock, St. Paul, Minnesota; and 14 great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph and John Coppock, who grew up with him in Peru; his nephews Michael Coppock of Ione, Washington; and David H. Coppock of San Jose, California; and his companion of many years, Berneice Davisson.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, with Pastor Michael Wilson officiating. Friends are invited to come visit, reminisce, and share memories. Burial will follow



the memorial at Bond Cemetery in Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Main Street United Methodist Church.

**Myrval R. 'Dutch' Guttrich, 77**, Wabash, formerly of Urbana, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. He was born Jan. 6, 1930 in Urbana to Philip and Melba (Roy) Guttrich. He married Marlene Schroll on July 14, 1962 in Urbana; she preceded him in death in November of 1984. Myrval was a 1948 graduate of Urbana High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked on the family farm and owned and operated D&G Furniture in Urbana from 1973 to 1986. From 1986 to 2006 he worked for Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service. Dutch also was a member of Urbana Yoke Parish and Urbana American Legion Post 175. He is survived by two daughters, Lynn Beech and husband Don, Peru, and Gina Stefanatos and husband Jaire, North Manchester; four grandchildren, Ethan Beech, Peru, Marlee Stefanatos, North Manchester, Evan Beech, Peru, and Ty Stefanatos, North Manchester; and a brother, Marcus Guttrich, Carmel. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for 'Dutch' may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Friday, July 20, 2007

**Paul Eugene Joyce, 68**, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville.

**Frances Marguerite Vale, 87**, Cottonwood, Arizona passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2007. She was born December 31, 1919 in Chili, to Edward and Jessie (Allen) Keirn. Marguerite was fortunate to be able to stay at home and truly enjoy her roles as wife and mother. She was a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother. Her family adored her, and shall forever. Marguerite was a member of the Mountain View Methodist Church in Cottonwood, where she enjoyed singing in the church choir. She also enjoyed traveling. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 58 years, Albert Vale of Cottonwood, Ariz.; her two daughters, Melanie Gould with her husband Randy, of Encinitas, California; and Vicki Wait with her husband Rick, Oxnard, California; her brother Noel Keirn, with his wife Helen, of Peru; her only grandson, Alex Gould of Encinitas; several nieces and nephews including Jerry Keirn of Peru; Kelly Meadows of Peru; and Edward Keirn of Indianapolis. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007 at Chili Cemetery, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Arrangements are by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Saturday, July 21, 2007

**Carol Galbraith, 70**, Peru, passed away at 11:01 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Paul Eugene Joyce, 68**, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2007 at his home. He was born July 18, 1939 in Kokomo to Ralph J. and Elizabeth B. (Beer) Joyce. He married Marilyn J. (Bone) Jan. 30, 1959, and she survives. Paul drove a semi for 36 years, 24 of those for Hiner Transport. He attended St. Patrick School and Kokomo High School. He also was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He enjoyed NASCAR and deep sea fishing and loved sprint car racing. Paul still holds the record at the Kokomo Speedway for winning 19 feature sprint car races in one year in 1961. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Bradley Joyce and wife Kaye, Kokomo; a daughter, Janice Waggoner and husband Anthony, Macy; two brothers, Ralph Joyce Jr. and wife Cindy, Kokomo, and Carl Wilson and wife Gloria, Fort Wayne; three sisters, Imelda Joyce, Tipton, Helen Smith and husband Joseph, Kokomo, and Rosemary Haynes and her friend Don Dewitt, Kokomo; five grandchildren, Amanda Sriver, Andrew Stanfield, Aaron Stanfield, Nikole Bolton and Autumn Chesshir; five great-grandchildren, Deaven Bolton, Kayealeb Bolton, Makayla Waggoner, Makenzie Garman and Alexis Stanfield; and his dog Katie. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1229 S. Washington St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Father Ted Dudzinski officiating. Burial will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville. Online condolences may be sent to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Monday, July 23, 2007

**Frances C. Cook, 77**, Peru, passed away at 8:35 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, 2007 at Caring Hands Healthcare. She was born on June 16, 1930 in Peru to Lewis and Pauline (Hartman) Lutz. Frances was formerly married to Dale N. Cook. The 1948 graduate of Peru High School was a mother and homemaker. Also, Frances was a Sunday School teacher at Main Street United Methodist Church, and volunteered for the Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Miami County Humane Society and the International Circus Hall of Fame. Frances is survived by one son, Ron Cook and wife Maureen, Peru; four daughters, Carol Edmonds and husband Kevin, Leesburg, Shirley Wentzel and husband Larry, Mount Vernon, Ellen Lo and husband Michael, Killeen, Texas, and Nancy Ilderton and husband Wayne, Peru; 11 grandchildren, Christina, Holly, Susan, Dorothy, Tricia, Kelli, Kylie, Mariel, Justin, Daniel and Andrew; and one sister, Lorraine Gould, Kokomo. Funeral services will be conducted at Parkview United Methodist Church, Peru, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Pastors Ken Walker and Robert Clark officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Carol A. Galbraith, 70**, Peru, passed away at 11:01 a.m. on Friday, July 20, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born October 22, 1936 in Peru to Fremont and Ruth (Fenton) Correll, and resided in Peru her entire life. On February 8, 1956, she married Charles E. Galbraith, and he survives. Carol had been a member of the Nazarene Church since 1945, and was a 19-year employee of Eck-Adams in Peru, prior to her working at Berko Electric in Peru for a brief time. Aside from her husband, Carol is survived by two daughters, Sharon Wilkison and husband Gary, Mexico, and Kathy Kelly and husband Terry, Logansport; two sons, Charles Galbraith and wife Jodi, Kokomo, and Bruce Galbraith and wife Alisa, Deedsville; great-grandson, Jon, whom the Galbraiths raised; four brothers, Jim Correll, Peru, George Correll and wife Bev, Perrysburg, Gary Correll and wife Cindy, Peru, and Skip Correll and wife Hazel, Peru; two sisters, Connie Mongosa and husband Pete, Peru, and Myrna Greene and husband Mike, Peru; 13 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Nancy.

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

**Donna E. Higginbotham, 84**, Titusville, Fla., formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007 at Parrish Medical Center, Titusville, Fla. She was born June 19, 1923 in Indianapolis to Florence Morris. She married Ralph Higginbotham June 17, 1940, and he preceded her in death May 10, 1995. Donna was a homemaker. Survivors include a daughter, Judy Smith and husband James, Titusville, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Melissa Jones and husband Steven, Fairfax, Va. She was preceded in death by her mother and husband. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County, with Pastor Ron Shaner officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Helen Louise Moore, 61**, Frankfort, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at her home. She was born Dec. 7, 1945 in Peru to William and Myrtle (Poor) Black. She graduated from Clinton Central High School. On May 30, 1965 in Michigantown, she married Donnie Moore. He survives. Helen retired from Zachary Confections in 1999. She also had previously worked for Jules Simon and Delmonte, both in Frankfort. She was a former member of the Eagles Auxiliary and attended Michigantown United Methodist Church. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Tammy Roberts and husband Junior, Frankfort, and Sandra Reynolds and husband Corrie, Michigantown; a son, Danny Moore and wife Christina, Frankfort; eight grandchildren, Matt, Samantha, Aaron, Lewis, Taylor, Damon, Jayce and Katie; three sisters, Carol Savoie, Marilyn Hoff and husband Bob and Betty Heirs, all of Peru; two brothers, Tommy Black and wife Marge, and Richard Black and wife Debbie, all of Peru; a step-brother, Roy Ashlock and wife Margaret, Frankfort; three step-sisters, Pearl Lovingood, Peru, and Olean Anderson and Eveadean Belhamy, both of Tennessee; and a step-sister-in-law, Ruth Ashlock, Frankfort. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two step-brothers. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Archer-Weston Funeral Home, Frankfort, with entombment following in Greenlawn Cemetery Mausoleum. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials would be appreciated to the Clinton County Humane Society.

**Evelyn L. Reminger, 95**, Northwoods Village, Kokomo, formerly of North Grove, passed away at 6:38 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at her residence. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, with Pastor Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be after 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Relna D. Wolf, 90**, Peru, passed away at 8 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at Caring Hands HCC, Peru, after four weeks illness. She was born June 20, 1917 in Miami County to Avery and Mary Leithold Lees. She married John V. Wolf March 26, 1938 in Carroll County, and he survives. Relna graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1935 and was a homemaker. She also was a member of the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren and Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, John M. Wolf and wife Carolyn, Bristol, and Jerry Wolf and wife Susan, Peru; a daughter, Barbara Chandler and husband James, Peru; four grandchildren, Michael Wolf and wife Kristen, Mark Wolf, Emily Mofield and husband Rich, and Lee Chandler and wife Jessica; and four great-grandchildren, Jordan Edwards and Patrick, Ian and Keira Wolf. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers and a sister. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck and Pastor Steve Gill officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren.

**James Curtis "Curt" Neal, Sr., 91**, Greencastle, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2007. He was born March 5, 1916 in Madison Township to Herman and Cassie Lame Neal. He married Winifred Rose Grimes on June 4, 1938 and she preceded him in death on May 13, 2003. Curt was a 1934 graduate of Clinton Center High School, and served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed in the agriculture business for 30 years, working as a grain elevator manager for Poor and Sons in Cloverdale for ten years, and also worked at Cloverdale Grain Elevator, Farm Bureau Elevator in Greencastle

and Peru, and the Whitesville Elevator. He retired in 1981. He was a member of Brick Chapel United Methodist Church and the American Legion, and was a former member of the Masons. Survivors include a son, James C. Neal Jr. and wife Chera, Fountain Hills, Ariz.; a daughter, Saraellen Peters and husband Harl, Greencastle; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Curt was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Bethanne Hurst; and a sister, Florence Bell. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home, Greencastle, with the Reverend Paul Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Clinton Falls Cemetery. The family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials in Curt's memory may be made to Brick Chapel United Methodist Church. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family c/o [INBTH@keystonegroup.com](mailto:INBTH@keystonegroup.com)

Friday, July 27, 2007

**Wayne Lee Routt, 51**, Macy, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Juan G. Herrera, 68**, Converse, passed away at 7:27 a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at Marion General Hospital. He was born on June 24, 1939 in Coleman, Texas to Cirilo and Margarita (Guillen) Herrera. Juan married Maria 'Janie' (Perez) Herrera, and she survives. He retired from Square D Company, but also worked at Dana Corporation, as well as General Tire in Marion. Juan was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church, a past member of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), and Knights of Columbus. There were many things that he loved to do, including being outdoors, dancing, parties, barbecuing, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Sunday, July 29, 2007

**Bonnie Y. Baldwin, 71**, Fallon, Nev., formerly of Peru, passed away Friday, July 20, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Wilma Jean "Gynk" Darner, 86**, Danville, went to be with her Lord 12:04 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2007, at United Samaritans Medical Center. Wilma was born March 18, 1921 in Peru to Harland and Eva Mae Baker Jackson. She attended Peru grade school. She enjoyed collecting knickknacks, salt and pepper shakers and spending time with her dog "Susie." Wilma married William Squires Darner on Jan. 25, 1940 at their minister's home in Indianapolis and he survives. Also surviving are the following children: Billy "Butch" (Carolyn) Darner, Benny Lee Darner, Jacqueline Sue (late Sanford) Smith and Thomas "Mike" (Lorraine) Darner; nine grandchildren, Lisa (Carlos) Rico, David (Shilynn) Darner, Tamara (Marty Hollis) Bays, Steven Bays, Michelle (Raymond) Meeker, Sheryl (Ron) Dicus, Howard Smith, Carla Darner and Michelle Doyle; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law, Charles (Eleanor) Norris and Larry Norris; and a sister-in-law, Betty Patterson. She was preceded by three sisters, Jewel Shanks, Mildred Morrison and Betty Brough; two brothers, Robert Jackson and Jack Jackson; a grandson, Thomas Michael Darner Jr.; and a great-grandson, Chris Yount Jr. Services were Friday at Pape Funeral Home, 10 E. Williams, Danville, IL 61832, with Pastor Curt Darling officiating. Burial will be in Danville National Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday at Pape Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 1225 N. Collett, Danville, IL or the American Diabetes Foundation, 2580 Federal-403, Decatur, IL 62526. Guest register: [www.papemortuary.com](http://www.papemortuary.com).

Monday, July 30, 2007

**Geneva Leazenby, 84**, Logansport, passed away at 11:42 p.m. Friday, July 27, 2007 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport. She was born Oct. 27, 1922 in Logansport to Charles Otis and Edith Lyle (Leffel) Weeks. She married Junior Lee Sherman Oct. 19, 1941, and he was killed in action during World War II. She then married Roy J. Leazenby May 13, 1948, and he preceded her in death July 5, 2003. Geneva was an inspector for Hamilton Standard, Logansport, retiring in 1986. She also worked with the Cub Scouts, was past president of Jefferson School PTA, past president of Ladies Auxiliary of Little League Baseball, past president, secretary and treasurer for bowling leagues, was on the board of directors for Logan Women's Bowling Association and was inducted into the Loganland USBC Association Hall of Fame. Survivors include three sons, Cary Leazenby and wife Susan, Monticello, Rick Leazenby and wife Rose, and Ronald Leazenby and wife Angela, all of Logansport; two daughters, Judy Cook and husband Tom, Logansport, and Jackie Stover and husband Tom, Twelve Mile; 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; a grandson; a brother and two sisters. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Pastor Andy Weil of First Assembly of God officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Billie Brock, 91**, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 29, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born July 23, 1916 in Elkhart County to Arthur and Gertrude Mae Lamb. She married Christopher E. Brock Nov. 29, 1933 in Peru, and he preceded her in death May 28, 1959. Billie owned and operated Speed Washette in Peru and was an active member of First Baptist Church in Peru. She was chairperson of the Allen Circle of the church and served on the church flower committee.

Survivors include a daughter, Charolotte Hawley, Wabash; 15 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Peru.

**Bonnie Y. Baldwin, 71**, Fallon, Nev., formerly of Peru, passed away Friday, July 20, 2007 at her residence. She had lived in Fallon, Nev. since 1993. She was born Feb. 23, 1936 in Elkhart, Ill. to Issac and Lillie (Burnett) Deason. She married Franklin D. Baldwin Aug. 2, 1954, and he preceded her in death Feb. 5, 1997. Bonnie was a 1954 graduate of Peru High School. She retired from the civil service at Grissom Air Force Base and was a recruiting officer for the base.

Survivors include a son, Terry E. Baldwin and wife Chandra, McAllen, Texas; two daughters, Cheryl L. Weaver and Rhonda G. Trexler, both of Peru; five grandchildren, Christina, Amy, Travis, Casey and Gracie; four great-grandchildren, Christian, Dartgnan, Gage and Zachary; and a brother, Issac "Darrell" Deason and wife Leslie, Marion. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Jerry; and a sister, Patricia Cush. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Shaner officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Wayne Lee Routt, 51**, Macy, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 25, 1956 in Wabash to John and Betty (Eggert) Routt. Wayne held various jobs in the area, but most recently worked for Deardorff Farm. He enjoyed farming, skiing, travel, spending time with his friends, but especially enjoyed the tranquility of his property. Survivors include his parents, John and Betty Routt, Peru; a brother, Dan Routt and wife Janice, Fort Wayne; three sisters, Pat Alspaugh, Galena, Ill., Janet Wakefield and husband Bill, Indianapolis, and Pam Ranly and friend Dick Biggs, Houston, Texas. He will also be sadly missed by his six nieces and nephews and ten great nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Miami County 4-H Community Building, 1029 W. 200 North, Peru. Friends may visit from 1 p.m. to service time at the community building.

Wayne and his family request donations in his honor be made to the North Miami Athletic Boosters, North Miami High School, Denver. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

#### Tuesday, July 31, 2007

**Vern D. Garber, 75**, Peru, passed away on Monday, July 30, 2007 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

**Rosalie M. Lancaster, 82**, Rochester, passed away at 3 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

**Billie Brock, 91**, Peru, passed away at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born July 23, 1916 in Elkhart County to Arthur and Gertrude Mae Lamb. Billie married Christopher E. Brock in Peru on Nov. 29, 1933, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1959. Billie worked at the NCO Club at Grissom Air Force Base, and was the owner/operator of the Speed Washette in Peru. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Peru; was chairperson of the Allen Circle of the church and served on the flower committee at the church. Survivors include a daughter, Charlotte Hawley, Wabash; a son, Daniel Brock, Paducah, Ky.; 16 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren and 21 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Christopher I. Brock; a sister; and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Peru.

#### Wednesday, August 01, 2007

**Rosalie Lancaster, 82**, Rochester (Leiters Ford), passed away at 3 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at her residence. She had been in failing health for about a year. She was born Sept. 10, 1924 in Leiters Ford to Earl J. and Helen VanKirk Lawson at her parents' home. She lived all her life in the area where she was born. Rosalie graduated from Leiters Ford High School in 1942, and married Robert E. Lancaster Nov. 24, 1944 in South Bend. He preceded her in death July 14, 1998. She assisted her husband as a secretary for the Lancaster Deamer Insurance Agency. She retired from Torin in 1971 after 12 years of service.

Rosalie was a member of Leiters Ford United Methodist Church. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, looking forward to their visits. Survivors include two daughters, Malinda Lancaster, Carlisle, Mass., and Lucretia Webster and husband Greg, Peru; five grandsons, Shane Lancaster, Troy Lancaster, Rob Webster, Ted Webster and Justin Lancaster; two great-grandchildren, Paige Lancaster and Jake Lancaster; a sister, Eloise Lawson, Rochester; and a brother, John Lawson, Tacoma, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Greg Lancaster in 1993 and Joseph Lancaster in 1998; and a brother, Albert Lawson, in 1998.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Burial will be in Leiters Ford Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Vern D. Garber, 75**, Peru, stepped into glory at 4:03 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at Howard Regional Health System in Kokomo. He fought a two year battle from a lung disease. He was born September 7, 1931 to John S. and Sarah E. (Flora) Garber. He is survived by wife Phyllis Joan (Boyer) Garber. They were married March 15, 1952 in Twelve Mile by his uncle Howard Flora, a German Baptist minister. Last March they celebrated 55 years of marriage. Vern graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1949. He joined and served in the U.S. Army in 1955 and was stationed in Korea. He retired from Haynes International in Kokomo after 31 years of service. He also was a retired drywall and paint contractor. His passion was to be on the job. He was a member of the McNeeley Christian Church of Lewisburg, where he served as trustee. He also was a member of the Stellite Quarter Century Club. He enjoyed 16 years of retirement, wintering in Florida, fishing, NASCAR and cheering on the Purdue Boilermakers. He also enjoyed gathering at McDonald's every morning with his good friends for coffee. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Survivors include three sons, James (Jamie) and wife Sue, Peru, Jeff and wife Teresa, Kokomo, and Jason Garber and Tiffany Chandler, Peru. Grandchildren include Vanessa and husband David Smith, Laura and Sarah Garber, Caitlyn and Gabriel Garber, twins Todd and Tyler Garber; and step-grandson Chad King and wife Liz; two great-grandchildren, twins Reese and Riley Smith; and two step-great-grandchildren, Corbin and Chelsea King. Two sisters survive, Nina and husband Lloyd Miller, Flora, and Lula Mohler, Modesto, Calif. Special family members include Donna and Lloyd Oldfather; Tim Oldfather; Julie, Bill and Molly Cumming; Randy and Sara Oldfather; Donna Garber; Nancy Waters; Dennis and Joretta Boyd; and Phyllis and Neal Basore. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Dale Garber. Private family funeral services will be held on Friday at the Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastor Busta Brown officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the McNeeley Christian Church of Lewisburg through the Allen Funeral Home.

Thursday, August 02, 2007

**Priscilla Joyce "Joy" Cook, 58**, Peru, passed away at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born July 19, 1949 in Pineville, W.Va. to Rufus Bailey and Lessie (Walker) Cook. She married Charles Doug Cook Jan. 21, 1967, and he survives. Priscilla was a customer representative of Farm Bureau Insurance Company. She attended First Church of the Nazarene, was a member of the Peru Red Hats and enjoyed her animals, dolls, movies, gardening, crafts, family and friends. Survivors besides her husband include her mother and step-father, Tom Cook Sr., Mexico; a son, Charles "Doug" Cook II and wife Sofia, Evansville; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; a brother, Tommy Cook and wife Donna, Peru; and two sisters, Carmen Bickel and Jennifer Stevens and husband Brad, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her father and a nephew. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to The Humane Society.

Friday, August 03, 2007

**Rosellen Morrell, 86**, Peru, passed away at 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at her residence. She was born on February 6, 1921 in Argos to Arley and Ila (Irwin) Jones. On June 29, 1940, she married Gabriel C. Morrell in Cass County, and he survives. The 1939 graduate of Argos High School was a homemaker and a 75-year member of the Jordan Baptist Church in Argos, as well as attended Oakdale Baptist Church in Peru. Rosellen was a quilter, who made over 64 quilts. She also loved to crochet. Aside from her husband, Rosellen is survived by one son, Roger Morrell and wife Kimberly, Montpelier, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jeff Morrell and wife Lane, Julie Smith and husband Kevin, and Jon Morrell and wife Gina; six great-grandchildren, Jasmine Morrell, Brittin Morrell, Jordan Morrell, Logan Morrell, Kyle Smith, and Sarah Smith; two step-grandchildren, Heather Gauden and Heidie Goebel; four step-great-grandchildren, Mason Gauden, Sage Gauden, Levi Gauden, and John Boyer; and one sister, Ruth Adams, Argos.

Rosellen was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Clair Jones and Ancil Jones.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. Robert Stuck and the Reverend Julie Walker officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Oakdale Baptist Church.

Saturday, August 04, 2007

**Gerald M. McClain, 88**, Fort Wayne, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2007 at The Towne House. He was born Oct. 23, 1918 in Indianapolis, and was a member of Faith Baptist Church. Gerald was married to Margaret (Golden) McClain, and she preceded him in death in 1996. He was a resident of Denver for 40 years. Gerald worked for Division of Corrections from 1943 to 1949, then for Logansport State Hospital from 1956 until his retirement in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol A. Blodgett, St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sons, James L. McClain, Fort Wayne, and William C. McClain, Atoka, Tenn.; a brother, Reverend Edwin L. McClain, Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, with visitation one hour prior to the service. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis. Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Faith Baptist Church, 6600 Trier Road, Fort Wayne.

**Rosalie Lancaster, 82**, Leiters Ford, passed away at 3 a.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007 at her residence after being in failing health for the past year. She was born Sept. 10, 1924 at home in Leiters Ford to Earl J. and Helen (VanKirk) Lawson. Rosalie lived her entire life in the area where she was born, and was a 1942 graduate of Leiters Ford High School. On Nov. 24, 1944 she married Robert E. Lancaster in South Bend, and he preceded her in death July 14, 1998. Rosalie assisted her husband, working as a secretary for the Lancaster Deamer Insurance Agency, and retired from Torin in 1971 after 12 years of service. She was a member of the Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, looking forward to their visits. Survivors include two daughters, Malinda Lancaster, Carlisle, Mass., and Lucretia Webster and husband Greg, Peru; a son, James Lancaster, Uba City, Calif.; five grandsons, Shane Lancaster, Troy Lancaster, Rob Webster, Ted Webster and Justin Lancaster; two great-grandchildren, Paige Lancaster and Jake Lancaster; a sister, Eloise Lawson, Rochester; and a brother, John Lawson, Tacoma, Wash. Rosalie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Greg Lancaster in 1993 and Joseph Lancaster in 1998; and a brother, Albert Lawson, in 1998. Funeral services were Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Fred Guthrel officiating. Burial was in Leiters Ford Cemetery. Visitation was Friday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, August 06, 2007

**Ryan M. Holmes, 33**, Fishers, formerly of Peru, passed away Saturday evening, Aug. 4, 2007 at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru.

**Lester Leon Burnett, 68**, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007 at his residence. He was born Jan. 2, 1939 in Kokomo to Lester Franklin and Ellen (Luckey) Burnett. He worked at the Peru sewage plant. Survivors include two sons, Lester Leon Burnett Jr. and wife Peggy, Peru, and Todd Franklin Burnett and wife Jackie, Gilead; a daughter, Sandra Smith, Peru; two sisters, Sue Biehle, Kokomo, and Brenda Madsen, Lewis, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a grandchild and a great-grandchild. No funeral services or visitation are planned. Love offerings may be made to the Lester Leon Burnett family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Evelyn L. Wilson, 78**, Peru, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born Aug. 15, 1928 in Fairview, Mich. to Glen and Ruth (Showalter) Kennedy. She married Gerald "Jerry" Wilson in 1971, and he preceded her in death. Evelyn worked at Wen in Akron and was a member of Olive Branch Church of God. Survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth "Beth" Buck and husband Gregg, Rochester, and Jean Johnson and husband Kim, Peru; a son, William "Bill" Housouer and wife Sue, Peru; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and a grandchild. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Jason See officiating. Burial will be in Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Evelyn L. Wilson family through the funeral home.

**Robert "Bob" Dean Whitesel, 80**, rural Wabash, passed away at 11:54 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. He was born May 3, 1927 in Wabash to Herman and Helen (Johnson) Whitesel. He married Ruth Annah Wright Dec. 31, 1946 in North Manchester, and she preceded him in death Dec. 13, 1991. A 1945 graduate of Somerset High School, Bob was a lifelong farmer. He also was a lifetime member and life elder of Peoria Church, a member of Wabash County Farm Bureau and past chairman of the board for North Central Co-Op. He also served on the Wabash County Council eight years, was president of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Board and a lifetime resident of Wabash County.

Survivors include a son, Joe Whitesel and wife Karen, Converse; a daughter, Margaret Whitesel, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Laura Miller and husband Jason, Matt Whitesel and wife Beth, all of Wabash, Samara Mindel and Matt Rassi, Louisville, Ky., and Jesse Mindel, Indianapolis; five great-grandchildren, Jackson and Max Miller, and Riley, Tyler and Carley Whitesel, all of Wabash; and a sister, Mary Louise Bright, Somerset.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., with Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Wabash County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Bob may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials are to Peoria Church.

Tuesday, August 07, 2007

**Ryan McCarthy Holmes, 34**, Fishers, formerly of Peru, passed away Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007. He was born Jan. 24, 1973 to Lee and Susie Holmes. Ryan married Stephanie Grumbacher in 2004. Ryan will be remembered as a true "One of a Kind." His heart was bigger than imaginable, with a giving and caring soul that will never be forgotten. Ryan was a strong Christian man, always putting his faith and his family first. He has been smiling since the day his son William was born, five months ago. His

dedication to his wife and son will be an inspiration for all. Ryan was to begin a job at Westfield High School as dean of discipline in the fall. He had served as athletic director and assistant principal at Triton Central High School for the 2006-2007 school year. He had also taught and coached basketball at Center Grove High School, Westfield High School and Bloomington North. He spent many hours doing charitable works throughout his life. Ryan and his wife Stephanie coordinated a yearly Christmas gift drive for families with children undergoing treatment at Riley Hospital for Children. He was also very involved in fundraising for Breast Cancer Research. He and his wife coordinated a large team to participate in Race for the Cure every year. They also participated in the 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk in Chicago in 2006. In addition to his wife, Ryan is survived by his son William; his father, Lee Holmes; a brother, Eric Holmes; and sister Kelli Wilson. He was a loving uncle to six nieces and nephews, and is survived by many caring aunts and uncles, along with the Grumbacher family who loved him so. He was preceded in death by his mother, Susie Holmes.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at St. Lukes United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. Graveside services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the St. Charles Cemetery in Peru. Visitation will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. The family requests memorial contributions be made in memory of Ryan to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3509. Arrangements are cared for by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Veronica L. (Bikey) Parsons, 78**, Peru, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2007 at her residence. She was born June 9, 1929 in Peru to John P. and Helen Becker Rothermel. She married Herbert R. Parsons Jr. April 9, 1960 in Peru, and he survives. Veronica graduated from Peru High School in 1947 and worked at Niswander Ford Agency, the Architects & Engineers at Grissom Air Force Base, Central Murphy Furniture and the American Red Cross for 15 years, retiring as the executive director of the Miami County Chapter of the American Red Cross in 1995. Veronica and her husband Herb lovingly raised four children. She was a devoted wife and mother and thoroughly enjoyed spending time in the kitchen preparing meals for her family and friends. She loved to read and enjoyed good music and movies. She was an ardent nature lover and supported various nature activities. She was an avid bridge player and past president of Tri Kappa Sorority.

Survivors besides her husband include four children, Michael Mabrey, Logansport, H.R. Parsons III, Peru, Suzanne Williams, Peru, and Elizabeth Judd, Zionsville; a brother, Stephen Rothermel and wife Mary Elizabeth, Lake Charles, La.; a sister-in-law, Carol Rothermel, Peru; seven grandchildren, Porshae Mabrey, Paula Mabrey, Joey Mabrey, Stefan Williams, Braden Williams, Jessica Judd and Dalton Judd; and four great-grandchildren, Chelsea Mabrey, Hunter Hedrex, Nicholas Plake and Gage Plake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John and Richard Rothermel; and three sisters, Mary Rothermel, Helen Rothermel and Marjorie Hansen. A memorial Mass celebrating the life of Veronica L. Parsons will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Frank I. Kilcline III officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Red Cross or the Wabash-Miami Home Care & Hospice.

**Lester Leon Burnett, 68**, Peru, passed away at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007 at his residence. He was born Jan. 2, 1939 in Kokomo to Lester Franklin and Ellen (Luckey) Burnett. He worked at the Peru sewage plant. Survivors include two sons, Lester Leon Burnett Jr. and wife Peggy, Peru, and Todd Franklin Burnett and wife Jackie, Gilead; a daughter, Sandra Smith, Peru; two sisters, Sue Biehle, Kokomo, and Brenda Madsen, Lewis, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles Burnett; a sister, Shelia Sims; a grandchild and a great-grandchild. No funeral services or visitation are planned. Love offerings may be made to the Lester Leon Burnett family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, August 09, 2007/ Friday, August 10, 2007

**Mary A. Spangler, 82**, Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 2, 1924 in Peru to Almond and Margaret M. (Manning) Flagg. She married Lee Edward Spangler Feb. 14, 1949, and he preceded her in death Oct. 28, 1996. Mary was a homemaker, a member of Peru Church of the Brethren and a life member of the Circus City Festival. She also served as a Circus City Festival volunteer for many years.

Survivors include a nephew, Robert Keller, Peru; two nieces, Cindy Taylor and Nancy Sue Ebart, both of Peru; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Donald Flagg; and a sister, Julia Keller. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Peru Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Marvin Schwartz officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Friday at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Terry David Meredith, 44**, Wabash, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007 at his home in Wabash. He was born Oct. 4, 1962 in Wabash to Lester and Charlotte (Farley) Meredith. He married Bonnie (Burnsworth) Carr in Lagro on April 6, 2007, and she survives. Terry was a 1980 graduate of Wabash High School, worked 20 years for GenCorp in Wabash and worked the past two years for Square D in Peru. He attended Wabash First United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Wabash Eagles Lodge, the Wabash Moose, the Isaak Walton League and a longtime member of the Wabash Jaycees.

Survivors besides his wife include his mother in Wabash; a son, Mason Meredith, Converse; three step-sons, John Karst, Pennsylvania, Clint Karst, Akron, and Robert Karst, Greencastle, and Angie McFarland, New Paris, who was raised by Terry;



a step-granddaughter, Elizabeth Nicole Karst, Pennsylvania; four brothers, Tony Meredith and wife Sharon, Wabash, Tom Meredith and wife Priscilla, Salisbury, N.C., Pat Meredith and wife Michele, Wabash, and Chris Meredith and wife Teresa, Marietta. Terry also is survived by his big brother, John Siferd and wife Charlotte, Wabash. He was preceded in death by his sister, Melinda Mishler, who passed away in 1994.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Earl Guingrich officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Mason Meredith Education Fund. The memorial guest book for Terry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

#### Saturday, August 11, 2007

**Jeaneal (Rush) Franklin, 66**, Guntersville, Ala., passed away at 2:07 a.m. July 31, 2007 at Marshall Medical Center South in Boaz, Ala. with family present. She was a wife, mother, sister, granny, gran and to her great-grandchildren gran master G.

Jeaneal was born Jan. 6, 1941 in Plymouth. She attended Peru High School and moved to Alabama in 1963, where she met her first husband and raised their two daughters. She later met and married her husband, Eldridge H. Franklin, of the last 27 years. They retired and moved to Guntersville 15 years ago where they enjoyed spending time out on the lake and taking drives, enjoying the scenery. In her lifetime, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, helping out her neighbors, traveling with her husband and cooking holiday dinners for her family. Her favorite times of the year were Easter and Christmas, which she loved to decorate for. She was an early riser who spent her mornings reading her Bible, praying and sipping coffee. Survivors besides her husband in Guntersville, Ala. include two daughters, Bonnie MacConkey and husband Darryll, North Carolina, and Connie Walker, Guntersville, Ala.; three grandchildren, Brandy Perry and husband Kevin, Jimmy Clark and wife Amy, Angel McKee and husband Daniel, all of Alabama; four great-grandchildren, Jesse, Kaylee, Haydn and Seth, all of Alabama; three sisters, Nancy McClory and husband Lee, Kokomo, Lee Anne Graffis and husband Ron, Georgia, Jo Ellen Warner and husband Greg, Twelve Mile; several nieces and nephews in Peru; and a host of other family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Starks; her father, Russell Rush; a brother, Phillip Rush; and a grandson, Jeremy Matthew Phillips. Funeral arrangements were handled by Carr Funeral Home, Guntersville, Ala.

Memorial donations in her name can be made to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

**James Brown, 70**, South Bend, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Monday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. Eighth St., Mishawaka. Visitation will be at the funeral home from noon until the service at 1:30 p.m.

**Emma Jane Johnson, infant**, passed away at 10:07 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born Aug. 9, 2007 in Kokomo to Mark Johnson, Lafayette, and Kathi Jane Burns, Peru. Survivors besides her parents include paternal grandparents, Johnnie and Lucy Johnson, Martinsville, Ill.; paternal great-grandparent, Effie Jane Wallace, Martinsville, Ill.; four aunts, Patti Whittaker and husband Don, Peru, Vicki Hook and husband Rich, Martinsville, Ill., Nellie Ramer, Peru, and Kathy Miller and husband Nelson, Kokomo; two uncles, Ryan Hake and wife Libby, Rochester, and Mike Johnson, Martinsville, Ill.; and 10 cousins, Brittany, Tiffany, Bradon, Alexis, Krista, Myka, Aubrey, Colby, Braden and Clay. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Hake.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating.

Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Love offerings may be made to the Emma Jane Johnson family through the funeral home.

#### Monday, August 13, 2007

**Lenna L. Wilson, 93**, Logansport, passed away at 3:50 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2007 in Chase Center. She was born Aug. 10, 1914 in Miami County to Dio A. and Fannie Fry Dillman. She was married Aug. 14, 1939 to Eugene W. Wilson, who preceded her in death on June 6, 1982. Lenna was a member of Corinth Brethren Church. A homemaker, she had worked at the former W. T. Grant Store at Eastgate Plaza. For over 10 years, she had served as a 4-H leader. Surviving are two daughters, Nancy Kistler, Logansport, and Suzan Tipps and her husband Richard, Sequim, Wash.; one sister-in-law, Mary Dillman, Logansport; a grandson, Dr. Patrick Sharp, Singapore; a granddaughter, Fay Miller, Logansport; four step-grandchildren, Drew Kistler, Logansport, Beth Musselman and her husband Jim, Lucerne, Stephanie Bigger and her husband Wes, Logansport, and Mark E. Kistler and his wife Teri, Logansport; three great-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren and four step-great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Lynn Dillman, Verl Dillman and Dale Dillman; a step-brother, John Burkholder; and a step-mother, Helen Dillman. Services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, with Celebrant Patricia Fisher officiating. Private interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery, Logansport. Friends will be received at the Fisher Funeral Chapel Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Cass County 4-H Foundation. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Lenna and view her video tribute online at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**Martha M. Hess, 62**, Peru, the wife of the Reverend John E. 'Jack' Hess, passed away at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**John A. Summers, 80**, Peru, passed away at 5:56 p.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Emma Jane Johnson, infant**, passed away at 10:07 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo, shortly after birth. She was born to Mark Johnson, Lafayette and Kathi Jane Burns, Peru. Aside from her parents, Emma Jane is survived by paternal grandparents Johnnie and Lucy Johnson, Martinsville, Illinois; paternal great-grandparent, Effie Jane Wallace, Martinsville; four aunts, Patti Whitaker and husband Don, Peru, Vicki Hook and husband Rich, Martinsville, Nellie Ramer, Peru, and Kathy Miller and husband Nelson, Kokomo; uncles Ryan Hake and wife Libby, Rochester, and Mike Johnson, Martinsville; several cousins, Brittany, Tiffany, Brandon, Alexis, Krista, Myka, Aubrey, Colby, Braden, and Clay. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Mary Hake; paternal grandfather, Roy Burns; one aunt, Kristi Johnson; paternal great-grandfather, Leroy Wallace; and paternal great-grandparents, Ralph and Beulah Johnson. A graveside service will be conducted today at 1 p.m. at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with the Reverend Steve Fleck officiating. Love offerings may be made to the Emma Jane Johnson family through Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Funeral arrangements have been handled by Allen Funeral Home.

**Scott Hathaway, 52**, Logansport, passed away at 8:31 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2007 in Danville, Illinois. He was born on June 2, 1955 in Logansport to Donald G. and Carlene (Reid) Hathaway. His mother, who resides in Logansport, survives. On June 15, 1990, Scott married Vicky Smith, who survives. Scott owned and operated Hathaway Heating and Air Conditioning Company, and had previously been employed with Sears in the home improvement department. The 1973 graduate of Logansport High School enjoyed running, and was a member of the Kennekuk Road Runners. The 2008 'Howl At The Moon' ultramarathon race in Danville will be dedicated to Scott. He also enjoyed bike riding, golf, tennis, and gardening.

### **Martha May Veenis Hess, 62**

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

In August 2006 Marty was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and she and Jack began a journey together, hand in hand in what Marty called a win-win situation. She said "If I survive this struggle, I have more time to be with my grandchildren, and that is a win. If I don't, I get to be with my Lord, and that is a win." At 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007, surrounded by her loving family, Marty went to be with her Lord. Martha May Veenis Hess was born July 16, 1945 in Wilksburg, Pa., the daughter of Albert Bertus and Martha May Creighton Veenis, and was raised in Murrysville, Pa. She married the Rev. John E. "Jack" Hess in Murrysville, Pa. on June 2, 1967. Marty graduated from Franklin Joint High School, Newlonsburg, Pa. in 1963 and Presbyterian University Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1966. She was a registered nurse for 41 years at Children's Hospital, Oakland, Pa., Children's Hospital, Louisville, Ky., Methodist Hospital, Louisville, Ky., Licking County Memorial Hospital, Newark, Ohio, Defiance County Hospital, Defiance, Ohio, Defiance County Home Health and Hospice, Defiance, Ohio, Randolph County Hospital, Winchester, Huntington County Hospital, Huntington, and Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Marty and her husband Jack lovingly raised two children. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Peru, where she served as an Elder, member of the choir, member and Past Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, Sunday School teacher, helped with Vacation Bible School, Bible Study Leader, Circle Leader and Pastor's wife. She was co-founder and organization leader of the cancer support group that served Miami County. In previous churches she had been Director of Vacation Bible Schools, member of the choir, and a fixture in the kitchen, along with many other activities as a Pastor's wife and a true "Biblical Martha." Survivors include her husband, the Rev. John E. "Jack" Hess; a son, Eric J. Hess, Defiance, Ohio; a daughter, Jennifer L. Hess Taylor and her husband, Travis, Smithton, Ill.; grandchildren, Erin L. Hess, Travis K. Taylor III, Mason I. Taylor and Cole M. Taylor; a sister, Jeanette M. Veenis Helene and her husband Allen, Sleepy Hollow, Ill.; and a brother, Albert Bertus Veenis II and his wife Rosann, Saltsburg, Pa.

A service celebrating the life of Martha "Marty" Hess will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, with her husband, the Rev. John E. Hess, officiating. Assisting will be the Rev. Dr. David Smock, the Rev. Carol McDonald, Chaplain Kimberly King, and Pastor Tom Robbins. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. There will be a graveside service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, Ohio, with Pastor Thomas Steensma assisting. Memorial donations may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Kitchen Fund.

Sunday morning the Lord said, "Marty receive your rest," and she was gathered to her heavenly home. MARTY WON!!!

Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Retired, John A. Summers, 80

Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Retired, **John A. Summers, 80**, Peru, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, surrounded by his loving wife, children and grandchildren. His illustrious military career spanned 28 years, starting with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944, and ending with the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry Division in 1972. He was a young machine gunner with the First Marine Division during the invasion of Okinawa in 1945, fought with the U.S. Army 8th Ranger Company during the Korean War, and the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. John also served with the U.S. Army's 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. He was honored with 12 military decorations including three Purple Hearts and three

Bronze Stars. He received an additional 24 military awards, including the Ranger and Raider Tabs, and Master Jump Wings. In 1972 after retiring from the Army, he moved to Peru.

John's memberships included being a 32nd degree Mason (Peru Lodge); the American Legion and 40/8; the China Marine Association, the 173 ABN Associations, the 8th Army Ranger Company Association, and the Order of the Purple Heart Association. CSM Summers was also a life member of the Command Sergeant Major's Association and the Disabled American Veterans Association. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, attending reunions with his brothers-in-arms and visiting with friends and relatives. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Gisela Helene Summers; sons John R. Summers and wife Lynette, and their daughters Sarah and Shena of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Jim Summers and wife Lori, and their sons Christopher and Cody of Peru; daughters Ginny Summers and her daughters, Erin and Kylee of Peru, Patricia Williams and her children Ezekiel, Jessica, Dean and Anna of Peru; and five great-grandchildren. A private memorial service for the family is scheduled for Wednesday. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Disabled American Veterans Association by contacting Jay Kendall at (765) 472-3901, ext. 271. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, was entrusted with arrangements.

#### Wednesday, August 15, 2007

**Lalah Mallow, 77**, Peru, passed away at 7:14 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2007 at Caring Hands Healthcare.

She was born March 11, 1930 in Riverwood to Noah and Bernice Haygood Newton and lived in and around Noblesville most of her life. She moved to Peru after marrying William J. Mallow, and he survives. She attended Noblesville schools and was a devoted wife and mother to her family. She attended Union United Methodist Church, and worked at Best Lock Corporation for 20 years before retiring. Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Trudy Bracken and husband Eddie, Ladoga; three sons, David Pritchard, Arcadia, Dan Pritchard and wife Betty, Cicero, and Jeff Pritchard and wife Mary Lou, Noblesville; two sisters, Rowena Fischback and husband Robert, Cambridge City, and Rosemary Harger and husband Billie J., Noblesville; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Eugene Newton; a sister-in-law, Ginny Newton; and a daughter-in-law, Gwen Pritchard. A service celebrating the life of Lalah Mallow will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Ruth Helen Hebbe Dancey, 81**, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007 at her residence. She was born March 3, 1926 in Peru to George and Helen Allen Hebbe. She married H. William Dancey in Indianapolis Jan. 17, 1947, and he preceded her in death Dec. 15, 1994. Ruth graduated from Shelbyville High School in 1944 and following her married to Bill in 1947, she became a homemaker and stay-at-home mom. She attended Main Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynn Rudkin and husband J.R., Lewisville, Texas; a grandson, Hunter James Rudkin, Lewisville, Texas; a brother, James Hebbe, Wilmington, N.C.; a sister, Mildred Mofford, Franklin; and a cousin, Carmen Gerbino, Shelbyville. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Bill; a daughter, Christine Hawk; two brothers, Edward and George Hebbe; and a sister, Louise Glass. A service celebrating the life of Ruth Dancey will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Ruth will be buried next to her husband Bill in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the University of North Texas Foundation #44 (with "Bill and Ruth Hebbe Dancey Endowed Scholarship" on the memo portion of the check) or Visiting Nurse Service, Inc.

**Rowland Riley, 75**, North Grove, passed away at 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, 2007 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy. Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Retired, John A. Summers, 80, Peru, went to be with the Lord Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, surrounded by his loving wife, children and grandchildren. His illustrious military career spanned 28 years, starting with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944, and ending with the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry Division in 1972. He was a young machine gunner with the First Marine Division during the invasion of Okinawa in 1945, fought with the U.S. Army 8th Ranger Company during the Korean War, and the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. John also served with the U.S. Army's 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. He was honored with 12 military decorations including three Purple Hearts and three Bronze Stars. He received an additional 24 military awards, including the Ranger and Raider Tabs, and Master Jump Wings. He was born in Prophetstown, Ill., and in 1972 after retiring from the Army, he moved to Peru. John's memberships included being a 32nd degree Mason (Peru Lodge); the American Legion and 40/8; the China Marine Association, the 173 ABN Associations, the 8th Army Ranger Company Association, and the Order of the Purple Heart Association. CSM Summers was also a life member of the Command Sergeant Major's Association, Disabled American Veterans Association, the VFW, and the Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, attending reunions with his brothers-in-arms and visiting with friends and relatives. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Gisela Helene Summers; sons John R. Summers and wife Lynette, and their daughters Sarah and Shena of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Jim Summers and wife Lori, and their sons Christopher and Cody of Peru; daughters Ginny Summers and her daughters, Erin and Kylee of Peru, Patricia Williams and her children Ezekiel, Jessica, Dean and Anna of Peru; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Eugene Summers and wife Beverly, of Morrison, Ill. John was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Helen Paxton. A private memorial

service for the family is scheduled for Wednesday. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the Disabled American Veterans Association by contacting Jay Kendall at (765) 472-3901, ext. 271. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, was entrusted with arrangements.

Thursday, August 16, 2007

**Rosanne M. Randle, 44**, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**William Burkhart, 94**, Peru, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Rowland E. "Bud" Riley Jr., 75**, Amboy, passed away at 11:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2007 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Bud was born in Howard County on Sept. 23, 1931 to Rowland and Blanche Webb Riley. He married Joyce Claudette Nichols on June 11, 1955, and she survives. He graduated from Greentown High School in 1949, served in the U.S. Army and is a Korean War veteran. He retired from Chrysler Transmission Plant in Kokomo after more than 26 years of service. Bud and his wife Claudette lovingly raised two children; he was a devoted husband, father and friend to all who knew him. He also was an avid softball pitcher. Survivors besides his wife include two children, Tim Riley and wife Debbie, Atlanta, Ga., and Chris Wolfe and husband Steve, Bunker Hill; a brother, Webb Riley, Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Rose Froelich, Greentown, Ruth Gollner, Indianapolis, and Rowena Little, Kokomo; and two grand dogs, Dakota and Boomer. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Todd Riley; four brothers, Dallas, Frank, Joe and Jerry; and a sister, Kathryn. A service celebrating the life of Rowland E. "Bud" Riley Jr. will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. John Haines of the Life and Grace Bible Fellowship officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Friday, August 17, 2007

**Rosanne Marie Randle, 44**, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007 at her residence. She was born June 27, 1963 in Peru to Richard and Rosemarie (Nudd) Holley. Rosanne worked at Kmart in Peru. She enjoyed music and bowling and lived for her children, enjoying spending time with them. Survivors besides her parents in Peru include two daughters, Danielle Randle, 16, Peru, a sophomore at Peru High School, and Cassandra Randle, 11, Peru, a fifth grader at Blair Pointe Upper Elementary; a son, Austin Randle, 8, Peru, a third grader at Elmwood Primary Learning Center; three brothers, Richard "Rick" Holley and wife Sylvia, Centerville, Robert "Bob" Holley and wife Toni, Plainfield, Ill., and Scott Holley, Peru; and a sister, Donna Smiley and husband David, Lafayette.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Truman Stevens officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Rosanne Marie Randle children.

**William B. Burkhart, 94**, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. He was born in Morgan County on March 13, 1913 to Benjamin H. and Iva (Crone) Burkhart. In 1937 he married Dorothy Robertson, and she preceded him in death on March 18, 1984. Bill then married Betty Nestleroad on June 28, 1987, and she survives. Bill graduated from Yazoo High School in Yazoo, Miss., in 1931 and attended Wabash College for two years where he played football. He worked on the Norfolk and Western Railroad as a brakeman for more than 31 years, retiring in 1974. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, United Transportation Union and a life member of the National Association of Retired and Veterans Railway, Inc. Surviving in addition to his wife Betty are three children, John Burkhart and wife Jackie, Auburn, Mary Jo Raber, Peru, and Nancy Geiselman and husband Max, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Garry Geiselman, Debbie Tygart and husband Mike, Kurtis Geiselman and wife Theresa, Jeff Burkhart and friend Eva, Jama Young and husband Cy, and Lauri Sutterfield and husband Bob; great-grandchildren, Kristin Chamberlin and husband David, Tyler Geiselman, Jullian and Seth Young, Andy, Matt and Katie Sutterfield, Chris, Chad and Chloe Hinders; a step-daughter, Beverly Mickelson and husband Rich, Kokomo; a step-grandson, Heath Haalck and wife Lori; and two step-great-granddaughters, Alyssa and Brooke Haalck. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Dorothy; and three brothers, Noyelles, Harlan and Kenneth Burkhart. A service celebrating the life of William B. Burkhart will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck and Pastor Aaron Thompson officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church.

Saturday, August 18, 2007

**Charles Frederick "Fred" Russell, 57**, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007 at Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis. was born Sept. 22, 1949 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Harry and Lenneth (Shelton) Russell. He married Sharon "Sherry" (Whitaker) Russell March 17, 1986, and she survives. Charles was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and worked at the Miami County Courthouse. Survivors besides his wife include three step-sons, Dewane Rutledge, James Rutledge and David

Rutledge, all of Peru; a step-daughter, Eva Taylor, Peru; two sisters, Sherra Warren, Kokomo, and Betty Durbin, Cincinnati, Ohio; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jessica Rutledge; and a son, James H. Rutledge Jr. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service Monday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Charles D. Young, 88**, Marion, went home to be with the Lord at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, 2007 at his residence. He was born March 26, 1919 in Akron to the late Charles B. and Abbie J. (Smith) Young. He married Evelyn I. Barr; she preceded him in death on Nov. 26, 1997. He then married Charline Ingram Wasson. She survives. Charles was regional manager for Mid Western United Life Insurance Co. for 41 years. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, serving in the 101st Airborne. He was a member of the Elks, Moose Lodge and was a 33rd Mason and Shriner for 50 years. He was also a member of the Marion Exchange Club, American Legion and the VFW. Charles attended Grace Community Church and was a member of the First United Methodist Church for over 50 years in Marion and Tavares. He loved to fish and hunt and liked to travel. Survivors besides his wife include four daughters, Barbara I. Devore and husband Victor, Swayzee, Rosilyn K. Vyhnalek and husband Don, Fairmount, Janice Studinka and husband Bill, Tavares, Fla., and Roselyn M. Farley and husband Jack, Fairmount; a son, Charles S. Young and wife Mary, Cadillac, Mich.; two sisters, Zella Bain and Louise Garrick, both of Rochester; 11 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Evelyn; two brothers, Floyd and Donald Young; and a sister, Freda Trout. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Needham-Storey-Wampner, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Dr. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Glenda E. Gaunt, 72**, Peru, passed away at 1:56 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born April 8, 1935 in Rector, Ark. to Riley and Bertha (Morris) McMahan. She married Kirby J. Gaunt Sept. 8, 1956, and he preceded her in death Aug. 30, 2000. Glenda was a homemaker and member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She graduated from Clay Township High School in 1953. She loved her family and loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Prior to their deaths, Mr. and Mrs. Gaunt were active in the Peru Amateur Circus. Survivors include four daughters, Rena Walker and husband Roger, Darhonda Daily and husband Gary, and Kim Brooks and husband Chris, and Karen March and husband Dave, all of Peru; five grandchildren, Mya Dawn Daily, Derrick Daily, Kayla Bradley, Tyler Brooks and Brodie Brooks; two great-grandchildren, Brayden and Jacob Bowman; two brothers, Homer McMahan and wife Barb, Michigan, and Granville McMahan and wife Trudy, Florida; two sisters, Marilyn "Deb" Pearson, Peru, and Catherine Cochran, Arkansas; a sister-in-law, Evelyn McMahan, Peru; and several dear nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a granddaughter, Brittney Brooks; two brothers, Wayne and Clay McMahan; and two sisters, Rose Presson and Floy Hamm. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Pastor Andy Weil will assist at the gravesite. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Amateur Circus and/or St. John's Lutheran Church.

**Mary Jo (Vonderahe) Anderson, 73**, Peru, was born Nov. 27, 1933 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Kokomo, the daughter of Bess (Vonderahe) Coon and George H. Vonderahe. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Phi Beta Psi social sorority at Kokomo, Alpha Omicron Pi college sorority, Theta Sigma Phi national journalism honorary, the Moose Lodge, L.O.O.M.E.R.s and the Peru Zoning Board of Appeals. Mary Jo graduated from Kokomo High School in 1951 and Indiana University at Bloomington in 1955 with an AB degree in journalism. She was employed by the Kokomo and Peru Tribune, and was a mother and housewife. She was assistant society editor at the Kokomo Tribune and general assignment reporter at the Peru Tribune. She taught Sunday School for many years at both Kokomo and Peru Presbyterian churches and was a deacon at the Peru church. She was an active volunteer at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Mary Jo married William F. Anderson on July 23, 1966 in Peru. He passed away March 6, 1993. She is survived by her brother, John S. Coon, Kokomo; her children, Anne Louise Broderick, Indianapolis, and Christopher John Anderson, Zionsville; and seven grandchildren, Gabriel, Thaddeus, Samuel, Xavier, Aaron, Eve and Rose. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until time of service Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, the Pink Ladies Auxiliary or Moose Lodge Charities.

**Rosanne Marie Randle, 44**, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2005 at her residence. She was born June 27, 1963 in Peru to Richard and Rosemarie (Nudd) Holley. Rosanne was employed with Kmart in Peru. She enjoyed music and bowling, but lived for her children and enjoyed spending time with them. Survivors include her parents in Peru; two daughters, Danielle Randle, 16, Peru, a sophomore at Peru High School, and Cassandra Randle, 8, Peru, a third grader at Elmwood; a son, Austin Randle, 11, Peru, a fifth grader at Blair Pointe; three brothers, Richard "Rick" Holley and wife Sylvia, Centerville, Ohio, Robert "Bob" Holley and wife Toni, Plainfield, Ill., and

Scott Holley, Peru; and a sister, Donna Smiley and husband David, Lafayette. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with the Rev. Truman Stevens officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Rosanne's children.

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

**Doris Jane (Lute) Beebe, 84**, Peru, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007. She was born Oct. 22, 1922 in Akron, Ohio. She moved to Peru in 1998. Doris was a longtime resident of Caring Hands nursing facility. She was married to CWO Robert E. Beebe, a U.S. Army helicopter pilot who preceded her in death in 1965. Her middle son, Frederick R. Beebe, also a U.S. Army helicopter pilot, preceded her in death in 2005. Doris is survived by two sons, Gary and wife Janice, and Gregory; grandsons and wives, Michael and Alison Rich, and Christopher and Natasha Beebe; grandsons, Sean and Ryan Beebe and ; and her brother and wife Don and Lucia Lute. The apple of her eye was her only granddaughter, Jessica Beebe. She has many family and friends in Akron, Ohio that will miss her as well. She loved being an Army wife and being a mother and grandmother. She was great at all three. She was proud of the fact that all three of her sons served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces. Viewing will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Please consider a memorial donation in lieu of flowers to the National Parkinson Foundation at [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org).

**Loretta Evelyn Owen Comerford, 86**, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007 at Timbercrest Health Center, North Manchester, after a 17-month stay. Raised on 13th Street in Peru, she moved to 12th Street when she married and resided there in her home for 63 years. She wintered in Leesburg, Fla. for 40 years. She was born Sept. 23, 1920 in Peru to Charles Ellis Owen and Cornelia Loretta Balter Owen. She was an only child until 15 years of age, when her six-year-old cousin, Warren "Jack" Curtis, came to live with the family. For 30 years of her adult life, Rollan H. Sutherly was her stepfather. On Nov. 4, 1942, she married Robert Eugene Comerford, who passed away Sept. 10, 2001. They had been married 39 years before their divorce. These past nine years her dear friend Edward "Eddie" Henry Miller of Peru has been at her side. Loretta was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School and enjoyed taking art classes at the Community College of Leesburg, Fla. in her latter years. She was a homemaker, collected antiques and clocks, enjoyed gardening (especially her black raspberries) and was an enthusiastic artist of water colors, pastels, chalks and oils. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, Peru Art Guild, Pink Ladies of Dukes Memorial Hospital and an Avon representative in her retirement years. For her children she served as scout leader, PTO member, seamstress, "pie baker" and constant supporter of their activities and education. She has a son, James R. (Patty) Comerford, Troy, Ohio; a daughter, Sharon Sucec, Warsaw; and six grandchildren, Jill (Dan) Schreiber, Champaign, Ill., Bradley (Tami) Comerford, Boston, Mass., Julie (Marcus) Johnston, Glen Ellyn, Ill., Brendan (Christy) Comerford, Yellow Springs, Ohio, Jason (Laura) Sucec, Indianapolis, and Shannon (Joseph) Stahl, Cincinnati, Ohio. Her life was blessed with 13 great-grandchildren, Chloe, Jasmine and Anthony Schreiber, Meredith, Morgan and Mallory Comerford, Britta, Jeffery and Karina Johnston, Cecilia and Ella Kay Comerford, and Aiyanna and Jaiden Sucec. She was preceded in death by her parents, her ex-husband and her daughter-in-law, Sandra Comerford. A service celebrating the life of Loretta Comerford will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the First Baptist Church.

**Mark Andrew McCurtain, 43**

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

Mark Andrew McCurtain, 43, rural Nappanee, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20, 2007 at South Bend Hospital after a three-year battle with cancer. He was born Jan. 9, 1964 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, to John and Mary Ellen McCurtain. He met the love of his life and married Kay (Slagle) McCurtain Nov. 10, 1995. They have two daughters, Kelly (Joe) Fisher and Jessica, and two granddaughters, all of Nappanee. Mark was the youngest of four brothers. His parents and two brothers also survive, David and Chris, both of Peru. Paul passed away in 1974. There will be a celebration of his life at First Church of Christ, 2584 S. Business 31, Peru, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, with Evangelist Russell Tague in charge. Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, is in charge of local arrangements.

Thursday, August 23, 2007

**Helen Louise Myers, 92**, formerly of Hartford City, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Peru. She was a lifelong resident of Hartford City before moving to Peru in November of 2000. Helen was born on March 5, 1915 in Hartford City to the late William H. Gardiner and the late Edith Delight (McCombs) Gardiner. She graduated from Hartford City High School in 1933. Helen married Robert "Bob" E. Myers on Sept. 29, 1939 in Noblesville. Bob preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1988. She had formerly worked at Gardiner Cleaners in Hartford City. She was also a homemaker, wife and mother. She was an avid reader, and attended First Presbyterian Church in Hartford City.

Helen will be sadly missed by her daughter, Jo Ann Bridge and husband, Robert "Bob" C., Mexico; a granddaughter, Betsy Bridge, Eugene, Ore.; two nieces and one nephew. Her parents; her husband; brother, George Gardiner; and sister, Martha Baker, precede Helen in death. Helen will be cremated. Cremains will be buried at Union Cemetery in a private family funeral service on Sept. 1. Memorials may be made to the Blackford County Humane Society, P.O. Box #306, Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com).

**Esther C. Sebree, 87**, Lake Padgett, Land O'Lakes, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007 at Hernando Pasco Hospice. Funeral services will be private. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hodges Family Funeral Home, Zephyrhills, Fla. Memorial contributions may be made to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12107 Majestic Blvd., Hudson, FL 34667-2460.

**Albert Donald Mullinix, 79**, Mount Juliet, Tenn., formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007 at Summit Hospital, Hermitage, Tenn. He was born Nov. 12, 1927 in Peru to Floyd and Elizabeth (Donaldson) Mullinix. He married Sara Snyder Mullinix Oct. 24, 1948, and she survives. Albert retired from the Wabash Railroad and Norfolk & Southern Railroad. He also was a member of Peru First Brethren Church and Victory Baptist Church. Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jerry Mullinix and wife Alicia, Mount Juliet, Tenn.; a daughter, Joyce Allen and husband Steven R., Collierville, Tenn.; two brothers, John Mullinix, Sebring, Fla., and Bill Mullinix, Converse; a sister, Martha Colburn, North Manchester; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jim Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from noon until time of service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to World Missionary Press, P.O. Box 120, New Paris, IN 46553-0120.

**Mary C. Sedam, 85**, Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2007 at her residence. She was born Sept. 3, 1921 in Peru to Floyd and Dora E. (Holler) Bell. She married Dale B. Sedam June 2, 1940, and he was killed in action during World War II in 1944. Survivors include a daughter, Dalene Turley, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a daughter and two sisters. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor John Turley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Charles Fredrick "Fred" Russell, 57**, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007 at Veterans Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Sept. 22, 1949 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Harry and Lenneth (Shelton) Russell. He married Sharon "Sherry" (Whitaker) Russell March 17, 1986, and she survives. Charles was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and worked at the Miami County Courthouse. Survivors besides his wife include three step-sons, Duane Rutledge, James Rutledge and David Rutledge, all of Peru; a step-daughter, Eva Taylor, Peru; two sisters, Sherra Warren, Kokomo, and Betty Durbin, Cincinnati, Ohio; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a step-daughter, Jessica Rutledge; and a step-son, James H. Rutledge Jr. Funeral services were held Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Todd Burns officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

#### Friday, August 24, 2007

**Esther C. Sebree, 87** of Lake Padgett, Land O'Lakes, Florida passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at Hernando Pasco Hospice. She was born April 4, 1920 in Steuben, Wisconsin, to William and Clara Beaumont. She and her late husband Robert, owned and operated Hillcrest Lanes, Peru. Esther was a Christian, and attended services at Clubhouse in Lake Padgett. She had resided in Florida since 1978. Survivors include her children: Gary (Fred Jamroz) Sebree, Land O'Lakes; and Sally (Tom) Deitch, of Tampa; two grandchildren: Rachael and Natalie Deitch, and many close friends. A private service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 12107 Majestic Boulevard, Hudson, FL 34667-2460.

#### Saturday, August 25, 2007

**Kacy L. Jones, 29**, Logansport, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 2007, in Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Kacy was taken home to the arms of his beloved grandfather, Marvin McRae. He was born May 30, 1978 in Kokomo to James L. "Jim" Jones and Diana L. (McRae) Jones. Kacy was a self-employed floor mechanic. A 1996 graduate of Logansport High School, he loved playing flag football and organized a Cass County Family Y team called "Jones Floor Mechanics."

Survivors include his mother and her partner, Diana L. Jones and Janelle Leshner, Logansport; his father, Jim Jones, Okmulgee, Okla.; his beloved friend, Summer L. Johnson, Logansport, who was also the mother of Kacy's sons, Donovan and Preston; three sons, Alex Jones, Donovan Johnson and Preston Jones, all of Logansport; three brothers, Jeremy L. Jones, Okmulgee, Okla., Zac Leshner, Logansport, and Nick Johnson, Peru; two sisters, Abby Leshner and Kelsey Leshner, both of Logansport; grandparents, Ruth McRae, Galveston, Eva Jones Wilson Troyer, Okmulgee, Okla., Ben and Pat Denny, Logansport, Mary Arnold, Peru, and Rosemary Shanks, Peru; a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins including uncle Don McRae and his wife, Merita, Westminster, S.C.; a nephew, Hunter Austin Denny Leshner, Logansport; adoptive parents, Brenda Blake and her



partner, Shirley Bowen, Logansport, Paula Johnson and her partner, Deb Hensel, Peru, and adoptive father Michael Johnson, Peru; Amanda Popejoy, the mother of Alex Jones, Logansport; many friends and the Road Dog Crew. He was preceded in death by his beloved best friend and grandfather, Marvin McRae; grandfather Carl L. Jones; step grandfathers Harley Wilson and Ed Troyer; and grandmother Mary Blake.

A celebration of life for Kacy Jones will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport. No formal wear. Come as you are and support Kacy and the Indianapolis Colts. Burial will be in Pisgah Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. A fund in Kacy's memory and for his funeral expenses has been established at the Gray Mill, 500 E. Broadway, Logansport, IN 46947. Condolences may be placed online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

#### Monday, August 27, 2007

**Lyman Leroy "Rud" Mongosa, 70**, Denver, passed away at 1:20 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007 at his residence. He was born Oct. 15, 1936 in Miami County to Lyman Vance and Eathel Fay Walker Mongosa. On Dec. 8, 1956, he married Juel Kay Lesley at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden near Chili, and she preceded him in death Sept. 9, 2001. Lyman was a member of the First Brethren Church, Mexico, and a former member of the Denver Saddle Club. He enjoyed saddle and pulling horses, coon hunting, Indiana basketball and farming. Survivors include three daughters, Juel Ammerman and husband Fred Jr., Peru, Holly Hausse and husband Les, Baton Rouge, La., and Katie Rudd and husband Bernard, Denver; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, Delmar, Henry and Joe Mongosa, all of Macy; and four sisters, Eclista Birner, Peru, Doris Harshman, Galveston, Carolyn Knauff, Denver, and Helen Alexander, Denver. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Fay Mongosa; and a grandson, Leroy Ammerman. Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Friends may call from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Marilyn J. Joyce, 67**, Peru, passed away around 10 a.m. Friday Aug. 24, 2007 at her home. She was born July 23, 1940 in Kokomo to Lee and Alberta Evelyn (McQuiston) Bone. She married Paul E. Joyce Jan. 30, 1959, and he preceded her in death July 19. Marilyn was a homemaker and attended Galveston High School. She also loved her husband and family and was an avid NASCAR racing fan and Pacers basketball fan. Survivors include a son, Bradley Joyce and wife Kaye, Kokomo; a daughter, Janice Waggoner and husband Anthony, Macy; two sisters, Laura Belle Cook, Oakford, and Berdina Snyder and husband Bob, Florida; five grandchildren, Amanda Weeks, Andrew Stanfield, Aaron Stanfield, Nikole Bolton and Autumn Chesshir; five great-grandchildren, Deaven Bolton, Kayeleb Bolton, Makayla Waggoner, Makenzie Garman and Alexis Stanfield; and her dog, Katie. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Ronald Boone and Herb Wilson.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with Pastor Brad Swain officiating. Burial will be in Kokomo Memorial Park cemetery. Calling will be at the funeral home today from 5 to 7 p.m. Online condolence may be made at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

#### Tuesday, August 28, 2007

**Eugene Spangler, 86**, Bunker Hill, passed away at 1:17 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 at his residence. Arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy.

#### Wednesday, August 29, 2007

**Rita C. Ryan, 80**, Huntington, W.Va., passed away Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral liturgy will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Huntington, W.Va. Entombment will follow in Woodmere Memorial Park, Huntington, W.Va. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Reger Funeral Home, Huntington, W.Va.

**Mary Evelyn Lantz, 89**, Wabash, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 at her residence.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Eugene Spangler, 86**, Bunker Hill, went to be with the Lord at 1:17 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 from his residence.

Gene was born in Miami County on March 7, 1921, the son of Irvin S. and Emma Heldt Spangler. He married Roberta Virginia Hollis in Kokomo on April 22, 1951, and she went to be with the Lord on Nov. 25, 2001.

He graduated from Greentown High School in 1940, and was a retired farmer. He served on the Maconaquah School Board from 1972 to 1980, and was president of the school board from 1976 to 1980; he was an active member of the Miami County Farm Bureau, Inc., serving as secretary, vice president and president from 1966 to 1972; a charter member of the Miami County Planning and Zoning Board, and served on the board for 29 years. He was a lifelong Howard and Miami County resident. He and his wife Virginia lovingly raised five children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church where he has served on several committees.

Survivors include five children and their spouses, Robert and Theresa Spangler, Bluffton, Barbara and Mark Deeds, Waterville, Ohio, Kenneth and Dorothy Spangler, Bunker Hill, Joyce and Phillip Kline, Rochester, and Karen and Kevin Wideman, Macy;

two sisters, Norma Lamb, Kokomo, and June and John Troyer, Peru; a brother, Charles and Norma Jean Spangler, Greentown; 12 grandchildren, Travis Spangler, Megan Spangler, Cami Deeds, Scott Deeds, Michelle Spangler, Jennifer Spangler, Monica Spangler, Ashley Spangler, Timothy Kline, Kristin Kline, Amy (Wideman) Sims and husband Brien, Kelli (Wideman) Carver and husband Andy; and one great-granddaughter, Mayah Sims. Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; his parents; and two sisters, Mary Kendall and Ruth Moore.

A service celebrating the life of Eugene Spangler will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kokomo Zion UMC, 5051 E. 400 North, Kokomo, with Pastor John Hogsett officiating. Burial will follow at Kokomo Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m., at the church, and one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

Thursday, August 30, 2007

**Leona K. McKibben, 85**, Alexandria, passed away Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, following an extended illness.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Noffze Funeral Home, 501 N. Harrison St., Alexandria, with the Rev. Will Deeds officiating. Interment will follow in Forrestville Cemetery in Boone Township. Friends may call from 11:30 a.m. until time of service Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made at [owensmemorialservices.com](http://owensmemorialservices.com).

**Ella M. Arenas, 73**, Peru, passed away at 11:07 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary Johnson, 85**, Peru, passed away at 2:23 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2007 at Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service, Peru.

**Carl J. Granger, 78**, Troy, Ohio, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007 at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. He was born Nov. 11, 1928 in Delphos, Ohio to Med and Irene (Auer) Granger. He married Lucille (Brown) Granger Sept. 17, 1955, and she survives. Carl graduated from Delphos St. John High School and was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving during the Korean War and in the National Guard. He also was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, Ohio, and American Legion Post 43, where he was past commander. In addition, he retired from Shelby Manufacturing Co., Sidney, Ohio, and currently worked at the Plumb Shop, Troy, Ohio.

Surviving besides his wife of 51 years are a son, David Granger and wife Carol, Troy, Ohio; two daughters, Pam Voisard and husband Dave, Troy, Ohio, and Evelyn Powell and husband Curt, Peru; six brothers and sisters, Tom Granger, Oklahoma, Ralph Granger and wife Ruth, Sidney, Ohio, Donald Granger and wife Audrey, California, Ruth Stump, Van Wert, Ohio, Jean Schaffner, Delphos, Ohio, and Kathryn Smith and husband Tom, Landeck, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Kristy and Doug Voisard, Amy and Brittany Granger, and Claire and Betsy Powell. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Robert, Mike, Jim and John Granger.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Troy, Ohio, with Father James Duell officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Troy, Ohio, with a special service by the VFW Memorial Honor Guard. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Baird Funeral Home, Troy, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Kidney Association. Friends may express condolences to the family through [www.bairdfuneralhome.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhome.com).

**Mary Evelyn Lantz, 89**, Wabash, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2007 at her residence. She was born July 22, 1918 in Miami County to Samuel and Anna (Zook) Deardorff. She married Myron K. "Mike" Lantz March 7, 1942 in Miami County. He preceded her in death Oct. 6, 1991. Mary graduated from Amboy High School in 1939, and was a homemaker. She was a member of College Corner First Brethren Church and the Women's Mission Society at the church.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Lorchman and husband William, Indianapolis, and Patty Johnson, Oldsmar, Fla.; four grandchildren, Maryann Louise Bacon, Amy Sue Johnson, and Jesse Wayne and Ester Leigh Lawson; and four great-grandchildren, Ricky, Alissia and Allina Bacon, and Brandon Lawson. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at College Corner First Brethren Church, 8996 S. 500 West, Wabash, with Dr. James Black and the Rev. Robert Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Laird Funeral Home, 210 N. Main, Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association or College Corner First Brethren Church.

Friday, August 31, 2007

**Mary K. Johnson, 85**, Peru passed away at 2:23 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at Howard Regional Hospital, after a short illness. She was born February 25, 1922 in Miami County, to Frank and Gladys (Zimmerman) Lucas. On October 27, 1945 she married George A. Johnson, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1966. Mary was a lifelong resident of Peru, and graduated from Peru High School in 1940. She graduated from the St. Joseph School of Nursing, and upon graduating she

worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Mary later worked at Miller's Merry Manor until her retirement in 1988. She was a member of the First Brethren Church. Survivors include her four daughters: Marjorie Windsor and husband Richard, Hartford City; Kristi Carney and husband W. Peyton, LaCrosse, Virginia; Cherie Clark and husband Raymond "Bud" of LaFontaine; and Terie Parkman and husband Mark of Peru. Her 11 grandchildren are Jerry L. Windsor, Carla G. Windsor, Laura K. Windsor Whetzel, Richard L. Windsor, Christopher L. Windsor, Maryann B. Carney, Matthew P. Carney, Katie M. Clark, Karrie Jo Howard, Nicholas P. Parkman, and Emily K. Davenport. Her two great-grandchildren are Lauren V. Whetzel, and Dylan T. Whetzel. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister, Emmel Working.

A service celebrating the life of Mary Johnson will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Terry Bishir officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, to the American Cancer Society.

**Ella M. Arenas, 73** of Peru, passed away at 11:07 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born February 24, 1934 in Marianna, Florida, to Will and Theola (Williams) Harrison, both deceased. On January 29, 1959 she married Crescenzo Arenas, who preceded her in death in July 1998. Ella was a homemaker, and a member of Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Peru. Survivors include a son, James Shewmake and wife Delores, of Bunker Hill; grandsons Sean Shewmake of Atlanta, Georgia, and Shane Shewmake and wife Monique of Avon; great-grandson Brayden Shewmake, who was her pride and joy; a special niece, Jackie Bryant of Odenton, Maryland; and other nieces and nephews. Ella also had a brother, Matthew Harrison of Marianna, and a sister, Willola Barnes, of Ft. Myers, Florida. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church, 451 W. 2nd St., Peru, with Pastor E.J. Lacey officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Friends may call at the Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church in Peru from 10 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Hermon Missionary Baptist Church Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, September 01, 2007

**Steven K. Bell, 59**, rural Miami County, passed away at 3:08 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 2007 at his home. Funeral services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

**Betty Jean Hunter, 86**, Caring Hands Health Care, passed away at 8:33 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007 at her residence. She was born Oct. 21, 1920 in Peru to Ray and Helen (Giek) Stewart. Betty was raised by her grandparents, Marlen and Elizabeth Giek. She married Richard Hunter April 5, 1942, and he preceded her in death in July of 1970. Betty was formerly employed at G.C. Murphy's and retired from Kruetzer's Office World, having worked 32 years total at both businesses on South Broadway. She also was a homemaker. In addition, she was a member of the Washington Township Jollette Home Economics club for 55 years and a member of Salem Christian Church. Survivors include three daughters, Janet Warder and husband Terry, Peru, Joan Dagnen, Fort Wayne, and Joy LaWall, Boca Raton, Fla.; a son, Richard Hunter, San Francisco, Calif.; five grandchildren, Bryan Warder, Debra Warder, Melissa Neher-Phelps, Rebecca Quaintance and Shaun Smith; and two great-grandchildren, Nathan and Hayley Quaintance. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salem Christian Church and/or the donor's favorite charity.

**Jordan Cole Horn, 12**, rural Akron, passed away at 7:52 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007 at the intersection of county roads 225 South and 1075 East near Akron from injuries resulting from a motor vehicle accident. He was born May 31, 1995 in Rochester to Tim and Gerri Cole Horn. He lived his entire life in the Akron and Rochester communities. Jordan was a sixth grader at Tippecanoe Valley Middle School in Akron. He attended Rochester Church of God, was a wrestler and enjoyed skateboarding. He had an interest in motors and engines and loved to ride go-karts, minibikes, the garden tractor and the John Deere Gator. Survivors include his mother, Gerri Ruiz, Akron; his father, Tim Horn and companion Kay Dulin, Rochester; four brothers, Kyle Horn, Akron, Travis Horn and wife Kristin, Rochester, Ty Horn, San Diego, Calif., and Rodnie Stone, Peru; maternal grandparents, Patricia Cole, Denver, and Monty and Janni Barnett, Crawfordsville; paternal grandparents, Maurice and Janet Horn, Rochester; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, George "Dick" Cole.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor Larry Pyeatt officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Jordan Horn Scholarship Fund for Tippecanoe Valley wrestlers. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Tuesday, September 04, 2007

**Calvin Leonard Buzbee, 72**, Wabash, passed away at 4:14 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital.

He was born on June 18, 1935 in Miami County to Elmer and Pauline (Johnson) Buzbee. Calvin married Rachel 'Susy' Coldren in Richvalley on February 10, 1956, and she survives. He drove a truck for Wabash Alloys for 26 years prior to his retirement in 1999. Calvin was a member of the Church of Christ at Treaty for more than 40 years, and was a 30-year member of the Teamsters Union. He served in the National Guard for eight years, and Calvin enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren tremendously. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Cathy Cruz, Wabash, and Lori Harris and wife Jerry, Peru; son, Gary Buzbee and wife Kimberly, Wabash; six grandchildren, Kandi Hanson and husband Jim, Indianapolis, Michael Buzbee and wife Brooke, Wabash, Rachel Cruz, Indianapolis, Lindsey Buzbee, Wabash, Jeremy Harris and wife Ashley, Florida, and Matthew Harris, Peru; two great-grandchildren, Emily Buzbee, Wabash, and Kody Harris, Peru; two sisters, Josephine Gray and husband Bill, Van Buren, and Carol Phillips and husband Zelbert, Peru; two half-sisters, Lottie Flink, Wisconsin, and Shirley Short and husband Stuart, Knox; half-brother, Skip Buzbee, Knox; several nieces and nephews. Calvin was preceded in death by one son, Rick A. Buzbee, who passed away in 1983; and one sister, Virginia Mettler. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Wabash. Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Preferred memorials may be made to the Church of Christ at Treaty Building Fund and/or the Missionary Fund. The memorial guest book for Calvin may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**William 'Linc' Hunter, 87**, formerly of Akron, passed away at 7:55 a.m. on Monday, September 3, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital Skilled Care following a three-week stay in the hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with the Revered Lowell Burrus officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery, with military graveside rites conducted. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the donors' charity of choice.

**Ben Floyd Fleck, 73**, formerly of both Orlando, Florida and Akron, passed away at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, September 2, 2007 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born on October 14, 1933 in North Manchester to Floyd W. and Daisy L. (Brooks) Fleck. Ben attended Akron High School and had worked at General Tire in Wabash. While living in Orlando, he worked as a security guard at Florida State University. During his career, Ben also was employed at Delaughter Funeral Home, North Manchester, as well as Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. He was an avid hunter and loved to play Euchre. Ben also enjoyed going to the dog races. He also loved to play Croquet, and he always had to have the maroon mallet and ball. Ben is survived by four daughters, Deborah Babcock, Raliegh, North Carolina, Cheryl A. McCullough, Akron, Linda Kamp and husband Frank, Rochester, and Kelly Banter, North Manchester; three sons, Steve Fleck, Macy, Tim Fleck and fiance Kelly Strahlem, Akron, and Jeffrey Allen Banter, North Manchester; one sister, Marcille McGlennen and husband George, Clarksville, Georgia; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Pauline M. Fleck. Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastors Steve Fleck and Terry Canfield officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

#### Wednesday, September 05, 2007

**Conne R. Daine, 57**, Peru, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Calvin Leonard Buzbee, 72**, Wabash, passed away at 4:14 a.m. on Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital. He was born on June 18, 1935 in Miami County to Elmer and Pauline (Johnson) Buzbee. Calvin married Rachel 'Susy' Coldren in Richvalley on February 10, 1956, and she survives. He drove a truck for Wabash Alloys for 26 years prior to his retirement in 1999. Calvin was a member of the Church of Christ at Treaty for more than 40 years, and was a 30-year member of the Teamsters Union. He served in the National Guard for eight years, and Calvin enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren tremendously. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Cathy Cruz, Wabash, and Lori Harris and husband Jerry, Peru; son, Gary Buzbee and wife Kimberly, Wabash; six grandchildren, Kandi Hanson and husband Jim, Indianapolis, Michael Buzbee and wife Brooke, Wabash, Rachel Cruz, Indianapolis, Lindsey Buzbee, Wabash, Jeremy Harris and wife Ashley, Florida, and Matthew Harris, Peru; two great-grandchildren, Emily Buzbee, Wabash, and Kody Harris, Peru; two sisters, Josephine Gray and husband Bill, Van Buren, and Carol Phillips and husband Zelbert, Peru; two half-sisters, Lottie Flink, Wisconsin, and Shirley Short and husband Stuart, Knox; half-brother, Skip Buzbee, Knox; several nieces and nephews. Calvin was preceded in death by one son, Rick A. Buzbee, who passed away in 1983; and one sister, Virginia Mettler. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Wabash. Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Preferred memorials may be made to the Church of Christ at Treaty Building Fund and/or the Missionary Fund. The memorial guest book for Calvin may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

#### Thursday, September 06, 2007

**William Earl "Willie" Phillips, 76**, Kokomo, passed away at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 3, 2007 at St. Vincent Seton Specialty Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born February 18, 1931 in New London, the son of Roy J. and Mable (Kenworthy)

Phillips. After the death of his mother, his father remarried and Willie was raised by Roy and his stepmother Violet Phillips. On August 23, 1952, he married Shirley June Miller, who preceded him in death on March 31, 1986. On February 4, 1994, he married Terri Phillips, who survives. The 1952 graduate of Kokomo High School served in the National Guard. He worked for Haynes International as a melt shop foreman in the metal alloys plant before retiring in 1985 following 36 years of service.

'Willie' was a member of First Friends Meeting, and was active in the Kokomo Kennel Club with his wife, Terri. He was an outdoorsman who liked to go camping and fishing, as well as enjoyed watching Cubs baseball and Purdue sports. He was an avid woodworker and beekeeper. Aside from his wife, 'Willie' is survived by one daughter, Cindy Murphy and her husband Steve of Kokomo; sons, Steven E. Phillips and his wife Karen of Kokomo, Stuart R. Phillips and his wife Denise of Fort Wayne; brother, Philip Phillips and his wife Loretta of Bunker Hill; step-sister, Pat Cottrell of Kokomo; grandchildren, Lindsey Vandiver, Melissa Phillips, Bryan Phillips, Roger Murphy, Jessica Murphy, and Shannon Phillips; great-grandchildren, Kalin, Briley, Kile, Hunter and Atlanta; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lois and Vernal Baugh of Cassville; two brothers-in-law, Mark Baugh and his wife Barbara of Tipton, Ted Joe Baugh of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother; and first wife, Shirley June Miller Phillips.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. today at Shirley and Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, Kokomo, with Pastor Justin Weber officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Indiana. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

**Steven K. Bell, 59**, of rural Miami County, went to be with the Lord at 3:08 p.m. on Friday, August 31, 2007 at his residence. He was born September 27, 1947 in Wabash to Paul M. and Lenora (Rogers) Bell. Steve married Sarajane Smith in Wabash on November 19, 1966, and she survives in Macy. The 1965 Southwood High School graduate was a truck driver for Caughell Trucking Company. He attended the Roann Church of the Brethren, and was a member of Eel River Tractor Club. Steven loved restoring antique tractors, and was a muzzle loader enthusiast. Aside from his wife, Steven is survived by two daughters, Julie Ann Niccum and husband Ben, Lebanon, and Janet Leigh Hudson of Peru; two grandchildren, Becky and Levi Hudson, both of Peru; two brothers, Bill D. Bell and wife Nancy of Wabash; and Roger A. Bell and wife Pene of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marion and Jerry Bell. A memorial service will be held at the Roann Church of the Brethren at 4 p.m. on Sunday, with Pastor Brad Eckerly officiating. A private burial will be held in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. The preferred memorial is the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, LaSalle Oncology Department, or Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. A memorial guest book for Steven may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

#### Friday, September 07, 2007

**Berta Hendrix, 46**, Peru, passed away at 5:13 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007 at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Monday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. until time of service Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Love offerings may be made to the Berta Hendrix family through the funeral home.

**Conne R. Daine, 57**, Peru, passed away at 7:05 a.m. on Monday, September 3, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital. She was born in Rochester on December 29, 1949 to Cleotis and Ruth (Groninger) Daine, both deceased. She was married to Steven Swantner, who preceded her in death in 1972. Conne was a print press operator at Sir Speedy Printing Center in Kokomo, and was formerly employed at Millner Printing in Kokomo, and American Stationery in Peru. Survivors include her daughter Dawn R. Buman and husband Chip, Peru; grandchildren, Sierra C. Swantner of Peru, Zoey M. Arrick of Peru, and Blayklee S. Buman, also of Peru; and brothers Kerry Daine of Rochester, and Larry Daine and wife Jennifer of Macy. Conne was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and a brother, Mark Daine.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Dooley Swantner officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home today from 4 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

#### Saturday, September 08, 2007

**Robert "Bob" S. Fickle, 61**, Logansport, passed away at 1:19 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007 in the Logansport Memorial Hospital emergency room. He was born March 7, 1946 in Logansport to Harry S. and Ruth A. Carr Fickle. Bob was employed as an attendant at Logansport State Hospital. He also was a member of the Miami County Amateur Radio Club and enjoyed all sports. Survivors include three sons, Joseph Edward Fickle, Lafayette, Wilson Shannon Fickle, Logansport, and Robert Carr Fickle, Rochester; a sister, Therese Cunningham, Logansport; two grandchildren, Austen C. Fickle and Hayden P. Fickle, both of Rochester; and two step-grandchildren, Kenny Smith and Tiffany Ploss, both of Royal Center. He was preceded in death by a brother, Wilson Fickle; and a sister, Shelly Carling-Kelley.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Amateur Radio Club. A candle of hope in remembrance of Bob may be lighted at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).



**Berta "Betty" Hendrix, 46**, Peru, passed away at 5:13 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2007 at her residence.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 5 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 p.m. until time of service, and love offerings may be made to the Berta Hendrix family through the funeral home.

Monday, September 10, 2007/Tuesday, September 11, 2007

**Jimmy Allen "Jim" Miller, 64**, Peru, passed away unexpectedly late Friday evening while walking his dogs at Mississinewa Reservoir. He was born Oct. 31, 1942 in Peru to the late Carl A. and Jeanette L. Miller, Perrysburg. Jim was a graduate of the last class of Deedsville High School in 1960. After graduation, he attended Indiana Barber School. Upon receiving his barber license, he worked for local barbers before opening his own shop, Jim's Barber Shop, on Canal Street in Peru. In addition to working as a barber, Jim co-owned and operated the family business, Miller's Saw Mill in Perrysburg, which was started by his grandfather, Roscoe Miller. Jim had worked for the last few years delivering for Peru Hardware. Jim was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, where he was actively involved with the church's annual Easter Pageant, and he regularly attended Skinner Worship Chapel near Twelve Mile. His hobbies included playing bingo and designing and building custom-built cabinets and display cases. He enjoyed keeping in contact with family and friends by e-mail. Survivors include two sons, Mark Miller, Logansport, and Ken Miller, Peru; two sisters, Susan Bolin, Logansport, and Linda Browning and husband Steve, Peru; two grandchildren, Jessica Short-Miller, Peru, and Wyatt Miller, Logansport; five nieces and nephews and five great-nephews. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Skinner Worship Chapel, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Perrysburg Community Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Resort.

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

**Clarence "Hank" Easley, 79**, Logansport, passed away at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport.

**Billy Joe Miller, Jr., 24**, Amboy, passed away Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the Billy Miller family.

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

**Ralph Reed, 71**, Huntington, passed away at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. He was born on June 28, 1936 in Peru to John R. and Esther E. (Otiker) Reed. He was united in marriage to Carolyn J. Snyder on Aug. 20, 1972 in Mexico, and she survives. Ralph was a graduate of Peru High School. He attended Life Church in Huntington and was a business owner of the Sonshine Health Center on the Huntington Mall since 1984. He worked in the office of Lydall/Schacht Rubber Company for many years and previously at General Tire in Wabash. He enjoyed traveling with his family, gardening and fishing. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Cindy Phillips, Huntington; three sons, Randall H. Reed and Bradley G. Reed, both of Huntington, and Bryan R. Reed, Peru; a brother, Dr. Darrell R. Reed, Kentland; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m., with one hour of visitation prior to the service at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, and Pastor Mike Hill officiating. Interment will be at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington County. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to the Life Church in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Mr. Reed's online guest registry, visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com) and click on obituaries.

**Clarence H. "Hank" Easley, 79**, Logansport, made his final pit stop in his race of life at 8:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2007 in Memorial Hospital, Logansport. He was born Feb. 10, 1928, in Peoria, Ill., to Benjamin L. and Lena Bratcher Easley. On Oct. 23, 1950 in Logansport, he was married to Verna M. Goyer, who survives. Hank served as a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Marine and also as an MP in the United States Army. He was a structural iron worker before going to Delco Electronics, where he retired after 30 years as a millwright journeyman. Hank served as a skilled trade's union representative for UAW Local 292 while at Delco. Hank raced throughout his life, starting on motorcycles, then moving on to hobby stocks, modifieds and sprints (winged and non-winged). Hank is noted in the Sprint Car Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Iowa. His favorite track to race on was Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, Ohio. He was an avid NASCAR fan and Lake Cicott Micro-Midget fan. Recent hobbies included building and flying remote controlled airplanes. He was a member of the Galveston R/C Fun Flyers, the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the Converse R/C Club. Hank was a member of the General Motors Firebird Amateur Ham Radio Club, the Tipton Masonic Lodge No. 33 in Logansport, the Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, the Murat Temple in Indianapolis and the Logansport Shrine Club. Hank is survived by his spouse of 56 years, Verna M. Easley; five children, Denise Gumm, Peru, Mark Easley and wife Sandra, Evansville, Cindy DeVault and husband Mark, Tucson, Ariz., Barbara Jo Parker and husband Virgil William, Logansport, and Steve Easley and wife Pam, Logansport; 11 grandchildren, Ben Smith, Anna Gumm Thomas, Sethe, Nathan and Scott Easley, Derek Robinson, Justin DeVault, Ernie and Beth Chilcott, Megan and Amanda Parker; and six great-grandchildren; Sunshyne and Sage Thomas, Laney Smith, Emma and Madeline Easley, and

Chloe Chilcott. Services will held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home where a Masonic service will be conducted at 7 p.m. followed by a Shriners Processional. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Hank and view his online video tribute at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com).

**Maynard F. Thurston, 86**, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 at St. Vincent Heart Institute, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, September 13, 2007

**Bernice I. Glassburn, 84**, Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was born Sept. 21, 1922 in Miami County to Joseph and Edith Mettler. She married James A. Glassburn March 24, 1941, and he preceded her in death Oct. 4, 1990. Bernice retired from General Tire in Logansport and was a member of the Moose and Eagles Auxiliary. Survivors include a daughter, Donna Correll and husband Lamoine, Peru; three grandchildren, Pat Burnett and husband Tony, Mexico, Curtis Correll and wife Sara, Wabash, and Randy Correll, Las Vegas, Nev.; six great-grandchildren, Daniel Hawkins and wife Patti, Cori Rider and husband Eric, Laura Bell and husband Dave, Ann Correll, Samantha Correll and Heather Burnett; and six great-great-grandchildren, Richard Lanning, Nicholas Dewey, Patrick Rider, Holli Hawkins, Heidi Hawkins and Luke Burnett. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Verlin and Marvin Mettler; a sister, Thelma Estep; and a grandson, Brian Correll.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

**Maynard F. Thurston, 86**, Peru, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007 at St. Vincent Heart Institute, Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 28, 1920 in Peru to Charles and Mattie (Clark) Thurston. He married Norma Jean (Petty) Thurston March 7, 1941, and she survives. Maynard graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and had worked for Bryan Manufacturing, Laid Law Corporation, Freeman Loaders and was a real estate broker in Largo, Fla. He also was a member of First Christian Church in Largo, Fla. He enjoyed sports, fishing, golfing, cooking and spending time with his family and friends. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Deanna Ayres and husband Kent, Peru; a son, Bruce Thurston and wife Karen, Brea, Calif.; five grandchildren, Kari Oxford, Chris Oxford, Michael DeLawter, Teresa Elliott and Kim Cody; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merle Thurston; and a grandson, Steve McVay. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

Friday, September 14, 2007

**Ellenora D. 'Dean' Bisnett, 82** of Sebring, Florida passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at her residence, under the care of hospice. She was born in Peru to John and Bessie (Beets) Fetters. Dean was a graduate of Bunker Hill High School, and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, where she served as a surgical technician in the European Theatre. She lived in Cohoes, New York from 1951 to 1967, before returning to Peru, and then moving to Sebring in 1973. Dean was a career civil service employee, working at the Watervliet Arsenal in New York; Grissom Air Force Base in Peru; and retired from the Avon Park Bombing Range in Florida. She was a member of the VFW and American Legion in Sebring, and loved to sew, read, and work crossword puzzles. Survivors include Joe, her husband of 56 years; daughters Mary Ann Hart of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Barbara Taylor of Pinellas Park, Florida; son, Joe Bisnett of Nashville, Tennessee; sister Connie Payne of Peru; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, at Taylor Family Funeral Home, 5300 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL 33781. Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

**Conner Bennett Droscha, infant**, passed away at 7 p.m. on September 10, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on September 10, 2007 in Kokomo to R. Scott and Karrie Lynn (Kaufman) Droscha, Kokomo. Aside from his parents, Conner was survived by grandparents, Ron and Donna Droscha, Peru, and John and Jean Kaufman, Okemos, Michigan; and one brother, Gabriel Droscha, Kokomo. There will be a private graveside service on Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery, Aurelius, Michigan, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. There will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard Regional Health System, 3500 S. LaFountain, Kokomo, IN 46904.

Saturday, September 15, 2007

**Michael S. Ryan, 80**, Huntington, W.Va., passed away Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral liturgy will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Huntington, W.Va. Entombment will follow at Woodmere Memorial Park, Huntington, W.Va. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Reger Funeral Home, Huntington, W.Va.



**Lindia "Lynn" Tharp**, Beech Grove, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Eileen B. Kunkel, 88**, Elkhart, passed away at 6:10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007 at Riverside Village, Elkhart. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, 403 W. Franklin St., Elkhart. Burial will be in Gracelawn Cemetery, Elkhart. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Memorials may be made to Lutheran Braille Workers Inc. Online condolences may be sent to [www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com](http://www.hartzlergutermuthinman.com).

**Raymond Eugene Weller, 75**, rural Denver, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Jan. 26, 1932 in Wabash County to Chester and Beatrice (Fetrow) Weller. He married Barbara J. Fouts at Chili Methodist Church Nov. 9, 1955, and she survives. Raymond was a 1950 graduate of Gilead High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a senior loss control specialist for Farmers Insurance Company for 17 years, and also drove a truck for Schneider Trucking Company. Raymond was a licensed minister with the Church of the Brethren and was a member, elder and past deacon of the Roann Church of the Brethren. Raymond went on two mission trips to India, two to Jamaica and two to Mexico. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Rae Jean Wallace and husband Lewis, Akron; a son, David Weller, Peru; four grandchildren, Aaron Weller, Peru, Dakota Wallace and Devin Wallace, both of Akron, and Brandon Weller, Peru; two great-grandchildren, Richelle Weller and Brooklyn Weller, both of Peru; and a brother, Max Weller and wife Marlene, Silver Lake. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Roann Church of the Brethren, Roann, with Pastor Brad Eckerley officiating. Burial will follow at Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann. The memorial guest book for Raymond may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Juanita Richardson, 80**, Peru, formerly of Owensboro, Ky., passed away at 8:22 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. She was born May 20, 1927 in Hartford, Ky. to Alfred and Veora French. On Dec. 29, 1945 in Owensboro, Ky., she married Homer Richardson and he survives. Juanita was employed for 24 years at the Guildcrest Furniture Manufacturing Co. in Peru, retiring in 1991. She had been a member of the Paws and Taws Square Dance Club and enjoyed bowling. In later years, she kept her mind sharp by working word puzzles. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Tom Richardson and his wife Jane, Kokomo, and Travis C. Richardson and wife Connie, Evansville; and two grandchildren, Erik T. Richardson, a student at the University of Evansville, and Lindsey C. Richardson, a student at Indiana State University. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Alfred French. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. (CST) Tuesday at the Glenn Funeral Home, 900 Hartford Road, Owensboro, Ky., with Pastor Jeff French officiating.

Monday, September 17, 2007

**Clarence A. Truman, 80**, Converse, passed away at 9:27 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14, 2007 at the VA Hospital, Marion. A graveside service will be at noon Tuesday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion. No calling is planned. Memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com). Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is assisting with funeral arrangements.

**John W. "Doc" Bockover, 59**, Peru, passed away at 3 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at his residence. He was born Dec. 3, 1948 in Miami County to Fred and Georgia (Spradling) Bockover. He married Joyce Ramer Oct. 10, 1967, and she survives. John enlisted in the U.S. Army on Nov. 1, 1965 and was a medic in Vietnam. He graduated June 20, 1966 as a 91A10 medic and was a hero. He served in the U.S. Army for three years. He co-owned J & M Painting (a father and son business). Survivors besides his wife include a son, Michael Duane Bockover and wife Sherry, Peru; three grandchildren, Trinity, Hope and Brayden; two brothers, William Ray Bockover and wife Gloria, and Howard E. Bockover and wife Lynn, all of Peru; a brother-in-law, Dennis Ramer, Peru; a sister-in-law, Maryann and Merle Fuqua, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Linda "Lynn" Tharp, 60**, Indianapolis, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital, Beech Grove. She was born Feb. 6, 1947 in Indianapolis to Monroe W. and Emma Lou Steinbach Smith. Linda graduated from North Miami High School, attended Adrian College and Fort Wayne Business College, and graduated from the Kokomo School of Nursing. She was employed as a nurse at Northwest Manor Health Care Center, Indianapolis, and was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority. Survivors include two sons, Brian Tharp, Indianapolis, and Christopher Tharp and wife Sarah, Nashville, Ark.; her mother, Emma Lou Smith Koch, Peru; a sister, Karen Filler and husband William, Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Glen Tharp and Jessica Tharp; and a nephew, Andrew Monroe Filler, Lafayette. She was preceded in death by her father, Monroe W. Smith. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the American Cancer Society.

**SGT Nicholas "Nick" James Patterson, 24**, beloved husband, father, brother and son passed away Monday, September 10, 2007 in Iraq, serving his country. He came to this world full of life on February 26, 1983. Nick attended Rochester High School where he was a vital part of the baseball and basketball programs. He was blessed to become a father to a beautiful son, Reilley Nicholas Caden Patterson, whom he adored. Nick married his long-time love and high school sweetheart, the former Jayme Saner of Akron, on December 27, 2006. They dreamed of a long and loving marriage. SGT Patterson joined the Army on May 18, 2004. Following Basic Training, SGT Patterson was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, where he served with 3-505th Parachute Infantry Bat-talion and 1-73 Cavalry. SGT Patterson deployed as a member of C Troop 1-73 CAV as a scout in support of Hurricane Katrina and deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Patterson's awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal, two Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Ribbon; Iraqi Campaign Medal; The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; The Overseas Service Ribbon; Combat Infantryman's Badge; and the Parachutist's Badge. Nick is survived by his loving wife, Jayme (Saner) Patterson and his son, Reilley both of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his father and step-mother, James and Virginia Patterson of Rochester; his mother and step-father, Jane and Scott Holmes of Warsaw; a step-brother, Kyle McLochlin of Rochester; a sister, Tai (Patterson) Johnson of Mishawaka; grandparents, Charles and Mollie Patterson, Seabring, Florida, and Larry Holmes, Alma, Michigan, and Betty Hewett, Mishawaka; as well as his 'brothers' of 1-325 C-Troop, with whom he took great pride in serving next to. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Harold and Kathryn Hoge and Mildred Holmes. Viewing for SGT Patterson will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Rochester High School gymnasium. Funeral services honoring Nick's life, including full Military Honors, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Rochester High School gymnasium. A private, family burial will be held at the Akron Cemetery following the service. A trust fund has been established at the 1st Source Bank of Rochester for his son. Memorials may be sent in care of Reilley Patterson Trust Fund to any 1st Source Bank location. Envelopes will be available at the visitation and funeral services. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron.

#### **David Roy Day, 48**

Wednesday, September 19, 2007/Friday, September 21, 2007

David Roy Day, 48, Rochester, passed away at 4:22 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 after a single motor vehicle accident at 600 West and Indiana 14 in Pulaski County. He lived most of his life in the Miami and Fulton County communities. He was born April 26, 1959 in Rochester to Bower "Sie" and Roseleen Robins Day. He married Mona L. Dennis Feb. 14, 1997 in Rochester, and she preceded him in death Sept. 13, 2003. David graduated from North Miami High School and followed a dream that lasted 28 years as a heavy equipment operator. He began his career with McMahan-O'Connor Construction Company, now known as E & B Paving. David embraced each day with enthusiasm, being with his buddies, driving the heavy equipment and enjoying the warmth of summer. He was a member of the Teamster's Union No. 364 and Labor Union 274. An avid NASCAR fan, David followed Sterling Marlin. When autumn arrived, David donned his green and gold and cheered hard for the Green Bay Packers. As a loyal son and brother, David will be remembered for his jolly laugh and sense of humor. David's favorite means of relaxation were fishing and mushroom hunting each spring. He adored his children and family and cherished the time he shared with his fiancée, Lori. In addition, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 852 in Rochester and a member of the former Macy United Methodist Church. Survivors include his fiancée, Lori Fuentes and family, Rochester; a daughter, Tiphany N. Day, Rochester; a son, Aaron Day, Rochester; his mother in Macy; a sister, Sianna Deeds and husband Jerry, Macy; and three brothers, Myron "Bud" Day and wife Barbara, Chili, Rex Day, Dothan, Ala., and Robin Day and wife Pamela, Rochester. He was preceded in death by his father, Sie, in December 1979; his wife, Mona; his sister-in-law, Pat Day, in February 2005; and a brother, Raymond Day, in July 2006.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the David R. Day Children Trust Fund or the Fulton County Cancer Society. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

**Marilyn D. Jones, 74**, Peru, passed away at 8:09 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Jan. 27, 1933 in Peru to Acie and Mary (Gehman) Lawson. She married Larry L. Jones, Aug. 31, 1962, and he preceded her in death on March 12, 1987. She retired from United Technology and was a member of Faith Community Church. Survivors include two sons, Jim A. Jones and wife Christy, Fairmount, Gene A. Jones and wife, Lisa, Peru; a daughter, Jane E. Jones, Peru; two granddaughters, Natalie Pruitt and husband T.J., and Lindsey Barnes; a grandson, Gage Jones; a great grandson, Dustin Pruitt; and a sister, Harriet Gehle and husband, Wil, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Harold, Cecil and Albert Lawson; and a sister, Floella Haines. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Faith Community Church, 1480 Thunderbolt Drive, Grissom Aeroplex, with Pastor Raleigh Adams officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Community Church Building Fund.

Friday, September 21, 2007

**Grace Waechter, 99**, Akron, passed away at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at her residence. Funeral services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Akron United Methodist Church, Akron, with Pastor Karen Ottjes officiating. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Walter D. and Grace C. Waechter Family Fund made to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 800 Main Street, Rochester, IN and/or the Akron United Methodist Church.

**Buford Leon McDaniel, 82**, Bunker Hill, made his final motor home trip, in his journey of life at 9:50 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 in his residence. He said his final goodbyes surrounded by his loving wife and family. Buford was born on September 4, 1925 in Central City, Kentucky to Loney and Pearl (Hudson) McDaniel. On May 28, 1946, he married Mary Florence Bishop in Louisville. He served in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific Campaign, and was a life member of the V.F.W. After the service, Buford engaged in a career in the plumbing and heating trades. Early on he knew that he was a true entrepreneur, and in 1968, he founded Quality Plumbing and Heating of Bunker Hill, Inc. Through his hard work he created a business that has flourished for 39 years, and is currently managed by his children. His children's success in the business was one of his most cherished legacies.

Buford loved to travel in a motor home and after retiring he and Mary took off on the adventure of their life and visited the 48 continental United States. He was a 55-year member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 440, the Miami Masonic Crescent Lodge 280, the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis, and the Murat Shriners. Buford was also a past board member of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Indiana. Buford is survived by his loving spouse, Mary. They were married for 61 years.

He is also survived by his four children, Jerry McDaniel and his wife Colleen, Bunker Hill; Brenda Carson and her husband, Bruce, Peru; Robert McDaniel and his wife Cheryl, Greentown; and Allen McDaniel, Kokomo; 12 grandchildren, Kristi Rabe, Bryan McDaniel, Joe Rosinski, Jesse Carson, Megan Rosinski, Erin McDaniel, Alicia Maggert, Ashleigh McDaniel, Jody Carson, Michael McDaniel, Austen McDaniel, and Arek McDaniel; and four great-grandchildren, Savannah McDaniel, Kinsey McDaniel, Derek Rabe, and Bailey Carson; brothers, Delbert McDaniel, Belleville, Illinois, and W.L. McDaniel, Clay City, Kentucky; sister, Debbie McDaniel, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Weldon McDaniel; a brother; and sister.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor David Duke officiating. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. A Military Committal Service will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home, where a Masonic Service will be conducted at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Saturday, September 22, 2007

**Jerry Lee Jordan, 70** passed away Saturday morning on Sept. 1, 2007 at the Kavenaugh Hospice Hospital of Central Iowa in West Des Moines, Iowa, after a year-long intense battle with cancer. He was 70. He was born Feb. 8, 1937 in Hymera to Ruby Sanderson. Jerry spent much of his school time in Peru with his Aunt Helen and Uncle Noel Davis of Peru. He graduated from Peru High School. Jerry retired from the Indianapolis Star News and the Indianapolis Police Department as a reserve sergeant from 1982 to 1999. A man of many talents - and music - his first love - he was a jazz musician - a drummer - since he was a teen. He played with several groups over the years including the Lamplighter Orchestra and worked with many show bands.

Jerry's second love was the military, as he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He is survived by his five daughters, LeeAnn, Lorene, Pamela, Geraldine and Nadine, all of Indianapolis; one son, Michael, Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepchildren; 12 grandchildren; his aunt, Sue Tennis, Terre Haute; a cousin, Diane Davis Cordell, Cincinnati, Ohio; and his wife, Marcia, West Des Moines, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents. An Indianapolis memorial service will be held Sept. 29 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. Military honors will be presented. Contributions can be made to the Indianapolis Musicians-American Federation of Musicians - Local 3, 325 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN, 46240 in Jerry's name. For more information, call Pamela Jordan at (317) 409-6922.

**Robert E. Lee, 88**, Kokomo, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007 at Manor Care, Kokomo. He was born Sept. 22, 1918 in Kansas to the late Albert Lee and the Late Mabel (Walsh) Lee. Robert finished his high school through the Civil Conservation Corps. Then he carried on as a self-employed freelance artist. Mr. Lee was a self-made man. Survivors include two sons, Steven Lee and wife Danalyn, Kokomo, and Terry Lee and wife Sharon, Fort Wayne; six loving grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a sister, Virginia White, Las Vegas, Nev.; a niece, Patricia Canfield, Las Vegas, Nev.; and a nephew, Ernie, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings. Private funeral arrangements were handled by Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo.

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

**Ruth E. Pontius, 84**, passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born in Kendallville, and was a homemaker and member of the First Presbyterian Church. She loved the organ her husband bought for her. Survivors include her husband, John Pontius of Fort Wayne; daughters, Carol Swartz of Fort Wayne, Barbara Perl and husband Don, Highland, Michigan, Sandra Rose, Fort Wayne; step-daughter, Pamela Pontius, Boone, Iowa; step-sons, John R. Pontius II, Lawrenceburg, Georgia, and David Pontius, Tucson, Arizona; brothers-in-law, Bill Pontius, Peru, and Jim Pontius,

and wife Roberta, Peru; sisters, Jeannie Ewing, Susie and Henry Halley, Peru, and Mary and Earl Decker, Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Ruth was preceded in death by her brother, Cyrus R. Helmer; a step-daughter, Julie A. Acord; and a grandson, Chad Perl. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with Jeanie Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be on Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, as well as 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday at the church.

Thursday, September 27, 2007

**Charles E. Mooney, 78**, passed away at 1:11 on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born on May 23, 1929 in Peru to Charles and Anna Mary (Fenton) Mooney. On April 27, 1952, Charles married Joan (Mumaugh) Mooney, and she survives. Charles was a retired salesman for McKinney's, as well as Stevens Appliances. And served as a crossing guard for Peru Community Schools. He was a member of First Christian Church. Charles entered the Marine Corps on Oct. 20, 1947 and served in the Korean Conflict. On September 15 and 16, 1950, he took part in the assault and seizure of Inchon, Korea. From September 17 to October 7, 1950, he was involved in the capture and securing of Seoul, Korea. From October 26 to December 14, 1950, he participated in the Wonan-Hungnam-Chosin Campaign in Northern Korea. And from December 15, 1950 to September 10, 1951, he participated in operations against enemy forces in South and Central Korea. Charles received the Good Conduct Medal, and was issued the Presidential Unit Citation with one star, as well as the Korean Service Medal with three stars. Aside from his wife, Charles is survived by two daughters, Anne Hudson and husband Ronald, and Debbie Shuler, each of Peru; three grandchildren, Justin Shuler, Josh Inman and Stephanie Bonin; two step-grandchildren, Vickie Sampson and Ronald Hudson Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Madison Inman and Keely Bonin; five step-great-grandchildren, Christian Sampson, Ethan Sampson, Grace Sampson, Ronald Hudson III, and Luke Hudson.

Also, he is survived by several nieces and nephews; and two brothers, Rick Mooney, and wife, Sally, and Dan Mooney, and wife, Carol; four sisters-in-law, Mary Betz, California, Lois Foltz and husband Verl, Middletown, Ohio, Connie Mooney, Peru, and Virginia Mooney, Texas. He was preceded in death by both parents; one sister, and husband, Janice and John Radel; three brothers, Larry Mooney, Dick Mooney and Tom Mooney and one sister-in-law, Mona Mooney. There will be no services conducted. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army for the children and/or the First Christian Church of Peru.

**Eileen M. Day, 86**, Peru passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

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

**Dr. Lloyd L. Hill, 79**, Peru, passed away at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

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

Friday, September 28, 2007/ Saturday, September 29, 2007

**Jonathon 'Jon' Holland, 22**, Peru, passed away at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at his residence. He was born on September 7, 1985 in Peru to Mark Holland and Christine (Keller) Holland. The 2004 Peru High School graduate played football for the Tigers and enjoyed weight lifting when he was in school. He set several strength records at Peru High, including a startling 475-pound bench press during the 2003 Bengal Bench Classic fundraiser. The lift was 226% of Jon's body weight. At the time, Tiger strength coach Terry Wagoner commented that Jon "had no equal in this area." Jon also enjoyed riding motorcycles and playing Play Station 2. He was employed by Q.C. Communications in Wabash. Jon is survived by his father, Mark, and wife Heather, Marion; his mother, Christine, Peru; grandparents, John and Vicki Brown, Peru, and Judy Case, Rochester; aunts and uncles, Chris and Sherle Holland, Peru, Kelly and Bryan Eyman, Fort Wayne, Rick and Karol Sandefur, Peru, Tom Keller, Peru, Shirley Keller, Peru, Rick and Michelle Keller, Peru; brother, Lelon Holland, Marion; step-brothers, Mason Hall and Hunter Runkle, both of Marion; sisters, Amber Holland, Peru, and Jessica Holland, Muncie; cousins, Josh Holland, Brooke Holland, Crystal Graves, Zak Eyman, Cameron Eyman, Dylan Eyman, Jerry Howard, Wade Howard, Sadie Keller, Eric Keller, Ashley Keller, Ivory Keller, Amber Keller, Matt Swavey, Josh Swavey, and Michael Swavey. Jon was preceded in death by grandparents, James T. Holland, Richard E. Keller and Hannelore Keller. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Engle officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru High School weight room.

Friday, September 28, 2007

**Eileen M. Day, 86**, Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. She was born on August 18, 1921 in Peru to John and Nellie (Snyder) Hudson. On March 4, 1939, she married Orville Day in Peru. He preceded her in death on August 20, 1984. Eileen was employed as a cook at the Peru High School and Blair Pointe Elementary School for more than 30 years. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and the Altar and Rosary Society. Eileen is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Arrick and her husband, Pat, Peru; and grandchildren, Alicia Arrick and Christopher Arrick. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, John Hudson, Ed Hudson, Bill Hudson, and Joseph Hudson; and three sisters, Margaret Hudson, Nellie Manry, and

Mary Thorpe. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Helping Hands, Inc. and/or the St. Charles Building Fund.

**Lloyd L. Hill, MD, 79**, of Peru, passed away Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 3:35 p.m., at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born August 28, 1928 in Indianapolis, to Frank and Gladys Musselman Hill. He married Roberta Thornburg on November 10, 1962 and she survives. Dr. Hill attended Indiana University and Indiana University School of Medicine, receiving his MD degree in 1953. Following graduation from medical school, he served in the U.S. Army and set up practice in Denver in 1954. In 1962, he joined forces with Dr. Harold Rendel and Dr. Parker Snyder and established Hill, Rendel, and Snyder. They practiced family medicine in Peru until 1990 when Dr. Rendel and Dr. Snyder retired. Dr. Hill continued to practice medicine in various capacities, and was currently associated with the Wabash-Miami County Hospice and the Cancer Center of Logansport. He was elected Miami County Coroner in November of 2006 and assumed office on January 1, 2007.

A man of great integrity, he was an active member of the Peru community, and had served for many years as the physician for Peru High School athletic teams. He was a relentless supporter of the Peru Amateur Circus, and was known as the beloved 'Doc Sprock.' Dr. Hill was an avid IU fan, thoroughly enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, and days on the golf course. He had served on the Board of Directors of the Circus City Hall of Fame and was active in the Indiana Medical Society, holding various offices. He was a member of the Miami County Medical Society, the Indiana Medical Society, the American Medical Association and was a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Aside from his wife, Dr. Hill is survived by children, Cindy Mullett and her husband Ron, of Peru, Diane Caswell and her husband Randy, of Aurora, Colorado, Melanie Giek and her husband Kevin, of Peru, Kevin Hill and his companion Michelle, of Lakewood, Colorado, Bart Hill and his wife Tracy of Peru, Mark Queener and his wife Carolyn, of Union, Michigan; a brother, James Hill and his wife Karen, of Naples, Florida; a sister-in-law Elaine Thornburg, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; grandchildren, Krista Dausman and her husband Paul, Katie Mullett, Matthew Caswell, Melissa Caswell, Justin Caswell, Nicholas Hill, Jared Giek, Baylie Giek, Brandon Giek, Zachary Hill, Brooklyn Hill, Joseph Queener, and Thomas Queener. Also surviving is his first wife, Harriet Galbraith, and several nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating the life of Dr. Lloyd L. Hill will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the AmericanTrust Circus City Center, 154 North Broadway, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the AmericanTrust Circus City Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Circus City Festival, Inc., or Wabash-Miami County Hospice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Saturday, September 29, 2007/ Monday, October 01, 2007

**Lora Louise Haffner, 91**, Peru, passed away at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at her residence. She was born on March 3, 1916 in Big Timber, Montana to Charles and Lucy (Weaver) McKinzie. In 1936, she married Charles Haffner, who preceded her in death. Louise was retired from Eck-Adams, Peru, and was a member of the Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed going for drives, as well as being with her family, friends and her church.

Louise is survived by three daughters, Patsy Binkerd, Peru, Leeta Ray and husband Fred, Peru, and Susie Dock and husband Gerry, Wabash; one son, John Haffner and wife Shirley, Denver; son-in-law, Larry Ward, Edwardsburg, Michigan; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; adopted parents, John and Leeta Weaver; three brothers; two sisters; one daughter, Marilyn Ward; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday at the Calvary Temple Assembly of God, U.S. 31 and CR 200 North, Peru, with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice.

Saturday, September 29, 2007

**Helen F. Garber, 87**, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007 at her residence. She was born on May 28, 1920 in Cass County to John H. and Hazel (Wilson) Maugans. In 1940, Helen married Orval L. Garber, who survives.

Helen was retired from American Stationery, as well as helped with the family farm. She was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. Aside from her husband, Helen is survived by one son, Jerry L. Garber and wife Alicia K., Peru; one daughter, Pam Kokoer and husband Larry, Logansport; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastors Steven N. Ailes and Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will be at Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and Hospice.

**Shari S. (Harris) Klingshirn, 50**, of Etna Green, passed away at her residence at 4:28 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Thompson-Lengacher and Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee, with the Reverend Stan Owen of the Mt. Tabor Church of God officiating. There will be no visitation.

Monday, October 01, 2007

**Frederick L. Brown, 61**, Peru, passed away on Thursday, September 27, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Graveside services will be conducted at noon on Tuesday at Crooked Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be conducted from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made to the Brown family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Tuesday, October 02, 2007/ Wednesday, October 03, 2007

**Irvin Wayne Zimmerman, 61**, Peru, passed away at 8:53 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born on May 1, 1946 in Peru to Joseph Wayne and Julia 'Jean' (Spillman) Zimmerman. Irvin worked at W.C. Redmon Company, as well as Bryan Steam Corporation. He enjoyed fishing and horses. Irvin is survived by his mother, who resides in Peru; three children, Joseph Donald Zimmerman, Brazil, Lisa Marie Wilson, Vincennes, and Robert Wagner Zimmerman, Peru; one great-granddaughter, Mary Clementine Wilson; one sister, Deloris Couch, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Donna Stanbaugh Zimmerman; his father; and one brother, Joseph Wayne Zimmerman Jr. Graveside services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Funeral arrangements are being handled by McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

Wednesday, October 03, 2007

**Faye H. Eaton, 95**, formerly of Denver, passed away at 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver.

**Beverly E. Johnson, 84**, of Winchester, Tennessee passed away Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Golden Living Center Mountainview. She was born in Auburn and had been employed as a manager. Survivors include sons, Jerry L. Rupp, Sagle, Idaho and Kenneth W. Rupp, of Kokomo; daughter, Nancy K. Berkheiser of Winchester; a brother, Fred Brandon, Jr., Bryan, Ohio; sister, Jeanne Bergman, Hicksville, Ohio; a step-daughter, Frances Renshaw of Kokomo; a stepson, John Johnson of Nashville; step-son Jerry Johnson, Cincinnati; 30 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Fred Brandon, Sr., and Vesta Andrews Brandon; her husband, Kenneth W. Rupp; husband Wilburn Johnson; a son, Ronald Hageman; son, Donald Hageman; a brother, Donald Brandon; and a sister, Betty Chappius. A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Mount Hope Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

**Joe R. Clark, 49**, Hartford City, passed away at 2:20 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel, Montpelier, with Pastor Phil Freel officiating. Burial will be at Asbury Cemetery, Montpelier. Visitation will be conducted twice on Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Heritage Pointe - Warren, as well as from 5 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home in Montpelier. Glancy Funeral Homes - Walker Chapel is handling funeral arrangements.

Friday, October 05, 2007

**Faye Hester Sunday-Eaton, 95**, formerly of Denver, passed away at 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on October 14, 1911 to James W. and Daisy (Buck) Hanger. On June 29, 1945, she was married to John Leroy Sunday, who preceded her in death on January 8, 1956. Faye then married Charles L. Eaton on April 11, 1976, and he preceded her in death on August 11, 1994. The Gilead High School graduate was a member of the Denver Baptist Church. Faye is survived by three sons, James E. Sunday, Indianapolis, Charles L. Sunday, Anaheim, and William L. Sunday, Macy; three grandchildren, Jim Sunday, Carmel, Erin Newman, Crested Butte, Colorado, Roger Sunday, California; two great-grandchildren, Stella Newman and Sylvia Newman. Aside from her two husbands, Faye was preceded in death by one stepson, John E. Sunday; one brother, Ray N. Hanger; and two sisters, Ruth Laurie and Iva Mae Cypherd. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church.

**John E. Eshelman, 77**, Rochester, passed away at 7:06 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Reverend Woody Slade officiating. Burial will be at the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites. Visitation will be conducted from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, October 08, 2007

**Blake W. Touloukian, 49**, Peru, died at 2 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at his home following an 18-month battle with cancer. He was born in Peru on February 11, 1958, the son of Barry and Barbara Redmon Touloukian. He married Kathy Kolb in Peru on June 14, 1992 and she survives. Blake graduated from Peru High School in 1977 and attended Purdue University. He began work at Touloukian Supply in 1978 and was currently a co-owner of the family business. He joined the Peru Fire

Department in 1989 where he was employed as a firefighter. Blake was a devoted husband, father, son and brother. Family and friends were a priority to him and his children were his pride and joy. As a parent, he gave countless hours assisting and coaching Little League baseball teams, serving as assistant Cub Scout den master and coaching flag football games. Blake had a twinkle in his eye that would warm your heart and a very dry sense of humor. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Peru Maennerchor. He was an avid Purdue Boilermaker and a member of the John Purdue Club. He also enjoyed fishing and playing golf with his friends. Survivors other than his wife, Kathy, include a daughter, Amanda Maxwell; sons Elliott and Sam Touloukian; his mother, Barbara Touloukian, Peru; and brothers Brent Touloukian and wife Jo, Peru, Bruce Touloukian and wife Lisa, Peru, and Brock Touloukian and wife Sandy, West Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his father, Barry Touloukian, in 1998. A service celebrating the life of Blake Touloukian will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Bob Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made through the funeral home to the Elliott and Sam Touloukian Trust Fund.

**Alvin K. Berry, 75**, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at his residence. He was born in Washington, Ind. on Aug. 8, 1932 to Delbert and Lillie N. Smith Berry. He married Dorothy Hensley in 1954, and she preceded him in death. He married Rosemary Ann Sweeny in 1995, and she survives. Alvin was retired from the United States Air Force and was a Korea and Vietnam veteran. He was also retired from Square D. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Peru. Survivors other than his wife include a daughter, Pam Howard and husband Ron, New Orleans, La.; two sons, Alvin E. Berry Jr. and wife Judy Lynn, Rantoul, Ill., and Robert Berry, Champaign, Ill.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and one brother. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Memorials can be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Loretta J. Cain, 88**, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at her home. She was born in Peru on Feb. 10, 1919 to Harry and Elva Wolf. She married John Cain in 1942 and he preceded her in death. Loretta was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, Psi Iota Xi, Democrat Ladies, Eastern Starr, the Elkets and volunteered as a pink lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Survivors include a son, Peter Cain, Peru; a daughter, Margaret "Missy" Watkins and husband Steven, Wabash; a sister-in-law, Theresa Reece; grandchildren Laura Maley, Jennie O'Shaughnessy and Stephanie O'Shaughnessy; and a great-grandson, Ayden Maley. She was preceded in death by both parents, her husband and five sisters - Helen Millholland, Catherine Beard, Mary Rehm, Ruth Wolf and Nellie Volpert. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Love offerings can be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Robert P. 'Bob' Gornto, 70**, Peru, passed away at 7:10 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on March 5, 1937 in Norfolk, Virginia to Ashby P. and Virginia (Davis) Gornto. On March 11, 1959, he married Ressa (Walker) Gornto, who survives. Bob served in the United States Marine Corps, and was a retired truck driver. Aside from his wife, Bob is survived by three daughters, Christine Hooper and husband George, McEwen, Tennessee, Cynthia Deck, Dickson, Tennessee, and Gloria Tooley and husband Kenny, Virginia; three sons, Robert R. Gornto and wife Donna, San Antonio, Robert P. Gornto and wife Gail, Michigan, and Charlie Gornto, Virginia; one brother, Bill Gornto, Peru; grandchildren, Ressa McCoy, Robert Allen Sennett, Katrina Roach, Michael Sennett, and Robert Jeffrey Gornto; and one great-grandchild, Corbin Sennett, who is due to be born any day now. He was preceded in death by both parents and a daughter, Terri Sennett. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bill Cook officiating. Burial will be at Ever-rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Robert 'Bob' Gornto family through the funeral home.

**Jack Devon Maus, 80**, Peru, and formerly of Denver, passed away at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He had resided at Miller's Merry Manor since 1988. Born April 14, 1927 in Miami County, he was the son of Hal Byron and Eva Mae Grimes Maus. Jack was a member of the former Denver Brethren Church and had attended Deedsville School. He was an active member of the Denver Community and contributed greatly by selling hundreds of tickets to community events over the phone. Survivors include one sister-in-law, Jeannette Maus-Cole and husband Francis, Denver; two nieces, Sue Smith and Linda Galloway and her husband Terry, all of Logansport; one nephew, Philip Maus and his wife Kay, Camden, South Carolina; one great-nephew, Damon Smith, Fishers; and three nieces - Sommer Craig, Westfield, Kristy Galloway, Indianapolis, and Alissa Galloway, Lafayette. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Byron E. and Grimes E. Maus; and one sister, Vivian I. Maus. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Rev. George Hapner officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at the funeral home. To help fulfill Jack's wish, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Denver Community Building to start an air-conditioning fund.



Tuesday, October 09, 2007

**Alfred William Hetzner, 68**, Denver, passed away at 5:51 a.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born on June 10, 1939 in Peru to Alfred Michael and Wilhelmina Johana Dorothy (Gevers) Hetzner. He married Patricia Lou Amato on November 24, 1962 in Denver, and she survives. Alfred graduated from Jefferson Township High School and enjoyed fishing. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Marines from 1957 to 1962. Aside from his wife, Alfred is survived by a son, Allen Guinn Hetzner and wife Brenda of Denver; two grandchildren, Brandon Guinn Hetzner, and Taylor Renae Hetzner, both of Denver; two step-grandchildren, Andrea Lee Davenport of Denver, and Ryan Michael Davenport, Wabash; one brother, John Paul Hetzner and wife Gloria, of Kokomo; a sister, Minnie Leona Slusser and husband Wayne, of Denver; and seven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy Hightshoe and Sally Snyder; two brothers, Deverle and Robert Hetzner; and one nephew, Steven E. Hightshoe. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Gene Personnette officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military graveside rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be conducted on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Maryella "Mick" Godfroy, 82**, Peru, passed away at 3:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born May 9, 1925 in Cass County to William Ray and Goldie (Nichols) Siddall. She married Logan F. Godfroy in 1950, and he preceded her in death Nov. 14, 1981. Maryella was a retired beautician, a member of First Baptist Church in Peru and a member of the Peru Womens Softball Association. She enjoyed playing golf and watching sports, was an avid reader, was a pink lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital, enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and had a special place in her heart for all her grandchildren. Survivors include a son, Lex Godfroy, Peru; five daughters, Sheryl West and husband Larry, and Tamzen "Tammy" Schoolman and husband Paul, all of Peru, Kim Powell and husband Monte, Warsaw, Michelle "Shelly" Garvin, Burney, Calif., and Dr. Christi Redmon and husband Sam, Peru; two sisters, Dorothy Jean Higgins and Janice Arlene Vassey, both of Peru; a sister-in-law, Mary Siddall, Logansport; 12 grandchildren, Scott, Alyson, Anthony, Matthew, Marc, Matt, Sarah, Adam, Ben, Patrick, Claire and Kate; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Robert Dale Siddall. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Patton officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Dukes Memorial Hospital Pink Ladies and/or your favorite charity.

Wednesday, October 10, 2007

**Gerald L. Pugh, 89**, West Lafayette, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 2:40 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, 2007, in the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette. He was born May 18, 1918 in Mexico to Thomas and Chlora V. (Fisher) Pugh. On Oct. 1, 1938 in Logansport, he was married to Ruth C. Lienemann, who survives. Gerald retired as a freight conductor in 1980 after 28 years with Conrail. He had previously been employed as a truck driver for National Cylinder Gas Company until 1952. He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific Arena. Gerald was a member of the Logansport Church of the Brethren, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3790 and American Legion Post 60. He had resided at the Indiana Veterans Home since 2001. Survivors include four sons, Gerald D. Pugh and wife Marian, Kokomo, Kenneth A. Pugh and wife Laurie, West Lafayette, Julian R. Pugh and wife Linda, Walton, and James F. Pugh and wife Susan, Sellersburg; a daughter, Katherine Buskirk and husband Bill, Springfield, Ill.; a brother, Medford Pugh and wife Norma, Georgia; two sisters, LauraBelle Long, Miami County, and Ruby Ecklebarger, Peru; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two grandsons and six brothers. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, with Pastor Mike Osborn officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Veterans Home, West Lafayette. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

**Robert N. Brunner, 82**, Peru, formerly of Kokomo, passed away at 11:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, 2007 in Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born Dec. 30, 1924 the son of the late Granison and Hazel (Ellis) Brunner. On Sept. 12, 1946 in Kokomo, he married Regina (Sweeney) and she survives. Robert was a 1941 graduate of Kokomo High School. He was also a veteran of the United States Army, serving during World War II in Italy and Africa. He was employed with the Kokomo Fire Department for 24 years, retiring in 1978. He then worked for the City of Kokomo for another 10 years. Survivors include his wife, Regina Brunner, Peru; three daughters, Theresa A. Walker and husband Terry, Peru, Marsha K. Sullivan and Brenda S. (Ott) Murray and husband Jim, all of Kokomo; one sister, Bernice Birdwell, Indianapolis; a sister-in-law, Nina Brunner, New Albany; six grandchildren, Travis McLay, Lindsay Elkins, Jeremy Walker, Abby McLay, Holli Spires and Alexa Ott; two great-grandchildren, Andrew McLay and Kaylee McLay; two nieces, Marsha Presley and Diane Presley, Greenfield; and one nephew, Mike Brunner, New Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday in Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with the Reverend John Rhodes officiating. Burial with rites by the Kokomo Fire Department, Kokomo Military Rites Team and the U.S. Army will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Memorials may be directed to the Salem Christian Church Baptistry. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary.

**Opal Clark, 77**, Kokomo, passed away at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007 after her remarkable fight with cancer. She was born Sept. 2, 1930 in Lee County, Va. (Keokee) to Albert and Susie Annie Ethel Harris Kelly. She married Shaler D. Creech in 1945 in Lynch, Ky., and he preceded her in death Dec. 26, 1977. She then married Ralph Clark, and he survives. Opal was an all-around hard-working woman. Some of her favorite things to do include sitting on the front porch greeting those who went by, cooking for her family, gardening her beautiful flowers, keeping her candy drawer full for her grandchildren and keeping her family healthy and taken care of. She also loved to collect cookie jars, taking care of her humming birds, going to rummage sales and she enjoyed her family photos. She was the last of her siblings to pass on. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, George McCoy Creech and wife Gail, Portage, and Rickie Darrell Creech and wife Mary, Peru; a daughter, Vickie Wininger and husband George, Kokomo; seven grandchildren, Lawrence Creech and wife Sharon, South Haven; Paul Creech and wife Kari, Portage, Pennie Sillis and husband Chris, Portage, Sarah Thomas and husband Fred, Terre Haute, Amber Newlin and husband Justin, Germany, Kelly Stillings and husband Joe, Peru, and Daniel Wininger, Kokomo; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Florence Marie Creech. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Larry Turner officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Sandra K. Washburn, 46**, Carlinville, Ill., formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:20 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007 in Jerseyville, Ill. She lived in Peru from 1995 until the summer of 2007 before moving to Illinois. She was born Dec. 7, 1960 in Putnam County to Russell F. and Hazel (Butler) Siddons, Danville. She married Bryan Washburn in 1980, and he survives. Sandra worked in internal affairs at the Miami Correctional Facility and Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Coatesville Christian Church and First Christian Church, Peru. Survivors besides her husband and her parents include two sons, Jason P. Washburn and wife Leyna, Peru, and Matthew D. Washburn, West Lafayette; a granddaughter, Haley Washburn; a brother, Clyde Alan Siddons and wife Shirley, Coatesville; and a sister, Connie Sue Lindsey and husband Eugene, Coatesville. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristen D. Washburn. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in New Winchester Cemetery, New Winchester, with a private graveside service after the Saturday morning funeral service. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### Friday, October 12, 2007

**Anthony Fredrick "Fritz" Plothow III, 75**, Leiters Ford, formerly of Plymouth, passed away at 9:05 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8, 2007 in Community North Hospital, Indianapolis, following a brief illness. His loving wife and four children were by his side. Fritz was a little over three weeks shy of his 76th birthday. He was born Oct. 31, 1931 in Peru to Anthony Fredrick Plothow Jr. and Wilma LaVon Henry Plothow. He graduated with the class of 1949 from Bunker Hill High School and the Pharmacy School of Purdue University. He also was a 1957 graduate of the University of Chicago School of Medicine. Fritz served in the U.S. Army in World War II as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps. On Sept. 21, 1936, Fritz and Patricia L. McIntosh were married in Leiters Ford. Fritz worked for Pitman-Moore Pharmaceuticals in Chicago and then for Dow Chemical Co. He was a pharmacist his entire career, working in the Plymouth area for 20 years. He retired in 1994. An avid sports fan, he followed Purdue University, the Chicago Bears and Cubs, and, his all-time favorite teams, the Plymouth Rockies and Pilgrims. Fritz was a lifetime member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was sealed in the Washington, D.C. Temple in September of 1982. Survivors besides his loving wife of 44 years include their four children, Anthony F. Plothow IV and wife Carin, Plymouth, Karen C. Menser and husband Howard, Crestwood, Ky., Tracey E. O'Dell and husband Ken, and Edward A. "Alex" Plothow and wife Janna, all of Noblesville; 17 grandchildren, Karen and Howard's two children, Whitney and Keith, Tony and Carin's children, Allie, Heather, Tyler, Andria, Haley, Reagan, Audi and Annie, Tracey and Ken's children, Jared, Jamen, Jordan, Ashtin and MaKenna, and Edward and Alex's children, Skylar and Jace; two great-grandchildren, Nevaeh and Paige; three brothers, Roger, Richard and Steven Plothow, Utah; two sisters, Wanda Mosser, California, and Susie Werner, Utah; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his loving parents; a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Plothow, who passed away Nov. 15, 1965; and his in-laws, Woodie and Wilma McGlathin.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with Howard Menser, Fritz's son-in-law, presiding. Interment will be in Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery, Leiters Ford. Friends are invited by Fritz's family to share memories and celebrate his life from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts be given in Fritz's memory to the Tracey Plothow O'Dell Pancreas Transplant Fund, c/o Lake City Bank, Plymouth. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com).

#### Monday, October 15, 2007

**Alice N. Sheridan, 92**, Kokomo, passed away at 2:10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007 at Sycamore Village Health Care. Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. Lou Herchenroeder officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Sycamore Friends Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

**Joyce M. Ahrens, 67**, Gas City, passed away at 6:39 a.m. Friday, Oct. 12, 2007 at Marion General Hospital. She was born May 20, 1940 in Fleming County, Ky. to Clemmie and Elizabeth (Bell) McLean. She married Kenneth J. Green, and he

preceded her in death Jan. 3, 1992. She married Donald Ahrens Aug. 12, 1995, and he survives. Joyce was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witness in Marion. She formerly was employed at Chisoms Corner for several years as a waitress. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. In addition, she was an avid reader and enjoyed music and dancing. Survivors besides her husband include a son, Timothy Green, Gas City; a daughter, Shari Kay Pierce, Muncie; two grandsons, Brandon and Justin; several great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; a son, James; a brother, Clemmie; and a sister, Roberta. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witness, 119 N. Pennsylvania St., Marion, with Floyd Wiley officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. No visitation is planned. Memorials may be made to Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witness, 119 N. Pennsylvania St., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Gas City, is in charge of local arrangements.

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

**Betty Jean Welsh, 82**, Peru, passed away at 12 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007 at her home. She was born May 5, 1925 in Wabash County to Glenn and Dolly Faye (Smith) Palmer. She married Kenneth E. Welsh on Sept. 4 1949 in Franklin. She enjoyed traveling and camping. Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Rebecca Long, Wabash, and Kathrine Sue Ehresman and husband Ron, Cherokee, Iowa; a son, Edward A. Welsh and wife, Dee, Fairfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Dan Maloy, Cherokee, Iowa, Joe Maloy, Logansport, Traci Hummer and husband Todd, Liberty Township, Ohio, Angie Gilbert and husband Bryan, West Chester, Ohio, Tricia Welsh, Fairfield, Ohio, Robin Ehresman, Brookston, and Ryan Long, Wabash; three sisters, Susan Shaw and Josephine Fordyce, both of Wabash, and Adeline Sellers and husband Leonard, Pierceton; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and one grandson, Rick Long. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare & Hospice. The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Jessie Wayne Gross, 63**, Logansport, passed away this week at his residence. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. today at Marion National Cemetery, with full military honors. No visitation is planned. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

**Reathel E. Pearson, 94**, Converse, passed away at 9:03 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15, 2007 at Century Villa Health Care in Greentown. She was born March 17, 1913. Reathel was the first president of the Xenia Homemakers Club in 1945, and was president at their 25th anniversary. She had worked as a clerk in the A & P Store in Marion, retiring in 1975 after 24 years of service. Reathel was a 4-H leader for 28 years in Converse, was a gardener and loved to quilt. She was a member of the Converse Church of Christ and the Burriett Club. Survivors include her son, John "Tom" Pearson, Converse; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oren and Mausie (Dangerfield) Haynes; and a daughter, Janice Nichols. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Pastor Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will follow in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Converse Church of Christ. Online condolences may be sent to [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com).

Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Thomas J. Zbasnik, 73**, Kokomo, passed away at home after a brief battle with cancer on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007. He was born Dec. 21, 1933 in Lumber City, Ga. to the late Joseph and Rose (Novak) Zbasnik. On Aug. 28, 1965 he married Jerra P. Dirrim, and she survives. Thomas retired from Chrysler in 1998 after 40 years of service. He was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and the Local UAW 685, and he served in the United States Navy. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Anna Marie Cripe and husband Todd, Laura Miller and husband Jerome, and Tari Jo Belt; one son, Steven Gaunt and wife Anna; four sisters, Dorothy Godfrey, Nova, Ohio, Christine Shisila, Parma, Ohio, Mary Shamakian, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio, and Sylvia Crummie and husband Bill, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio; two brothers, Paul Zbasnik and wife Delores, Llano, Texas, and Patrick Zbasnik and wife Phyllis, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Laverne Zbasnik, Ohio; one brother-in-law, Lowell Dirrim and wife Jean, Muncie; nine grandchildren, Christopher Belt, Angie Belt, Matt Belt, Stephanie Gaunt, Jason Gaunt, Clay Kingsolver, Hillari Cripe, Amanda Kingsolver and Chase Miller; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joseph Zbasnik and Billy Zbasnik. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. David Hasser the celebrant. Entombment will be at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Guardian Angel Hospice or We Care. Online condolences can be made at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Elmer J. Gross, 68**, Peru, passed away at 2:02 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007 in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on Aug. 18, 1939 in Peru to Jessie and Ila M. Sparks Gross. On July 7, 1961 in Peru, he was married to Alice Ann

Sullivan, and she survives. Elmer was a member of First Baptist Church, Peru, and was a graduate of Peru High School. He had worked for Marburger Supply Company, Wabash Electric, and had retired from Kirby Risk in Logansport. He enjoyed traveling with his family and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Gary J. Gross, Tennessee, and Rodney L. Gross and wife Neisha, Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Julia Augusta Gross and Landon James Gross, both of Indianapolis; two sisters, Pauline Smith, South Carolina, and Jean Shay, Delphi; and two brothers, Paul Edward Gross, Peru, and Raymond Charles Gross, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Terry Alan Gross; and one brother, Jessie Wayne Gross. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at First Baptist Church, Peru, with Pastor Bob Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, Peru.

Saturday, October 20, 2007

**Roberta Hill, 77**, Peru, widow of Dr. Lloyd L. Hill, passed away at 1:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, 2007 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral services are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Norma Kay (Denny) Hites, 53**, Peru, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 7:06 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born on May 21, 1954 in Kokomo to Donald W. and Phyllis (Sanders) Denny. She was married on Feb. 17, 1979 to Richard E. Hites Jr. in Logansport and he survives. Norma was a homemaker who volunteered for Lafayette Urban Ministries and she was also a "Professional Nene" who loved spending time with her grandchildren. Survivors besides her husband include her mother, Phyllis Denny, Logansport; four daughters, G. Caroline Rinker, Middletown, Carrie A. Hites, Avon, Amanda I. Hites, Peru, and Tammy J. Hites, Peru; four sons, Robert W. Davis, Martinsville, Donald C. Hites, Peru, Nick E. Hites, Peru, and Anthony J. Schap, Lafayette; two brothers, Bill Denny and wife Kim, Logansport and Jim Denny and wife Cindy, Lewisburg; one sister Glenda Klinkhammer and husband Ed, Logansport; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and many "adopted children." She was preceded in death by her father and one daughter, Samantha Ann Hites. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Marocco Funeral Chapel, 119 E. Market St., Logansport, with one hour of calling prior to the service. Pastor Aaron Gross will officiate at the service and inurnment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the Hites family at [www.maroccofc.com](http://www.maroccofc.com).

**Mahlon D. Henry, 89**, Peru, passed away at 2:56 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on June 21, 1918 in Peru to William and Casta (Grice) Henry. He was married to Ruth (Fry) Henry in 1940, and she preceded him in death. He married Ruby (Fry) Henry in 1973, and she survives. Mahlon was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, a farmer and retired from Chrysler. He was a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren and the UAW 685. Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Philip "Phil" Henry and wife Lana, Galveston, Charles Bashman and wife Michaleen, Chardon, Ohio, and Richard Bashman and wife Benita, Culver; three daughters, Linda Houser and husband Doug, Merkel, Texas, Nancy Curry and husband Larry, Logansport, and Patricia Carter, Greenfield; a brother Melvin Henry, Greenwood; 16 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruth (Fry) Henry; two brothers, Glen Henry and Dewey Henry; and four sisters, Sadie Hileman, Genva Vanaman, Wilma Plothow and Reva Spranger. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Don Richey officiating. Burial will be at Walton I00F Cemetery, Walton. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team.

Monday, October 22, 2007/Sunday, October 28, 2007

**Roberta Hill, 77**, Peru, passed away at 1:50 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on October 15, 1930 in Cedar Lake to Robert and Marguerite Woodburn Thornburg. On November 10, 1962, Roberta married Lloyd L. Hill, MD, and he preceded her in death on September 26, 2007. Roberta served in the United States Air Force, attended Murray State University in Kentucky, and graduated from Indiana University Kokomo in 1979. She loved playing bridge, traveling, entertaining and spending time with her family. Roberta was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild. She also loved her animals and enjoyed taking pictures. Roberta enjoyed flying and had her pilot's license. Roberta is survived by her children, Mark Queener and wife Carolyn, Union, Michigan, Melanie Giek and husband Kevin, Peru, Bart Hill and wife Tracy, Peru, Cindy Mullett and husband Ron, Peru, Diane Caswell and her husband Randy, Aurora, Colorado, Kevin Hill and his companion Michelle, Lakewood, Colorado; sister-in-law, Elaine Thornburg, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; brother-in-law, James Hill and wife Karen, Naples, Florida; grandchildren, Krista Dausman and husband Paul, Katie Mullett, Matthew Caswell, Melissa Caswell, Justin Caswell, Nicholas Hill, Jared Giek, Baylie Giek, Brandon Giek, Zachary Hill, Brooklyn Hill, Joseph Queener, and Thomas Queener. Aside from her husband, Roberta was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Thornburg; and grandson, Kraig Mullett. A service celebrating the life of Roberta will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA 'Better Weigh' program and/or A Cause for Paws.

**Linda C. Comerford, 58**, Sharpsville, passed away at 10:25 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007 at Howard Regional Hospital in Kokomo. She was born on November 13, 1948 in Kokomo to George and Barbara (Kimble) Coffman. In August 1996, Linda married Robert Comerford, who survives. Linda enjoyed playing golf, knitting and quilting. However, most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was a member of the Leaning Tree Ladies Golf league and attended beauty school. Aside from her husband, Linda is survived by son, Brian Hecht, Kokomo; daughter, Dawn Gates and husband Jamey Gates, Tipton; grandchildren, Olivia Gates and Brandon Gates, Tipton; sisters, Georgianna Browning and husband Tom, Russiaville, Susan Silvers and husband Roy, Sharpsville; brother, James Kimble and wife Kim, New Haven. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, James Kimble; and sister, Joyce Coffman. Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, Kokomo. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Miles for Myeloma. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Thomas P. Kreutzer, 81**, Peru, passed away at 9:37 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru. He was born on August 28, 1926 in Peru to John B. and Elba (Ord) Kreutzer. On August 5, 1953, Thomas married Donna Featherstone at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and she survives. The 1944 Peru High School graduate served in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict. Thomas worked as the secretary-treasurer of Kreutzer's, Inc. on South Broadway until his retirement in 1994. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, Mnsgr. Paul A. Welsh Assembly #2146 of the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal O'Hara Council #718 of Peru, Peru American Legion Glen Owens Post #14, and served as the chairman of the Bingo Committee. Aside from his wife, Thomas is survived by son, Thomas P. Kreutzer Jr., Peru; daughter, Anne Spear and husband Philip, Mexico; granddaughters, Karlee Kreutzer and Victoria Kreutzer; brothers, Richard Kreutzer, Peru, Robert Kreutzer and wife Katy, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John Kreutzer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be conducted on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Dorothy Jane Cole, 94**, Allons, Tennessee, formerly of Miami County, passed away at 5:18 a.m. on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at the Overton County Nursing Home, Livingston, Tennessee. On February 3, 1913, Dorothy was born in Miami County to Perry Otis and Bertha A. (Overly) Philabaum. On August 22, 1931, she married Louis Raymond Cole, who preceded her in death in May of 1983. The 1931 graduate of Chili High School farmed with her husband, as well as worked for Lloyd Miller of Roann. Dorothy was a member of the Chili United Methodist Church, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Home Ec Clubs, and enjoyed her family and reading. In June of 2000, she moved to Tennessee with her daughter. She is survived by her son, Gary L. Cole and wife Judy, Denver; daughter, Carolyn A. Oldfather, Allons; five grandchildren, Ryan D. Oldfather and wife Candy, Westfield, Kirk L. Oldfather, Avon, Lori Cole, Leslie Cole, and Jody Worden and husband Kenneth, each of Denver; two step-grandchildren, Carrie Fuller and husband Derwood 'Beve,' Denver, and Greg Livengood and wife Ann Marie, Akron; and 11 great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Howard Philabaum; and sister, Mildred Landis. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Roan, with Connie Payne officiating. Burial will be at the Chili Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Dorothy may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Thursday, October 25, 2007/Sunday, October 28, 2007

**Terrence "Terry" Music, 49**, Peru, passed away at 12:35 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2007 at home with his loving wife at his side. He was born on March 17, 1958 in Richwood, Ohio to Ora and Dovie Lee (Smith) Music. He married Teresa "Teri" (Douglass) Music on Dec. 31, 2004, and she survives. Terry was employed with Tradesmen International before his illness. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, but the light in his heart were his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Papa." His faithful canine companions, 'Buddy' and 'Molly,' were also constantly at his side. Terry was also known for his famous hand-breaded tenderloins that he sold out of his Log Cabin concession stand at the Bunker Hill and Circus City Festivals with his wife and grandson, Trenton Hann. Surviving are besides his wife are three sons, Joshua Shane Music, Huntington, TJay Music, Kenton, Ohio, and Michael Graves Jr., Peru; two daughters, Crystal Graves, Peru, and Amber Graves, Terre Haute; four grandchildren, Lara Music, Emma Jane Sommers, Trenton Hann and Jackson Garber; two brothers, Less Music and wife Peggy, Richwood, Ohio, and Ted Music and wife Lisa, Royston, Ga.; and a sister, Julie Music, Ashland, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Don and Ed Music. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Ron Shaner officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers in care of Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Monday, October 29, 2007

**Laura M. (Frankum) Petty, 94**, Peru, passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. She was born on June 23, 1913 in Glasgow, Ky., to Razz and Nancy Tinsley Tibbs. She married John C. Frankum, and he



preceded her in death. She then married Ralph Petty, and he also preceded her in death. Laura worked as a private duty nurse in Louisville, Ky. Survivors include two sons James W. "Wally" Frankum and wife Carol, Peru, and James M. "Mickey" Frankum and wife Linda of Crystal River, Fla.; 15 grandchildren Judy, Brenda, Linda, Donald, Mary, Myra, Jimmy, Laurie, Terrie, Dean, Debbie, Michael, Donna, Mark and Lisa; 31 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, five brothers and one sister. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Steve Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vincent de Paul.

**Rita J. Hyde, 62**, Peru, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007 at Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Roselyn Claire Clark, 78**, Peru, passed away at 7:20 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born June 1, 1929 in Peru to Elbert and Mabel (Miller) Ribbons. She married William Clark in 1948, and he preceded her in death in 2000. Roselyn was a 1947 graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker. She was an avid Purdue University and Indianapolis Colts fan. Survivors include a daughter, Jaci Buffington and husband Mike, Geneva, Ill.; two grandsons, Matthew Buffington and wife Dawn, Peru, and Clark Buffington and wife Tracey, Carmel; a granddaughter, Melissa (Buffington) Sharpless and husband Jason, Galveston; and eight great-grandchildren, Erica, Raelee, Matthew, Connor, Caleb, Nolan, Mason and Michael. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Richard and Hugh; two sisters, Mary Frances and Margaret; a son, Rick; and a great-granddaughter, AnnaMarie.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jay Fenstermaker, 51**, Peru, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Bond Cemetery, Miami County, with the Rev. Jim Miller officiating. Burial will be in Bond Cemetery. No calling is planned. Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, is in charge of arrangements.

**Marvin P. Gagnon, 74**, Akron, passed away at 3:25 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a short illness. He was born on Aug. 2, 1933 in Wabash County to Floyd Gagnon and Faye Crist. On June 26, 1954 he married Violet M. Sitts in Akron, and she survives. Floyd started working at Bahney Chevrolet in Akron at age 16 and in 1974 he became co-owner of the company. In 1979 it became Gagnon Chevrolet and his family also joined the business which continues today. He was a 1951 graduate of Akron High School and attended Akron Church of God, where he served on the board. He was the current secretary and past president of the Akron Lions Club. He was a current member and past president of the Akron Chamber of Commerce. Floyd served on the Akron Fourth of July Committee and was a past Fourth of July parade marshall. He also received several recognition awards from Chevrolet over the years, was a member of the Toastmasters Club in Rochester, was involved in Akron EMS for 12 years, and enjoyed stock car racing and NASCAR. His favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt. He was a very active community leader who loved Akron. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Kathy Ammerman and husband Craig, Akron; three sons, John Gagnon and wife Lesa, Akron, Robert Gagnon and wife Pamela, Rochester, and Terry Gagnon and wife Sandy, Akron; and 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter and a brother, Marion Gagnon.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Akron Church of God, 301 S. West St., Akron, with Pastor Terry Canfield and Pastor Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Memorial contributions can be made to the Akron Lions Club or Akron Church of God.

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

**Albert Harold Bretzman, 79**, Peru, passed away Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 10:15 p.m. at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born Feb. 27, 1928 in Ridgeville, Illinois to Carl and Mary Schunke Bretzman. He married Lorraine J. Otis in Kankakee, Illinois on January 8, 1949 and she survives. Al attended Kankakee High School and in 1946 enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he served until 1947. A furniture upholsterer, who was known for his fine workmanship. He worked at Canterbury House and Hausske-Harlen Manufacturing in Peru and Kroehlers in Kankakee. He owned and operated Al's Upholstery Shop for 45 years. Al and his wife Lorraine lovingly raised five children. He was a devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather. Family and friends were a priority to him followed by his love for the game of golf. An avid golfer and a member of the Indiana Golf Association and the Miami County Men's Golf Association, Al could be found daily playing golf with his friends. In 1977, he was the First Flight Winner of the Miami County Golf Tournament. As a devoted parent, he served as Peru Minor League baseball coach and driver of the Bretzman Camper. Al also enjoyed bowling and fishing. Surviving in addition to his wife Lorraine are three sons, Craig Bretzman and wife Laura, Peru, Curt Bretzman and wife Kim, Brownsburg, and Carl Bretzman, Westfield; two daughters, Linda Allison, Peru, and Kathy Bowman and husband Curtis, Peru; seven grandchildren, Bruce, Kevin, Dustin, Katie, Ashley, Victoria and Robert; three brothers, Carl Bretzman, Libertyville, Illinois, Clarence Bretzman and James Bretzman, both of Kankakee; a sister, Lucy Shell,

Bradley, Illinois; 12 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Louis, Erwin and Alvin. A memorial service celebrating the life of Albert H. Bretzman will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend George McCarty officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 2 p.m. on Saturday. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Aplastic Anemia and MDS International Foundation, Inc. and/or the Miami County YMCA.

**Nora Beck, 67**, Peru, passed away at 1:30 a.m. Monday, October 29, 2007 at her residence. She was born September 22, 1940 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky to Willie and O.C. (Prater) Wright. Nora was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Joseph R. Beck and companion Marie Adams, Peru; five grandchildren, Joseph D. Beck, Alan Beck, Peru, Matthew Beck, Catlin Row, Monticello, and Michael Tobin, Missouri; a brother, Willie "Junior" Wright, Indianapolis; and two sisters, Lora Estep and Viola Wright, both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Bob Peach officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be conducted from 11 a.m. to Thursday until time of services.

**Sharon Lynn Strebin, 59**, Peru, passed away at 6:52 a.m. Monday, Oct. 29, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born Nov. 1, 1947 in Peru to Paul and Julianne (Trippeer) Strebin. Sharon graduated from Peru High School in 1966 and was an International Business College of Fort Wayne graduate. She also was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, a homemaker and formerly employed at the Richter-Keirn Oldsmobile & Buick Dealership in Peru. Survivors include her mother in Peru; a niece, Amanda Witmer and husband Cory, Goshen; a nephew, Andrew Strebin, Goshen; and a brother, Timothy Strebin and wife Linda, Goshen. She was preceded in death by her father. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

#### Thursday, November 01, 2007

**Charlene A. Kotterman, 93**, Peru, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 at her residence. She was born Aug. 26, 1914 in Peru to Charles and Lela Bell Sturges Wilson. She married Calvin Kotterman Sept. 7, 1935 in St. Joseph, Mich., and he preceded her in death in 1957. Charlene graduated from Chili High School in 1932, and was employed at First Federal Savings and Loan for 20 years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of Chili Baptist Church, Chili Baptist Church Missionary Society, Beta Sigma Phi, Altrusa, Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Sugar & Spice and the Mexico Senior Center. Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Ann Trapp, Peru; three grandchildren, Traci Lynn Sparks, Kerri Ann Trapp and Jeffery David Trapp; and a great-grandchild, Taylour Leigh Sparks. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Sharon Kay Ewer; and a sister, Elizabeth Keirn. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Gene Personett officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice.

**John A. Boyles, 87**, Peru, passed away at 9:13 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor. He was born July 8, 1920 in Peru to John M. and Jesse Inez (Coulter) Boyles, and lived in Peru all his life. He married Genevieve Hoff Barr in 1946, and she preceded him in death Dec. 6, 2000. John retired from U.S. Gypsum in Wabash. He also was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, the Peru Maennerchor and the Miami County Emergency Management Agency. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Boyles, Peru; four step-sons, Howard Barr and Marion Barr, both of Peru, Robert Barr, Elwood, and William Barr, Kentucky; a sister, Marjorie Reuter, South Bend; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Etta Marie Barr Boyles; two brothers, Homar and Raymond Boyles; and two sisters, Pearl Smith and Mary Cook. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Major Timothy Wilson officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Walton. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a Moose Lodge service at 7 p.m. Love offerings may be made to the John Boyles family.

#### Friday, November 02, 2007

**Gwenneth L. Kinzie, 88**, Denver, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007 at St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis. She was born Aug. 24, 1919 to Willis and Hazel (Miller) Long. She married Wayne Kinzie, and he preceded her in death. Gwenneth was a homemaker and member of Denver Methodist Church. She enjoyed being around her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the rest of her family. Survivors include a daughter, Joyce Gingrich and husband Max, Chili; a daughter-in-law, Cindy Kinzie, Denver; four grandsons, Anthony Kinzie and wife Bonnie, Jason Prys, Kelly Rhodes and Austin Yearegan; three granddaughters, Jessica Prys, Cori Knight and husband Michael, and Jaci France and husband Lee; six great-granddaughters, Emily Rhodes, Molly Prys, Bethane Kinzie, Makinzie, Calie and Madison France; and three great-grandsons, Tyler Rhodes, Andrew Lee and Owen Knight. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a son, Richard Lee "Dick" Kinzie, on March 10.



Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Salvation Army.

**David A. Weeks, 57**, Peru, passed away at 8:35 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with Monsignor Robert L. Sell officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m.

**John A. Boyles, 87**, Peru, passed away at 9:13 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor. He was born July 8, 1920 in Peru to John M. and Jesse Inez (Coulter) Boyles, and lived in Peru all his life. He married Genevieve Marie Hoff Barr in 1946, and she preceded him in death on December 6, 2000. John retired from U.S. Gypsum in Wabash. He also was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, the Peru Maennerchor and the Miami County Emergency Management Agency. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Boyles, Peru; four step-sons, Howard Barr and Marion Barr, both of Peru, Robert Barr, Elwood, and William Barr, Kentucky; a sister, Marjorie Reuter, South Bend; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Etta Marie Barr Boyles; two brothers, Omar and Raymond Boyles; and two sisters, Pearl Smith and Mary Cook.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Major Timothy Wilson officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Walton. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a Moose Lodge service at 7 p.m. Love offerings may be made to the John Boyles family.

Saturday, November 03, 2007

**Berne O. Jones, 92**, Argos, formerly of Macy, passed away at 6:07 p.m. Thursday evening, Nov. 1, 2007 at his residence. He was born Jan. 23, 1915 in Wabash County to Oliver and Georgia Eckelbarger Jones. He married Mildred A. Mathias Oct. 14, 1939, and she survives. Berne retired from Norfolk and Western, having worked most of his railroad career for the Nickel Plate Railroad. He was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Argos American Legion, Rochester O.E.S. No. 70, and the Lincoln Masonic Lodge No. 523, Macy, and the North Miami Sheep Breeders Association. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Occupied Japan during World War II. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Marvis A. Morgan and husband Jim, Argos; four sons, Berne L. Jones and wife Holly, Kooskia, Idaho, Glen E. Jones and wife Chris, Rochester, Dale L. Jones and wife Sherry, Oxford, and Carl D. "Pete" Jones and wife Ladeana, Peru; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. A brother, Francis Bernell "Shorty" Jones, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, where a Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

**Howard Warren Conner, 85**, Melbourne, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007 at his home. Friends may visit [www.affuneral.com](http://www.affuneral.com) to read the complete obituary and to sign the guest book.

**David A. Weeks Sr., 57**, Peru, passed away at 8:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007 at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. with his loving wife Nancy at his side. He was born in Peru on Dec. 21, 1949, the son of Donald and Elizabeth Nash Weeks. David married Nancy Walker in Peru on July 5, 1969, and she survives. Dave graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1969 and owned and operated The Cleaning Man Inc. in Peru. He was a member of the Miami County Historical Society, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Knights of Columbus, Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity and the Christmas GLOW. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Family and friends were a priority to him and his grandchildren were his pride and joy. He truly delighted in having his grandchildren come to play in the pond and the woods that surrounded his home. A man of great faith and integrity, Dave was a devout Catholic and a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. He also was an avid collector of antiques and Christmas memorabilia. Dave had a twinkle in his eye, a smile that would warm your heart and a very quick wit. Surviving in addition to his wife Nancy is a son, David A. Weeks Jr. and wife Shelia, Peru; a daughter, Leslie Murphy and husband James, Peru; six grandchildren, Josie Murphy, Emma Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Anna Weeks, Madeline Weeks and Julia Weeks; his mother, Elizabeth Weeks, Peru; two brothers, Donald Weeks Jr. and wife Sharon, Peru, and Daniel Weeks, Goshen; a sister-in-law, Kim Weeks, Peru; in-laws, Marvin and Wilma Walker, Peru, Jed and Janet Jedliskowski, Philadelphia, Bonnie and Clyde Chilcutt, Grandbury, Texas, and James and Tyra Walker, Peru; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Weeks. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of David A. Weeks will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with Monsignor Robert L. Sell officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. 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 American Lung Association, the Salvation Army or the Miami County Historical Society.

Monday, November 05, 2007

**Keith H. Douglas, 92**, Peru, passed away at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at his residence. He was born on February 1, 1915 in Peru to Walter H. and Grace (Torrence) Douglas. In 1937, Keith married Frances Finnegan in Wabash and she survives. The 1933 Peru High graduate served as a Seaman First Class in the United States Coast Guard during World War II from 1942 to 1945. Keith retired from Thrush Products in 1978 following 35 years of service, and he had previously managed a Goodyear Tire Store in Illinois. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Peru, for over 50 years, where he served as a deacon, elder, as well as a Boy Scout leader. Keith enjoyed camping with his family throughout the United States and socializing with his many friends. In addition to his wife, Keith is survived by two sons, Stephen Douglas and his wife, Rosemary, Noblesville, and Michael Douglas, North Manchester; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Virginia Engel. A private family service will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church, with Pastor John E. Hess officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements have been handled by Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Tuesday, November 06, 2007

**Frederick L. Butcher, 81**, Denver, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. He was born Oct. 8, 1926 in Kokomo to John and Leora Jeanette (Worden) Butcher. He married Delores Study May 28, 1949, and she survives. Frederick retired as a carpenter after 35 years, and was formerly employed with McMann-O'Conner Construction Company, Rochester. He attended Denver Baptist Church, loved to do woodworking and gardening and his family meant the world to him. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Pamela Raderstorf, Peru, and Kathy Briney, and husband Jim, Rochester; two grandsons, Leif Raderstorf, Bremen, and Tony Briney, Rochester; two granddaughters, Tobi Lewis, Columbus, and Jami Conliff, Rochester; three brothers, Robert Butcher and wife Thelma, and Ronnie Butcher and wife Linda, all of Denver, and David Butcher and wife Debbie, Peru; a sister, Charlotte Hoff and husband Ronald, Wisconsin; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John; and two sisters, Martha and Genevieve. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Stephen Bates officiating. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the Butcher family.

**Hilda M. Glass, 90**, Marion, passed away at 5:40 p.m. Friday in her residence. She was born in Phlox in Howard County on June 17, 1917, the only daughter of the late Elden and Minnie (Hall) Kepler. She attended Union Township High School and received her Diploma Education Certificate in June of 1935. Hilda married WD "Bill" Glass June 16, 1934. He preceded her in death on April 7, 2003. She was an active member of Central Christian Church in Marion for over 50 years. While at the church she served as president and secretary of the Christian Women's Fellowship; president, secretary and treasurer of the Rachel Circle; sang in the choir and was a senior elder for several years. Hilda loved sending greeting cards to friends during illness, deaths, birthdays and other occasions during the years. She was a 1959 graduate of Grant School of Practical Nursing. She was an LPN, employed by Marion General Hospital for 35 years and Colonial Oaks for five years. She was appointed by the governor of Indiana for two four-year terms to the Indiana State Board of Nursing. At the time of her retirement in 1999, she was recognized by the governor as the oldest practicing nurse in the United States; she was 82 years old. Survivors include one daughter, Jane Ann Tucker and husband Max, Peru; three sons, Harold E. Glass and wife Catherine, Charleston, S.C., James E. Glass and wife Mary, Marion, and Larry Joe Glass and wife Patti, Carmel, Calif.; 16 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Central Christian Church Of Marion, 1006 W. Third St., Marion, on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Ellis Cemetery, Phlox. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Needam-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marion Community School of Practical Nursing Scholarship Fund. Mail them to: Tucker Career & Technology Center, Attn: Janet Andrews, 107 S. Pennsylvania, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Mildred L. Baldwin, 84**, Wabash, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007 at her home. She was born Jan. 18, 1923 in Scott County, Va. to James Matthew and Emma Lou (Whistlehunt) Lucas. She married McKinley Baldwin in Gate City, Va. on April 4, 1944, and he survives. She worked for United Technologies in Wabash from 1963 to 1988, and was a member of the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church in Wabash. Survivors besides her husband include two sons, James Baldwin and wife Karen, Peru, and Jess W. Baldwin and wife Tammy, Oregon City, Ore.; three daughters, Sue McElveen, Lou Graves and Patsy Favorite and husband Gary, all of Wabash; two brothers, Matthew Lucas Jr. and wife Jean, Wabash, and Franklin D. Lucas and wife Leona, Westchester, Pa.; two sisters, Frankie E. Brickey, Downingtown, Pa., and Lillian Lucas, Delaware; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight siblings. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Michael Jones officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Mildred may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Longtime nurse recognized by Indiana governor

**Henry Lee Yike Sr., 76**, Logansport, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007 at his residence. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Rev. William Art Maloney officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Association.

Wednesday, November 07, 2007

**Donald "Andy" Wright Jr., 43**, Peru, passed away at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, 2007 at his residence. He was born Dec. 31, 1963 at Grissom Air Force Base to Carolyn (Clark) and Donald Wright Sr. He married Deanna Lauffer in 1988, and she survives. Donald graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1982. He worked at Don's Amusements. Survivors besides his wife include his parents in Bunker Hill and a brother, Gregory "Scott" Wright, Pendleton. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor David Duke officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

Friday, November 09, 2007

**Kathie Ann Johnson, 47**, of Akron, passed away at 3:40 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2007 at her home. She was born April 6, 1960 in Atlanta, Georgia to Roy Sedrel and Carolyn (Sterrett) Sedrel. Kathie was a horse and nature lover. Survivors include her parents, Roy and Carolyn Sedrel of Crossville, Tennessee; two daughters, Alena Miller of Warsaw and Jonna Reffitt, of South Carolina; two grandsons, Keith and Colton; a step-sister, Lynnea Donai, of Ava, New York; a step-brother, Steven Sedrel of Reno, Nevada; a half-sister, Bracha Elliott of Sunnyvale, California; and her "best bud" Diane Poyser of Fulton. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, with Pastor Lowell Burrus officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Olive Branch Church of God.

Saturday, November 10, 2007

**Phillip Blaine "Whitey" Hurlburt Sr., 75**, Lake Bruce, passed away at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at his residence. He was born April 30, 1932 in Kewanza to Lovell J. and Francis C. (Engel) Hurlburt. Phillip was a member of the Northeast Indiana District Council of Carpenters Local #615. He also was an avid fisherman and enjoyed going to the river boat casinos. He was a carpenter before retiring in 1994 from DeJager Construction Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. He also formerly owned and operated Whitey's Bait Shop at Lake Bruce. Surviving are a son, Phillip B. Hurlburt Jr., Lake Bruce; two daughters, Tammy J. Smyth and husband Gregory, Sharpsville, and Sherrill L. Maggart and husband David, Noblesville; a step-son, Steven C. Bedwell, Peru; a twin brother, Kenneth Wayne Hurlburt and wife Elizabeth, Thornhope; a brother, Chester L. "Son" Hurlburt and wife Ida, San Angelo, Texas; two sisters, Catherine Wright, Logansport, and Patricia Branson and husband Carl, Griffith; five grandchildren, Melody Barrows and husband Nick, Allison "PeeWee" Roop and husband Adam, Carla Hurlburt and Jim Emerson, and Adam and Andrew Bedwell; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, Clifford Lane Jr., Kerstynn, Kimberly and Cole Lane, Trenton Hershey, Owen and Garrett Roop and Ryley Emerson; two step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes, Kewanza Chapel, 123 E. Main St., with Pastor Mark E. Pilger officiating. Inurnment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce, at a later date. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Pulaski Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 279, Winamac, IN 46996. Online condolences may be made to the Hurlburt family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Monday, November 12, 2007

**Phyllis M. Swisher, 92**, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Caring Hands HCC, Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

**Alexander P. Lilley**, four months, Peru, passed away at 7:50 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007 at his residence. He was born July 5, 2007 in Peru to Destiny McIntire and Bobby C. Lilley Jr. Survivors include his parents in Peru; paternal grandparents, Bobby and Jane Lilley, and Luke and Elaine Purvis, all of Peru; paternal great-grandparent, James Howard, Peru; maternal grandparents, Richard and Diana McIntire, Texas, and W.V. and Donna McCarter, Walton; maternal great-grandparents, Larry and Gaynell McIntire, Evansville; maternal great-grandmothers, Frances Alexander, Galveston, and Tina McIntire, Texas; his twin brother, Andrew P. Lilley, Peru; three brothers, Levi M. Richardson and Brayden C. Lilley, both of Peru, and Adrian J. Rigney, Logansport; and a sister, Faith R. Richardson, Peru. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Love offerings may be made to the family through the funeral home.

**Phyllis M. Swisher, 92**, Peru, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Caring Hands Health Care Center in Peru. She was born June 20, 1915 in Chelsea, Mass. to Carmine and Consetta Ragosta Gala. Phyllis married Ralph Swisher on Jan. 6, 1941 at St. Lawrence Church in Lawrence, Mass., and he preceded her in death on July 9, 1998. Phyllis was employed as a matron at Peru Community Schools, and retired in 1982. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru, the Altar and Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Survivors include a daughter, Carole Ogle and husband Gregory,

Bunker Hill; three grandchildren, Gregory "G.M." Ogle, Seattle, Wash., Andrea Snyder and husband Jeremy, and Valerie Snyder and husband Matthew, all of Kokomo; a great-grandson, Ethan Matthew Snyder; three sisters, Carole Wagenbach and Peggie Stopyra, both of Salem, N.H., and Mary Gala, Milford, Mass.; and two nieces and two nephews. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Angelo Gala, Joseph Gala and John Gala; two great-grandchildren and one nephew. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline officiating. Burial will follow at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Peru. Visitation will be today from 5 to 7 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Daughters of Isabella or the Alzheimer's Association.

**Dorothea M. Ellars, 76**, Logansport, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, in her residence. She was born Sept. 24, 1931 in Royal Center to Albert H. and Nellie M. Oatess Strauch. On Oct. 30, 1949, she married M. Eugene Davis, who preceded her in death. Then on June 28, 1986, she married Lloyd R. Ellars, who preceded her in death Jan. 30, 2004. Dorothea attended Royal Center School for 10 years and graduated in 1949 from Logansport High School. On Feb. 6, 1987, she retired from Dye Lumber, Inc. where she had worked as a bookkeeper. She was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the American Association for Lutherans Branch #311. She was a former member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru for many years, where she enjoyed singing in the choir and was very active in all church activities. Survivors include a daughter, Linda K. Jeffries and husband Jim, Delphi; two sons, Michael E. Davis, Sterling, Va., and Randolph S. Davis and wife Melinda, Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; four granddaughters, April L. Little and husband Donny, Brookston, Joanna Brumbaugh, Elkhart, Lou Taylor, Maryland, and Emily Walker, West Virginia; eight grandsons, Paul Jeffries and wife Nancy, Brookston, Vince Jeffries and wife Tammy, Joe Jeffries, James M. Davis and wife Amy, all of Haymarket, Va., Matthew E. Davis, Midwest City, Okla., Scott Walker, Sterling, Va., Jarod Ellars and Haleem Randum; five great-granddaughters, Kayla L. Ervin Little, Jenna Grace Davis, Victoria Diana Davis, Amanda Jeffries and Sydney Seabolt; ten great-grandsons, Randolph James Davis, Kristin M. Davis, Brandon Jeffries, Tristan Dillan, Donald and Michael Little, Treavor Warden, Scott Walker Jr., James T. and William Dorr; one sister-in-law, Lois Strauch, New Castle; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Davis; a daughter, Sherrie Davis; and three brothers, Waldemar and wife Imogene, William Strauch and Rudolph Strauch, and their wives Roselee and Virginia. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. James Lutheran Church, Logansport, with visitation one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. James Lutheran Church. You may light a candle of hope in remembrance of Dorothea and view her video tribute online at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com)

**Otto R. Edwards, 90**, Peru, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2007 at Hickory Creek at Peru. He was born Aug. 4, 1917 in Peru to Lesley and Burnice (Hopper) Edwards. He graduated from Peru High School in 1935 and married Mary E. Rinker Oct. 10, 1939. She survives. Otto retired from the C&O Railroad as a conductor, and was a conductor on the Am Track Railroad. In addition, he was a life member of the Moose Lodge, Coon Hunters Association, Fraternal Order of Police and Peru Maennerchor, and a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, the Eastern Woodland Carvers, United Transportation Union, the Voyager Club at the Knights of Columbus, the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite at Fort Wayne, Murat Temple Shrine Club in Indianapolis and Logansport Shrine Club. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Kenneth Edwards and wife Sharon, and Otto A. Edwards and wife Janice, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Missy Ward and husband Michael, Kenny Edwards and wife Karen, Rochelle Gartland and husband Frank, Betsy Wolfe and husband Chris, Erica Gocke and husband Tom, and Jessica Chandler and husband Lee; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverends George McCarty and George Dinkel officiating. A Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Frederick R. "Fred" Kwains, 45**, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

#### Thursday, November 15, 2007

**Maureen K. Payne, 61**, South Bend, passed away Nov. 11, 2007 at Hospice House. There will be no visitation or services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Palmer Funeral Home to defray final expenses. Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend, is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Frederick "Fred" R. Kwains, 45**, Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 at his residence. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. No visitation is planned. Love offerings may be made to the Fred Kwains family.

#### Friday, November 16, 2007

**Maureen K. Payne, 61**, South Bend, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Hospice House. She was born Sept. 27, 1946 in Peru to James and Betty (Hill) Donnelly. Maureen enjoyed knitting, cross-stitch and computer games. Survivors include two daughters, Lisa Bowker and husband Ronald, Williamstown, New Jersey, and Cynthia Schmidt and husband David, South



Bend; and one grandson, Sean Holler. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Lee Gable. There will be no visitation or services. Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Palmer Funeral Home, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend, IN 46615, to help defray final expenses.

Saturday, November 17, 2007

**Elba "E.W." Maynard, 41**, Rochester, passed away at 4:52 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, 2007 on Fort Wayne Road, east of 650 East, near Rochester following a motor vehicle accident. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Jerry Pitman officiating. Burial will be in Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Reformers Unanimous Inc. or the Indiana School for the Deaf. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Monday, November 19, 2007

**Pamela Lee Gritzmacher, 58**, Amboy, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at her residence. She was born on August 16, 1949 in New Castle to Jon L. and Elizabeth (Hardgrove) Sullivan. On October 28, 1972, Pamela married Robert A. Gritzmacher in Anderson, and he survives. Pamela attended Chrysler High School in New Castle, and was a wife, mother and homemaker. She also attended the Church of God. Aside from her husband, Pamela is survived by three daughters, Joey Malone and husband, Olin, San Angelo, Texas, Melissa St. Clair and husband Jerald, Marion, and Elizabeth Stapleton and husband Jeremy, Miami; grandchildren, Dakota Malone, Shannon Malone, Kaitlin Stapleton, Tyler Stapleton, Hannah St. Clair, and Nicholas St. Clair; brothers, Jon Sullivan and wife Sonni, Cincinnati, and Joel Sullivan and wife Anna, Lebanon, Tennessee; and sisters, Theresa Catron, Dublin, and Cheryl Hartgrove, New Castle. Pamela was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Gary Carpenter officiating. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m., as well as 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bond Cemetery, Miami County.

Monday, November 19, 2007

**Robert H. (Bob) Dyar and Rebecca L. (Becky) Dyar**, both 73, went together to be with their heavenly Father following a fatal car accident on November 14, 2007 in Waynesville, North Carolina. Bob was born January 19, 1934 in Miami County to Parker and Thelma (Smith) Dyar. Becky was born July 15, 1934 in Howard County to W. Paul and Mary (Rumbel) Frier. The 1952 graduates of Northwestern High School were high school sweethearts, and were happily married for 55 years, after marrying on October 3, 1952. Bob worked for Med-O-Bloom Dairy, Pure-O-Flame, Dyar & Young Trucking, and retired from Kokomo Grain. Becky was a homemaker and retired from Northwestern High School as food service director. Both Bob and Becky were members of Shiloh United Methodist Church, but while traveling, they enjoyed visiting numerous churches each Sunday. The couple also enjoyed going to antique malls, flea markets, casinos, and playing cards. Bob enjoyed fishing with his son, Scott. Becky enjoyed reading and watching movies. After the Dyars sold their Kokomo home, they spent the last seven years in their RV visiting family and friends all over the country. Bob and Becky were both loving parents and grandparents. The Dyars are survived by five children, Bobette Griffin and wife Rosie, Atlanta, Mickey Kelly and husband David, Kokomo, Penny Sites and husband John, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Pam Bryant and husband Mike, Birmingham, Alabama, and Scott Dyar and Deanne Ward, Mexico; eight grandchildren, Stephanie Fogarty and husband Wade of Atlanta, Jennifer Andrews, Richmond, Virginia, Brad Kelly, San Diego, Kyle Kelly, Kokomo, Sarah Sites, Abby Sites, and Emily Sites each of Fort Walton Beach, and Morgan Dyar, Tipton; three great-grandchildren, Taylor Andrews, Caryn Fogarty, both of Atlanta, and Aaron Smith, Tipton. The Dyars were expecting a great-granddaughter in January. Becky is also survived by her mother, Mary Frier, Kokomo; two sisters, Sherrill Circle and husband Roger, Lafayette, and Deborah Breisch and husband J.C., Kokomo; and a host of several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; one sister and brother-in-law, Rosie White and husband Noble; and a nephew, Fred White. Becky was preceded in death by her father; and five infant brothers.

The funeral service will be conducted on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Shiloh United Methodist Church, Kokomo. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the church, as well as from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to We Care or the Kokomo Rescue Mission. Envelopes will be available at the church. Stout & Son Funeral Home of Russiaville in handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com).

Thursday, November 22, 2007

**Curtis R. Davis Jr., 77**, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007 at Wuesthoff Medical Center, Rockledge, Fla. Funeral arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

Monday, November 26, 2007

**Curtis R. Davis Jr., 77**, passed away on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Wuesthoff Medical Center in Rockledge, Florida. He was born July 22, 1930 in Oakland City, to Curtis R. Davis Sr. and Bernice Hopper Davis. Curtis married Patricia M. Sampson on June 9, 1951 at the Methodist Church in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, and she survives. He graduated from Ben

Davis High School in Indianapolis in 1948, was in the Marine reserves from 1949 to 1951, and attended Butler University before entering the U.S. Air Force in 1951. He retired from the Air Force in 1979 as a SMSgt. after 30 years of service. His last tour of duty being at Grissom A.F.B. Curtis was a Vietnam veteran and served as the Air Force Liaison for the Civil Air Patrol for the State of Illinois and then the State of Indiana. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked at Paul-Richard Chevrolet in Peru before working for the Maconaquah School Corporation until his second retirement in 1995. He and his wife, Pat, enjoyed retirement by traveling and spending their winters in Florida and summers in Indiana. Curtis was a 50 year member of the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church in Amboy.

Aside from his wife, he is survived by his son, Michael C. Davis and wife Lori Derby, Kansas; daughter, Leslie M. Solum and husband Oliver, Port St. John, Florida; son, Stephen K. Davis and his wife Kathy, Knoxville, Tennessee; and daughter, Lauran P. Turnipseed and husband Tim, Denver. Curtis is also survived by grandchildren, Jennifer Duncan and husband Ryan, Newton, Kansas, Christopher and Matthew Davis, Derby, Heather Kratzer and husband Jeremy, Columbus, Hillary Flores and husband Tony of Altus AFB, Oklahoma, Curtis Solum, Port St. John, Stephanie McFeters and husband Mike, Fort Wayne, Stephen K. Davis Jr., Knoxville, Damon Davis and wife Staci, Florida; Shane and Caleb Turnipseed, Denver; great-grandchildren, Madeline Duncan, Brodie, Katherine and Aidan Kratzer, Austin Flores, Sierra, Christopher Delcamp, and Braden McFeters. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, followed by a Masonic service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with full military rites, conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team, will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Memorial contributions may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, Amboy.

**Lenora Dean Plothow, 70**, Provo, Utah, passed away Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007. She was born May 21, 1937 in Louisville, Ky. to Anna Lou and Jacob Isaac Damron. She had six siblings: Della, John, Bobby, David, Kathy and Michael. Early years were spent by Lenora in Paintsville, Ky. where she was a true "coal miner's daughter," since her dad worked in the coal mines. The family moved to Pennsylvania, then to Gilead, where she grew into her teens. Roger, her eternal companion, started teaching at Gilead High School the summer after her graduation. They met, dated for two weeks, were engaged, married and sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Last May they celebrated their 50th anniversary. Lenora was very active professionally in Utah education, serving as director of the Center for Lifelong Learning, Utah Valley State College, retiring after nearly 14 years. She was president twice for Mountain Plains Adult Education Association, Provo Education Foundation chair and a member of numerous boards and committees. She received the Reed Smoot Community Service Award from the Provo & Orem Chamber of Commerce. For two years she was chair of the local Red Cross Chapter Board. Lenora was an 18-year volunteer for PTA and served as the Utah State president for two years.

As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, she served with Roger as a senior couple in the New York, Rochester Mission. Throughout her life she served in nearly every church ward and branch position possible.

Lenora enjoyed working in her yard, planting roses, dates with her husband, B.Y.U. football; she loved giggling and reading stories to her grandchildren and spending holidays - especially Christmas - with her family.

Lenora is survived by her husband, Roger; five children, Roger Dean and wife Kathleen, Phillip Anthony and wife Emily, Kathleen Louise, Melissa Ann Stevenson and husband Rod, and Amy Lee Perry and husband Chad; one foster son, Harrison Begay; 21 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Grandview Thirteenth Ward Chapel, 1260 W. 1150 North, Provo, Utah. Friends may call at the church Tuesday from 6 until 9 p.m. and at the church Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Interment will follow in the Provo City Cemetery.

**Charlene Marquis, 74**, Angola, formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:37 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Jan L. McGinnis, 63**, Peru, passed away at 12:40 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 at his home. His wife of 41 years, Stephenie, and his immediate family were at his side. Jan was a man of God and an example of strength and love to all who knew him. His sense of humor and gentle spirit endeared him to many, and he will be greatly missed. He was born March 6, 1944 in Wabash to Verle A. "Mac" and Ruby McGinnis. He graduated from Peru High School in 1962 and served honorably in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, where he was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. On July 22, 1967, he and Stephenie G. Kordis were happily united in marriage at the glass Wayfarer's Chapel, Portuguese Bend, Calif. A railroad engineer for Norfolk and Southern from 1967 to 1995, many of Jan's best-told stories were of time spent with lifelong friends he worked with and he greatly enjoyed his vocation. He and his family attended Peru Grace Brethren Church for many years and he was a member of The Bible Forum, where he regularly shared his inspiration and scripture studies with very dear friends. Jan told stories with the wit, charm and spirit of a true Irishman, was a talented artist, enjoyed restoring vintage cars, was a true New York Yankees and Notre Dame fan and was a loyal, devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Survivors besides his wife include three children, Jason McGinnis and wife Paula, Vail, Ariz., Shannon McGinnis Thola and husband Del, Benson, Ariz., and Rachel McGinnis, Austin, Texas; eight grandchildren, Justin Thola, Morgan Thola, Stetson Thola, Remington Thola, Mandolin Thola, Kirsten Thomlison, Kylie McGinnis and Kayann McGinnis; and a brother, Jay D. McGinnis, Tucson, Ariz.



A memorial service celebrating the life of Jan L. McGinnis will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Bible Forum, 2348 Randolph, Grissom Aeroplex, Peru. We would like to thank anonymous organ donors who made it possible for us to spend 24 more years with Jan and we encourage all to consider signing their cards and giving the gift of life.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to a living memorial, such as the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Timothy H. Althouse, 53**, Peru, passed away at 1:28 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Feb. 18, 1954 in Pokipsy, N.Y. to Harold Robert and Marion E. Wolff Althouse. He married Barbara Keifer Dec. 14, 1990 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Logansport, and she survives. Tim graduated from Peru High School in 1972 and was vice president of Door & Hardware Installations of Indiana, Inc. He attended Peru Grace Brethren Church, was a member of the Indiana Carpenters Union Local 215, Lafayette, Concerns of Police Survivors, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 86 and a member of the Local Emergency Management Planning Committee. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who thoroughly enjoyed spending time four-wheeling with his grandchildren. Family was a priority to him and he particularly enjoyed camping with his family. Survivors besides his wife include five children, Gaben M. Laird, a member of the U.S. Army stationed in Germany, Matthew Wilhelm and wife Kristi (Touloukian), Peru, Daniel Wilhelm, Peru, Timothy R. Althouse, Peru, and Sarah E. Althouse, Peru; eight grandchildren, Kaylee Laird, Braxton Wilhelm, Bryce Wilhelm, Ali Wilhelm, Anna Foust, Parker Althouse, Piper Althouse and Teigan Althouse; three brothers, Eldon Lee Althouse and wife Sindy, Peru, Dirk Van Althouse and wife Tracy, Indianapolis, and Jeffrey R. Althouse and wife LuAnne, Fillmore; and a sister, Avis M. Lennon and husband Tom, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Timothy Jacob "Jake" Laird, an Indianapolis city policeman, killed in the line of duty on Aug. 18, 2004.

A service celebrating the life of Timothy H. Althouse will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Peru Grace Brethren Church, 436 S. Broadway, Peru, with Pastors Ronald Bowland and Jeff Patton officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, and at the church one hour prior to services Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Concerns of Police Survivors or the Peru Grace Brethren Church Day Care Center.

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

**Martha L. Moon, 87**, rural Wabash, passed away at 2:24 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at her home. She was born Sept. 17, 1920 in Cass County to Ernest W. and Helen A. (Leibo) Ahlfeld. Martha married William S. Moon in Wabash on Sept. 3, 1954, and he survives. She graduated from Peru High School and attended Marion Business College. She retired from General Tire in 1980, where she worked as the secretary to the industrial engineer. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. She loved flowers, gardening and was an avid IU basketball fan. Most of all, she was also a devoted aunt to 14 nieces and nephews. Survivors besides her husband include two sisters, Margaret E. Zentz and husband Donal, and Ruth Alber and husband Donald, all of Wabash; and two brothers, Gene Ahlfeld and wife Lorraine, Wabash, and James E. Ahlfeld and wife Pat, Dry Ridge, Ky. She was preceded in death by one brother, Robert C. Ahlfeld.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Preferred memorial is St. John's Lutheran Church. The memorial guest book for Martha may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Karl E. Ungar, 43**, rural Peru, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Miami County Road 100 North in Peru. He was born April 17, 1964 in Stephenville Newfoundland, Canada to Edward Ungar and Reta (Grandstaff) Murphy. Karl was a Taylor High School graduate and a self-employed contractor. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, being with friends, helping people out and he loved to talk. He lived the past 10 years in Miami County, coming from Kokomo where he lived since 1964. Survivors besides his mother in Peru include a son, Kyle E. Ungar, Sharpville; his father in San Antonio, Texas; a sister, Denese Smith and husband Chris, Geneva; two brothers, Mark Ungar and wife Missy, Sharpville, and Robert W. Ungar, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; his grandmother, Retabel Grandstaff, Peru; a step-father, Stanley Murphy, Peru; his step-mother, Nancy Ungar, San Antonio, Texas; a step-grandmother, Madeline Murphy, Peru, a girlfriend, Tabitha Bolton, Kokomo; and five nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Chaplain Mike Morecraft officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Karl may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Linda L. Dempsey, 63**, Peru, passed away at 6:22 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo. She was born March 24, 1944 in Peru to John Shank and Edwina (Bennett) Shank Brown. She married Raymond Mongosa, and then married Ricky A. Dempsey May 17, 1993, and he survives. Linda was a homemaker. Survivors include her mother and husband in Peru; two sons, Michael R. Mongosa and wife Cindy, and Darren W. Mongosa and girlfriend Michele, all of Peru; three grandchildren, Brian, Bonnie and Nicholas; three step-grandchildren, Jean lue, Sabrina and Jerome; and a brother, Larry Shank, Cape Coral, Fla. She was preceded in death by her father. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount

Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Jeff Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Charlene R. Marquis, 74**, Angola, passed away at 2:37 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola. She was born April 13, 1933 in Peru to Donald L. and Hannah (Whitezel) Sharp. On Nov. 1, 1953 in Peru she married Alvin E. "Buss" Marquis, who preceded her in death on June 18, 2004. Charlene graduated from Peru High School in 1951. She was employed as office manager at Lime-O-Sol in Ashley, until her retirement in 1995. Survivors include a son, Brian Marquis, Plainfield; a daughter, Susan Byrne, Angola; three grandchildren, Scott Byrne, Todd Byrne and Tracy Byrne; and a sister, Linda Martz, Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister, Rita Yarbrough. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with Pastor Ronald L. Bowland officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Grace Brethren Church.

Thursday, November 29, 2007

**William B. "Bill" Shewman, 86**, Peru, passed away at 8:13 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at his residence. He was born Nov. 9, 1921 in Akron to Merl and Ruby (Merley) Shewman. He married Mary Sowers April 11, 1945, and she survives. Bill graduated from Peru High School in 1939 and Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tenn., in 1944. He did graduate work at Butler University and Michigan State University. He taught at Macy High School from 1945 to 1948 and was principal at East Lansing, Mich. Elementary School. He pastored at Macedonia Christian Church in Howard County, Macy Christian Church, Bunker Hill Baptist Church and Chili Baptist Church. He also established the Salem Christian Church, pastoring there for 30 years, and was instrumental in starting the Rainbow Christian Church Camp. Bill and his dad formerly owned and operated Cardinal Oil Company, Peru, for several years. In addition, he loved hunting and fishing. Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Errol Shewman, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Bill Shewman and wife Lori, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Diane Hahn and husband Denny, Peru; seven grandchildren, Stacie Hostrawser and husband Matt, Carmel, Darcie Nance, Indianapolis, Judd Hahn and wife Lori, Peru, Mason Shewman and wife Teresa, Brownsburg, McClain Shewman and wife Ashley, and Lauren Shewman, all of Fort Wayne, and Burton Shewman, Indianapolis; six great-grandchildren, Kory, Carli, Kayla, Halle, Audrey and Brady; and two sisters, Norma Taylor and husband Bob, Denver, and Ruby Ann McFadden, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Kevin Shewman; two grandchildren, Darrin and Brady; and a brother, Ralph Shewman. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Salem Christian Church, with Pastors Rod Cameron and John Rhodes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rainbow Christian Camp and/or The Southerncare Hospice.

**Jeremy Matthew Bare, 32**, Amboy, passed away at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born on Monday, June 16, 1975 in Kokomo to Teddy James Bare and the late Ruth Anna (Jenkins) Bare. Jeremy was a 1993 graduate of Maconaquah High School and owned and operated Bare Lawn Care and Burn-A-Bean Candle Making. He enjoyed traveling, snow skiing and spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his father, Teddy Bare, Amboy; a sister, Stephanie N. Bare, Kokomo; nephews Keighan Hayes and Keron Hullum, both of Kokomo; a niece, Isis J'Rae Hayes, Kokomo; maternal grandmother Mary Jane Jenkins, Bunker Hill; aunts and uncles Jay and Julie Jenkins, Bunker Hill, Bob and Sue Bare, Greentown, Terry and Mary Bare, Kokomo; cousins Justin Jenkins, Bunker Hill, Jill Jenkins, Kokomo, Caleb and wife Jenny Bare, Phoenix, Ariz.; close personal friend Candy Mooney and son Joe Garcia, Carmel. Jeremy is also survived by other family and numerous close friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, his maternal grandfather and his paternal grandparents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Eilers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster, Kokomo, with Joshua Welch officiating. Burial will follow at Santa Fe Cemetery in Miami County. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Maconaquah High School Ruth Bare Memorial Scholarship Fund. Message may be e-mailed to [condolences@ellersmortuary.com](mailto:condolences@ellersmortuary.com).

Friday, November 30, 2007

**Martha R. Chase, 77**, Miami, passed away at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007 at her residence. She was born Oct. 29, 1930 in Dola, W.Va. to Shelby and Ethel (McCullough) Robinson. She married Arthur L. Chase Sept. 11, 1949, and he survives. Martha was a homemaker and formerly employed in the catalog department at JC Penney in Kokomo. She also formerly was employed at the Canterbury House in Peru. She was cofounder and a member of the Miami Fellowship of Praise Church in Miami. While growing up in Wallace, W.Va., she attended First Baptist Church. Prior to moving to Indiana, she was employed at a Clarksburg newspaper in Clarksburg, W.Va. Survivors besides her husband include three sons, Shelby L. Chase and wife Lisa, Galveston, Mark Chase and wife Lou Ann, and A. Shawn Chase and wife Theresa, all of Miami; three daughters, Pamela Schnurr and husband Tony, Indianapolis, Claudia Melanson and husband Patrick, Akron, and Shannon Smith, Miami; 13 grandchildren, Joseph, Angeline, Sandy, Misty, Jonathan, Benjamin, Ruth Ann, Wesley, Wade, Shawna, Jena, Chase and Vincent; two brothers, Shellis Robinson and wife Patty, Bridgeport, W.Va., and Warren Robinson and wife Joan, Lumberport, W.Va.; two sisters, Esther Harbert and husband Paul, Bridgeport, W.Va., and Lillian Crosby, New York, N.Y.; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant stillborn son, Joey. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m.

Monday at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastors Norman McBride and Steve Bluse officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami Fellowship of Praise Church.

**Whilemina Catherine Hoover, 86**, Peru, passed away at 2:25 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Whilemina (Minnie) was born Jan. 22, 1921 to August and Agnes Miller in Peru. She was married to Donald Lee Hoover Nov. 5, 1940 at St. Charles Catholic Church, and he preceded her in death Oct. 24, 1975. Minnie retired from Pearl Wegert Real Estate after 40 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed her retirement by spending time with her family along with sewing and playing card games. She was a lifelong member of St. Charles Catholic Church. Minnie had so much love for her family and all who knew her loved her just as much. She will be sadly missed by all. Survivors include her nine sons and daughters, John Hoover and wife Pat, Kendallville, Donald Hoover Jr. and wife Colette, Kokomo, Shirley Petermeier and husband Ray, Galveston, William Hoover and wife Billie Jo, Peru, Joseph Hoover and wife Nina, National City, Calif., Ellen Geise and husband John, Syracuse, Jerolyn Cash, Chesnee, S.C., Raymond Hoover and wife Kim, Peru, and Michael Hoover and wife Vickie, New London, Ohio; eight brothers and sisters, Sylvester Miller, August Miller, Stephen Miller, Henry Miller, Arnold Miller, Madonna Vespo, Margaret Schuhler and Rosemary Kifowitz; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents, a daughter, Carmel Hoover; a brother, Clarence Miller, a sister, Agnes Miller; and a son-in-law, Tim Cash.

A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Whilemina Hoover will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church or the charity of your choosing.

**Helen Margaret Curtis Stout, 89**, Peru, passed away at 5 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, 2007 at her residence. She was born July 19, 1918 in Great Bend, Kan. to General and Martha Keenan Curtis. She married Edward L. Stout II Sept. 8, 1945 in Great Bend, Kan., and he preceded her in death Aug. 3, 1999. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Helen graduated from Mount Carmel High School in Hutchinson, Kan. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a retired supervisor of finance and accounting at Grissom Air Force Base. Survivors include a son, Edward L. Stout IV (colonel, U.S. Army retired), and wife Karen, Peru; a daughter, Martha "Marti" Korba and husband Mike, Russiaville; five grandchildren, Michael A. Korba, Nikki L. Logsdon, Candice A. Gerlach, Katey L. Bryan and Stephanie A. Fahner; and eight great-grandchildren, Lauren Kennedy Logsdon, Rhegan Nicole Logsdon, Jase Gerlach, Evan Gerlach, Courtney Keller, Kylee Keller, Maddie Fahner and Jack Fahner. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Edward L. Stout III. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Helen Curtis Stout will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. Fifth St., Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with a prayer service at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Saturday, December 01, 2007

**Deborah J. Kelderhouse, 62**, Peru, passed away at 12:02 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 2007 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. Rites are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru

Monday, December 03, 2007

**Deborah J. Kelderhouse, 62**, Peru, passed away at 12:02 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2007 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette. She was born on April 26, 1945 in Indiana to Sanford and Betty Jane (Mayfield) Snearley. On January 10, 1969, she married John Kelderhouse, who preceded her in death on October 7, 1996. The homemaker was a member of the Mexico Baptist Church. Deborah is survived by her mother, who resides in Crown Point; son, John Kelderhouse Jr., Peru; daughter, April Pyle and husband Kevin, Silver Lake; three grandchildren, Jennifer, Adric and Maverick; two sisters, Rachel Prince, Texas, and Kathleen Snearley, Arkansas. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her father. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Mexico Baptist Church, with Pastor Charles B. Cole officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Baptist Church.

**Joyce A. Jordan, 72**, Peru, passed away at 6:23 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born on May 23, 1935 in Peru to Nathaniel 'Pete' Mongosa Sr. and Mary E. (Patterson) Mongosa. Joyce was first married to Robert Hudson Sr., and later Richard 'Dick' Jordan, who preceded her in death on September 28, 2004. Joyce was retired from Woodcrest Manufacturing and was a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary. She is survived by two sons, Robert Hudson Jr., and Ronald Hudson and wife Anne, each of Peru; daughter, Debbie Armstrong and husband Butch, Denver; five brothers, Nathaniel 'Pete' Mongosa Jr. and wife Connie, Jake Mongosa, Raymond Mongosa, Donald Mongosa and wife Mary, and Ralph Mongosa, each of Peru; sister, Sue Tucker and husband Bob, Peru; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. Aside from her two husbands, Joyce was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Lawrence Mongosa; sister, Mary A. Wolfe;

granddaughter, Tosha; and daughter, Tammy. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Charles B. Cole officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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Tuesday, December 04, 2007

**Dale Lester Floyd, 69**, Rochester, passed away at 8:13 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, following a two-month illness. He was born on April 2, 1938 in Miami County to Lester Dale and Chloe (Walker) Floyd. On January 25, 1958, Dale married Phyllis J. Hutchison in Macy, and she survives. Dale was a maintenance man at Lear in Peru for 47 years. Aside from his wife, Dale is survived by son, Richard Floyd, Seattle; two daughters, Linda Easterday and husband Gary, Rochester, and Cathy Adley and husband Carl, Rochester; nine grandchildren, Garrett, Shannon, Misty, Kent, Amy, Ty, Joshua, Trey and Jared; four sisters, Adella Wilson, South Bend, Betty Harper and husband Arthur, Rochester, Ruth Carrothers and husband Brice, Peru, and Aretha Mills, Rochester; brother, David Floyd and wife Kathy, Bloomfield. He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son; and one sister, Grace Mills. There will be a private family funeral service at Hartzler Funeral Home. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. There will be no public visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the donors' choice.

**Brent Ray McCloughan, 42**, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2007 at his residence. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Mark Kline officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today, as well as 9 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Military services will be conducted by the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars and LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post. Memorials may be made, in lieu of flowers, to Riley Hospital for Children and/or the American Heart Association. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at [goodfamily@rtcol.com](mailto:goodfamily@rtcol.com).

Wednesday, December 05, 2007

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**James L. Foreman, 85**, Peru, passed away at 11:02 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born Sept. 27, 1922 in Bridgeport, Ill. to Bert and Stella Anna (Julian) Foreman. He married Bertha (Gretzinger) Foreman April 8, 1942, and she survives. James was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and retired from Ford Meter Box, Wabash. He also worked as a crane operator for S&L in Marion. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Phyllis Hansen and husband Ron, Peru; two granddaughters, Selena Murphy, Denver, and Andera Egan and husband Chris, Farmers Branch, Texas; two sisters and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; four brothers; two sons, Larry Foreman and Dennis Foreman; and a daughter, Cheryl Foreman. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Sunday, December 09, 2007

**Joann R. Clark, 81**, formerly of Peru, passed away suddenly but peacefully Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007. Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at Starks and Menchinger Funeral Home, St. Joseph, Mich.

**Helen Briggs, 97**, Rochester, formerly of Peru; passed away at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 13, 1909 in Lafayette to John and Ella Hass Landis. She married Melvin A. Briggs Aug. 8, 1936 in Indianapolis, and he preceded her in death Nov. 20, 1993. Helen was a vice president of AmericanTrust Savings Bank where she retired in 1974. She also was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Peru, Phi Delta Kappa Wives Club and AARP. Survivors include two sons, John Briggs and wife Elaine, Rochester, and David Briggs and wife Bettie, Plainsfield, Mass.; seven grandchildren; six



step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Dr. Craig Briggs, on Nov. 3, 1998; and her sister, Wilma Landis, in 1941. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to First Presbyterian Church.

**Leroy F. Swihart, 78**, Akron, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Rick Roderick officiating. Burial will be in Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko County Home Care and Hospice, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw. Online condolences may be made at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

Monday, December 10, 2007

**Webster Lee "Web" Ambrose, 77**, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at Hickory Creek at Peru. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Karen Sue Kunkle Langdon, 60**, Peru, passed away Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 at her residence. She was born March 29, 1947 in Peru to Gerald M. and Geraldine (Fisher) Kunkle. Karen was a 1965 graduate of Peru High School and also graduated from Manchester College. She was a grant writer for Gilead House, Kokomo. Survivors besides her mother in Peru include a son, Jeffrey Langdon and wife Tia, Charlotte, N.C.; three granddaughters, Emily Langdon, Alyssa Langdon and Tiara Butler; two grandsons, Joshua Langdon and Aaron Butler; a niece, Jennifer Kunkle; a nephew, Craig Kunkle and wife Julie and their daughter Tilly; and a brother, Alan Kunkle and wife Marie, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her father. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors George McCarty and Steve Fleck officiating. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Dukes Chaplaincy Fund.

**Frances Cogan Jackson, 79**, Westfield, went home to be with her Lord on December 6, 2007. She was born on February 18, 1928, in Peru, to Leslie and Elizabeth Cogan. She is survived by her five children whom she loved dearly, Deborah (Craig) Stapleton, Gwen (Jerry) Sanchez, Leonard (Dianne) Jackson, Larry (Melissa) Jackson, and Ann Jackson; 13 grandchildren, Aaron Gilsinger, Jeremy Sawyer, Kevin (Laura) Jackson, Christina Jackson, Chelsi and Ali Hiers, Nathan Sanchez, Clay, Rachael, Haylie and Luke Jackson, Lindsay Pratt, and Megan Chmielewsky; and five great-grandchildren, Lucretia, Dexter, Cogan, and Carollynn Gilsinger and Elijah Hiers along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Princess, Gertrude, and Mary Ruth; two brothers, Milford and Robert, and two nieces. Frances was graduated from Peru High School in the Class of 1946. She earned her B.A. degree in English and French from Indiana University-Kokomo and was graduated with High Distinction in 1970. She studied French in Switzerland and France. In 1979, she earned her M.A. degree in Comparative Literature from Purdue University. She taught school at Lincoln Elementary School for one year followed by teaching French and English for 23 years at Lewis Cass and North Miami High Schools. She continued working in education after retirement by tutoring and substitute teaching. Frances was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority, the Westfield, Noblesville and Kokomo Poetry Clubs, Kokomo First Baptist Church, and Christ United Methodist Church of Westfield. She served as PTA president, hospital volunteer, radio reader for the blind and free-lance editor. Her dedication to her family, friends, and faith along with her love of travel and nature are reflected in her two poetry books, "Jewelled Rainbow" and "Double Rainbow." She was also an accomplished artist. Visitation will be held at the Westfield Christ United Methodist Church on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m., and at the Kokomo First Baptist Church on Sunday, from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral service will be 1 p.m. on Monday at the Kokomo First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Vincent Hospice, 8450 N. Payne Road, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46268, First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, 310 W. Taylor, Kokomo, IN 46901, or Feed the Children, P.O. Box 32, Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0036 ([www.feedthechildren.org](http://www.feedthechildren.org)). Eilers Mortuary, Kokomo, assisted the family with arrangements.

**Inez Spencer, 83**, New Waverly, went to be with the Lord at 3:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. She was born on October 16, 1924 in Estill County, Kentucky to Jeff and Minnie (Townsend) Sparks. On November 5, 1941, Inez married Thadis Spencer, and he survives. The homemaker was a member of the Christian Pilgrim Church in Peru. Aside from her husband, Inez is survived by a son, David Spencer, Peru; grandchildren, Jessica White, Gary White, David Spencer Jr., Jeremiah Spencer; great-grandchildren, Taylor White and Jaylah White; brother, Charlie Sparks, Coldwater, Michigan; sisters, Lilomae Abney, Cincinnati, Lorine Booth, Kentucky, Shirley Hayes, Middletown, Ohio, Josephine Lane, Kentucky, and Fay Levett, Michigan. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday at the United Methodist Church, New Waverly, with the Reverends Carl Davis and Arthur Jennings officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.



Tuesday, December 11, 2007

**Jacqueline "Monique" Veer, 80**, Peru, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 4, 1927 in Paris, France to Guilliame and Simone (Bille) Brochet. She married Charles E. Veer Jan. 8, 1959, and he survives. Jacqueline was a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include her mother-in-law, Myrna Veer, Freeport, Ill.; two nephews, Andre Haudebourg and Alain Petit, both of Paris, France; eight brothers-in-law, Bill Veer and wife Charity, Frank Veer and wife Sherri, Karl Veer and wife Evelyn, Ernie Veer and wife Shirley, Sam Veer and wife Sandy, Ron Veer, all of Freeport, Ill., Doug Veer and wife Kathy, Augusta, Ga., and John Veer and wife Eileen, Strawberry, Ark.; a sister, Loulette Petit, Paris, France; and five sisters-in-law, Neva Bartel and husband Gene, Rosie Quintero and husband Ben, all of Freeport, Ill., Beatrice Dean, Tennessee, Grace Heck and husband Rocky, and Charity Sullivan and husband Dave, all of Freeport, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with Father Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Peoria. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**George E. Woolley Sr., 88**, Mishawaka, passed away at 3:02 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 2007 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, South Bend. He was born Jan. 12, 1919 in Peru to the late Newell N. and Effie (Fisher) Woolley, but has lived in the South Bend area most of his life. He and his wife also lived in Mission, Texas for 12 years. On Dec. 18, 1943 in South Bend, he married Geneva "Neva" (Corey) Woolley who survives. George graduated from Peru High School in 1937. He was Past Master of the former Portage Lodge #675 F&AM and a member of St. Joseph Lodge #45. He loved music and loved to ballroom dance, sing and play golf. George and Neva loved to RV travel the U.S. He retired in 1972 from Bendix Corporation. He worked in research and development as an engineering technician in the aeronautical division. He then worked for Sundstrand Corporation in Rockford, Ill. until 1981. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Donna Darch and husband Mike, Deltona, Fla., and Barbara Eminger and husband Charles, Jasper, Ala.; two sons, Curtis Woolley and wife Harriett, Granger, and George E. Woolley Jr. and wife Karen, Plano, Texas; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Madelene Fry and Maxine Arthur, preceded him in death. A special thank you to Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center and St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for the wonderful care and support. Masonic services will be held at 1:30 p.m. with funeral services following on Tuesday at Palmer Funeral Home, 2528 Mishawaka Ave., South Bend. Friends may call from noon Tuesday until the time of the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Masonic Hospital's Dyslexia Foundation or the charity of choice.

**Webster "Web" Lee Ambrose, 77**, Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 after suffering with dementia. He had lived in Peru 41 years. He was born June 18, 1930 in Nettleton, Miss. to Annie Bell (Finnie) and Larmia Ambrose Sr. Webster was a retired foreman with the N&W Railroad and a member of New Prospect Baptist, Nettleton, Miss. He was a very devoted father to his children and a wonderful grandfather. His grandchildren knew he always had doublemint chewing gum for them every time they would go by to see him. His passion was fishing; he would fish all day every chance he got. His heart also was his big garden. He worked all the time when he retired and he had a beautiful garden. He was a very pleasant person and was always smiling. He would do anything for anyone, even if he did not know them. His family will miss him terribly. In addition, he was a member of the NAACP at one time in his life when they were going strong in Peru. Survivors include his longtime, loving companion Willie Lee Dilworth; 13 children, Tommie Lee Ambrose and wife Erma, Memphis, Tenn., Webster Lee Ambrose Jr., Dayton, Ohio, Rex Ambrose and wife Rebecca, Tammy Wilson and husband Joel Jr., and Gregory Ambrose and wife Andrea, all of Peru, Steve Ambrose and wife Ronda, Logansport, Tanyia Ware and husband Lamar Jr., Mansfield, Ohio, Bobby Dilworth and wife Shirley, Grand Rapids, Mich., John Dilworth and wife Donna, and Ruben Dilworth, all of Peru, Catherine Powe, Kokomo, Evelyn Raysor and husband Lawrence, Indianapolis, and Carolyn Sanders and husband Anthony, Montgomery, Ala.; two brothers, Larmia Ambrose Jr. and Primis Ambrose, both of Verona, Miss.; three sisters, Lillie Mae Morris, Estella Edwards and Annie Mae Ambrose, all of Verona, Miss.; 32 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Tylon Dilworth; two sisters, Fannie White and Ollie Bell Griffin; two nephews, Freddie Griffin and James Russell Morris; three aunts; four uncles and two brothers-in-law. Funeral services will be at noon Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Foard officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

**Adella "Della" C. Kile, 82** years young, Peru, passed away 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007 at her home with family. She was born Dec. 14, 1924 in Leonard, Mo. to William and Rebecca (Peoples) Langhammer. She married Paul L. Kile Nov. 20, 1945 in St. Louis, Mo., and he preceded her in death Sept. 24, 1992. Adella graduated from Leonard High School, Leonard, Mo., and Gem City College, Quincy, Ill. She worked at General Tire, Kuepper Favor, Village Pantry and Gallahan's South Side. She also was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church. She reveled in her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, making black raspberry jelly, collecting bells and toothpick holders, mushroom hunting, raspberry picking, gardening, feeding anyone who came in the door and she especially liked fixing holiday dinners. Survivors include two daughters, Paula Disbro and Julia Hewitt and husband Lee, all of Peru; a son, James Kile and companion Bonnie, Peru; four grandchildren, Scott Disbro, Avon, Lynette Sherrill and husband Colin, Andrea Disbro and companion James, and Jason Hewitt and wife Shelley, all of Peru; two

great-grandchildren, John Sherrill and Jakob Hewitt, both of Peru; a brother, Jerry Langhammer, Clarence, Mo.; and three sisters, Catherine Broyles, Florissant, Mo., Helen Cheatum, Novelty, Mo., and Sister Mary Claudia, Clyde, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, William Langhammer Jr., Mark Langhammer, Frank Langhammer, Ted Langhammer and Edwin "Red" Langhammer; and three sisters, Rose Paschal, Mildred Strachan and Christine Callaway. A private funeral service will be held. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. No visitation will be held. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Monday, December 17, 2007

**Dorothy R. Fenimore, 87**, Peru, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Dec. 1, 1920 in Peru to Earl and Anna (Eisbrenner) Gochenour. Dorothy graduated in 1939 from Morgan High School, Knightstown. She was a member of First Baptist Church and retired as a sales representative after 42 years with Indiana Bell Telephone Company. Survivors include four nieces, Joyce Rockenbaugh and husband John, Peru, Karen Marriott, Texas, Janis Carr and husband Doug, Fort Wayne, and Jeryl Worl and husband Barry, Bunker Hill; and a longtime friend, Harold Repass, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Earl Gochenour; two sisters, Isabelle Willis and Carolyn Boyce; and a sister-in-law, Josephine Gochenour Price. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Bufford J. Gross, 71**, Peru, passed away at 7:17 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 at 300 East and U.S. 24 in Miami County. He was born Jan. 7, 1935 in Lee County, Ky. to Raymond and Lola (Hall) Gross. He married Nedra J. Harmon March 26, 1958, and she survives. Bufford served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959, with 18 months of that in Germany as a motor messenger for the colonel. He retired from Trelleborg in Peru. He also owned and operated the former B. Gross Hobbies and Craft Store, was a member of the Kustom Kings Car Club in Peru and served on the Miami County Soap Box Derby Committee. In addition, he attended the Nazarene Church and loved his airplanes, but loved his family more. He built two replicas of the 1903 Wright brothers airplane, with one housed at Grissom Air Museum and the other at the Wright brothers birthplace in Mooreland. Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Pamela Hill and husband Doug, Sheridan; a son, Chad Gross and wife Valerie, Westfield; a granddaughter, Natalie Hill, Sheridan; two grandsons, Senior Airman Kyle Hill and wife Krystal, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., and Justin Gross, Westfield; a great-granddaughter, Alexis Hill; his father-in-law, Retired Sheriff Lowell Harmon, Peru; two brothers, LeVaugh Gross and wife Sue, Peru, and Ervil Gross and wife Betty, Alabama; and two sisters, Thelma Wireman and husband Easterling, and Lois Briscoe and husband Dave, all of Peru. Chad and Valerie Gross anticipate the birth of another child in June of 2008. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Eunice Gilliam. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Tony Winter and Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

**Donna Rae Hall, 54**, Logansport, passed away at 5:11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 in her home. She was born Nov. 23, 1953 in Peru to Ray and Mary (Wyatt) Hanger. She married Glen Hall Feb. 19, 1994, and he survives. Donna was employed by the United States Postal Service for almost 33 years. She served 27 of those years as postmaster in the Denver office. She always had a stamp for the back of all the kids' hands that visited her post office. She was a 1972 Maconaquah High School graduate. She enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, sewing, and playing slow-pitch softball in Peru for many years. She loved her children and especially her grandchildren! She had a ten-year battle with cancer and always supported and encouraged others in their struggles. Survivors besides her husband include six daughters and one son, Kris Townsend, Denver, Gina Brooks and husband Tony, Peru, Chad Davis, Peru, Sandi Davis, Indianapolis, Heather Adams and husband Tyler, Galveston, Tara Hall, Peru, and Stephanie Hall, Walton; six grandchildren, Devin and Cody Townsend, Kerina Cormican, Treyden and Caiden Curtis, and a grand-daughter on the way; five brothers and sisters, Wayne Wyatt and wife Amanda, Florida, Ruth Fair, Peru, Johnnie Hanger, Peru, Arlene Barrow and husband Jim, North Carolina, and Norma Poor and husband Scott, Peru. Donna loved all her extended family as well, and all who knew her loved her just as much. She will be sadly missed by everyone. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Calvary Temple Church with Pastor John Damron and Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at McClain Funeral Home, 3500 W. State Road 16, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Service, Hospice.

**Linda Lou Hollingshead, 65**, rural Roann, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 7, 1942 in Wabash County to Robert E. and Mary M. (Gordon) Hollingshead. Linda worked at Bondflex in Laketon and at Chartwell's at Manchester College for seven years. She was a member of Harvest Fellowship Church in Wabash. Linda liked to read, play music and bingo, watch television, and loved all animals. She was also an avid Elvis Presley fan. Survivors include two sons, Rick E. Hollingshead and wife Mary, and Michael L. Hollingshead, all of Roann; an aunt, Mary Alice Templeton, Wabash; close family Greg Newman and wife Regina, La Fontaine, and Kim Newman, Phoenix, Ariz.; and many very close friends. She was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Hollingshead. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Bruce Hostetler officiating.

Burial will follow in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Linda may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

**Cheryl (Dye) Williams, 58**, Largo, Fla. passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at Largo Medical Hospital. She was born Aug. 6, 1949 in Kokomo to Doris (Belt) Dye Broadlick and the late Mark L. Dye. Her father died when she was nine, and she was raised by her step-father, Russell M. Broadlick, who is also deceased. On June 1, 1986 she married Eddie Williams, who survives. He was a loving husband who took wonderful care of her, and was by her side until her passing. Cheryl graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1967, and was a hair stylist in Kokomo prior to moving to Florida in 1988. In Florida she worked for Bics Corporation for 17 years. Cheryl was vice president of W & D Truck Lines in Largo. When she was a young girl, she attended the Bennetts Switch Methodist Church. Survivors besides her mother in Kokomo include a special son, Brigg Lawrence, Oldsmar, Fla., who was beside her until the end; a very close nephew, Justin P. Dye, Delaware, Ohio, who was like a son to her; a step-daughter, Heather Huggins, Largo; and two step-granddaughters; a sister, Joyce Zody and husband Frank, Kokomo; a brother, Mark S. Dye and wife Debbie, Windfall; and nieces and nephews, Mark T. Zody and wife Susan, Kokomo, and Zachary and Lexi Miller, Amboy. She was preceded in death by her in-laws, Herbert Orliiss Williams and Mary Williams; and grandparents, William R. Dye, and Elmer and Cora Belt. She was a special person who cared for her mother-in-law and step-father in her home until they passed on. She was a fun loving person who enjoyed life, and loved the warm weather in Florida. She will be sadly missed by family, and her many friends. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Murray Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston, with the Reverend Warren Purcell officiating services. Cheryl's wishes were for cremation, and her ashes will be returned to Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

**Naomi M. Brown, 90**, Marion, passed away at 7:55 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at Colonial Oak s Health Care Center, Marion. She was born on May 25, 1917 in Wells County to Jesse L. and Lettie (Twibell) Oden. On July 6, 1935, she married Donald Brown in Wells County, and he preceded her in death on November 16, 1979. The 1935 Chester Center High School graduate worked as an operator for the Amboy Telephone Company. Naomi is survived by three daughters, Barbara Babbs, Peru, Carolyn Bryant, Jonesboro, and Donna Clymer and husband Richard, Marion; one son, Thomas Brown and wife Vickie, Marion; one brother, Paul Oden and wife Vonna, Jonesboro; two sisters, Nina Bowland and husband Clyde, Kokomo, and Marietta Barnhart, Bluffton; 11 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. Aside from her husband, Naomi was preceded in death by her parents; and three sisters, Kathryn Ramsey, Lucille Thomas, and Imogene Oden. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Charles McCallum Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Harold Lloyd Kennedy, 84**, Mexico, passed away at 3:05 a.m. on Friday, December 14, 2007 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born on February 3, 1923 in Montezuma to George G. and Mary Belle (Cox) Kennedy. On May 8, 1946, he married Grace Greene in Lebanon, and she preceded him in death on June 17, 1993. The 1943 Montezuma High School graduate served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Fleet, working as a cryptographer aboard the submarine USS Searaven. Harold later joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean Conflict. After completing his military service, Harold worked as a detective for the Los Angeles Police Department. Prior to his 1968 retirement, he completed his career by working as the director of security for Sears Roebuck Company in California. Harold was a lifetime member of the V.F.W., as well as the American Veterans and American Legion. He is survived by two daughters, Colleen Kennedy, Mexico, and Marie Wood, Montezuma; one son, Mike Kennedy; six grandchildren, Harold Pollard, Michelle Nelson, Kelly Kennedy, Kevin Smith, Krissy Gilbert, and Joey Wood; and 15 great-grandchildren. Aside from his wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Daniel Shane Kennedy; one grandson, Michael Lance Smith; 15 siblings; and his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami-Wabash Home Hospice.

**Mary F. Phillipy**, Peru, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at her residence. She was born on February 2, 1907 in Kokomo to Moses M. and Edna M. (Jones) Coleman. On June 9, 1929, she married A. Fayette Phillipy, and he preceded her in death on September 11, 1968. Mary was a homemaker who taught piano for 69 years. She was a member of First Christian Church, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mary is survived by several nieces and nephews and their families. Aside from her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Pastors George McCarty and Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

**Roy I. "Gunner" Fink, 65**, Peru, passed away at 6:01 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort. Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Glen N. "Gig" Behny, 78**, Peru, passed away at 12:25 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He lived in Miami County all his life. He was born July 10, 1929 in Peoria (Miami County) to Riley and Ethel (Shroyer) Behny. He married Janet Fager Oct. 14, 1951, and she survives. Glen graduated from Butler High School in 1948 and served in the National Guard. He retired as a supervisor from General Tire, Wabash. He was a charter member of Peoria United Methodist Church and a member of the Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, NASCAR races, Colts football, IU basketball, the Indianapolis 500 race, working outdoors and gardening. Survivors besides his wife include a son, John Behny and wife Paula, Peru; three daughters, Kristi Luttrell and husband Guy, Glendi Douglas, and Ami Behny, all of Peru; five grandchildren, Abby Breneman and husband Jevon, Evan Luttrell, Paul Behny, Emili Boggs and husband Andrew, and Lacy Capozzoli and husband Nick; and a great-granddaughter, Rilei Boggs. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son-in-law, Steven W. Douglas. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Peoria. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peoria United Methodist Church.

**Jean M. Brengle, 56**, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

Thursday, December 20, 2007

**Duane C. Van Petten, 81**, Wabash, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born June 3, 1926 in Linn, Kan. to Archie D. and Martha (Loeffler) Van Petten. On July 2, 1961, he married Wilma (Beckley) Van Petten and she survives. Duane graduated from Linn High School in and earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan. After moving to Indiana, Duane worked at USG, as well as United Technologies in Wabash. Aside from his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Denise Phillips and husband Stuart, and Gleeann Van Petten, all of Fort Wayne; one son, M. Jay Van Petten, Wabash; and a granddaughter, Shannon Phillips, Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Loren; and one sister, Ruth. A private graveside service was conducted at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with the Reverend James Lund officiating. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

**Jean M. Brengle, 56**, Peru, passed away at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 13, 1951 in Philadelphia, Pa. to George Brengle and Margaret (Dean) Collins. Jean was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the VFW Auxiliary, American Huey Helicopter #369, American Vets and the Bunker Hill Lions Club. Survivors include a brother, three sisters, and her companion of 14 years, Charles "Charlie" Morgan. She was preceded in death by her parents. There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Father Frank Kilcline officiating. There will be no visitation. Love offerings may be made to the Jean M. Brengle family through the funeral home.

**Janice Marie Nowling, 55**, Peru, entered into eternal rest at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007 at her residence following a three-month illness. She was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on Nov. 27, 1952 to Wayne and Helen (Watson) Simpson, currently of Clinton. She married Robert D. Nowling, Peru Municipal Golf Pro, on Jan. 5, 1973 in Clinton, and he survives. Janice was the loving mother of two sons, Sean Robert Nowling (Elizabeth Gattman) soon to be of Helsinki, Finland, and Michael Wayne Nowling, Lafayette. Janice graduated from Clinton High School in 1970 and attended Indiana State University, receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees. She was recipient of the Stokely Van Camp Award presented to the outstanding senior student at ISU in the Family and Consumer Science department before embarking on her 31-year teaching career. Up until her illness Janice taught Family and Consumer Sciences at Peru High School for the past 27 years, where she served as department head. She was the 1998 Peru Community Schools Teacher of the Year. During her years at Peru High School, Janice was instrumental in establishing and promoting the Tiger Pride Scholarship fund and developed the "Baby Think It Over" project, which brought her national recognition. She was also the facilitator of the school's peer mediation program, provider of after-school computer classes for her colleagues and was a successful grant writer. Recently she was selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Honor Society of High School Scholars. Janice also was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, small group leader, Girls Discipleship leader and a member of the Church Renewal Team. She also coordinated and participated in several mission trips and various other activities. Janice volunteered in many community causes such as the Peru Amateur Circus, the Clown Ministry of Popcorn & Jingles, Peru Junior Golf Programs and developed partnerships with community based agencies: The Babe Store, Nurturing Parenting Program, BIRTHRIGHT, Riley Hospital and Healthy Families Program, to provide them with hats, bibs, blankets, heart pillows and quillows made by her students in her child development classes. She was the 1999 Miami County Council of Social Agencies Employee of the Year. She also served as an Indiana Advocate for Children through CASA, and in 2006, Janice was awarded the Tom Gustin Child Abuse Prevention Award by the Miami County Child Abuse Council. This fall,

Janice was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Peru. Surviving besides her husband, children and parents are her maternal grandmother, Elsie Watson, Morganfield, Ky.; great-aunt, Docia Powell, Sturgis, Ky.; parents-in-law, Arthur and Mary Ruth Nowling, Clinton; brother, Bill Simpson, Charleston, S.C.; sisters Donna Guinn (George), Clinton, and Nancy Deitch (Mark), Summerville, S.C.; brother and sister-in-law Mike and Valerie Nowling, Fort Wayne; special sister Patricia Gahs (Denny), Peru; and 12 nieces and nephews. A service celebrating the life of Janice Marie Nowling will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the Janice Nowling Scholarship Fund or the Tiger Pride Scholarship Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, P.O. Box 807, Rochester, IN 46975, with designation of the fund of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru.

Friday, December 21, 2007

**Herbert 'Mike' Feazel, 88**, passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at Colonial Oaks Health Care in Marion. He was born on October 10, 1919 in Upland to Harry Herbert and Mabel (Hinecker) Feazel. On October 27, 1940, 'Mike' married Elizabeth 'Betty' Smith on October 27, 1940, and she survives. 'Mike' lived in Bunker Hill from November of 1964 until October 1988, then resided in Grant County the remainder of his life. He worked for Marsh Supermarkets in Marion prior to his owning and operating Mike's IGA Grocery in Bunker Hill. 'Mike' was a member of the First Christian Church in Marion, as well as a member of the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge #683. He enjoyed boating, fishing and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Aside from his wife, 'Mike' is survived by one son, James Michael Feazel and wife Norma, Peru; one daughter, Jean Ann Hill and husband Terry, Converse; grandchildren, Joseph Michael Feazel and wife Stacey, Peru, Thomas James Feazel and wife JoEllen, Kokomo, Sandra Shouse and husband Brad, Marion, Holly Downam and husband Ryan, Kokomo, great-grandchildren, Jacob, Chad, Drew, Colin, Grant, and Laci; one brother, Glen Feazel and wife Lois, Huntington. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Dora Howard. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Home, North Chapel, Marion, with the Reverend Rodger Moore officiating. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.'

Saturday, December 22, 2007

**Madeline Neidra Murphy, 95**, formerly of Chili, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 at 3 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born Nov. 28, 1912 in Wabash County to Leslie L. and Eva Elizabeth (Royer) Hively. She married Charles Hershel Murphy on May 16, 1931 in Chili, and he preceded her in death on April 5, 1976. Madeline was a 1931 graduate of Chili High School. She was an operator for the telephone company in Chili several years, worked 15 years at the Wabash County Hospital, and was a cook at Chili High School. Madeline was a member of the Chili Baptist Church and the Peru Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include three sons, Stanley Murphy and wife Reta, Peru, Robert Murphy and wife Toni, Mission Viejo, Calif., and Joe Murphy and wife Earlene, Pittsboro; a daughter, Sandra Walker and husband Bob, Peru; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and one grandson. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Gene Personett officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Madeline may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Marcus J. Reffitt, 51**, Macy, passed away at 4:58 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana at Fort Wayne. He was born Jan. 31, 1956 in Risner, Ky. to Harold and Biddie Jean (Bradley) Reffitt. On Dec. 20, 1975 he married Connie J. Gunter in Rochester, and she survives. Marcus had worked for Bellar Construction in Peru. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan, and a fisherman. He enjoyed working as a mechanic and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Swafford and husband Kevin, Rochester, and Elaina Jean Gearhart and husband Matthew, Rochester; six grandchildren, Jonny Sailors, Jamie Sailors, Nicki Sailors, Jacob Swafford, Kaylah Gearhart and Dylan Gearhart, all of Rochester; his parents, Harold and Biddie Jean Reffitt, Fulton; two brothers, Harold W. Reffitt and wife Brenda, Rochester, and Carl Reffitt and wife Jill, Peru; his mother- and father-in-law, Ralph and Janet Gunter, Rochester; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stephnie Jo Reffitt, in 1996. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be sent to [zimmermanbros@rtcol.com](mailto:zimmermanbros@rtcol.com).

Monday, December 24, 2007

**Virginia Lee Barnett, 86**, Wabash, passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007 at 4:35 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor West, Wabash. She was born Sept. 15, 1921 in Miami County to Floyd L. and Bessie L. (Arthur) Smith. She married Carl "Sam" Barnett in Monticello on Jan. 17, 1942, and he preceded her in death Feb. 26, 2007. Virginia was a homemaker and a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion



Auxiliary, both of Wabash. Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Jo Kilcrease, Grand Prairie, Texas, and Karen Daine and husband David, Wabash; two grandsons, Michael Ihnen and wife Julie, and their children Elizabeth, Ronald, Desari, Nick and Nathan, all of Wabash, and David Ihnen, Cave City, Ark.; two granddaughters, Angela Hill and husband Greg, and their daughter Lyndsey, all of Knoxville, Tenn., and Teresa Jones and her children Sheldon and Lacie, all of Wabash; and two step-granddaughters, Alicia Boeddeker and husband Tim, and their children Austin, Brady and Riley, all of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Angela Pennington and husband Dave, and their daughter Davee Layne, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband; her son, Carl E. Barnett, who passed away in 1942; a brother, Robert Smith; and a great-grandson, David Ihnen Jr. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Chris Madison and Pastor Laura Helm officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Wabash First United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Virginia may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Ruth "Charlene" Stauffer, 65**, Peru, passed away at 12:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007 at Westminster Village, Indianapolis. Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary T. Watts, 98**, formerly of Miami County and Swayzee, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007. She was born Dec. 19, 1908 in Grant County to the late Woody and Pearl (Florea) Clark. She married John F. Watts on Dec. 31, 1933, and he preceded her in death on June 28, 1987. Mary was a farm wife and a member of Jones Chapel Christian Church. Survivors include several nephews and nieces, Jack and Roselyn Farley, Jim and Virginia Jones, John and Janet Miley, David Miley, Rick and Kathy May, Dave and Sandra Rouzer, Carol and Chuck Rozell, Betty and Barney Avery, Larry and Ruth Gibson, Patricia and James Ferguson, Wayne and Maria Watts, Douglas Watts, Deloris Watts, Regina and Brian Labossier, Marilyn Watts, John Perry, Mary Jo Gibson, Mike and Angie Brass, and Alan and Sharyne Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Ivan Drishel and Carl Watts and wife Doris; and several great-nephews and -nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four sisters, Blanche and (Avery) Miley, Flornene (Walter) Farley and Florence Drishel and Jean McCan; four nephews, Richard Watts, Roy Morrison, Phil Gibson and Steve Brass; and a niece, Shirley Perry. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee, with Chaplain Caroline Christopher officiating. Burial will be in Knox Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Hospice, 730 W. 35th St., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

**Madeline Neida Murphy, 95**, formerly of Chili, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 at 3 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born Nov. 28, 1912 in Wabash County to Leslie L. and Eva Elizabeth (Royer) Hively. She married Charles Hershel Murphy on May 16, 1931 in Chili, and he preceded her in death on April 5, 1976. Madeline was a 1931 graduate of Chili High School. She was an operator at the telephone company in Chili several years, worked 15 years at Wabash County Hospital, and was a cook at Chili High School. Madeline was a member of the Chili Baptist Church and the Peru Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include three sons, Stanley Murphy and wife Reta, Peru, Robert Murphy and wife Toni, Mission Viejo, Calif., and Joe Murphy and wife Earlene, Pittsboro; a daughter, Sandra Walker and husband Bob, Peru; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister and one grandson. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Pastor Gene Personett officiating. Burial will follow at Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Madeline may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Wednesday, December 26, 2007

**Mary K. 'Kathy' Smith Rinker, 61**, Peru, passed away at 7:05 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on August 5, 1946 in Marion to Virgil and Alice (Hensley) Shelton. On June 21, 1964, 'Kathy' married Glenn Smith, and he preceded her in death on August 18, 1988. On May 9, 1992, she married Gladden Rinker, and he survives. The 1964 Southwood High School graduate also attended Somerset High School, and was employed with Kingston Products for a decade prior to working 30 years for Delco Automotive before retiring in March of 2003. 'Kathy' was a member of Temple Baptist Church, UAW Local #292, and a former member of the Eastern Star. She loved camping and the outdoors, as well as spending time with her grandchildren. Aside from her second husband, she is survived by one son, Thomas 'Tom' Smith and wife Tammy, Mexico; one daughter, Wendy Cunningham and husband Brian, Converse; two step-sons, Tony Lather and wife Debbie, Florida, and Scott Rinker, Kokomo; three step-daughters, Jodi Rinker, Findlay, Ohio, Lynn Hamm and husband Douglas, Florida, and Laura Brumfiel, Kokomo; one brother, Mack Shelton and wife Satomi, Pendleton; two sisters, Betty Stotler and husband Bud, Fort Wayne, and Louise Hopkins and husband Winfred, Virginia; one sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Shelton, Florida; one brother-in-law, Jim Hoeksema, Somerset; five grandchildren; 15 grandchildren; one step-great grandchild; several nieces and nephews. 'Kathy' was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; brother, Lowell Shelton; two sisters, Dorothy Hoeksema and Patricia Shelton. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday at Temple Baptist Church, Kokomo, with Dr. Michael Holloway officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo, as well as from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Amboy. Memorials may be made to Temple Baptist Church with envelopes available at the church.



Thursday, December 27, 2007

**Mildred E. Apt, 80** of Logansport passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at Memorial Hospital. She was born February 25, 1927 in Peru to Neil and Mildred (Gustin) Robinson. On November 24, 1946, Mildred married Frank Apt in Peru, and he survives. Mildred was a retired bookkeeper from First Federal Savings and Loan, and was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church. Aside from her husband, Mildred is survived by one son, Dave Apt and wife Judie, Rochester; one daughter, Beth Gilligan and husband Daniel, of Fairfax, Virginia; three sisters Lola Catanzaro and husband Joseph, Peru, Elsa Williams and husband Richard, and Mary Kuch, each of Sweetser; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Robert and Glen Trent. A private family service will be held Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with the Reverend Doug Mankell officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to any favorite hospice program in your community. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com)

**Charles Leo Bauer, 83**, Hayesville, North Carolina, passed away on Monday, December 24, 2007 at the Murphy (North Carolina) Medical Center. He was born in Peru to John Henry and Margaret Flaherty Bauer. Charles also resided in Tewksbury, Massachusetts and St. Petersburg, Florida before relocating to Clay County (North Carolina) in 1992. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the European Theatre. Charles retired following a 36-year career as a comptroller with the American Heart Association. He was a member of the VFW Hiawassee (Georgia) Post, as well as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Charles is survived by his wife of 62 years, Catherine Helen Merrill Bauer; two daughters, Mary Smith, Hiawassee, and Loretta Johnston, St. Petersburg; five sons, John G. Bauer, Venice, Florida, Stephen T. Bauer, Kennesaw, Georgia, Paul C. Bauer, Sugarland, Texas, Charles Leo Bauer Jr., St. Petersburg, and Peter F. Bauer, Safety Harbor, Florida; two brothers, Bernard Bauer, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Clarence Bauer, Lafayette; 33 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be conducted at noon on January 4, 2008 in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Father George Kloster officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg. Visitation will be January 4 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the church. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Ivie Funeral Home, Murphy, North Carolina. An online guest register is available at "Obituaries" at [www.iviefuneralhome.com](http://www.iviefuneralhome.com).

**Charlene Stauffer, 65**, Peru, passed away at 12:25 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at Westminster Village, Indianapolis. She was born on July 22, 1942 in Sherman, Texas to Edward Hugh and Betty Jo (Smith) Phillips. On October 1, 1960, Charlene married David R. Stauffer in Harlingen, Texas, and he survives. The 1960 Harlingen High School graduate worked as a branch manager for Wabash Valley/First America Bank in the Sherwood Plaza until her retirement in 1997. Charlene was a member of the First Baptist Church. Aside from her husband, Charlene is survived by one daughter, Denise L. Wildman and husband Drew, New Palestine; two sons, David L. Stauffer and wife Karen, Aitkin, Minnesota, and Daniel L. Stauffer, Lafayette; grandchildren, Samantha Stauffer, Ryan Wildman, Sarah Stauffer and Kristin Wildman; three sisters, Rose Ann Hambrick and husband Jerry, Mabank, Texas, Cheryl Berryhill and husband Marshall, Lindale, Texas, and Gail Wisniski, Katy, Texas; and one brother, Steven Phillips, Pasadena, Texas. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church and/or the American Cancer Society.

**Garry S. Worl, 72**, Bunker Hill, passed away at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, December 24, 2007 at his residence. He was born to Weldon L. and Esther D. (Shively) Worl. On September 1, 1962, Garry married Diane E. Maddox, and she survives. The 1953 Clay Township (Miami County) High School graduate was a farmer, as well as a member of the National Guard. He was a member of the Loree Brethren Church in Bunker Hill, as well as the Bunker Hill Masonic Lodge # 683. Aside from his wife, Garry is survived by two daughters, Mindy Caldwell and husband Tony, Bunker Hill, and Kristie Worl, Bunker Hill; one son, Scott Worl and wife Kathy, Amboy; three brothers, Terry Worl and wife Jane Ann, Kokomo, Barry Worl and wife Jeryl, Bunker Hill, and Kerry Worl and wife Vicki, Bunker Hill; and granddaughters, Mallory Caldwell, Maggie Caldwell, Shae Worl, Kasey Worl and Rylee Worl. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Donna Jane Worl; and one son, Brad Allen Worl. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Kenneth Cole officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home, with a Masonic Service being held at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wabash-Miami County Home Health Care and/or the Miami County 4-H.

Friday, December 28, 2007

**Lula L. Army, 74**, Kokomo, passed away at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital. She was born Aug. 22, 1933 in Dugger to William Archie and Ruby (Reed) Cazzell. In July of 1953 she married Richard D. Army, who preceded her in death. Lula attended Judson Road Christian Church, and she enjoyed reading, painting and gardening. Survivors include a son, Roy Army of wife Mariko, Spring Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Rebecca Army, Riverside, Calif.; a son-in-law, Michael Anderson, Indianapolis; a brother, Bert Cazzell and wife Janet, Linton; a special cousin, Frieda Hayes, Kolene; five sisters-in-law, Clara Cazzell, Dugger, Eleanor Cazzell, Dugger, Jeanne Army, Placitas, N.M., Carolyn Army, Brookston, and

Phyllis and Marvin Dockerty, Kokomo; four grandchildren, Mei, Maedo and Isaac Army, and Shasta Sardet; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, with Dr. Gary Carpenter officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Judson Road Christian Church Building Fund.

**Nancy Walker, 69**, Peru, passed away at 10:25 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Feb. 1, 1938 in Cutshin, Ky. to Willie and Polly (Hendrix) Shell. She married William "Wayne" Walker April 20, 1968, and he survives. Nancy was a homemaker. Survivors besides her husband include three sons, David Boyd and wife Donnya, Phillip Boyd and JR Walker and wife Kathy, all of Peru; two daughters, Peggy Burnett and husband Lester, Peru, and Kathy Raber and husband Mike, Quincy, Mich.; a step-son, Bill Walker, Peru; three brothers, Henry Shell and wife Vicky, Lonnie Shell and wife Joan, all of Peru, and Ray Shell, Lexington, Ky.; two sisters, Edna Cornett, Yeaddiss, Ky., and Emily Cornett and husband Otis, Gordon, Ky.; 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; a sister; a son, Frank Boyd; a granddaughter and a great-grandson. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Saturday at the funeral home.

**Mildred E. Apt, 80** of Logansport passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at Memorial Hospital. She was born February 25, 1927 in Peru to Neil and Mildred (Gustin) Robinson. She married Frank Apt in Peru on November 24, 1946, and he survives. Mildred was a retired bookkeeper from First Federal Savings and Loan, and was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, Frank, of Logansport; a son, Dave Apt and wife Judie, Rochester; one daughter, Beth Gilligan and husband Daniel, of Fairfax, Va.; three sisters, Lola Catanzaro and husband Joseph, Peru, Elsa Williams and husband Richard, and Mary Kuch, all of Sweetser; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two half-brothers, Robert and Glen Trent. A private family service will be held Friday at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, with the Reverend Doug Mankell officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Logansport. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to any favorite hospice program in your community. Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).

Monday, December 31, 2007

**Frances F. Ellis, 85**, Dayton, Ohio, formerly of North Grove, passed away at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2007 in Dayton, Ohio. The funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, with the Rev. Dave Snowden and the Rev. Max Haines officiating. Interment will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery in Amboy. There will be no visitation

**Lois L. (Sommers) Martin, 87**, Kokomo, passed away at 12:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007 at her residence. She was born Dec. 6, 1920 in Miami County to Noah and Easter (Strebin) Sommers. She married Raymond E. Martin July 10, 1940, and he preceded her in death Dec. 23, 1991. Lois graduated from Clay Township High School in 1938 and she and her husband owned and operated Wish-n-Well Dairy Farm. A woman of great faith and integrity, she was an active member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Survivors include four daughters and two sons, Jeanie Miller and husband Fritz, Sauni Hilligoss and husband Tom, Lyn Camden and husband Denny, Jill Bartholomew and husband Chuck, and Rex Martin, all of Kokomo, and Rick Martin, Bluffton; a son-in-law, Tom Martin and wife Lois, Boyertown, Pa.; 14 grandchildren, Lance Miller, Trent Miller and wife Jenny, Birch Miller, Trevor Martin and wife Hannah, Natalie Trout and husband Andy, Travis Martin and wife Julianne, Cara Snyder and husband Jason, Kristen Cesar, Andrea Camden, Brook Camden, Sydney Martin, Elise Martin, Kelsey Bartholomew, Adam Bartholomew; eight great-grandchildren; five brothers and sisters, Wayne Sommers and wife Susie, Goshen, Darlton Sommers and wife Martha, New Paris, Miriam Bontrager and husband Pete, Byron Sommers and wife Viola, all of Kokomo, and Darlene Miller and husband Wayne, Bunker Hill; an uncle, Clayton Sommers, Kokomo; her faithful care-giver, Jennifer Martin; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a daughter, Judy Martin; a son, Merrill Martin; and a brother, Dale Sommers. A service celebrating the life of Lois L. Martin will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Miami County, with Pastors Randy Detweiler and Lee Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Howard County. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.