

**Paul L. Bowman, Jr., 54**

Monday, January 3, 2005

Paul L. Bowman, Jr., 54, Peru, passed away at 5:10 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

He was born in Peru on May 31, 1950 to Paul L., Sr. and Grace L. (Sonafrank) Bowman.

Bowman was a champion pool player, who won the Michigan State 9-Ball championship, as well as many others. He belonged to a team called the 'Brickyard 4,' and was featured on the cover of Michigan Pool magazine. Bowman had numerous articles written about him and was one of the big name players featured at several tournaments. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his parents; nieces and nephews, Devon Bowman, Linette Bowen Carver, Misty Bowen, Crystal Bowman Aikman, Holly Bowman Blair, Dustina Bowman Miller, Zachary Bowman; and step-niece Holly Carver; three brothers, Richard Carl Bowman and wife Kay, Peru, Thomas William Bowman, Kokomo, Curtis Dean Bowman and wife Kathy, Peru; and one sister, Julene Carol Bowman Bowen, Peru; and a cousin, Monty, who was as close as a brother.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Marvin Swartz officiating.

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

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren for the tsunami victims.

**Shirley M. Trent, 59**

Monday, January 3, 2005

Shirley M. Trent, 59, Converse, passed away at 11:51 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born on May 18, 1945 in Seattle to Kenneth A. and Iva (Cross) James.

Trent was a Peru High School graduate and married Rolla G. Trent in Peru on July 23, 1988.

She worked as an assistant manager at Papa John's in Peru, as well as a motor route carrier for the Peru Tribune for many years. Trent attended the First Assembly of God, Peru and the Amboy Friends Church. She was an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts and collected dolls.

Trent is survived by her husband; mother; one son, Bradley Fleming, Peru; four step-daughters, Janis Cornett and husband Kelvin, Julia Rogers and husband Scott, Emilie Trent, Lori Davis and husband Ryan, Amboy; one brother, Kenneth James and wife Arlene, Wenatchee, Wash.; one sister, Arlene Breeden and husband Mike, Monmouth, Ore.; three step-grandchildren, Bryan Zirkle, Robyn Cornett, and Victoria Davis.

She was preceded in death by her father; and one sister, Alice Marie Rarick.

Funeral services will be conducted at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Reverends John Thomas and Richard Martens officiating.

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

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

**Diane Stuber Smith Watson, 37**

Monday, January 3, 2005

Diane Stuber Smith Watson, 37, Peru, passed away following an extended illness at 10:15 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2004 at the Howard Regional Health facility, Kokomo.

She was born in Portland on November 8, 1967 to Billy C. Stuber and Sue (Melling) Stuber Bennett.

Stuber attended Maconaquah High School and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her parents; step-father, Ron Bennett, Kewanna; two sons, Brandon Stuber, Muncie, and Gregory Smith, Peru; one daughter, Samantha Smith, Peru; two grandmothers, Lillian Melling Covert, Amboy, and Violet Stuber, Bunker Hill; four brothers, William Stuber and wife Amy, West Lafayette, Wesley Stuber, Allen Stuber and wife Kelly, and Todd Stuber and wife Angie, each of Peru; one sister, Victoria Smith and husband Mike, Muncie; one step-sister, Jennifer Davis and husband, Joe, Logansport.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Ray Maggard officiating.

Visitation will be on Tuesday at the funeral home from 3 to 6 p.m.

**Mary L. Sheets, 71**

Monday, January 3, 2005

Mary L. Sheets, 71, Peru, went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ at 5 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru.

She was born on March 27, 1933 in South Shore, Ky. to William and Mary (Blevins) Cooper.

Sheets was a homemaker who married Clifford I. Sheets on September 17, 1949.

She is survived by four daughters, Betty Williams and husband Daryl, Peru, Dianna Sheets, Peru, Mary Louise Woods and husband Melvin, Georgia, and Milissa Sheets, Ohio; five sons, Ralph Sheets, Danny Sheets, Rick Sheets and wife Lisa, Jeff Sheets and wife Debbie, and Clifford Sheets, Jr. and wife Jami, each of Peru; one brother, Fred Cooper and wife Evelyn, Anderson; one sister, Betty Napier, Waverly, Ohio; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; 33 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Sheets was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son; and eight brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted at Chapel of Praise Church, Peru, on Tuesday at 5 p.m. with Pastor David Ross officiating.

Visitation will be on Tuesday at the church from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

**Shirley M. Trent, 59**

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Shirley M. Trent, 59, Converse, passed away at 11:51 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born on May 18, 1945 in Seattle to Kenneth A. James and Iva (Cross) Merritt.

Trent was a Peru High School graduate and married Rolla G. Trent in Peru on July 23, 1988.

She worked as an assistant manager at Papa John's in Peru, as well as a motor route carrier for the Peru Tribune for many years. Trent attended the First Assembly of God, Peru and the Amboy Friends Church. She was an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts and collected dolls.

Trent is survived by her husband; mother; step-father, Richard Merritt; one son, Bradley Fleming, Peru; four step-daughters, Janis Cornett and husband Kelvin, Julia Rogers and husband Scott, Emilie Trent, each of Converse, Lori Davis and husband Ryan, Amboy; one brother, Kenneth James and wife Arlene, Wenatchee, Wash.; one sister, Arlene Breeden and husband Mike, Monmouth, Ore.; three step-grandchildren, Bryan Zirkle, Robyn Cornett, and Victoria Davis.

She was preceded in death by her father; and one sister, Alice Marie Rarick.

Funeral services will be conducted at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Reverends John Thomas and Richard Martens officiating.

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

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

**Nellie Volpert, 94**

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Nellie Volpert, 94, Peru, passed away at 4:01 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005 at Reid Hospital, Richmond.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

**Gary L. Howe, 66**

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

Gary L. Howe, 66, Macy, passed away at 11 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, in Peru.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1938 in Red Bluff, Calif. to Harold L. and Lucille Foley Howe.

Howe worked as an inspector for 30 years at LaSalle Steel, Hammond. He was also a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Moose in Rochester and the Literary Aid Society, Peru.

Survivors include his daughter, Lisa L. Colgrove, Hot Springs, Ark.; a brother, Phillip Howe Duranham, Bofkona, Calif.; seven sisters, Carol Howe, Cecile Allen and husband Jim, and Cheryl Miller and husband Fred, all of Red Bluff, Calif., Donna Skinner and husband Walton, Roseville, Calif., Deanna Roberts, Boise, Iowa, Judy Howe, Modesto, Calif., and Wanda Stout and husband Perry, Corning, Calif.; one grandson, Jacob Smucz; a friend, Elizabeth Rohn, and her children, Robert Frye, Karen Winfrey and Kelli Smith; and her grandchildren, Tom Frye, Cressie and Chad Deskins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ron Howe; and two sisters, Audrey and Arlene Howe.

The funeral service will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Paul L. Bowman, Jr., 54**

Wed., Jan. 5, 2005

Paul L. Bowman, Jr., 54, Peru, passed away at 5:10 a.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

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Bowman was a champion pool player, who won the Michigan State 9-Ball championship, as well as many others. He belonged to a team called the 'Brickyard 4,' and was featured on the cover of Michigan Pool magazine. Bowman had numerous articles written about him and was one of the big name players featured at several tournaments. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his parents; nieces and nephews, Devon Bowen, Linette Bowen Carver, Misty Bowen, Crystal Bowman Aikman, Holly Bowman Blair, Dustin Bowman Stout, Jennifer Bowman Miller, Zachary Bowman; and step-niece Holly Carver; three brothers, Richard Carl Bowman and wife Kay, Peru, Thomas William Bowman, Kokomo, Curtis Dean Bowman and wife Kathy, Peru; and one sister, Julene Carol Bowman Bowen, Peru; and a cousin, Monty, who was as close as a brother.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru today at 11 a.m. with Pastor Marvin Swartz officiating.

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

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren for the tsunami victims.

### **Nellie Lucile Volpert, 94**

Wed., Jan. 5, 2005

Nellie Lucile Volpert, 94, Peru, passed away Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005 after a brief illness in Richmond.

She was born Oct. 29, 1910 in Peru to Elva and Harry Wolf. She graduated from Peru High School in 1928 and married Joseph Volpert July 28, 1938. He preceded her in death Oct. 26, 1980.

Nellie was a lifelong resident of Peru. She and her husband, Joe, lovingly raised four children. Nellie had a huge heart, a perceptive mind and a great sense of humor. She was blessed with many friends. She had an abiding faith and was a very active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru. Nellie loved her independence and, thanks to her family, friends and the church, she lived healthfully and independently in her own home until shortly before her death.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Jo Volpert Clark and husband Len, Richmond, Susan Volpert Seu and husband Mike, Haleiwa, Hawaii, Kathy Volpert Konow and husband Tom, Jenison, Mich.; a son, Timothy Volpert and wife Joan, Portland, Ore.; her sister, Loretta Cain, Peru; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including Jenny Kay Beard, Harry Beard, Peter Cain and Roberta Hagen, all of Peru, who all provided Nellie with love and great support.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her twin sister, Mary Rehm; and three sisters, Helen Milhollin, Catherine Beard and Ruth Wolf.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Peru. Burial will be in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

### **Charles R. Bell, Sr., 90**

Thurs., Jan. 6, 2005

Charles R. Bell, Sr., 90, passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at Floyd Memorial Hospital.

Bell retired in 1977 from the New Albany-Floyd County School Corporation after being an educator for over 41 years. He was an Army Air Corp Veteran of World War II and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Survivors include his children, Charles R. Bell, Jr., New Albany, John Edward Bell, Arizona, Mary Sue Gorseline, Peru, Christopher Bell, Jeffersonville, Glen Bell, Corydon; three sisters, Violet Sweeney, Texas, Viola McCartin, New Albany, Bonnie Nolan, New Albany; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Ashton.

Visitation will be at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Rd., New Albany from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, with burial to follow in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Frenchtown.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of a contribution to Southern Indiana, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, or Providence Retirement Home.

### **Justin A. Sharp, 19**

Fri., Jan. 7, 2005

Justin A. Sharp, 19, Peru, passed away Dec. 29, 2004 on the USS Emory S. Land in LaMaddelena, Italy, while serving in the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 25, 1985 in Kokomo to Mark and Dianna Graham Sharp.

Sharp was a 2003 graduate of Peru High School, where he was a member of the golf team, basketball team, soccer team and was in several plays. He also was in the Peru Amateur Circus for 11 years, and was in an Ole Olsen play.

Survivors include his father, Mark Sharp, his mother, Dianna Sharp, and his step-mother, Robin Sharp, all of Peru; a sister, Lindsay Sharp, Peru; two step-brothers, David and Matthew White, Peru; four grandparents, Harry and Nancy Graham, Peru, and Garnet and Jack Brubaker, Springfield, Ohio; several aunts and uncles, Dennis and Debbie Graham, Fort Wayne, David and Chris Graham, Noblesville, Chris and Judy Sharp, Carmel, Kim and Allen Moore, Springfield, Ohio, and Cindy and Brad Boettcher, Fort Wayne; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Sharp.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., with Dr. Bryan Clemens and Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Circus City Festival Scholarship Fund or the Peru High School soccer team.

### **Claude A. Fox, 82**

Fri., Jan. 7, 2005

Claude A. Fox, 82, Round Lake, passed away at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005 at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City, where he had been a resident since Dec. 11, 2004.

He was born Sept. 14, 1922 in Cass County to Carl E. and Della (Foster) Fox. His formative years were spent in Miami County and he graduated from Clay Township High School. On Dec. 7, 1942 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Central Europe during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 5, 1945.

On Dec. 12, 1942 he was united in marriage to Bonita L. Klingman. They made their home in Miami County until 1967 when they moved to their farm in Washington Township, Whitley County. From 1972 until 2001 they wintered in Clearwater, Fla. Since 1981 they have made their home in Round Lake.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Loree Brethren Church, American Legion Post #98, V.F.W. Post #3846 in Churubusco, Miami County F. & A.M., Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Michael K. Fox and wife Betsy, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Joyce E. Line and husband Larry, Columbia City; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Mary Hayes, LaFontaine, Adah Rhineberger, Inverness, Fla., Naomi Kile, Galveston, and Barbara Parker, West Palm Beach, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, David L. Fox; a daughter, Patricia Ann Freshour; a sister LaVon Fox; and a brother, Carl "Bud" Fox Jr.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home,

Columbia City, with Pastor Larry Schmoekel officiating. The American Legion Post #98 will present military honors at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. The committal service will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Rankin Cemetery near Bunker Hill.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice Whitley Branch.

**Justin A. Sharp, 19**

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Justin A. Sharp, 19, Peru, passed away Dec. 29, 2004 on the USS Emory S. Land in LaMaddelena, Italy, while serving in the U.S. Navy.

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Sharp was a 2003 graduate of Peru High School, where he was a member of the golf team, basketball team, soccer team and was in several plays. He also was in the Peru Amateur Circus for 11 years, and was in an Ole Olsen play.

Survivors include his father, Mark Sharp, his mother, Dianna Sharp, and his step-mother, Robin Sharp, all of Peru; a sister, Lindsey Sharp, Peru; two step-brothers, David and Matthew White, Peru; four grandparents, Harry and Nancy Graham, Peru, and Garnet and Jack Brubaker, Springfield, Ohio; several aunts and uncles, Dennis and Debbie Graham, Fort Wayne, David and Chris Graham, Noblesville, Chris and Judy Sharp, Carmel, Kim and Allen Moore, Springfield, Ohio, and Cindy and Brad Boettcher, Fort Wayne; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Sharp.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main St., with Dr. Bryan Clemens and Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Circus City Festival Scholarship Fund or the Peru High School boys soccer team.

**Robert C. Conner, 91**

Sat., Jan. 8, 2005

Robert C. Conner, 91, Rolling Meadows Healthcare, LaFontaine, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:40 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005.

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

**Annabelle Petrie, 81**

Sat., Jan. 8, 2005

Annabelle Petrie, 81, Peru, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at her residence.

She was born Oct. 12, 1923 in Peru to Clarence L. and Linnie Ausman Wahlig. She married

William N. Petrie Oct. 4, 1949, and he preceded her in death March 3, 1992.

Petrie was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Tommy Petrie, Peru; two grandchildren, Ryan Thomas and Aaron Daniel Christopher, both of Noblesville; three brothers, Frankie and Russell Dale Wahlig, both of Peru, and Casper Michael Wahlig, LaPorte; and a sister, Mary Jane Fisher, Peru.

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

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with Pastor Edward Locke officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the time of service at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **James L. Maxwell, 74**

Mon., Jan. 10, 2005

James L. Maxwell, 74, Peru, passed away at 2:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, after a long illness.

He was born March 14, 1930 in Silver Pointe, Tenn. to Pleasant Otto and Mary Elizabeth Crook Maxwell.

Maxwell retired as a crossing watchman from the N&W Railroad.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Maxwell and wife Becky, Roann; seven daughters, Teresa Gressley and husband Larry, and Lisa Sturgill and husband Bo, all of Wabash, Yvonne "Betsy" Maxwell, Toni Maxwell and companion Wayne, Leah Case and husband Joe, all of Peru, Stephanie Maxwell and companion Tim, Ohio City, Ohio, and Allyson Maxwell and companion Shawn, Willshire, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Michael and Christopher Hawkins, Jeremy Gressley, Kegan and Nathan Maxwell, and Jada Brister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Chris, Vestle and Horace Maxwell; and three sisters, Prudie Johnson, Nancy Ann Maxwell and Demple Kelley.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. No visitation is planned. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Timothy H. Jeter Sr., 46**

Mon., Jan. 10, 2005

Timothy H. Jeter Sr., 46, Martinsville, passed away at 11:47 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born April 20, 1958 in Indianapolis to Howard and Audrey Wagner Jeter. He graduated from Connersville High School in 1978 and married Rebecca "Becky" L. Byrd Jeter Jan. 17, 1987. She survives.

Jeter was a restaurant manager for Little Caesars Corporation, retiring in 1989 for health reasons. He also was a member of Liberty Christian Church, and enjoyed bowling, cooking, spending time



with his family. In addition, he was an avid sports fan.

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Timothy H. Jeter Jr. and Nathan C. Jeter, both of Martinsville, and Matthew Jeter, Bedford; a daughter, Lisa Marstiener, Bedford; his father, Howard Jeter, Peru; and a sister, Teresa Jobe, Connersville.

He was preceded in death by his mother and an infant brother.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Liberty Christian Church, with the Rev. Tom Cash officiating. Burial will be in Liberty Cemetery, Martinsville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Costin Funeral Chapel, Martinsville, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

### **Edward Hancock, 82**

Mon., Jan. 10, 2005

Edward Hancock, 82, Warsaw Meadows Nursing Home, Warsaw, formerly of Roann, passed away at 1:40 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 in the Kosciusko Community Hospital emergency room, Warsaw.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. today at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Burial will be in Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

### **Robert C. Conner, 91**

Mon., Jan. 10, 2005

Robert C. Conner, 91, Roann, passed away at 11:40 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, 2005 at Rolling Meadows Health Care Center, LaFontaine.

He was born July 17, 1913 in Pulaski County to Paris and Minnie Baker Conner. He married Frances Leedy Conner June 13, 1953, and she preceded him in death. He then married Sharon Fishback Conner April 19, 1987, and she survives.

Conner retired from Square D, and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family.

Survivors besides his wife include six sons, Bert Conner and wife Linda, Marion, Larry Conner and wife Connie, Moody, Texas, Ronald Conner and wife Barbara, Nampa, Idaho, Bobbie Conner and wife Veronica, Peru, Victor Conner and wife Donna, Crane, and Gary Baldus, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Phyllis Johnson, and Rita Doran and husband Bob, all of Peru, and Cheryl Hall and husband Rick, Apollo Beach, Fla.; two brothers, Spencer and Harold Conner, both of Lafayette; a sister, Julia Downing, Peru; 23 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a daughter, six brothers, six sisters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 351 S. U.S. 31, with Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

**Virgie Almy, 81**

Tues., Jan. 11, 2005

Virgie Almy, 81, Peru, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born March 22, 1923 in Kentucky to Charles J. Spradlin and Emma Snipe Spradlin Bennett.

Almy was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Haskin and Connie Starns, both of Peru; and a granddaughter, Ashley Haskin, Galveston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and six sisters.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel. Love offerings may be made to the family. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Charles R. Bell, Sr., 90**

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Bell retired in 1977 from the New Albany-Floyd County School Corporation after being an educator for over 41 years. He was an Army Air Corp Veteran of World War II and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Virginia Ashton; children, Charles R. Bell, Jr., New Albany, John Edward Bell, Arizona, Mary Sue Gorseline, Peru, Christopher Bell, Jeffersonville, Glen Bell, Corydon; three sisters, Violet Sweeney, Texas, Viola McCartin, New Albany, Bonnie Nolan, New Albany; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Rd., New Albany from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Funeral services were Saturday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, with burial in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Frenchtown.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of a contribution to Hospice of Southern Indiana, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church or Providence Retirement Home.

**Bonnie J. Howard Douglass, 76**

Wed., Jan. 12, 2005

Bonnie J. Howard Douglass, 76, Peru, passed away at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 22, 1928 in Amboy to Dwight and Lavon Dailey Howard. She graduated from Amboy High School in 1945 and married Robert E. Douglass April 23, 1965 at the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru. He survives.

Douglass retired from Stella Cheese, Peru, and she and her husband owned and operated Douglass Electric Motor Repair, Peru, retiring in 1998. She also was a member of Amboy Friends Church, enjoyed her flowers, gardening and her family, and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors besides her husband and her parents in Amboy include a son, John Templeton and wife Patty, Concord, Calif.; two step-sons, Charles Douglass and wife Angi, Wabash, and David Douglass and wife Kelley, Peru; three step-daughters, Carol Dennison and husband Lonnie, Christie Hodson and husband Larry, and Cathy Wood and husband Bill, all of Wabash; a brother, Phillip Howard and wife Sandra, Conover, N.C.; 20 step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main, Peru, with the Rev. Richard Martens officiating. Burial will be at Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to Amboy Friends Church.

### **Doris I. Wood Griggs, 68**

Thurs., Jan. 13, 2005

Doris I. Wood Griggs, 68, Peru, passed away at 9:17 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at her residence.

She was born Jan. 23, 1936 in Peru to Fred and Zora "Dode" Marquis Richardson. She married Dale A. Wood May 11, 1957, and he preceded her in death in 1985. She then married Warren "Bud" Griggs Feb. 17, 1991, and he preceded her in death in 1998.

Griggs was a homemaker and volunteer for the Miami County Cancer Society, Miami County 4-H, Helping Hands and Salvation Army. She also was a 10-year 4-H member and a 4-H superintendent of 4-H projects.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis Alvin Wood and wife Kristen, Fort Wayne, and David Fredrick Wood and Nicole, Peru; two daughters, Diane Olmstead and husband Keith, Russiaville, and Dedra LaManda Wood, Indianapolis; a step-son, Michael Griggs and wife Charmin, Rochester; a step-daughter, Valorie Whitten, Ramsey, Ill.; three brothers, Glen "Smoke" Richardson, Powell, Wyo., and Herbert and Jerry Richardson, both of Peru; three sisters, Marjorie Hatten, Kenova, W.Va., Shirley Klepinger, Bunker Hill, and Uva Lesley, Columbia City; nine grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands and a brother.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with the Rev. Bob Clark officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Miami County 4-H Program and/or Miami County Cancer Society.

### **Earl R. Flora, 77**

Fri., Jan. 14, 2005

Earl R. Flora, 77, Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005, at home with his family at his side in Bonita Springs, Fla.

He was born Nov. 13, 1927 in Flora to the late Norman Flora and the late Clara Arnold Flora.

Flora was a U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II.

He is also survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Beatrice E. Flora; three daughters, Linda M. Kozey and husband William, Oswego, Ill., Drinda K. Inskip and husband Robert, Naples, Fla., and Pamela S. Groves and husband Randall, Brownsburg; two sons, Robert E. Flora and wife Lucy, Plano, Texas, and Ronald E. Flora, Orlando, Fla.; one brother, Arnold L. Flora, Bonita Springs, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at McGregor Baptist Church on Saturday at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to Hope Hospice of Bonita Springs, 27970 Crown Lake Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, Fla.

### **Harry Junior See, 85**

Fri., Jan. 14, 2005

Harry Junior See, 85, Deedsville, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 28, 1919 at his residence to Harry J. and Jessie McGuire See. He was married to Donna Holcomb by the Rev. Jack Yarian at the reverend's home in Sharon. They were married 63 years, and she survives.

See was a sheet metal worker in the heating and air conditioning industry, retiring in 1996. He also was a member of the Deedsville I.O.O.F. #650 and Manitou Moose #1107 in Rochester for 49 years.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Joe See and wife Pat, Deedsville; a daughter, Kathy Carlson and husband Jerry, Deedsville; four grandchildren, Kelly Roth and husband Rod, Kandy Barker, Scott See and wife Shannon, and Sarah Carlson; seven great-grandchildren, Ashley, Randy and Patients See, Josh and Zac Roth, and Aaron and Austin Barker; several cousins; and a sister, Mary Frances Angle, Clearwater, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lori Carlson; and an infant sister, Martha See.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery, with the Rev. Bill Babbs officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorials may be made to the Deedsville I.O.O.F.

### **Jacquelyne J. Hagenbush, 74**

Sat., Jan. 15, 2005

Jacquelyne J. Hagenbush, 74, Peru, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2005 at her residence.

She was born April 30, 1930 in Rochester to Frank M. and Edna Hatch Palmer. She graduated from Macy High School in 1949, and married Donald Hagenbush at Macy Christian Church on Feb. 5, 1950. He survives.

Hagenbush was a homemaker, attended Olive Branch Church of God and was president of Macy Mothers Club, president of Miami County Democratic Women and vice-chairman of the Miami County Democratic Party.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Christopher Hagenbush and wife Deborah, Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Appleton and husband David, Macy; three grandchildren, Sarah and Andrew Lee Hagenbush and Brandon Appleton; one sister, Carol Dolce and husband Joe, Miami, Fla.; three brothers-in-law, Ivo Hagenbush, Jr. and wife Kay, Tyner, Richard Hagenbush and wife Betty, Argos, and Glen Clark, South Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Tracy, Argos, and Betty Palmer, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher Appleton, in 2004; four brothers, W.V. "Bill" Palmer, Frank M. Palmer, Richard J. Palmer and Dean Palmer; and four sisters, Beulah Palmer, Frances Roberts, Marcia Clark and Patricia Neal.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Lowell Burrus and Pastor Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Christopher Appleton Memorial Fund at the Olive Branch Church of God.

### **Thelma M. Payne, 85**

Sat., Jan. 15, 2005

Thelma M. Payne, 85, Plymouth, passed away, Thursday, Jan. 13, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, of natural causes.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation will be Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Marshall County Hospice or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

### **George W. Yund, 93**

Sat., Jan. 15, 2005

George W. Yund, 93, Logansport, and formerly of Twelve Mile, passed away at 9:50 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2005 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will be in Metea Cemetery, Metea, with the Rev. Don Ritchey officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Twelve Mile First Responders.

### **Elvin W. Garland, 80**

Mon., Jan. 17, 2005

Elvin W. Garland, 80, Peru, passed away at his residence on Saturday, January 15, 2005 at 9:35 a.m. at his residence.

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

**Elvin W. Garland, 80**

Tues., Jan. 18, 2005

Elvin W. Garland, 80, Peru, passed away at 9:35 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 at his residence.

He was born April 26, 1924 in Peru to William and Vida Bowman Garland. He married Donna J. Shoemaker Garland in 1971. She passed away March 11, 1999.

Garland retired from Chrysler Corp. Kokomo, and was a member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren, Eagles, Literary Aid Lodges, and the Peru Maennerchor. He also was former member of the Moose Lodge and graduated from Peru High School.

He is survived by a son, Bill Secord, Peru; three daughters, Sandy Secord, Peru, Carolyn Baker and husband Dale, Wheelersburg, Ohio, and Mary Secord, West Branch, Mich.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, one sister and one grandson.

Funeral services are Friday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Todd Wenger officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Jack C. Strait, 85**

Tues., Jan. 18, 2005

Jack C. Strait, 85, Whitehall, Mich., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005 in Whitehall, Mich.

He was born Sept. 17, 1919 in Zanesville, Ohio to Noyce and Estelle Strait.

Strait was a 1941 graduate of the University of Michigan, worked as a radio announcer for WCAR Radio in Pontiac, Mich. and was on duty to announce the invasion of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Beginning in August 1942, Strait served as a flight instructor for the U.S. Army Air Corp as a lieutenant. Following the war, he worked for the Ford Motor Company 16 years, retiring as a vice president for J. Walter Thompson after 30 years. He enjoyed golfing, sailing and spending time with family and friends.

On Feb. 19, 1943, he married Frances Ann Gray, and she survives. They were blessed with 61 years of marriage.

Survivors besides his wife include a brother, Noyce Strait, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; three daughters, Ann Larimer and husband Edwin, Peru, Laura Strait, Rochester Mills, Mich., and Constance Strait, Oak Park, Ill.; a son, William Strait and wife Jessica Rickert, Traverse City, Mich; seven grandchildren, Nathan Larimer and wife Cara Owens, Bedford, Texas, Angeline Larimer and husband Tom Frank, Plainfield, Emily Larimer, Indianapolis, Carole Strait Franklin

and husband Doug, Saline, Mich., Thomas Strait and wife Martha Hannah, Farmington Hills, Mich., Brandon Strait and wife Jenny, Howell, Mich., and Ryan Monaghan, Rochester Hills, Mich.; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 99 Wayne, Pontiac, Mich., with Pastor Langwig officiating. Visitation in East Michigan will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at Clock Funeral Home, 413 S. Mears Ave., Whitehall, Mich. Visitation in East Michigan will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, 46 William St., Pontiac Mich. Donations in memorium may be made to the University of Michigan-LS&A Fund, 524 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

### **Ervin E. Ooten, 87**

Tues., Jan. 18, 2005

Ervin E. Ooten, 87, Kokomo, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

He was born Feb. 27, 1917 in Modoc, Ky. to Camel and Bell Wright Ooten. He married Juanita Anderson Ooten in 1938, and she preceded him in death. He then married Dovie Ledford Ooten Dec. 25, 1948, and she preceded him in death in 1979. He then married Kathleen M. Turner-Price Ooten July 30, 1981 in Tennessee, and she survives.

Ooten retired from Delco Electronics in March 1982 after 29.2 years of service. He was a member of the UAW Local 292, Kokomo, and enjoyed working on cars, traveling and gardening.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Wanda Alexander and husband Terry, Denver, Colo.; two step-daughters, Joyce Higginbottom and husband Roger, Greentown, and Carol McKoon, Kokomo; a step-son, William Michael Price, Kokomo; two grandchildren, Troy Alexander and Theresa Peters, both of Colorado; numerous step-grandchildren, Tracy and Scott Comfort, Greentown, Brian Higginbottom, Janet and Derek Griggs, Jason McKoon, Heather Price and Michael Alexander Price, all of Kokomo, Greg and Kimmie Higginbottom, Bunker Hill, Christopher and Kelly McKoon and Sean and Jennifer Nofzinger, all of Auburn; 18 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Floyd Ooten, Peru, Russell "Rusty" and Ann Ooten, and Earl Ooten, all of Peru; a sister, Edith and Bill Brewster, Edmonton, Ky.; a sister-in-law, Mary Schefer, Greentown; a special niece, Marge Highfill, Zephner, Fla.; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first and second wives; two sisters, Lilly Gilbert and Cloe Wright; a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Murry-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston Chapel, 401 S. California St., Galveston. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Logansport. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Nilah G. Baber, 80**

Wed., Jan. 19, 2005

Nilah G. Baber, 80, Rochester, passed away at 2:40 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She was born Nov. 6, 1924 in Pierceton to Laurence and Georgia Bryant Edwards. On Sept. 6,

1944 she married Ronald L. Baber in Macy, and he survives.

Mrs. Baber was a retired civil servant from Grissom Air Force Base. She was a 50-year member of the Macy Chapter #124 Order of the Eastern Star, having served as past matron, and a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester. She enjoyed snorkeling and shelling while living in Guam as well as extensive travel in the Far East and in Europe. Her hobbies included reading, mushroom hunting and fishing.

Survivors besides her husband include a son, Rick L. Baber, Rochester; two daughters, Barbara Brown and husband Edward, Kokomo, and Carol Damron and husband Dave, Rochester; four grandchildren, Ron Baber and wife Cheryl, Lafayette, Paul Baber and wife Dawn, Virginia Beach, Va., Kyle Damron and wife Megan, Somerset, Ky., and Seth Brown, Kokomo; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Harold Edwards and wife Esther, Warsaw, and Kenneth D. Edwards, Groveland, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Dessie Renfro and Garnet Allen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Rick Taylor officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to service. Burial will be at a later date at the Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church.

#### **Robert Taft Moreland, 44**

Wed., Jan. 19, 2005

Robert Taft Moreland, 44, Peru, passed away at 1:58 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005 as the result of an auto accident near Plymouth.

He was born May 5, 1960 in New Castle to James E. and Betty J. Gregory Moreland.

Moreland graduated from Maconaquah High School and attended Bible Baptist Church, Peru.

Survivors include his parents in Miami; a son, Taft Moreland, Carmel; two daughters, Angel Moreland and Pauline Marie Moreland, both of Bunker Hill; three sisters, Laura Loudy and husband John, Winchester, Clandra Scott and husband Larry, Peru, and Beth Riggle and husband Rusty, Galveston; four brothers, Curt Hamby and wife Cindy, Bringham, David Hamby, Miami, and James and Joseph Moreland, both of Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Murray-Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston, with Pastor Jim Butler officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

#### **Virgil O. Smith, 90**

Wed., Jan. 19, 2005

Virgil O. Smith, 90, Converse, passed away at 11:55 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 2005 in Indianapolis.

Smith was born Aug. 2, 1914 in Howard County to Noah A. and Cidney Grindle Smith. He married Mildred B. Johnson Smith on Aug. 2, 1934. The couple celebrated 70 years of marriage last August. She survives.



Smith graduated from Jackson Township High School and the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He retired as president of First Farmers Bank & Trust in 1979 after 32 years of service. He loved to fish, collect coins and make practical jokes and gag gifts. He was a former elder, treasurer and Sunday School superintendent of Converse Church of Christ, where he was a member. Smith was also a 50-year member of the Converse Lions Club and had clerked at numerous auctions for Wilbur Clair. Despite all of his health challenges, like macular degeneration and loss of hearing, he continued to cope with a sense of humor and upbeat outlook towards life.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Jerry V. Smith and wife Mary, Michigan City; a daughter, Joyce Reed and husband Jim, Kokomo; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse, with Rob Schwarze officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Converse. Memorial contributions can be made to the Converse Church of Christ Scholarship Fund, 301 E. Wabash, Converse, IN 46919; the Converse Lions Club or the Macular Degeneration Research Foundation, P.O. Box 531313, Henderson, NV 89053. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, handled arrangements.

### **Ralph L. McBride, 90**

Wed., Jan. 19, 2005

Ralph L. McBride, 90, Fort Wayne, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2005 at the Markle Health Care Center in Markle.

He was born July 15, 1914 in Wells County to John L. and Maude M. Wilburn McBride. He graduated from Markle High School in 1932, and married Ruth R. King Dec. 24, 1938 in Markle. She preceded him in death on March 18, 2002.

For several years, McBride owned and operated McBride's Burger Dairy Store on Grant Street in Peru. He later worked as a sales representative for Fortmeyers Tire Center in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1984. He enjoyed playing and singing with his ukulele.

Survivors include three sons, Ralph "Bud" McBride, Roanoke, William D. McBride, Fort Wayne, and Steve McBride, Peru; a daughter, Janet Will, Fort Wayne; a brother, Kenneth McBride, Markle; a sister, Reada Espich and husband Ed, Markle; 15 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; two sisters, Crystal McBride and Mildred Dalrymple; and two granddaughters, Kim McBride and Jodi Will.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Myers Funeral Home Markle Chapel, with Troy Mower officiating. Interment will be at the Markle Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice of charities in care of Myers Funeral Home, P.O. Box 403, Markle, IN 46770. To sign Mr. McBride's online guest registry, visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com) and click on obituaries.

### **Hulda R. Applegate, 101**

Thurs., Jan. 20, 2005

Hulda R. Applegate, 101, Logansport, passed away at 2:17 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 in Woodbridge Health Campus.

She was born Nov. 18, 1903 in Fulton to Edmond Rennels and Ida Merdith. She married Court Stroud, and he preceded her in death in 1946. She then married Cecil Applegate, and he preceded her in death in 1983.

Applegate was a member of the Logansport VFW Ladies Auxiliary, a 50-year member of the Macy 124 Order of the Eastern Star, United Methodist Women, and New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico. She had been a clerk for Flannegins and David's Hardware, retiring from David's in 1968.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Gloria Maxwell and husband Chuck, Delphi, and Linda Downey and husband Terry, Bowling Green; five great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two sisters, Lela Morgan and Carrie Stroud; two sons, Wendell Stroud and his wife Sharon, and Calvin Applegate; one daughter, Vernice Blohm; and one grandson, William C. Stroud.

Funeral services will be held at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Logansport, Saturday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Dan Helms officiating. Interment will follow in the Green Lawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends will be received from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral chapel. Contributions may be made to the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico.

### **Earl R. Flora, 77**

Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 5:14

Earl R. Flora, 77, Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 at home with his family at his side in Bonita Springs, Fla.

He was born Nov. 13, 1927 in Flora to the late Norman Flora and the late Clara Arnold Flora.

Flora was a U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II.

He is also survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Beatrice E. Flora; three daughters, Linda M. Kozey and husband William, Oswego, Ill., Drinda K. Inskip and husband Robert, Naples, Fla., and Pamela S. Groves and husband Randall, Brownsburg; two sons, Robert E. Flora and wife Lucy, Plano, Texas, and Ronald E. Flora, Orlando, Fla.; one brother, Arnold L. Flora, Bonita Springs, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Peru Church of the Brethren. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions to Hope Hospice of Bonita Springs, 27970 Crown Lake Blvd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, Fla.

### **Steven E. Winters, 48**

Thurs., Jan. 20, 2005

Steven E. Winters, 48, Peru, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

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

### **Steven E. Winters, 48**

Fri., Jan. 21, 2005

Steven E. Winters, 48, Peru, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born Feb. 18, 1956 in Peru to Earl L. and Waunita Hodson Winters.

Winters graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1974, and worked for Square D Company, Peru, for 31 years. He also was a member of the Wabash Valley Coon Hunters Association, Moose Lodge, Peru, ABATE and was an outdoorsman.

Survivors include his mother in Peru; his loving companion, DeAnna Graf; a son, Jarrod Ellis, Peru; James Ellis, Peru, whom he loved like a son; two nieces, Patricia Vinopal and husband Mike, and Dreana Sparks; three nephews, Nathan Beougher, and Jacob and Matthew Landis; a great-niece and great-nephew, Abby and Austin Vinopal; a brother, Richard Winters and wife Cindy, Bunker Hill; and three sisters, Donna Sparks, Beth Landis and husband Jeff, and Amy Winters, all of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor John Rhodes and Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Peoria. Friends may call Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Jack C. "Bucky" Woodard, 79**

Fri., Jan. 21, 2005

Jack C. "Bucky" Woodard, 79, Marion, passed away Thursday morning, Jan. 20, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born May 29, 1925 in Marion to Virgil S. and Lilly Saunders Woodard. He married Helen C. Puvel, who preceded him in death.

Woodard was a U.S. Marine World War II veteran, serving in Okinawa. For 20 years, he owned and operated the Marion Cafeteria until his retirement in 1994.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church, the Elks Country Club, the American Legion and Coaches Corner. He also was a former Marion Community School Board member for 16 years.

Survivors include two sons, Jay C. Woodard, Marion, and John R. Woodard and wife Pam, Peru; four daughters, Chris Popplewell and husband Richard, New Haven, Debbie Ktra, and Cathi Trevino and husband Mike, all of Fort Wayne, Becky Woodard, Marion; a brother, Robert Woodard, Mansfield, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church, with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Friends may call from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Memorials may be made to the Grant County Humane Society, 2768 W. Avon Ave., Marion, IN 46952; the St. Martin de Porres Center, 901 S. Branson St., Marion, IN 46952; or the charity of the donor's choice.

### **Peru man killed in head-on crash**

By KELLY VOSS

Fri., Jan. 21, 2005

A Peru man was killed early Wednesday morning after the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an oncoming vehicle.

**Ben D. Pearson, 39**, Peru, was pronounced dead on arrival at Logansport Memorial Hospital, according to the Cass County Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police—Peru Post.

Police reported Pearson was the passenger in a 1991 Chevrolet Geo, driven by Toni K. Jester, 37, Peru. The two were traveling west on Logansport Road near CR 600 East in Cass County.

A second vehicle, a 1994 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Angelica Perez, 25, Logansport, was traveling east on Logansport Road. Perez lost control of her vehicle on snow and ice and it slid sideways, head-on into the Jester vehicle. The accident occurred just before 6:30 a.m. Wednesday and Pearson was pronounced dead soon after.

Both Perez and Jester were taken from the scene to Logansport Memorial Hospital, but police did not report on specific injuries for them or if anyone involved in the accident had been wearing a seat belt.

Also responding to the accident were the Indiana State Police, the New Waverly Fire Department, Logansport Fire Department and the Cass County Ambulance Service.

### **Esther D. Worl, 91**

Sat., Jan. 22, 2005

Esther D. Worl, 91, passed away at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born January 6, 1914 in Wawpecong to Walter H. and Jane (Warfelt) Shively. Worl married Weldon L. Worl in Bryan, Oh. on August 11, 1934. He passed away on July 11, 1993.

She was a homemaker, a Clay Township High School graduate, as well as a member of Loree Brethren Church.

She is survived by four sons, Garry Worl and wife Diane, Terry Worl and wife Jane Ann, Barry Worl and wife Jeryl, and Kerry Worl and wife Vicki, each of Bunker Hill; one sister, Violet Zehring, Indianapolis; one sister-in-law, Joan Hullinger and husband Don, Kissimmee, Fla.; 15 grandchildren, Mindy and Tony Caldwell, Scott and Kathy Worl, Khristie Worl, Jamie and Ed Burris, Jeff Worl, Mike and Lisa Worl, Kerri and Brent Graber, Alyssa Worl, Brandon Worl, and Hilary Worl; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Worl was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Donna Jane Worl; a grandson, Brad Allen Worl; and two brothers, Laurel Shively and Everett Shively.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with Pastor Ken Garner officiating.

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Loree Brethren Church, 8486 S. Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill.

### **Verna E. Mullikin, 94**

Sat., Jan. 22, 2005

Verna E. Mullikin, 94, Peru, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care following an extended illness.

She was born on March 18, 1910 in Greenup, Ky. to William and Sarah (Stephenson) Williams. Mullikin married Kenneth Mullikin in 1926. He passed away in 1958.

Mullikin was retired from Morecraft Manufacturing and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Ron Mullikin, Indianapolis, and Ed Mullikin, Maitland, Fla.; a daughter, Judy Hess, Dayton, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Marcia Mullikin, Peru; four sisters, Rosanna Smith, Peru, Agnes Bowman, Peru, Mary McIntosh, Peru and Betty Bilodeau, Wabash; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; four brothers, Raymond, Delbert, Les and Louie; an infant brother, Leonard; an infant sister, Marjorie; and two sons, Bill Mullikin and David Lee Mullikin.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home on Monday.

### **Lloyd E. Clark Jr., 57**

Sat., Jan. 22, 2005

Lloyd E. Clark Jr., 57, Galveston, passed away at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital.

Clark was born on December 24, 1947 in Kokomo to Lloyd "Gene" E. Clark Sr. and Gladys "Susie" (Lemons) Clark. He married Velma Jean Chalk Clark on February 17, 1967 in Kokomo.

Clark worked at Continental Steel from 1965 to 1986. He was also a truck driver for Syndicate Sales, also known as Hurrying Hoosiers. He attended Kokomo High School and received his General Education Degree from Logansport High School.

Clark was an avid pool player and played in the Howard County Bar League for several years. He also played in a league at Rack 'Em in Kokomo. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, horse racing and riding his motorcycle.

Survivors include his parents, Kokomo; three sons, Bruce E. and Robin Clark, Russiaville, Bradly George Clark, Kokomo, and Billy J. "Bope" Clark and companion Stacey Stone, Galveston; a sister, Pam and husband Bill Vines, Gardendale, Ala.; a brother, John C. Clark, Kokomo; eight grandchildren, Kilye Francis, Carol Stream, Ill., McCayla, Cory and Colbie Clark, Russiaville, Curtis Clark, Galveston, Vance Clark, Kokomo, and Kelsey and Blake Clark, Walton; and a step-grandson, Nicholas Horton, Kokomo,

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Thelma Clark and James and Ruby Lemons, and many friends.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 1 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo with Pastor Kathy Newton officiating.

Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

#### **Willetta A. Hall, 84**

Sat., Jan. 22, 2005

Willetta A. Hall, 84, Wabash, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2005 at her home.

She was born on June 20, 1920 in Banquo to Charles William and Martha Inez Sirk Hall. Hall married Earnest L. Hall on Feb. 20, 1940 at the Huntington County Courthouse. He passed away May 7, 1996.

Hall worked as a cook at the Merriweather Nursing Home and in the surveyor department at Honeywell. She was a member of the Revelation, Wabash, and a 1938 graduate of Banquo High School.

Survivors include a son, Charles Hall and wife Delores, Banquo; three daughters, Cynthia Worden, Peru, Connie McLeod, Fountain Inn, S.C., and Bonnie Hall, New York City; two sisters, Ester Terrel and husband Ray, Urbana, and Ann Owen and husband Bruce, Granger; 14 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Inez Higdon; one grandson, Brian Worden; and four brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 11:30 a.m. at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddington Chapel, Wabash, with Reverends Larry Warren and Gary Riley officiating.

Burial will be at Gardens of Memory, Huntington County.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wabash/Miami County Home Health Care and

Hospice.

**Marie Dollens Matthews Taylor, 66**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Marie Dollens Matthews Taylor, 66, formerly of Peru, passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Okla.

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

**Robert E. Fox, 76**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Robert E. Fox, 76, New Castle, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. today at South Side Church of the Nazarene, with Nathan Agee officiating. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the VFW and American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to D.C. Adams Music Ministry, P.O. Box 594, New Castle, IN 47362. Funeral arrangements were handled by Macer-Hall Funeral Home, New Castle.

**Luella M. Brenton, 84**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Luella M. Brenton, 84, Peru, passed away at 5:07 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

She was born May 16, 1920 in Logansport to Voil and Kathryn Sholty. She graduated from Peru High School and married George D. Mellinger Aug. 24, 1940. He preceded her in death Jan. 26, 1968.

Brenton retired from CVS, was a homemaker and a member of Oakdale Baptist Church. She enjoyed people and television.

Survivors include a son, Jerry A. Mellinger and wife June, Surprise, Ariz.; a daughter, Dana Ewer, Peru; five grandchildren, John E., James and Richard Mellinger, Eric L. Winters and Michelle L. Bell; three great-grandchildren, Jacob and Sarah Mellinger, and Brandon Bell; and a sister, Louise Richards, Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, James D. Mellinger; a sister, Irene Wolfe; and three brothers, Nelson, Ervin and John Sholty.

Burial will be in Deer Creek Cemetery, Onward. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Mary R. McKinney, 67**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Mary R. McKinney, 67, Peru, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born Aug. 12, 1937 in Peru to William and Ruth E. Wissinger Douglas.

McKinney was a homemaker and a member of the Moose Auxiliary.

Survivors include her mother in Peru; a son, Rex McKinney, Salina, Kan.; two daughters, Lorinda Volano and Sindee Wooley, Atlanta, Ga.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the McKinney residence, 271 W. Seventh St. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

### **Ralph D. Wooten, 92**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Ralph D. Wooten, 92, Peru, passed away at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center.

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

### **Dennis George Townsend, 53**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Dennis George Townsend, 53, Twelve Mile, passed away at 5:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005 at Chase Center, Logansport.

He was born Dec. 11, 1951 in Logansport to George L. and Gertrude R. Musselman Townsend. Townsend was a lifetime resident of Twelve Mile and graduated from Caston High School in 1969.

Townsend was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in Viet Nam.

Survivors include his mother in Twelve Mile; a sister, Wanda Moss, Twelve Mile; two brothers, Robert J. and Randy L. Townsend, both of Twelve Mile; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Wade Moss officiating. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Twelve Mile, with military graveside rites. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Roger L. Keith, 55**

Mon., Jan. 24, 2005

Roger L. Keith, 55, Peru, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

He was born Feb. 7, 1949 in Peru to O.A. "Bud" and Vera Dickey Keith. He graduated from



Eastern High School in 1967, and married Cheryl Nichols Keith July 28, 2000. She survives.

Keith worked for Howard Regional Health System Hospital in the Maintenance Department. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971 during Vietnam, and was a member of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church near Wabash.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Casey and Cory Keith, both of Peru; two step-daughters, Amanda and Tasha Kirby, both of Jonesboro; and two brothers, David Keith and wife Thia, Bunker Hill, and Larry Keith and wife Shirlene, Greentown.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-son, Marty Nichols.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main, Greentown, with the Rev. Mike Fields and Doug Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown, with military rites by the Greentown American Legion Post 317. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Casey and Corey Keith Education Fund in care of Hometown Federal Credit Union, 151 N. Broadway, Peru, IN 46970.

### **Johnnie Dunning, 72**

Tues., Jan. 25, 2005

Johnnie Dunning, 72, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, South Haven, Miss.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

### **Janet L. Baldini, 67**

Tues., Jan. 25, 2005

Janet L. Baldini, 67, Logansport, passed away at 7:57 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

She was born March 5, 1937 in Burnettsville to Robert V. and Bertha McBeth Young. She married Donald J. Baldini on June 10, 1961 at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, Logansport, and he survives.

Mrs. Baldini had been employed in the late 1950s and early 1960s in the Auditing Department of the National Bank, Logansport, prior to a lifetime devotion of being a homemaker. She was a 1955 graduate of Washington Township High School. She enjoyed reading and walking, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Survivors besides her husband include three sons, Greg Baldini and wife Julie, and Michael Baldini, all of Logansport, and Chris Baldini and wife Jeanette, Monticello; one daughter, Dani Hartley and husband Brian, Peru; one brother, Larry Young and friend Linda, Delphi; one sister, Margaret Scripter and husband Charley, Wichita Falls, Texas; eight grandchildren, Logan, Madolyn and Mallory Baldini, Gabriela and Alexandra Hartley, Breeana and Alexis Baldini and Jared Baldini; one brother-in-law, Jerry Baldini and wife Susie, Logansport; one aunt, Mary Young, Bradenton, Fla.; several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one aunt, Josephine McBeth; and one uncle, Bob McBeth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Carl Davis officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to American Cancer Society for Ovarian Research.

### **Ralph David Wooten, 92**

Tues., Jan. 25, 2005

Ralph David Wooten, 92, Peru, passed away at 8:40 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at Caring Hands Health Care Center, Peru.

He was born Dec. 15, 1912 in Peru to Harry Earl and Gertrude M. Startzman Wooten. He was married on Oct. 1, 1932 to Wilma Delores Morgan Wooten, and she survives.

Wooten was self employed at Wooten Electric, Peru. He also worked at Allison Aircraft, Indianapolis, during World War II, and was a member of Peru Grace Brethren.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Larry D. Wooten and wife Jody, Marion, and Darrel Wooten and wife Sara, Bunker Hill; two daughters, Connie Vincent, Peru, and Sharon Sites and husband David, Peru; two daughters-in-law, Pat Wooten, Kokomo, and Connie Wooten, Peru; 27 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents; two sons, Harry Wooten and Thomas Wooten; and one brother, Harry Wooten.

Funeral services will be held at Allen Funeral Home on Thursday at 10 a.m. with Pastors James Marshall and Rick Horner officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

### **Charles W. Pogue, 83**

Tues., Jan. 25, 2005

Charles W. Pogue, 83, Marion, passed away at 1 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 28, 1921 in Wabash County to Lawrence and Geneva Eltzroth Pogue. He was a 1940 graduate of Lincolnville High School, and married Emma "Louise" Wray Nov. 26, 1947. She preceded him in death Nov. 8, 2002.

He received his B.S. degree from Ball State University and his M.S. degree from Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis. He retired from Marion Community Schools in 1985, where he taught industrial arts at Martin Boots, Jones Junior High and Jones Middle School. Before coming to Marion, he taught at New Castle Junior High School. He was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church and was a member of the Willing Workers Sunday School Class and had volunteered with the Boy Scouts. He was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran, achieving the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Van Curen and husband Phillip, Warsaw, and Joy E. Homan

and husband Eric, Nappanee; four sons, Brian J. Pogue and wife Angela, Indianapolis, Jeff C. Pogue and wife Lisa, Converse, Mark A. Pogue and wife Melissa, Bloomington, and Ray E.

Pogue, Marion; three sisters, LaVena Hults, Marion, Jean Pogue, Lebanon, and Carolyn Campbell and husband William, Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Noel Pogue; two brothers, Paul Pogue and Vaughn "Dick" Pogue; and a sister, Joan Barton.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with the Rev. Don Shanks officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Marie Matthews-Taylor, 66**

Tues., Jan. 25, 2005

Marie Matthews-Taylor, 66, of Coweta, Okla., passed away Thursday, Jan. 20, 2005 at St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Okla.

She was born March 10, 1938 in Peru to Paul W. and Velma L. Hopper Dollens. She received her education in the Peru school system and graduated from Peru High School in 1956. On Aug. 5, 1956 she and Joseph R. "Joe" Matthews were married in the First Christian Church, Peru. He preceded her in death Dec. 19, 1996. Then on April 19, 1999, she and John W. Taylor were married in Coweta, Okla., and he survives.

Marie worked at Wal-Mart for seven years as a sales associate. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Coweta. She enjoyed flowers and loved horses.

Survivors besides her husband include a daughter, Cynthia Powell and husband David, Broken Arrow, Okla.; her mother, Velma Rautenkranz, Coweta, Okla.; her step-mother, Betty Dollens, Kokomo; four half brothers, Don Dollens, Bardstown, Ky., Richard Dollens, Mike Dollens and Bill Dollens, all of Kokomo; one half sister, Teresa Shanks, Kokomo; one step sister, Julia Hines, Athens, Ga.; and two grandchildren, Jason and Kara Powell.

She was preceded in death by her father and her first husband.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. George McCarty officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at the funeral home two hours before the service Thursday.

### **David Paul Mavrick, 42**

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

David Paul Mavrick, 42, Westfield, passed away at Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Indianapolis.

He was born July 1, 1962 in Kokomo to James and Betty Mavrick.

Mavrick was a quality technician at a metal stamping plant. He was a wild sports fan and assisted in coaching baseball. He also was a lover of all kinds of animals, had a wonderful way of making people feel good and could tell a story as absolutely no one else could.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Cox Mavrick, Westfield; a daughter, Halston Mavrick, Indianapolis; a son, David Jordan Martin, Greentown; a step-son, Taft Moreland, Westfield; his father and step-mother, James Mavrick and wife Jody, Peru; two sisters, Pam Barber and

husband Mike, and Barb McIntire, all of Kokomo; three brothers, Chris Mavruck and wife Missy, Jason Mavruck and wife Kelly, all of Kokomo, and Rusty Graves and wife Tina, Galveston; and three half-sisters, Angela Walker and husband Alan, Peru, Julie Wixon and husband Fred, Montgomery, Ala., and Donna Mavruck, Palm Bay, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eagletown Cemetery, Westfield. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at McMullan Funeral Home, 133 E. Main St., Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to help defray funeral costs. Online condolences may be posted at [wagnerfamilyfunerals.com](http://wagnerfamilyfunerals.com). Wagner Family Funerals, Noblesville, handled arrangements.

### **Johnnie Dunning, 72**

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Johnnie Dunning, 72, Hernando, Miss., formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at Baptist Memorial Hospital, South Haven, Miss.

He was born Aug. 5, 1932 in Aurora, Mo. to Fenton and Orpha Nobles Dunning. He married Naomi Mattox Dunning in Verona, Mo. on June 2, 1954, and she survives.

Dunning graduated from Aurora High School and obtained an electronic engineering degree in the U.S. Air Force. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, retiring as a M/SGT in 1978 after serving 27 years. His decorations included the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with four Oak Clusters and the Air Force Longevity Service Award with four Oak Clusters.

He was a former member of the First Baptist Church, Peru, and the Peru Moose. He lived in Peru 30 years, moving to Hernando, Miss. in 2000.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, John Dunning and wife Debbie, Plymouth, and Alan Dunning and wife Chris, Hernando, Miss.; his daughter, Karen Mendenhall and husband Tony, Peru; his brother, Jimmy Ed Dunning and wife Darlene, Aurora, Mo.; four sisters, Louise Jaqua, Laverne Powers and husband Joe, Tooter McCullah, and Peggy Newbold and husband Jim, all of Aurora, Mo.; his grandchildren, Cory Ewer and husband Bart, Erica Mendenhall, Ashleigh Geiger and husband Jeremy, Toni Mendenhall, Jackie Dunning, Nathan Dunning and Erin Dunning; and two great-grandchildren, Hailey and Logan Ewer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at EverRest Memorial Park, Cass County. A military graveside service will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Robert A. Foust, 63**

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Robert A. Foust, 63, Macy, passed away at 10:05 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born April 28, 1941 in Miami to Arthur and Arvilla M. Engel Foust. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1959, and married Donna Colgan Foust Sept. 7, 1991 in Macy. She

survives.

Foust retired from the Chrysler Corp. He attended Ebenezer Methodist Church, and was a member of the UAW Local 685.

Survivors besides his wife include his mother, Arvilla Foust, Fort Wayne; a son, Robert Foust Jr., Peru; two daughters, Linda Foust, and JoAnna Ramer and husband Michael, all of Miami; a step-son, Tony R. Martin, New Jersey; two sisters, Kay Cooper, Hampton, Ga., and Linda Carol Fraley, Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Sidney Ramer; and a grandson, Sean Ramer.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. William Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Family and friends will gather after the burial at the Denver Baptist Fellowship Hall. Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### **Linda H. Hunt, 69**

Friday, January 28, 2005

Linda H. Hunt, 69, Middletown, passed away on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after an extended illness.

She was born on June 26, 1935 in Lebanon to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hodge.

Hunt was a graduate of Frankfort High School and attended Indiana University School of Music, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science and Master Degrees from Ball State University in Elementary Education.

She had a passion for music and used the gift of her lovely soprano voice to serve as lead soprano in the High Street United Methodist Church Choir in Muncie for many years. As an elementary school teacher, she taught in Sutton School in Muncie and later at Shenandoah Middle School in Middletown.

Hunt was a member of Delta Delta Delta and Tri-Kappa sororities, a volunteer for the Red Cross and once was the Muncie city tennis champion. Her love of nature and flowers brought her many years of enjoyment.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, James G. Hunt, Middletown; one daughter, Sally Adams and husband Mark, Mechanicsburg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother Ned Hodge.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Ballard and Sons Funeral Home, 118 South 5th, Middletown, with the Reverend Marty Ballard officiating.

Burial will follow in Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

Visitation may call on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before the services on Friday.

An online guest book is available at [www.ballardandsons.com](http://www.ballardandsons.com).

### **Joshua David Teegardin, 30**

Friday, January 28, 2005

Joshua David Teegardin, 30, Indianapolis, passed away at 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Carmel.

He was born on March 31, 1974 in Saginaw, Mich. to Melvin McCurley and Barbara Jean Linn McCurley.

Teegardin married Crystal Gail Caine Teegardin on July 2, 1998 in Warwick, R.I.

He was a member of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. Teegardin worked at Great Chef Cooks and Company, Indianapolis.

Teegardin is survived by his parents; wife; one son, Bryant Arthur Teegardin; one daughter, Kaylinn Ashleigh Teegardin; one sister, Bethani Linn Jackson and husband, Jeff, San Francisco; and grandfather, Wayne Arthur Linn, Mexico.

He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Edna Helen Linn.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 1 p.m. at Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. at the McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for Bryant and Kaylinn Teegardin.

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He was preceded in death by a grandmother, Edna Helen Linn.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday at 1 p.m. at Skinner Worship Chapel, Twelve Mile, with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for Bryant and Kaylinn Teegardin.

### **Roy Quentin See, 70**

Friday, January 28, 2005

Roy Quentin See, 70, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 11, 1934 in Mexico to Earl Clifford and Averill A. Whitehill See. He married Judy Earlene Simons on July 3, 1988 in Las Vegas, Nev.

See was a member of the Mexico Baptist Church, and retired as general manager of the western division of RCA in 1989. He enjoyed fishing, music, news, woodworking and computers. He was also a member of the Moose, Eagles and Elks lodges in Peru, and the American Legion in LaPaz.

Survivors besides his wife include nine children, Kathleen Cota, Roylene See, Darlene See and Jolene See, all of Bakersfield, Calif., William See and wife Terri, Peru, James See and wife Michelle, Plymouth, Colene Whiting and husband Richard, Nicholas Margott and wife Kimi, and Mario Margott, all of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Earl See and wife Wilma, Chili, Walter "Gene" See and wife Carolyn, Kokomo, and Larry See and wife Janet, Mexico; two sisters, Carol Newman, Hobart, and Peggy Kline, Mexico; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

### **Jacquelin S. Smith, 45**

Monday, January 31, 2005

Jacquelin S. Smith, 45, Peru, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2005 at her residence.

She was born on November 2, 1959 in Pomeroy, Ohio to Harold and Frances (Teazis) Dray. She married Weston C. Smith on September 20, 1987 in Peru.

Smith was employed as a command and control technician with the 434th Air Refueling Wing at the Grissom Air Reserve Base. She was a USAF veteran, and her military decorations included the AF Training Ribbon, the AF Good Conduct Medal, the AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon and the AF Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon.

She was a member of the Peru First Assembly of God, Peru. Smith was a beloved wife and mother, and thoroughly enjoyed reading, candle making, crocheting, gardening and politics. She was an active participant in the Diversity Program at Grissom Air Reserve Base.

Smith is survived by her husband, Weston C. Smith, Peru; two sons, Christopher McAndrews and fiancée Megan, Indianapolis, and Bradley McAndrews, Ft. Wayne; one daughter, Jennifer Smith, Wabash; one brother, Jeff Gilliam and wife Sherri, Mooresville; father-in-law, J.W. Smith, Kokomo; brother-in-law, Eric Smith and wife Jean, Des Moines, Iowa; three nieces, Stephanie Gilliam, Amanda Smith and Faith Smith; and two nephews, Eric J. Smith and Austin Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Peru First Assembly of God, Peru, at 11 a.m. on Monday, with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Visitation will be at the church at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jackie's name to the Peru First Assembly of God building fund.

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

**Carl D. Clemons, 66**

Wed., Feb. 2, 2005

Carl D. Clemons, 66, Syracuse, passed away at 2:05 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be today at 11 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Syracuse Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

**Phyllis Jean Lenoir, 65**

Wed., Feb. 2, 2005

Phyllis Jean Lenoir, 65, Indianapolis, passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005.

She was born Jan. 18, 1940 in Des Moines, Iowa to Mary Lou Taylor and James Williams. Her early years were spent in Des Moines, Iowa, Denver, Colo., and Peru. In 1961 she moved to Indianapolis. She was married to William Lenoir Jr. in 1964.

Lenoir worked for the Indiana State Department, and retired after 27 years as a production worker for RCA. She also volunteered at Wishard Hospital as a home companion, received awards for her volunteer work and was an active member of The Women's Auxiliary, Post 249.

Survivors include six sons, Micheal R. Lenoir and wife Edwina, Edwin T. Campbell and wife Nita, Leslie W. Lenoir and wife Brenda, William Lenoir III and wife Rhonda, Cornelius Campbell and wife Stephanie, and Mark E. Lenoir; one brother, Terrance H. Wilson and wife Ona; 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Williams and Bluitt Funeral Home, Syracuse. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

**Forest "Bud" Zartman, 78**

Wed., Feb. 2, 2005



Forest "Bud" Zartman, 78, Macy, passed away at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 18, 1926 in Miami County to Ray and Elzie Southerton Zartman. On Nov. 23, 1947 he married Harriett R. Hoehne in Rochester, and she survives.

Zartman had been a fertilizer salesman for Occidental Chemical, Fulton, and Farm Bureau, Roann, as well as a farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and had attended the Fulton Baptist Temple.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Jo Willis and husband Ben, Macy; two sons, Randy P. Zartman, Macy, Dana Zartman and wife Jill, Rochester; four grandchildren, Alicia Zartman, Mishawaka, Jarrod Zartman, Macy, Silas Zartman, Rochester, and Erica Zartman, Rochester; a sister, Margaret Mills and husband LeRoy Jr., Macy; an aunt, Cecil Frobish Gorecki, Onarga, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Philip C. Zartman, on June 23, 1974.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Fulton, with the Rev. Bruce Russell officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, where military services will be conducted by the Rochester American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to Fulton Baptist Temple.

### **Elmer A. Schmeling, 87**

Wed., Feb. 2, 2005

Elmer A. Schmeling, 87, Peru, went to be with the Lord at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 14, 1917 in Algoma, Wis. to Herman and Anna Lawrenz Schmeling. He married Wilma Burgess and she preceded him in death. He then married Orpha Cunningham, and she preceded him in death.

Schmeling retired from Dodge Manufacturing Co., Mishawaka. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, and was a life member of the VFW Lodge 360 in Mishawaka.

Survivors include two brothers, Reuben Schmeling, Kewaunee, Wis., and Lloyd Schmeling, Green Bay, Wis.; two sisters, Esther Schley, Forestville, Wis., and Anna Mae Alexander, Algoma, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; three brothers and a sister.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Ken Walker officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

### **Stephen E. Forshee, 68**

Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Stephen E. Forshee, 68, Big Spring, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1937 in Peru to Lenora Dietrich and Ernie Forshee. He married Maxine Wilburn on May 31, 1963 in Peru, and she preceded him in death on March 25, 2000.

Forshee had lived in Big Spring since 1971, and had worked in the oil field for 30 years. He also had served in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include three sons, Dean Spencer and wife Tresa, Big Spring, Texas, Kent Spencer and wife Autumn, Midland, and Michael Forshee and wife Mary, Big Spring, Texas; two daughters, Candy Chesworth and husband Pat, and Robin Stevens and husband Dannie, all of Big Spring, Texas; three sisters, Mary Howard, Venus, Judy Atkins, Belton, and Becky Amos and husband John Paul, Big Spring, Texas; three brothers, Don Forshee, St. George, Utah, Dennis Forshee, Peru, and Bill Forshee and wife Carolyn, Big Spring, Texas; 11 grandchildren, Shane, Chris, Josh, Alexis, Garrett, Michaela, Lauren, Jordan, Kelleigh, Justin and Morgan; and one great-granddaughter, Emily.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, Hal Dietrich.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Reverend Jimmie Long, pastor of Citywide Fellowship, officiating. The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring, Texas. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### **Dorothy Lucille Stahl, 76**

Thursday, February 3, 2005

Dorothy Lucille Stahl, 76, Macy, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester, where she had resided since August. She had been in failing health for the past two years.

She was born May 11, 1928 in Wabash to Kenneth and Vivian Shafer Turnipseed. She lived most of her life in the Peru and Macy communities. She married Richard Dee Stahl Nov. 4, 1948 in Westfield, and he survives.

Stahl had worked at General Tire, Wabash, for eight years, and at the Heckathorn Restaurant, Nyona Lake, for a number of years. She also was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Manitou Post, Rochester.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Kathy Floyd and husband David, Bloomfield, and Linda Leedy and husband Chris, Macy; three grandchildren, David Floyd, Michelle See and Aaron Leedy; and five sisters, Ardith Books, Norfolk, Neb., Virginia Stahl, and Marilyn Sue Wagoner and husband Harold, all of Macy, Alice Graf, Wabash, and Barbara Turnipseed, Logansport.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Courtney Floyd, in 1996; a sister, Doris Maxine Gibson; and two brothers, Dean and Gene Turnipseed.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.

### **Thomas B. "Tom" Lloyd, 58**

Thursday, February 3, 2005

Thomas B. "Tom" Lloyd, 58, Peru, went to be with Jesus at 2:51 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Aug. 25, 1946 in Kingsport, Tenn. to Thomas B. and Hazel D. Davis Lloyd. He married Janet L. Kizer on Oct. 19, 1985 at Zion Tabernacle Church, Kokomo. She survives.

Lloyd retired in 2001 as a dispatcher for the Howard County Sheriff's Department after 21 years of service. He was a 1964 graduate of Kokomo High School, and he graduated with a B.S. from Indiana University in 1982.

He also was a member of Zion Tabernacle Church, where he had been involved in Christian education and been a Boy Scout leader. He was active in Howard County Civil Defense where he was an EMT.

He loved to spend time with his family, especially his three children. He was a train enthusiast, enjoyed photography and was proud of his Cherokee heritage.

Survivors besides his wife include three children, Jeremy Heston Lloyd, Christopher Donovan Lloyd and Azusa Marie Lloyd, all at home; a sister-in-law, Nancy Kizer Hayes, St. Louis, Mo.; a brother-in-law, James Hayes, St. Louis, Mo.; his mother-in-law, Mary Kizer, Bluffton; special friends, Joe and Janet Nelson, Kokomo; a niece, Megan Kellogg, Rolla, Mo.; and three nephews, Isaiah Kellogg, Rolla, Mo., and Sean and Aaron Hayes, both of St. Louis, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, Jerry Kizer.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grecu Family Funeral Home, 414 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, with Pastors N.P. Urshan and Joel Urshan officiating. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made at the funeral home to the Zion Tabernacle Building Fund.

### **George D. McCarthy Jr., 80**

Thursday, February 3, 2005

George D. McCarthy Jr., 80, Fort Wayne, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2005 while vacationing in Tahiti.

He was born Aug. 16, 1924, in St. Louis, Mo.

McCarthy was a World War II Army Ranger. Upon returning to the U.S. he married the love of his life, Mary Catherine Beggan. They were married for 50 years. Mary preceded him in death seven years ago.

He retired from Norfolk and Southern Railroad after 42 years and then spent his time volunteering for many organizations.

McCarthy graduated from Ritenour High School, St. Louis, Mo. in 1942. He earned a B.S. in business administration in 1980 and an M.S. in business in 1984 from Indiana/Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Indiana/Purdue University Alumni Association, Three

Rivers Literacy Alliance, Sierra Club and Franciscan Center.

Survivors include two children, Mary Terese Stamets and husband David, Fort Wayne, and Greg McCarthy and wife Candace, California City, Calif.; five grandchildren, Joseph Sunderland, Leslie Campbell and husband Chris, Emily Stamets and husband Cody, Sam Stamets and Kaitlyn McCarthy; a great-grandchild, Lauren Campbell; and a brother, Robert McCarthy and wife Bernadine, Overland Park, Kan.

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

George will be missed by so many people because he touched so many lives.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road. Friends may call from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. A rosary will be said at 8:30 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the S.P.C.A. or The Franciscan Center.

Tadom Joe Day, stillborn

Thursday, February 3, 2005

Tadom Joe Day passed away at 3:08 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

He was the son of Billy Joe Day and Erica Jane Allman, Winamac.

Other survivors include one brother, Tyler Allman, at home; two sisters, Megan Allman and Amber Day, all at home; his maternal grandfather, Eric Allman and wife Joyce Kellems, Winamac; his paternal grandfather, Larry Day, Star City; his maternal great-grandfather, Gene Clark, Miami; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandmothers, Mary Ann Allman and Erma Gene Day.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce, with W.D. Betzner officiating.

### **Frank Leroy "Jiggs" Johnson, 86**

Friday, February 4, 2005

Frank Leroy "Jiggs" Johnson, 86, Calhoun, Ky., passed away on Friday, January 28 at the Owensboro Medical Health Center.

Johnson was born February 8, 1918.

He was a retired upholsterer and a member of Whitesville Christian Church. Johnson was an Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater, and was a member of the Calhoun VFW Post 5415. He enjoyed fishing and NASCAR.

Survivors include two sons, David Leroy Johnson, Warren, Ohio, and Bruce Johnson of Owensboro, Ky.; two daughters, Brenda Joyce Morris, Calhoun, Ky., and Barbara K. Hostetler, Peru; 10 grandchildren; one step-grand child; six great-grand children; and several nieces and

nephews.

Johnson was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Julia Johnson in 1999; a granddaughter, Kimberly Johnson in 2004; a brother, Albert Johnson; and a sister, Trudy Carraway.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Glenn Funeral Home with burial in Calhoun Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wendell Foster Center, P.O. Box 1668, Owensboro, KY 42302.

### **Violet B. Phillips, 93**

Monday, February 7, 2005

Violet B. Phillips, 93, Greentown, passed away after a short illness on Thursday, February 3, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System.

She was born May 10, 1911 in the Hemlock area of Howard County, to Isaac J. and Belle D. (Morris) Eads. She married Roy J. Phillips on July 21, 1937 in New London.

Phillips and her husband were owners of Phillips Barber and Beauty Supply of Kokomo for 40 years. She loved her music and was a piano accompanist and homemaker. Phillips was a member of First Friends Meeting of Kokomo, U.S.F.W. Hope Circle and attended several Quaker Women and Men Conferences with her husband. She was also a member of the B H & G Club since 1938, and loved sports, especially baseball and NASCAR.

She is survived by one daughter, Patricia (Hollingsworth) Cottrell of Kokomo; two sons, Philip W. and wife Loretta Phillips, Peru, and William E. Phillips and wife Terri, Kokomo; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jacki and Jay Woida, Dennis Cottrell, David Cottrell, Karen Phillips, Diane and Colin Cleek, Judy and Terry Copeland, Cindy and Steve Murphy, Steve and Karen Phillips, Dick and Denise Phillips; 16 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son-in-law, John Cottrell; one daughter-in-law, Shirley Phillips; two grandchildren, Sue Ann and Gary Phillips; three brothers, Howard, Oscar, and Elmer Eads.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, with Pastor Justin Weber officiating.

Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to First Friends Meeting, 1801 Zartman Road, Kokomo, Indiana 46902, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

### **Robert E. Cooksey, 65**

Monday, February 7, 2005

Robert E. Cooksey, 65, Peru, passed away at 10:24 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

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

**Robert E. "Cowboy" Cooksey, 65**

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Robert E. "Cowboy" Cooksey, 65, Peru passed away at 10:24 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born Aug. 3, 1939 in Bennetts Switch to Francis E. and Dora Vyletta Rickard Cooksey. He married Audell Hart Cooksey on Dec. 31, 1982, and she survives.

He was employed as a heavy equipment operator at Essroc. Materials Inc. of Logansport for 42 1/2 years. He was an avid horse enthusiast who enjoyed riding horses and performing as a bulldogger in rodeos.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Robert Cooksey Jr. and wife Teresa, Logansport, and David Cooksey and wife Mona, Kokomo; three daughters, Julie Sagarsee and husband Paul, Kokomo, Debra Wright and husband Greg, Galveston, and Cheri Smoot and husband Clark, Marion; his step-children, Charles Meeks, Kokomo, Debbie Riffe and husband Chris, Kokomo, and Mark Meeks, Cape Canaveral, Fla.; two sisters, Dora Gilbert, Kokomo, and Cynthia Adams and husband Phil, Omaha, Neb.; a brother, Scott Cooksey and wife Annette, Rossville, Ga.; his step-mother, Blanche Cooksey, Omaha, Neb.; 12 grandchildren, James Cooksey, Dale, Curtis, Delisa and Tamara Ralwing, Rachel and Jennifer Hale, Gretchen, Steven and Michael Wright, and Jeremy and Joshua Smoot; five step-grandchildren, Keenan, Andrew and Brandy Meeks, and Brian and Daniel Riffe; and one great-grandson, Bradley Riffe.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no funeral service. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial Contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

**Cleyla R. Jones, 85**

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Cleyla R. Jones, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Donna Mae Keim, 74**

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Donna Mae Keim, 74, Roann, passed away at 4:47 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on May 24, 1930 in Brethren, Mich. to Howard and Cora Johnson Shedd. She married Ronald Lee Keim in Denver Oct. 12, 1951; he preceded her in death July 24, 1993.

Keim retired from Kmart in Wabash. She also was a member of Olive Branch Church of God, and active in the Olive Branch Super Senior Group and the Roann Sorority.

She is survived by three sons, Terry Keim and wife Patricia, Warsaw, Donald Keim and wife Vickie, Denver, and Randy Keim and wife Tracy, New Middletown, Ohio; a daughter, Debra Richardson and husband Bill, Lakeland, Fla.; three brothers, her twin brother Dale Shedd and wife Joan, Greenville, Mich., Lewis Shedd and wife Grace, Kenneth Shedd and wife Lois, all of Brethren, Mich.; a sister, Edna Alexander, Oklahoma City, Okla.; 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Ernest Shedd.

Funeral services will be held at Olive Branch Church of God, Roann, on Friday at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. Lawrence See officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann. The memorial guest book for Donna may be signed at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com). Preferred memorials are Wabash County Council on Aging (Senior Center).

### **Elizabeth Lucy "Betty Lou" Moon Walery, 88**

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Elizabeth Lucy "Betty Lou" Moon Walery, 88, Keiser, Oreg., passed away Saturday Feb. 5, 2005.

She was born Jan. 9, 1917 in Peru to Lucy and Roscoe Moon. She married Joseph Alfred Walery in November 1952.

Walery retired from the Statesman Journal newspaper, Salem, Oreg., in 1983. She began her newspaper advertising sales career at the Peru Daily Tribune in 1937. In 1945, she was offered a position at the Long Beach Press Telegram, Long Beach, Calif., where she worked until 1952.

She moved to Salem, Oreg. in 1952 to marry her future husband, Joe, whom she'd met while visiting her brother, Bob Moon, in Salem, Oreg.

Walery loved to laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her family encouraged her many times to write a journal of her adventures and often hilarious misadventures. She found many new friends at her last home, Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community, Keiser, Oreg. She could often be found playing cards or bingo, or at various other social gatherings. She simply loved to have fun and often was the center of the fun.

Survivors include two sons, David and Steven Walery, both of Salem, Oreg.; a step-daughter, Susan; two daughters-in-law, Marsha and Debi, both of Salem, Oreg.; a sister, Mary Jo Long, Whitehall, Ill.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and three brothers, Richard "Dickey," Ed and Bob Moon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Edwards Catholic Church, Keiser, Oreg. A rosary will be said at 2 p.m. at the church Thursday. Entombment will be at Belcrest Mausoleum. Remembrances may be made to St. Edwards Catholic Church, Keiser, Oreg. Funeral arrangements were handled by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Home, Salem, Oreg.

Everyone whose life Betty touched was lucky. We will miss her terribly.

### **Helen M. Cooper Farrell, 94**

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Helen M. Cooper Farrell, 94, formerly of Oxford, passed away at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005 at Green Hill Manor Healthcare Center, Fowler.

She was born March 8, 1910 in Boswell, and was a lifelong resident of Benton County. She married Donald L. Farrell in Lafayette Feb. 7, 1933, and he preceded her in death Feb. 6, 1998.

Farrell was a homemaker and had also worked in various factories in Boswell and Attica. She was a member of the Boswell United Methodist Church and the Pythian Sisters.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet Christopher and husband Bill, Peru; three grandchildren, Kerry Christopher, Milton, Fla., Gayle Christopher, Leeds, Ala., and Blythe Christopher-DeOrive and husband Aaron, Austin, Texas; and one great-granddaughter, Elena DeOrive, Austin, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and her husband.

Friends may call one hour prior to the memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday in the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, Oxford, with Larry McMillan officiating. Inurnment will be at Boswell Cemetery. If friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

### **Mary E. Lang, 86**

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Mary E. Lang, 86, Indianapolis, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005.

She was born March 1, 1918 in Peru to John and Louisa Miller.

Lang was a respiratory therapist who retired from University Heights Hospital in 1984. She also was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church.

Survivors include five sons, Stephen M. Lang and wife Mary, Anthony G. Lang III and wife Sarita, Edward J. Lang, Garry M. Lang and wife Anna, and Christopher M. Lang and wife Donna; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Tony" G. Lang Jr.; a sister, Louise A. Miller; and a granddaughter, Mary Francis Lang.

Prayers will be 9:45 a.m. Saturday at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, with Mass to follow at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

### **Opal Hartleroad, 96**

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Opal Hartleroad, 96, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo.

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



**Cleyla R. Jones, 85**

Thursday, February 10, 2005

Cleyla R. Jones, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born May 2, 1919 in Silver Point, Tenn. to Lonie M. and Callie P. Clemons Garner. She married Ottoway B. Jones March 19, 1938, and he preceded her in death March 6, 1987.

Jones was formerly employed at Square D Company in Peru, and was a homemaker. She also was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she enjoyed playing cards and was a former pink lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Jones, Kokomo; two grandsons, Chris Jones and wife Vicki, Columbia City, and David Jones and wife Shirley, Taylor Mill, Ky.; a granddaughter, Holly Cromwell and husband Keith, St. Augustine, Fla.; a special friend, Ruth Richardson, Peru; nine great-grandchildren, Brandon, Aliceson, Cal, Katelyn, Keelie, Peyton, Zeke, Tea and Delaney; a brother, Lonie "Bud" Garner and wife Kay, Peru; a sister, Opal Applegate, St. George, Utah; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Donald "Joe" Jones; and three sisters.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. 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 Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints or Anoka United Methodist Church.

**Kathleen DeAnn Reiken, 51**

Friday, February 11, 2005

Kathleen DeAnn Reiken, 51, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at 5:21 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 14, 1954 in Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Wash. to Dean Bisping and Edith Clark Wright. She married Timothy James Reiken on Dec. 14, 1992 in Tacoma, Wash.

Reiken was a housewife, homemaker and nurse's aid.

Survivors besides her husband include her father, Dean Bisping and wife Shirley, Ridgefield, Wash.; her mother, Edith Wright, Deming, N.M.; two daughters, Stacy Mae Kinnear and husband Michael, Friday Harbor, Alaska, and Jamie Stillings, Peru; two sons, Larry Klopp, Vancouver, Wash., and Joe Stillings, Peru; two step-daughters, Amy Nichole Reiken and Tiffany Ann Reiken, both of Peru; five sisters, Sharon Holbrook, Deming, N.M., Emma Pierce, Larkspur, Colo., Barbara Stone, Spanaway, Wash., Susan Stanley, Aurora, Ill., and Cheryl Blair, Redlands, Calif.; and five brothers, Gerald Bisping, Tacoma, Wash., Jim and Jeffrey Bisping, both of Ridgefield, Wash., Bob Bisping, Georgia, and Daniel Bisping, serving in Iraq.

She was preceded in death by one sister, one brother, one step-son and one step-brother.

A memorial service will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, on Saturday at

2 p.m., with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. The memorial guest book for Kathleen may be signed online at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Opal Hartleroad, 96**

Friday, February 11, 2005

Opal Hartleroad, 96, a resident of Century Villa Health Care, Greentown, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, following an extended illness.

She was born in Miami County on April 30, 1908 to Omer and Myrtle Long Reynolds. She married Benjamin F. Hartleroad in 1930, and he preceded her in death in 1998.

Hartleroad was a member of Peru Church of the Brethren and a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Donald L. Hartleroad and wife Katy, Henderson, Nev., and Joseph A. Hartleroad and wife Patricia, Sweetser; three grandchildren, Dr. James Hartleroad, Dr. Jeff Hartleroad and Julie Kincaid; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Emily Kincaid; and one brother, Weldon Reynolds, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a brother, Cecil Reynolds.

Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m., with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Saturday at the funeral home from 11 a.m. till time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren.

### **Louanna V. Bradley, 86**

Friday, February 11, 2005

Louanna V. Bradley, 86, Fort Wayne, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at the Town House Health Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Peru.

Bradley retired from Cunningham Optical in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, James M. Bradley, Gaston, and Jerry L Bradley, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Judy Engel, Kokomo; two sisters, Loretta E. Vincent, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Helen R. Redmon, San Antonio, Texas; a brother, G. Edward Cunningham, Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard O. Bradley, in 2003.

Services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

### **Barry John Ferguson, 40**

Friday, February 11, 2005

Barry John Ferguson, 40, Kokomo, passed away at 7:37 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at his residence.

He was born April 13, 1964 in Wabash County to Charles E. and Estella Margine Hawkins Ferguson.

Ferguson was self-employed in construction, plumbing, heating and air conditioning. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1983 to 1984.

He was a member of the former Beamer United Methodist Church, Kokomo. He loved his children and family.

Survivors include his father in Kokomo; two sons, Charles Edgar Ferguson, San Marcus, Texas, and Nolan Ferguson, Kokomo; a daughter, Abigale Jo Ferguson, Kokomo; a sister, Lori Caudill and husband Larry, Bunker Hill; a brother, Martin Jay Ferguson, Branson, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Susan Kay Ferguson.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 S. Webster St., Kokomo, with the Rev. Jeff Russell and the Rev. Jeff Sexton officiating. Burial will be at Crown Point Cemetery, with military rites by Kokomo V.F.W. Military Rites Team. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the chapel. Memorial contributions can be made at the chapel to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 28.

### **Jada Rose Smith, 3**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Jada Rose Smith, 3, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, as a result of an auto accident at 3680 W. River Road, Peru.

She was born March 18, 2001 in Peru to James Smith and Christina Lynn Callaway, both of Peru.

Survivors besides her parents include five grandparents, Carl F. and Cindy Selleck, Connie Smith, all of Peru, and Richard and Kelly Callaway, Logansport; six great-grandparents, William and Dee Callaway, Royal Center, Flora and Austin Conley, Plymouth, and Bonnie and Hugh Selleck, Peru; two sisters, Jordyn Rossi and Shalane Clark, both of Peru; and several aunts, uncles, great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandparents, Virginia Rose and John T. Rhody; and a grandfather, James R. Smith.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor John Newman officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Phyllis Lund, 72**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Phyllis Lund, 72, Peru, passed away at 12:05 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Service.

**Robert H. "Bob" Brown, 88**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Robert H. "Bob" Brown, 88, Amboy, passed away at 5:14 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Robert L Williams, 89**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Robert L Williams, 89, Bunker Hill, passed away at 8:22 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

He was born June 6, 1915 in Festus, Mo. to Noah and Bessie Courts Williams. He graduated from Kokomo High School in 1934, and married Mary A. Quinn Williams July 10, 1940 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kokomo. She survives.

Williams was employed by Haynes-Stellite for 35 years, and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Cardinal O'Hara Council 718, Peru, and the Quarter Century Club of Haynes-Stellite.

Survivors besides his wife include five sons, James J. Williams and wife Melinda, Johnson City, Tenn., the Rev. Robert L. Williams, Anderson, John P. Williams and wife Patricia, David L. Williams and wife Marita, all of Bunker Hill, and Thomas M. Williams, Fort Wayne; three daughters, Jane A. Masters, Lebanon, Susan M. Adams and husband Wilson, Trafalgar, and Mary Lou Shelton and husband David, Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Mildred Pitzer and husband Charles, Rockledge, Fla.; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Robert L. Williams celebrating and Bishop William L. Higi as Presider of the Liturgy of the Word. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with a liturgy wake service at 4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

**Cody S. Reffitt, 10**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Cody S. Reffitt, 10, Wabash, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, as a result of an auto accident Thursday just east of Peru.

He was born Sept. 8, 1994 in Del Rio, Texas to Stephen Berg, Texas, and Deanna Reffitt,

Wabash, formerly of Peru.

Reffitt was a fourth grade student at Holman School in Peru and active in the Boy Scouts who met at the Main Street United Methodist Church.

Survivors besides his parents include his step-father, Jeff Reed, Wabash; a grandmother, Sheryl Feeley, Peru; a grandfather, Larry Reffitt, Fulton; a great-grandfather, John Craig and wife Ruth, Michigan; five aunts and uncles, Glenda and Dean Mills, Jimmy and Andy Ellis, and Nathan Smith, Las Vegas, Nev.; a great-aunt and great-uncle, Janet and Enna Schmidt, Wabash; eight cousins, Brian, Lacey and Brooke Mills, Troy Reffitt, all of Las Vegas, Nev., and Kristin, Kari, Kelly and Andrew; and three sisters, Katrina, Kayla and Karli Reed, all of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandmother, Mary Craig; and an aunt, Donna Carpenter.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru, with Pastor Steven Ailes officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Love offerings in memory of Cody may be made at the Beacon Credit Union.

### **Kathleen DeAnn Reiken, 51**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Kathleen DeAnn Reiken, 51, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at 5:21 p.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 14, 1954 in Mount Vernon, Skagit County, Wash. to Dean Bisping and Edith Craig Wright. She married Timothy James Reiken on Dec. 14, 1992 in Tacoma, Wash.

Reiken was a housewife, homemaker and nurse's aid.

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She was preceded in death by one sister, one step-brother, one step-son and one step-father.

A memorial service will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, on Saturday at 2 p.m., with Pastor Doug Phillips officiating. The memorial guest book for Kathleen may be signed online at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Walter Cecil Miller, 87**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Walter Cecil Miller, 87, formerly of North Manchester, passed away Thursday at 3 p.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

He was born on Sept. 8, 1917 in Peru to Walter Eugene and Goldie Miller. He married Duenna

Ruth Wilson in Wabash on Nov. 19, 1941; she passed away July 28, 2002.

Miller started working for H.A. Thrush & Company and worked his way up through the ranks to assistant to the president. Miller wrote a book, "Pioneer in Hydronices", which was a history of H.A. Thrush & Company from its conception up to the merger with Amtrol, a Rhode Island company. He retired from Amtrol, Peru division in 1982.

Miller was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop # 15 in Peru, a member of the Manchester United Methodist Church and taught Sunday school classes in Peru and Rochester. He held several church offices and was delegate to the annual conference at Purdue. He was a member of the Peru and Rochester I.O.O.F. He was an avid golfer and fisherman and a WWII Navy Veteran.

Survivors include two sisters, Lucille M. Hoagland, Mexico, and Martha Esther Lynch, Watertown, Mass.; a brother, John A. and wife Jean Miller, Peru; several nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and several great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester Monday at 10:30 a.m. with burial at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Miller may be signed at [grandstaffhentgen.com](http://grandstaffhentgen.com). Memorials may be made to Timbercrest Church of the Brethren Home.

### **Athlene L. Fike, 91**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Athlene L. Fike, 91, formerly of Miami, passed away at 7:40 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2005 at the Century Villa Health Care facility in Greentown.

She was born on March 29, 1913 in Amboy to William and Helen (North) Venis, and married William 'Bill' Fike on February 4, 1933.

Fike was a member of the Miami Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by one son, Ted Fike and wife Pat, Bunker Hill; one daughter, Sandy Davidson, Kokomo; four grandchildren, Roger Fike, Bunker Hill, William Fike, Noblesville, Kelly Minglin, Kokomo, and Melissa 'Missy' Davidson, Kokomo; one brother, Bud Venis, Arizona; three sisters, Willadean Mann, Cassville, Pauline Norris, Peru, and Kate Sumpter, Amboy; and six great-grandchildren.

Fike was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services will be conducted at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill on Monday at 11 a.m. with the Reverend Marvin Lamb officiating.

Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy.

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

Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

### **Clair Coahran, 78**

Monday, February 14, 2005

Clair Coahran, 78, Macy, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 21, 1926 in Coffeerville, Kan. to Cheaster Coahran and Peggy Shaw Davis. He was raised by his grandparents, Clayton and Emma Shaw. He married Hazel M. Hamilton Dec. 24, 1946 in Peru, and she survives.

Coahran worked for the Nickel Plate Railroad, retiring after 27 years of service. He also was a truck driver and a bus driver. As a bus driver he drove a route for North Miami Community Schools, retiring after 21 years. After retiring from the school, he drove for several years for Weekday Religious Education in Logansport.

A veteran of World War II, he was a 1st Class Seaman serving in the U.S. Navy from September 1944 to March 1945.

Coahran was a member of the Macy Christian Church, the Lincoln Masonic Lodge 523 in Macy and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

An active member of the community, he was a volunteer fireman with the Macy-Allen Township Fire Department for 44 years. He was influential in establishing 911 service in Miami County, serving on the first 911 board for the county. Along with his wife, he served as an Emergency Medical Technician for the North Miami County Emergency Medical Service.

In addition, Coahran loved railroad motor cars. He worked to restore two of them, and enjoyed running them on any available tracks. One of them is currently on display at the Fulton County Museum.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Judy Burkhardt and husband Steve, and Paula See and husband Rich, all of Denver, and Pat Tharp, Westfield; two sons, Bill Coahran and wife Shirley, Tom Coahran and wife Shar, all of Macy; seven grandchildren, Blaine and Kylie Burkhardt, Shannon and Jeff Conley, Barbie Snodgrass and husband Rob, Julie Simons and husband Alan, and Angela Coahran; eight great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Stevie, Chase and Jade Conley, Carley Fox, and Griffin, Tate and Easton Snodgrass; a brother, Blaine Coahran and wife Evelyn, Anderson; two half-brothers, Dale Coahran and wife Sharon, South Bend, and Ray Coahran and wife Jean, Arkansas; and a half-sister, Donna Banning, South Bend.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Samantha Conley.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Macy Christian Church, with Preacher Dave Welsh officiating. Burial will follow in Macy's Plainview Cemetery, with military graveside rites and a fireman's three-bell service. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, where a Masonic service will be conducted at 8 p.m. Friends also may call one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church, where a fireman's honor guard will be provided by members of the Macy-Allen Township Fire Department. Memorial contributions may be made to the Macy-Allen Township Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).

### **Garl W. Matchett, 80**

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Garl W. Matchett, 80, Indianapolis, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at Community Hospital North, Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy.

**Phyllis Bernice (Shafer) Lund, 72**

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Phyllis Bernice (Shafer) Lund, 72, Peru, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, from cancer.

She was born July 15, 1932 to Floyd and Mabel (Morton) Shafer, Route 2, Peru. She graduated from Chili High School in 1950, earned a B.S. degree from North Manchester College and her M.A. degree from Ball State University in elementary education. Phyllis began her teaching career at Gilead Elementary School, and later taught in Peru Community Schools for 28 years at South Peru, Lincoln and Victory in grades 2 and 3.

Phyllis married James L. Lund on July 12, 1959. They have been married for more than 45 years, and reside at 2145 W. Willow Lane, Peru. She is a member of the Sharon Baptist Church, 7012 East and 50 North, Flora, where her husband has served as pastor for 17 years.

She was commissioned a Kentucky colonel in 2002 by the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Paul E. Patton, governor, for outstanding leadership in education. She is a member of Indiana State Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers Association and Sigma Delta Pi Epsilon Chapter, Peru.

Survivors besides her husband include three daughters, Leasa Ann Culp and husband Brad, Alpharetta, Ga., Rebecca Lynn Zepick and husband Kent, Indianapolis, and Lora Lee Dice and husband Lester, Chambersburg, Pa.; four granddaughters, Alexa and Lauren Culp and Ashley and Brittany Dice; three grandsons, Zachary Culp and Caleb and Connor Zepick; three brothers, Lorn Shafer and wife Pearlina, Donald Shafer and wife Sarah, and Raymond Shafer and wife Eunice; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, with the funeral service following at 7 p.m., with the Rev. George Hapner and the Rev. Robert Adelsperger officiating.

A Service of Celebration will be held Saturday at Sharon Baptist Church, 7012 East and 50 North, Flora at 1:30 p.m., with viewing two hours before the service. Dr. Robert Hammond, American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, will officiate. There will be an all church dinner at 11:30 a.m.

Interment will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, has charge of arrangements. Contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or to Gideons International for Bible distribution.

**Robert H. "Bob" Brown Sr., 88**

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Robert H. "Bob" Brown Sr., 88, Amboy, passed away at 5:14 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born July 4, 1916 in Fortville to Harold and Dora Chambers Brown. He married Virginia



May Hayden Brown Nov. 7, 1936 and she preceded him in death Nov. 18, 1957. He then married Velma Kling Prickett Brown July 4, 1958, and she preceded him in death Oct. 17, 1980. He then married Helen L. Davenport Kratzer Brown in Roann Nov. 6, 1983, and she survives.

Brown was a retired mechanic, a member of Fortville Christian Church and Converse Masonic Lodge, and attended the Amboy United Methodist Church.

Survivors besides his wife include two sons, Robert Brown Jr. and wife Mary, Amboy, and Steve Brown and wife Lynn, Peru; five step-children, Xen Prickett and wife Susie, Peru, Keith Prickett and wife Kayla, Converse, Sara VanBuskirk, Roann, Judy Cole and husband Gary, Denver, and Nancy Campbell and husband Larry, Amboy; a brother, Jack Brown; three sisters, Goldie Brown and Hester Towle, both of Fortville, and Dorothy Fluhr and husband John, Noblesville; 14 grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

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

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy, with the Rev. James McDowell officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Amboy United Methodist Church.

### **Carolyn J. Suddie**

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Carolyn J. Suddie, Peru, passed away at 11:09 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

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

### **Carolyn Suddie**

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Carolyn Suddie, (no age reported), Peru, passed away Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, to join her son in heaven.

She was born in Decatur, Ga. to Hoyt and Maggie P. Bell. She attended Decatur Girls High School.

She met and married George "Lucky" Suddie in Orlando, Fla. Dec. 1, 1961.

Suddie was a homemaker and had worked at Grissom Air Force Base as the Alert Force dining hall supervisor until her retirement in 1989. She also was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, and the Altar & Rosary Society.

Survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Cindy Cavanah, Lakeland, Fla., and Gigi Suddie, Fredrick, Md.; two grandsons, Nathan, Tampa, Fla., and Timothy, Santa Cruz, Calif.; a brother, Hoyt Bell and wife Carolyn, Franklin, Ga.; four nieces, Tammy and husband Rick, Reatha and husband Tony, Regina and husband Mike, and Shana and husband Rodney; and a nephew, Darren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael B. Suddie, who passed away July 3, 1982; a sister, Linda Moseman; and a nephew, Hank Bell.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be in St. Charles Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Garl W. Matchett, 80**

Thursday, February 17, 2005

Garl W. Matchett, 80, Indianapolis, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005 at Community Hospital North, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Laird Funeral Home, Amboy, with the Rev. Richard Martens officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Memorial contributions can be made to Castleton United Methodist Church, CUMNS, 7160 Shadeland Station, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

**Gregory L. Enyart, 44**

Friday, February 18, 2005

Gregory L. Enyart, 44, Goshen, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 at his home. He was diagnosed with cancer on June 28, 2004.

He was born Aug. 5, 1960 in Peru to Allen Enyart and Esther McLay Sailors. He lived in Goshen for 16 years, was a cabinet maker at Medtec, Goshen, and enjoyed canoeing local rivers and waterways.

Survivors include his mother in Peru; his partner of 15 years, Dawn Miller; two children, Dustin and Brandee; six sisters, Lisa Shipman, Florida, Roberta Burton, Marion, Janet McNabb, Johnson City, Tenn., Susan Wilburn, Beth Enyart and Jerilyn Townsend, all of Peru; and one brother, Tim Enyart, Peru.

He was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Lee Miller, on Dec. 4, 2001; his father in 1977; and his step-father, Harold Adams, in 1991.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Maple City Chapel, Goshen, with Pastor Mel Shetler and Associate Pastor Gary Miller of Maple City Chapel officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Maple City Chapel. Condolences may be sent to [yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://yoderculpfuneralhome.com). Arrangements were handled by Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

**Cecil McClain, 83**

Friday, February 18, 2005

Cecil McClain, 83, Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru, passed away at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 at his residence.

A private funeral service is planned. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Virgil Henry Solida, 82**

Friday, February 18, 2005

Virgil Henry Solida, 82, Bald Knob, Ark., passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005 after an extended illness in Searcy, Ark.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bethlehem Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Powell Funeral Home, Inc., Bald Knob, Ark.

**Bessie Crowe, 87**

Saturday, February 19, 2005

Bessie Crowe, 87, Peru, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2005 at 11:45 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital Continuing Care Center.

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

**James Mitchell Lowe III, 49**

Saturday, February 19, 2005

James Mitchell Lowe III, 49, Spring City, Pa., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005 in Philadelphia, Pa.

He was born May 25, 1955 in Detroit, Mich. to James Mitchell and Wanda Morgan Lowe. On Sept. 30, 1995 he married Debra Verlinden, and she survives.

Lowe graduated from Peru High School in 1973 and attended Western Kentucky University. For the past 17 years, he was employed by LVI Environmental Services, Inc. He was president of the Philadelphia office.

Survivors besides his wife include his father of Humboldt, Tenn.; a brother, Steven Lowe, Philadelphia, Pa.; two sisters, Patricia Sasso and husband John, Peru, and Pamela Lowe and husband Dennis Nara, Arvada, Colo.; two nieces, Elizabeth Sasso, London, England, and Samantha Nara, Arvada, Colo., and two nephews, Bradley Lowe, Peru, and Ian Nara, Arvada, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Peru Rolling Chapel, P.O. Box 656, Peru, IN, 46970.

**Sara E. Waymire, stillborn**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Sara E. Waymire, stillborn, passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2005 at Howard Regional

Health System, Kokomo.

She was born on February 20, 2005 in Kokomo to Scott and Michelle (Roller) Waymire, Greentown.

Sara is survived by grandparents, William and Kristi Waymire, Kokomo, Kathy Roller, Peru, and Ron Roller, Peru; great-grandparents, Jean Myers, Wabash, Charlene Brown, Peru, and Vivian Roller, Peru; aunt, Julie and Kris Kimmerling, and cousin, Grace, Marion; and sister, Shelby Waymire, Greentown.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Mt. Hope Chapel for the immediate family, with Pastor John Rhodes officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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

### **Bessie Crowe, 86**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Bessie Crowe, 86, Peru, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born on March 2, 1918 in Estill County, Ky. to Joseph and Polly (Vaughn) Howell. She married Lewis Crowe on October 20, 1933 and was a homemaker.

Crowe was a member of the Taylor Creek Baptist Church in Converse.

She is survived by four sons, Dallas Crowe, Cookeville, Tenn., Benny Crowe, Kokomo, Donnie Crowe, Elizabethtown, Ky., and Tony Crowe, Peru; three daughters, Sondra McCoy, Judy Teachout, and Debbie Johnson, each of Peru; sister, Willie Jo Kelly, Irvine, Ky.; 23 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Crowe was preceded in death by her parents; three sons; and five sisters.

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

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

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Taylor Creek Baptist Church, Converse.

### **Oma R. Hudson, 66**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Oma R. Hudson, 66, Peru, passed away at 10:25 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

She was born on April 20, 1938 in London, Ky. to Raleigh and Susie (Lewis) Baker. She married Larry K. Hudson on December 1, 1956, and attended Peru High School.

Hudson was retired from United Technologies, and attended First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband; son, Troy Hudson and wife Rebecca, Peru; grandson, Troy Hudson, Jr., Peru; and two brothers, Jim Baker, Gary, and Rodrick Baker, Peru.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 2 p.m. on Monday, with Pastor John Thomas officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home on Monday.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Assembly of God Church.

### **Betty Mae Greer, 73**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Betty Mae Greer, 73, Peru, passed away at 4:50 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2005 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

She was born on January 19, 1932 in New Castle to Herbert and Laura (Franklin) Marlow, and was a member of the Women of the Moose in New Castle.

Greer is survived by daughter, Debra Miser and husband Mike, Mexico; three granddaughters, Misty Birner and fiance Joe Baker, Peru, Melissa Black and husband Todd, Mexico, and Starr Rairigh and husband Justin, Mexico; two grandsons, Jamie Miser, Peru, and Matthew Birner, U.S.S. Harry S. Truman Naval Aircraft Carrier; six great-grandchildren, Braiden, Thaddeus, and Austin Black, Sydney Arnett, Jayden Rairigh, and Chas Baker; nephew, Tony Perkins, New Castle; three brothers, Jessie Marlow, New Castle, Jimmy Waters, Ft. Pierce, Fla., and David Marlow, Muncie; four sisters, Joyce Young, New Castle, Donna Marlow, Ft. Wayne, Sue Cowan, Indianapolis, and Mary Ellen Skinner, Bradenton, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Freddie.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, with Pastor Gary Colby officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

### **Nina P. Pretorius, 81**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Nina P. Pretorius, 81, Wabash, passed away at 11:25 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor East, Wabash.

She was born on October 18, 1923 in Somerset, Ky. to Samuel Melvin and Lola (Combest) Tarter. She married Ralph J. Pretorius on October 23, 1942 in Kentucky.

Pretorius was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Logansport, and she retired from the

Logansport State Hospital in 1983 following 23 years in the dietary department. She enjoyed church, people and life.

Pretorius is survived by two daughters, Nancy J. Moore and husband Robert, and Linda L. Helfin and husband Jon, each of Wabash; three granddaughters, Anne M. Moore, Abigail A. Arwood and husband Kevin, each of Wabash, and Tonya L. Helfin, Marion; two grandsons, Alan R. Moore, and Sean M. Helfin and wife Molly, each of Wabash; great-grandson, Wyatt A. Helfin, Wabash; great-granddaughter, Sydney N. Helfin, Wabash; three sisters, Jewell Hall, Warrensburg, Mo., Lurene Garst and husband Clarence, Somerset, Ind., and Kathleen Riley and husband James, Swayzee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Reverend Eugene Tarter, Fred Tarter, and Raymond Tarter.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Home, Wabash, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, with David Phillips officiating.

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

Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport.

The memorial guestbook for Nina may be signed at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com)

Preferred memorials may be made to Hospice and Wabash Friends Church.

### **Joseph H. Donat, 88**

Monday, February 21, 2005

Joseph H. Donat, 88, Peru, passed away at 12:52 a.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care Center, Peru.

He was born on September 16, 1916 in Peru to George J. and Marie Alice (Holland) Donat.

Donat married Wilma L. (See) Donat on April 25, 1936 at the St. Charles Catholic Church.

He was a tool and die maker, and he and his wife owned and operated Leonda Homes since 1966. Donat was a 1935 graduate of Jefferson Township High School, and was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru Moose Lodge, Peru Mannerchor and Knights of Columbus Cardinal O'Hara Council #718, Peru.

Donat is survived by three daughters, Meriell Turnpaugh, Live Oak, Fla., Judy Sullivan, Peru and Janet Riggle and husband John, Peru; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brother, James W. Donat.

A Mass Christian Burial will be conducted at St. Charles Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilkline III officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. A prayer service will be conducted at the funeral home at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and/or the St. Charles Catholic Church.

**Elizabeth F. Holland, 84**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Clarence E. Berger, 82**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Richard E. Fechtman, 56**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

**Lois M. Babbitt, 70**

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

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

Wanda Burnadea Daub, 80

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

### **Rick Herrell, 49**

Friday, February 25, 2005

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

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

### **Lt. Col. Gordon C. Smith, 70**

Friday, February 25, 2005

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

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

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

He received a commission in the United States Air Force, where he served for more than 25 years. In that time he received numerous awards including the rating of Command Pilot. He served one tour in Vietnam, and was the advisor to the reserve unit now stationed at Grissom Air Reserve Base. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he served as branch manager at the Wabash Valley Bank in Bunker Hill.

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his father.

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

### **Rick Herrell, 49**

Saturday, February 26, 2005

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

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

### **Louis A. Henline, 83**

Saturday, February 26, 2005

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

He was born Feb. 10, 1922 in Redwood, Calif. to Freeman R. "Pop" and Barbara L. Blanchard Henline. His formative years were spent on the west coast. He completed his education in the state of Washington.

On June 8, 1947 he was united in marriage to Juanita L. Becknell Henline. They made their home in Columbia City for 30 years before moving to Lehigh Acres, Fla. They later moved to Three Oaks, Mich. Mrs. Henline preceded him in death Jan. 29, 2004.

Henline retired in 1975 from Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, with 27 years of service. He also

was a member of the Eagles Lodge #1906.

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

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

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

### **Marjorie L. Baker, 72**

Monday, February 28, 2005

Marjorie L. Baker, 72, Peru, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, 2005 at her residence.

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

### **Mary "Madelyn" Schriver, 79**

Monday, February 28, 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

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

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

**Betty K. Walsh, 55**

Monday, February 28, 2005

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

Walsh was born on June 25, 1949 in Tell City to Jim and Dorothy (Jones) Nugent, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her boyfriend, Jim Martin; two sons, Jamie Walsh, Texas, and James Walsh, Peru; three daughters, Sabrina Walsh, Peru, Tanya Clark and husband Jim, Peru, and Wendy Walsh, Denver; six grandchildren, Jordan Howard, Kaylynn Clark, Destiny Selleck, Skyla Vance, Gracie Walsh, and Amber Walsh; two brothers, Larry Nugent, Peru, and Ralph Nugent, Dallas; and one sister, Susie Statler, Florida.

Walsh was preceded in death by her parents.

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

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

Burial will be at the Reyburn Cemetery, Peru.

**Marjorie L. Baker, 72**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

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

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

Baker retired from United Technologies after 25 years.

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

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

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

Melissa Linn Taylor, 18

Thursday, March 3, 2005 1:41 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

The memorial guest book for Melissa may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Preferred memorials are to the Trust Fund for Kristina Allison Taylor c/o Lake City

Bank, PO Box 610, Akron, IN 46910.

**Lorin Deroy Welsh, 98**

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:43 AM EST

Lorin Deroy Welsh, 98, West Lafayette, a longtime Williamsport resident, passed away at 3:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at George Davis Manor, West Lafayette.

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

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

He was a devoted and active member of the Williamsport United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities on the administrative board and board of trustees. He also served as a church lay leader. He was a delegate to the North Indiana Annual Conference for 23 years, never missing a vote or session. He also taught Sunday School for the youth and adult classes for more than 40 years. Both he and his wife, Maxine, were generous supporters of foreign missions. Lorin was also a past member of Knights of Pythias. He took special pride in his sheep, dog and garden.

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

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

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

**Beatrice L. Gordon, 78**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

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

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

**Wilda Kathryn Johnson, 77**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

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

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

**Kenneth "K.W." Leazenby, 46**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005 12:31 AM EST

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

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

**Maxine Edna Kokta, 82**

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:42 AM EST

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

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

**Everett V. "Abe" Robins, 81**

Thursday, March 3, 2005 1:41 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Esther M. Dillman, 96**

Thursday, March 3, 2005 2:43 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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



DeWald; and a sister, Thelma Brubaker.

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon Society.

**Margaret L. Bookmiller Gressley, 69**

Saturday, March 5, 2005 12:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

**William E. Adams, 75**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:26 PM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Charles "Charley" E. Hunt, 53**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:42 PM EST

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

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

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

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

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

**Iva M. Merritt, 82**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 10:42 PM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Mary E. Opp, 84**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:34 AM EST

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

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

Opp was a homemaker.

Survivors include four sons, Joseph L. Opp and wife Patricia, Terry Opp and wife Colleen, Ricky Opp and wife Peggy, and Larry Opp and wife Rhonda, all of Peru; four daughters, Barb Mosley and husband A.J., Kay Jones and husband Bob, Jeannie Hughes and husband Charles, all of Peru, and Connie Bloomfield and husband Kelly, Bunker Hill; two nephews; 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; a daughter, Marlene Turnpaugh; an infant brother; her twin sister, Helen Haines; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Elizabeth Brooke Rader, 1**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:33 AM EST

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

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

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

Survivors include her parents; her sister, Nikki Rader, at home; her maternal grandfather,

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

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

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

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

### **Glenn F. Coleman, 55**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005 12:33 AM EST

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

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

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

He received numerous customer care awards.

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

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

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

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

### **Mary R. Range Geiselman, 69**

Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:37 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Stanley Glen Vrem, 58**

Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:37 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

**Byron B. Wilson, 85**

Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:43 PM EST

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

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

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

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

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors J. Robert Clark and Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amateur Club and/or Parkview United Methodist Church.

**Richard "Dick" William Nance, 80**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:54 AM EST

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

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

Nance graduated from Wolcott High School in 1945, and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Submarine Veterans of WWII and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3790.

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

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

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

funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

**Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:54 AM EST

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

**Salvador Delgado, 38**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

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

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

Lucille Personett, 94

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

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

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

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

Survivors include two daughters, Marie Nickels and husband Lloyd, Peru, and Mary Ann Kuhn and husband Jerry, Macy; three sons, Earl Personett and wife Ruby, Yuma, Ariz., Harold Personett and wife June, Macy, and Donald Personett and wife Jean, Akron; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and a grandson, David Personett.

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

**Mary Ruth "Ruthie" Dennison, 64**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

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

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

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

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

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joe and Gene Fansler; and a sister, Norma Kelly.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Larrison-Martin Chapel, 308 E. Marion St., Converse, with Pastor Steven McPeck officiating. Burial will be in Converse Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

### **Lawrence D. Randall, 59**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

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

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Pleasantview Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. David Poole officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Jefferson Township, Hillsdale, Mich. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research



Foundation.

**Jerry L. Wright, 58**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:55 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**James Randolph Lozier, 46**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

James Randolph Lozier, 46, passed away on Friday, March 4, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Randy, who was also known as 'Ace,' was born on August 20, 1958 in Warsaw to James Leroy and June Elizabeth (Starner) Lozier. The family moved from Claypool to the Peru area in 1963.

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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

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

### **Ralph D. Watkins, 87**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

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

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

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

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

### **James E. Hibbard, 56**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Joseph L. Elmore, 63**

Monday, March 14, 2005 12:20 AM EST

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

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

He served as a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 until retirement in 1980. Following his retirement, Elmore served as the Peru-Miami County zoning administrator from 1981 to 1990 and again from 1995 to 2003. Elmore also served as the manager of the Peru License Branch from 1990 to 1995.

Elmore was president-elect of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity, and was a member of the American Legion Glen Owens Post #14, Miami County VFW Post 2067, the Peru Maennerchor and St. Charles Catholic Church. He was a graduate of Ball State University, where he earned a B.S. in political science. While serving in the U.S. Air Force, Elmore was awarded three Air Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Combat Readiness Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Cheryl Giannuzzi and husband John, Noblesville; three grandchildren, Elizabeth Teague and husband Randy, Jessica Giannuzzi and Jennifer Giannuzzi; three great-grandchildren, Brianna Brabham, Lizzey Light and Justin Teague; two brothers, Donnie Elmore and wife Michelle, New Haven,

Ky.; Estil Elmore and wife Marilyn, Fern Creek, Ky.; four sisters, Louise Hicks, Holy Cross, Geraldine Fogle and husband Avon, Holy Cross, Gondola Miles and husband Werner, Bardstown, Ky., and Theresa Raley and husband Sam, Lebanon Junction, Ky.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Jonathan Robert Cepican, 23**

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

### **Charles W. "Charlie" Meeks, 70**

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:16 AM EST

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

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

Meeks retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years, and also retired from Peru Community Schools. He was a member of Zion Chapel Church, the American Legion and Peru Maennerchor. He enjoyed all sports, gardening, bowling, fishing, playing cards,

good food, but most of all spending time with children, family and friends.

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

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

The funeral will be at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, on Thursday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Rod Correll and Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Gideons. There also will be a military committal service.

LaVerne E. Martin, 86

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 1:15 AM EST

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

**Billie M. Powell, 81**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or to the Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame Fund

**LaVerne E. Martin, 86**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Betty Ann McCutcheon Kleiman, 63**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

### **Charles C. Havens, 82**

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 2:16 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Ina Mae Miller, 88**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

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

Continuing Care, Peru.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Wanda J. Murphy Albert**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

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

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

Albert has lived in Attica since 1951 and moved to her son's home in Lafayette in January 2004. On March 15, 1951, she married Warren L. Albert in Lafayette. He preceded her in death Dec. 1, 2001.

She formerly owned beauty shops in both Lafayette and Attica. She was a member of the Attica First United Methodist Church, Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority of Attica and Fountain County Home Economics Club. She had formerly been active in the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations, and she enjoyed shopping at flea markets and had operated antique booths at Mansfield during the Covered Bridge Festivals. Surviving are a son, Mark Albert and wife Kathleen, Lafayette; a daughter, Tammi Acree and husband Eddie, Peru; a sister, Mildred Perkins, Elizaville; and seven grandchildren, Lorin and Preston Acree, Aaron, Mattea, Trinity, Thaddeus and Malachi Albert. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Thursday at 11 a.m., with Pastor G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Attica. Friends may call at the the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Attica First United Methodist Church, American



Cancer Society or the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.mausfuneralhome.com](http://www.mausfuneralhome.com).

**Virginia Lee McGuire, 81**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

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

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

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

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

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with the Reverends Gene Personett and Bill Shewman officiating. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chili Baptist Church.

**Herbert Raymond Myers, 65**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

Herbert Raymond Myers, 65, passed away at 11:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born on August 31, 1939 in Peru to Raymond A. and Elizabeth (Bullick) Myers. Myers married Marjorie (Stout) Myers on December 4, 1976. He was a retired farmer and member of the Morning Star Church, Kokomo. He served in the U.S. Army.

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

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

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

**Elizabeth 'Beth' Miller, 94**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 12:11 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bible Baptist Church.

**Marion McAlpin, 46**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

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

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

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the

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

**V. Willadean Helvey, 87**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

V. Willadean Helvey, 87, Life Care Center, Rochester, formerly of Akron, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Sunday, March 20, 2005 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She was born on April 18, 1917 in Miami County to Frank Whisler and Alma Berger. She married Maurice "Pete" Helvey on May 14, 1938 in Akron, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 2000.

Helvey was a homemaker and a member of Akron Church of God and the Stringtown Friends Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Bonnie Brown and husband Gary, Shepherd, Mich.; two sons, Max Helvey and wife Alice, Kerners, N.C., and Dennis Helvey and wife Connie, South Whitley; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Frye, Galion, Ohio, and Norma Eryie and husband Pat, Lakeland, Fla.

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

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

**Billy Joe "BJ" Adkins, 75**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Jimmie "Pete" Worden, 61**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 11:29 PM EST

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

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

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

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

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

**Nancy E. Birchfield, 85**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

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

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

Survivors include a son, Charles Mitchell Birchfield and wife Diane, Peru; nine grandchildren, Robert A. Birchfield, Everett D. Birchfield, Charles Mitchell Birchfield Jr., Charlene M. Brown, Tammy M. Stamper, Renda Sue Loetz, Heidi Lynn Hill, Marlo Melee Wiley and Mildred Elizabeth Birchfield; a special friend for many years, Buddy Kerns; two sisters, Dorothy Campbell, Clinton Township, Mich., and Louise Roberts, Muncie; one brother, Floyd Wolfe and wife Catherine, Peru; and 28 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four brothers, Robert, Chester, Harry and Henry Wolfe.

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

**Sylvia M. Jones, 96**

Wednesday, March 23, 2005 1:06 AM EST

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

Funeral arrangements are pending at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

**Ina Mae Miller, 88**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

Ina Mae Miller, 88, Peru, passed away at 3:25 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru. She was born in Las Vegas, N.M. on Nov. 2, 1916 to George and Estell Wedell Bryan. She married Robert "Bob" Miller on Jan. 17, 1946, and he survives.

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

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

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

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

**Wanda J. Murphy Albert**

Tuesday, March 22, 2005 1:45 AM EST

Wanda J. Murphy Albert, 82, Attica, passed away at the home of her son in Lafayette on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 3:15 a.m. She was born in Jefferson Township, Newton County, on May 31, 1922 to Leroy and Rachel Warenford Murphy. She graduated from A.J. Kent High School in Kentland in 1940, and later was a graduate of Martin University, where she received her certificate to become a hairdresser.

Albert has lived in Attica since 1951 and moved to her son's home in Lafayette in January 2004. On March 15, 1951, she married Warren L. Albert in Lafayette. He preceded her in death Dec. 1, 2001.

She formerly owned beauty shops in both Lafayette and Attica. She was a member of the Attica First United Methodist Church, Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority of Attica and Fountain County Home Economics Club. She had formerly been active in the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts organizations, and she enjoyed shopping at flea markets and had operated antique booths at Mansfield during the Covered Bridge Festivals.

Surviving are a son, Mark Albert and wife Kathleen, Lafayette; a daughter, Tammi Acree and husband Eddie, Peru; a sister, Mildred Perkins, Elizaville; and seven grandchildren, Lorin and Preston Acree, Aaron, Mattea, Trinity, Thaddeus and Malachi Albert.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at Maus Funeral Home, Attica, on Thursday at 11 a.m., with Pastor G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Attica. Friends may call at the the funeral home on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Attica First United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society or the St. Elizabeth Hospice. Online condolences to the family may be made at [www.mausfuneralhome.com](http://www.mausfuneralhome.com).

### **LaVerne "Nana" Perzo, 81**

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **George Richard Cumberland, 81**

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

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

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

survives.

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

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Diane K. Cumberland, Houston, Texas, and Brenda Deardorff, Warsaw; three grandchildren, Kristin Silveus and husband Tyson, Warsaw, Kelly Michell and husband Don, Fort Wayne, and Derrick Deardorff, West Lafayette; three great-grandchildren, Caden Silveus and Weber and Emma Michell; one sister, Mary Horn and husband Eldon, Warsaw; and one brother, Loren Cumberland and wife Betty, Claypool.

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

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

### **Lucille M. Hoagland, 91**

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic

Cemetery, Peru. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Pauline M. Swoverland, 86**

Friday, March 25, 2005 12:06 AM EST

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

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Arcola United Methodist Church, 11311 Arcola Road, Fort Wayne, where friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Graveside committal services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Preferred memorials are to Arcola United Methodist Church. Arrangements were handled by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

**Ronald F. 'Ron' Ward, 71**

Monday, March 28, 2005 8:44 PM EST

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

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

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

Ward is survived by two daughters, Kathryn MacDonald and husband James, Wabash; and Karen Springer and husband Duane, Ft. Wayne; one son, Michael Ward and wife Missy, Niceville, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Matthew, Kate and Sarah MacDonald, Josh and Austin Springer, McKenzie and Mason Ward; one brother, Gerald Ward, Oregon; one sister, Barbara Ward, Endicott, N.Y.

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

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Robert W. Dotterer, 82**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:14 AM EST



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

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

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

He was preceded in death by both parents.

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

Fisher Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements.

Interment will be in the Spring Creek Cemetery, Logansport.

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

### **James Edward Gannon, 74**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:14 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dawn Maxine Austin, 75**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

The memorial guest book for Dawn may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

Preferred memorials are to the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

**Richard E. Reed, 77**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

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

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

Reed farmed in his early years, before working for Delco Electronics, where he retired

following 28 years service. He served in the U.S. Army and was a 35-year-member of Gideons International. He also belonged to the American Legion, NRA, Bon Air Church of the Nazarene, and was a founding member of the First Brethren Church in Kokomo.

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International.

### **Ralph D. Myers, 83**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:13 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Metzger Cemetery.

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

### **Corinne Caster, 89**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:58 AM EST

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

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

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

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

**J. William "Bill" Norris, 75**

Thursday, March 31, 2005 1:58 AM EST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Robert "Bob" Sutton, 72**

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **James Larry Sandefur, 61**

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

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

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

Burial will be at the Metea Cemetery, Metea.

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

### **John C. Tillett, 79**

Sunday, April 3, 2005 11:42 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

### **George A. Langer, 78**

Monday, April 4, 2005 12:55 AM EDT

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

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

He was employed as an Engineer on the C & O Railroad for 39 years retiring in 1986. He served as a member of the Peru City Council from 1960 to 1964. George was Past Commander of Peru American Legion Glen Owens Post 14. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge, a life member of the Peru Maennerchor, a member of the United Trainmen Union and served as UTU Local Chairman for 17 years.

He is survived by sons Dwight Langer and his wife Donna of The Dalles, OR and Geoffrey "Jeep" Langer and his wife Wendy of Peru, a daughter Michelle Dawalt and her husband Todd of Peru. A granddaughter Andrea Rose Langer of Peru and a grandson Joseph Langer of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, AK also survive. In addition to his wife, Charlotte, he was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Joseph Langer and a grandson David Langer.

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

### **Kathryn K. Barr, 60**

Monday, April 4, 2005 12:55 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Thelma E. Lees, 86**

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Charles F. Hale, 75**

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

Charles F. Hale, 75, Peru, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2005 at Dukes

Memorial Hospital.

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

**Monyeen M. Davenport, 81**

Tuesday, April 5, 2005 12:49 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

She was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marcia Serra; and a grandson, Jeffrey Looker.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 S. Main St., LaFontaine, with Don Miller officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Rolling Meadows Healthcare Center Good Shepherd Wing in care of the funeral home.

**Donald J. Bolinger, 80**

Thursday, April 7, 2005 1:32 AM EDT

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Cora L. Hawley, 86**

Thursday, April 7, 2005 1:32 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**M. Janit (Warder) Qualio, 88**

Friday, April 8, 2005 1:25 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home is caring for the family.

**Velma Rautenkranz, 89**

Friday, April 8, 2005 1:25 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

Okla.; and two great-grandchildren, Jason and Kara Powell, Broken Arrow, Okla.

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

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

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

**Larry E. Vinopal, 64**

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

Larry E. Vinopal, 64, Peru, passed away at 5:39 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born Aug. 23, 1940 in Grove City, Penn. to Harold and Betty Atkinson Vinopal. He married Roberta Vinopal June 20, 1964, and she survives.

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

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

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

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

**Wilma J. Butler Horton, 72**

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

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

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

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

Survivors include three daughters, Pam Coleman and Vickie Workman, Bobbi Kern and husband Terry, and Jill Wilson, all of Peru; six grandchildren, Mikhail, Taylor, Dustin, Leandra, Kegan and Karhli; three brothers, Donnie, Harold and Charles Butler, all of

Kentucky; and four sisters, Carla Roysdon and Irene Repasy, both of South Carolina, Jenny Craig, Colorado, and Janice Shuler, Kentucky.

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

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

**Dorothy Ann Becker Boatz, 89**

Monday, April 11, 2005 1:05 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Kathryn Ann Cain, 88**

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Mary L. Wilson, 85**

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

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

Wilson was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the First Christian Church, Eagles Auxiliary and the Eastern Star. She also was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Survivors include two daughters, Rosellen "Rosie" Carriger, and Kay Workman and husband Richard, all of Peru; a son, Larry Wilson, Kingsland, Texas; nine grandchildren, Ted A. Moon, Noblesville, Debbie Turner, Diana and Dawn Workman and Chad Moon, all of Peru, Jim Moon, Gas City, Jason Wilson, Houston, Texas, Heather Hodges, Havelock, N.C., and Hayli Wilson, Kingsland, Texas; seven great-grandchildren; a brother Wilbur J. Hutchison, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews.

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

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with

Ray Maggard officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Hands Health Care Activity Department.

**Mary E. Kunkle, 82**

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cedric W. Radel, 79**

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

**Jerry W. Cassel, 74**

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 1:38 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Life Bridge Church.

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

### **Carl W. Coppernoll, 87**

Wednesday, April 13, 2005 1:38 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cluster R. Daine, 95**

Thursday, April 14, 2005 12:01 AM EDT

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

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

**Ruth A. Beauchamp, 84**

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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

Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

**Mary Christine 'Chris' Waters, 49**

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

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



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

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

**Robert W. Steele, 80**

Friday, April 15, 2005 1:00 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Roann Community Cemetery.

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

The memorial guest book may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

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

**Dewitt Lee "Bud" Stafford, 75**

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

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

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

Burial will be at Akron Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Daniel E. Holland Jr., 57**

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

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

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

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

**James Harrison Goodwin, 79**

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

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

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

**Deloris E. Heavilon, 77**

Saturday, April 16, 2005 1:47 AM EDT

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

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

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

volunteer at Clinton County Hospital.

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

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

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

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

Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

### **Franklin Edward Pennington, 26**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:02 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Speicher Cemetery, Urbana.

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

The memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

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

### **Leo Fouts, 93**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Steven 'Steve' P. Jaberg, 32**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

He was born in Kokomo on January 24, 1973 as the much-loved son of Don and Judy (Arland) Jaberg.

Jaberg graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1992 and was self-employed as a carpet installer for 13 years.

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

Jaberg is survived by his parents; grandmother, Margaret E. Jaberg; nephew, Jacob Jaberg; niece, Grace Jaberg; girlfriend, Stacy Pattison and son Jared, all of Peru; uncle, John Arland and wife Susie, Greenfield; aunt Pat Barron and husband John, Peru; aunt Marilyn Boswell and husband Bob, Chili; three brothers, Michael Jaberg and wife

Stacey, Peru; Matthew Jaberg and fiance Tory See, Colorado, and Robert Jaberg and companion Jaci Cain, and children Mercedes and Maci, Peru; cousins, David, Andy, Tom, Drew, Brian, Brenda, Laura Lee, Susan, Paula, Barbara, Julie, David, Bill, Richard, Mark, Susan, and Marsha.

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

Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Church on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. with the Reverend Francis Kilcline officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

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

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

**Sarah M. Hostetler, 88**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Peru Grace Brethren Church.

**Betty P. Black, 77**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

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

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

### **Jean L. Schaller, 81**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

**Opal Applegate, 81**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Condolences may be sent through the Metcalf web site at [www.metcalfmortuary.com](http://www.metcalfmortuary.com).

**Esther V. Jones, 88**

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 2:47 PM EDT

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

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

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

She is survived by one son, Thomas R. Jones and wife Cynthia, Columbus, Ohio; two granddaughters, Dawn E. Ford and husband Greg, Columbus, and Jennifer Henton and

husband Bret, Indianapolis; one step-grandson, Matthew Rittenhouse; one step-granddaughter, Sara Rittenhouse, both of Columbus; one great-grandson, Gage Porterfield.

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

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

Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery.

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

**James Michael "Mike" Monahan, 80**

Thursday, April 21, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nellie M. Manry, 78**

Thursday, April 21, 2005 1:33 AM EDT



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

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

Manry retired from American Stationery.

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

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

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Robert D. Swinford, 73**

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

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

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

**Marjorie E. Johnson Miller, 81**

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Tony Winter officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends

may call from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

**Mary A. Haworth, 95**

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Caterina Giovanna Zanin Koenes, 67**

Friday, April 22, 2005 1:13 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 State Road 37, Harlan. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Saturday, and 6 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be at the Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

**Robert D. Swinford, 73**

Saturday, April 23, 2005 1:12 AM EDT

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

He was born Sept. 30, 1931 in Marion to Denzil L. and Katherine Howard Swinford. He married Margaret Eisenman Swinford in the First Christian Church, Peru, on March 14, 1952, and she survives.

Bob graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1949, and served in the U.S. Navy. His military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He served as a letter carrier with the Postal Service in Peru from 1956 until his retirement in October 1986; he also owned and operated Bob's Mini Warehouses. He and his wife Margaret owned and operated the Sonshine Christian Book and Music Center in Peru from 1982 until 1997.

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Swinford; and a sister-in-law, Annabelle Means.

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

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

**Ercell H. Sagester, 95**

Monday, April 25, 2005 7:10 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

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

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

**Dr. Russell A. Eckert, 80**

Monday, April 25, 2005 7:10 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

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

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

### **Aaron David Black, 33**

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

Survivors include his parents, Fred and Linda Whicker, Tipton, Wayne and Berta Black, and George Beresh, all of Peru; a daughter, Ashley Kayanne Black, Peru; a brother, Adam Black and wife Cindy, Longview, Texas; a niece, Alexandra Black; a nephew, Kyle Black; maternal grandparents, Jack and Eileen Washburn, Rochester; and paternal grandparents, Carl Black, Kokomo, Lucille Huddleston and Gertrud Thurston, both of Peru.

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

**Teresa Durkes Knotts, 53**

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

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

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

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

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Durkes, Peru, Marcus Knotts and wife Jackie, Indianapolis, and Kristopher Knotts and wife Christina, Whitestown; a daughter, Stephanie Knotts-Wagner and husband Tait, Darlington; a mother-in-law, Georgia Durkes, Peru; and a granddaughter, Lehna Marie Wagner.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

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

**Ruby I. Cox, 83**

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Fines Franklin Ashlock 70**

Tuesday, April 26, 2005 12:51 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. today at Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, with a committal service in the chapel at 2:30 p.m. Online condolences may be directed to [www.gendafuneralhome.com](http://www.gendafuneralhome.com).

## **Robert L. Gable, 82**

Wednesday, April 27, 2005 1:06 AM EDT

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

He was born on July 19, 1922 in Peru to Walter and Idella (Working) Gable. He married Elsa E. Griebing in Peru on July 1, 1947, and she preceded him in death on December 18, 1971. Gable later married E. Elva Bagnara Carlson on October 27, 1972 in Mishawaka, and she survives.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

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

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



**Loretta A. "Ret" Long, 68**

Thursday, April 28, 2005 1:17 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

**Mary Helen Miller, 80**

Friday, April 29, 2005 12:16 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

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

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

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

**Charles E. 'Bud' McKinley, 76**

Sunday, May 1, 2005 5:26 PM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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

**Frederick Behny, 61**

Sunday, May 1, 2005 5:26 PM EDT

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

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

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

**Beatrice Pratt, 67**

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

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

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

Pratt was a homemaker.

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

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

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

**John R. Hartleroad, 78**

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

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

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

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

Survivors besides his wife include three sons, Steve Hartleroad, Columbia City, John Phillip Hartleroad, Bloomington, and John Richard Hartleroad and wife Judy, Galesburg, Ill.; a daughter, Patsy Batosky and husband William, Glen Burnte, Md.; a brother, Robert Hartleroad, Peru; a sister, Opal Mills and husband Ray, Frankfort; and four grandchildren.

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

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Logansport Church of the Brethren, 2405 Shadowlawn Drive, Logansport, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery, Miami County. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, and from 9 a.m. until time of service at the church Tuesday.

**Kathleen J. West, 56**

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

**Neil Delos Howay, 60**

Monday, May 2, 2005 12:39 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

### **Virginia M. Ranke, 87**

Tuesday, May 3, 2005 1:23 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Carrie M. Sagarsee, 82**

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

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

She was born May 4, 1922 in Lexington, Ky. to Lloyd Walker and Molly Radcliff Griffith. She married Thomas Taylor, and he preceded her in death. She then married Richard Sagarsee, and they divorced.

Sagarsee retired from Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, from the Housekeeping Department. She attend the First Assembly of God and the Church of God.

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

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

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

**Frederick Gordon Seibold, 76**

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Rosa Kemp, 90**

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 1:34 AM EDT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Babette K. Newhouse, 61**

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

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

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

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

Survivors besides her husband include four daughters, Heidi Love and husband Jeff, Dayton, Ohio, Gretchen Berns and husband Jim, LaCrosse, Wis., Ingrid Gross and husband Dave, Peru, and Brita Miller and husband Matt, Fishers; three sons, Peter Newhouse and wife Shawn, Grand Haven, Mich., Micah Newhouse and wife Kerry, Memphis, Tenn., and Jabin Newhouse and wife Ann; Columbia, S.C.; 11 grandchildren, Joshua and Julia Love, Megan, Isaak and Sophia Newhouse, Savannah, Ava Catherine

and Noah Newhouse, Kierstyn and Austin Gross, and Carson Miller; three sisters, Connie Hoppes and husband Robert, Rochester, Roberta Wiesjahn and husband Don, Plainfield, and Louise Comerford and husband Jim, Peru; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

### **Earl "Van" Van Baalen, 87**

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

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

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

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

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Kathy Sparks and husband Danny, and Connie Hutchison and husband Don, all of Peru; Martha and Larry Hensell and their families, Peru, whom he treated like family; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services are planned at Ever-Rest Cemetery Chapel, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. No visitation is planned. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **Thomas O. Hobbs, 69**

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Thomas O. Hobbs, 69, Elwood, went to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 21, 1935 in Elwood to John O. and Nola Mock Hobbs. He lived in Elwood all his life. He married Carol A. Golden Hobbs May 30, 1954, and she survives.

Hobbs graduated from Elwood High School in 1953, and served in the Korean War with



the U.S. Navy. He retired from Delco-Remy, formerly of Anderson, as a plant protection officer in 1993 after 25 years. He also was a member of the Elwood VFW Post 5782, Alexandria Church of God, and enjoyed winters in Ruskin, Fla. In addition, he had a love for singing and his many grandchildren.

Survivors besides his wife include three daughters, Melanie Longworth and husband Michael, Kokomo, Kathy Pittenger and husband Mark, Muncie, and Lisa Weatherford and husband Sam, Terre Haute; two sons, Tony Hobbs and wife Paula, Amboy, and Andy Hobbs and wife Lisa, Peru; 17 grandchildren, Tiffany and Rich Boruff, Nick and Jamie Longworth, Julie and David Dafforn, Natalie Pittenger, Steve, Chris, Jennelle, Carol and Scotty Weatherford, Emilie, Erik, Drew, Valerie and Krista Hobbs; three great-grandchildren, Taylor and Cole Boruff, and Jenna Longworth; three sisters, Dolores Tubbs, Virginia Beach, Va., Bertha Hall, Anderson, and Rhetta Beeman, Elwood; three brothers, George Hobbs, Logansport, Dick and Dallas Hobbs, both of Elwood; his in-laws, Phyllis Jones, Fremont, Imogene and Elmer Baugher, Naomi and Bob McCurdy, Jeanette and Ted Poole, all of Anderson, Joan Golden, Melbourne, Fla., and Ron and Darlene Garner, Alexandria; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and James Hobbs; and two sisters, Donna McSkilli and Olive Hobbs.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Alexandria Church of God, 302 N. West St., Alexandria, with the Rev. Jan Hobbs and Rev. John Albright officiating. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery, Alexandria. The Elwood VFW Post 5782 will conduct graveside military honors. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Owens Funeral Home, Alexandria, or after 9 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [owensmemorialservices.com](http://owensmemorialservices.com).

### **Herman W. Butt, 81**

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Herman W. Butt, 81, Speedway, formerly of Peru, passed away Monday, May 2, 2005.

No funeral services are planned. Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at Conkle Funeral Home, Speedway. Memorial contributions may be made to the Huntington's Disease Foundation.

Nelle Arlington Lougheed, 86

Thursday, May 5, 2005 12:52 AM EDT

Nelle Arlington Lougheed, 86, Bryan, Ohio, passed away at 2:35 a.m. Monday, May 2, 2005 at Community Hospital & Wellness Center, Bryan, Ohio.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier, Ohio, with Pastor Don Harris officiating. Interment will be in Columbia Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International.

**Lawrence William "Larry" Caine, 70**

Friday, May 6, 2005 6:26 PM EDT

Lawrence William "Larry" Caine, 70, passed away at 3:40 a.m. Thursday at his home.

He was born April 18, 1935 in Pontiac, Mich. to George and Viola Hammil Caine. He married Dolores F. Krawczyk Caine on Feb. 13, 1960.

Caine was retired from the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam veteran, a member of the VFW and a member of Chapel of Praise Church, Peru.

Survivors include five children, Kimberly Jo "Kim" Allen and husband Dennis, Bunker Hill, Lawrence W. "Larry" Caine Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., Dallas Galbrath, Roanoke, Kay F. Robertson, Peru and Paul E. Galbrath Jr. and wife Debbie, Peru; nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by both parents, his wife, one brother and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor David Ross officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Phillip Michael Hoagland, 62**

Sunday, May 8, 2005 5:04 PM EDT

Phillip Michael Hoagland, 62, Kokomo, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at his home.

He was born May 20, 1942 in Galveston to Glenn and Cora Ethel Burger Chaplin. He married Rita Miller Hoagland June 10, 1962, and she survives.

He retired from Haynes International in 2003 after 42 years of service.

He was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School, and an elder and deacon at Main Street Christian Church, Russiaville. He was also a member of the Quarter Century Club.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Robin Hoagland, El Dorado Hills, California, Deborah Viars and husband Tom of Chatsworth, Georgia, and Leslie Edgecomb and husband Anthony, Avon; six grandchildren, Blake Banks, Haley Hoagland, Alexandra Edgecomb, Jessie Hoagland, Jarrett Hughes and Andrew Edgecomb; three sisters, Donna Howell and husband Harold, Bunker Hill, Marcia Nunn and husband Rotan, Peru and Sue

Pierce, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Celebration of Life service will be conducted Monday at 6 p.m. at Main Street Christian Church, 220 W. Main St., Russiaville with the Reverend Tom Cox officiating.

The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall after the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Main Street Christian Church, the American Cancer Society or Guardian Angel Hospice.

Stout and Son Funeral Home, Russiaville is handling the arrangements.

### **Carolyn Benedict, 63**

Sunday, May 8, 2005 5:04 PM EDT

Carolyn S. Benedict, 64, Peru, died following an automobile accident at 9:20 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005.

She was born May 13, 1941 in Flora to Raymond and Helen May Siple Ensinger. She married Jim Benedict March 10, 1963, and he survives.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, where she was active in the Rebekah Group. She also participated in mailing the Soaring Spirit Church letter out.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, John Benedict and wife Susan, Peru, and Ralph Benedict, Lafayette; one granddaughter, Sarah Benedict; one brother, Jerry Ensinger, Flora; and one sister, Barbara Schultz, Kokomo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Sharon R. Davison.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Christian Church with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church.

### **Two-year-old girl drowns in pool**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 1:01 PM EDT

Tribune Staff Report

A two-year-old Kokomo girl drowned in a pool in southern Miami County Sunday.

**Alexis J. Kepner**, 2, Kokomo, passed away at approximately 5:55 p.m. Sunday, according to an Indiana State Police press release. She drowned in an above-ground

residential swimming pool at 4354 W. SR 18.

The girl was with her mother, Monica L. Kepner, visiting friends at 4354 West SR 18 in Miami County, the press release stated. Several adults were with small children at the front of the residence. Monica Kepner noticed her daughter, Alexis, was missing and located her in the pool at the rear of the residence.

Galveston Fire and Rescue responded to the home and transported Alexis to Howard Regional Hospital in Kokomo, where she was later pronounced dead. The death is still under investigation and an autopsy was scheduled for Monday.

Howard W. Simpson, 86

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

Howard W. Simpson, 86, Peru, passed away at 2 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor following an extended illness.

He was born Feb. 7, 1919 in Howard County to James and Nola Rash Simpson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and married Florence Krile in February 1963. She survives.

Simpson retired from Freeman's in Peru, and was a member of the Literary Aid Society.

Survivors besides his wife include two brothers, Carroll and Ivan Simpson, both of Kokomo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a step-daughter, Judith Orpurt.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with a military committal service. Friends may call from noon until time of service Tuesday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

### **John Anthony Shanabarger, 69**

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

John Anthony Shanabarger, 69, Wabash, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 20, 1935 in Chicago, Ill. to John L. and Esther Finnegan Shanabarger. He married Shirley Ann Bakehorn on her birthday, March 13, 1955 in Wabash at St. Bernard Catholic Rectory. She survives.

Shanabarger graduated from Peru High School in 1954. He was a tool maker at C.P.C., formerly Fisher Body, a division of General Motors in Marion, retiring in 1993 after 35 1/2 years. He was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church, the Wabash Knights of Columbus since 1972, and Wabash Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 83, and served in the Indiana National Guard. He loved fishing, ice fishing, woodworking, golf, his family and visiting friends.

Survivors besides his wife include two daughters, Sherry Marie Shanabarger and husband Joaquin Sanchez, Seattle, Wash., and Lisa Diane Shanabarger, Wabash; a son, John Daniel Shanabarger and wife Peggy, Fort Wayne; a grandson, Anthony Michael Shanabarger, Wabash; three granddaughters, Rachel Jane, Mary Grace and Ann Marie Shanabarger, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Louise Cochran, Sallis, Miss.; and a brother, Frances Shanabarger and wife Joyce, Kokomo.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and William Shanabarger.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Bernard Church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with Father Paul Cochran, John's nephew, and Father Don Sextus officiating. Burial will follow at Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Manchester Avenue Chapel, Wabash. A prayer service will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are to St. Bernard Catholic Church. The memorial guest book may be signed online at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### **Arla Jean Riddle, 61**

Monday, May 9, 2005 12:35 AM EDT

Arla Jean Riddle, 61, Peru, passed away at 8:08 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

She was born June 23, 1943 in Morgan County, Ky. to Darris and Emma Whitt Whitt. She married Melvin K. Riddle Sept. 25, 1963, and he survives.

Riddle was a homemaker and former school bus driver for Maconaquah School Corporation. She also was a member of Parkview United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother in Morehead, Ky.; three daughters, Darla Waychoff, Delavan, Wis., Dena Gillmore and husband Rodney, Claude, Texas, and Jill Eskew and husband Tom, Kodiak, Alaska; two sons, Darrell Riddle and wife Debbie, Greenwood, and Jeff Riddle and wife Marilyn, Hollister, Calif.; two sisters, June Erisman and husband Jack, Springdale, Ark., and Ruby Link, Fairborn, Ohio; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father, a grandson and a sister.

The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors J. Robert Clark and Ken Walker officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### **Mitchell Jay Copeland, 63**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Mitchell Jay Copeland, 63, Cutler, passed away at 8:40 p.m. Saturday, May 7, 2005 at his residence.

He was born May 2, 1942 to Linal and Erba Townsend Copeland. On Dec. 19, 1964 he married Donna Glassburn, and she survives.

Copeland worked at Chrysler Automotive for 37 years before retiring in April 2004. He was a member of Circus Model Builders and The White Tops, and often had his hand-crafted circus wagons displayed in the Peru Circus. He loved woodworking, restoring antique furniture, going to the flea market and gardening, especially making spices from his peppers. He also liked photography and magic, was an avid animal lover and loved apple dumplings.

Survivors besides his wife of 40 years include two daughters, Traci Copeland, Kokomo, and Kimberly Corcoran, Logansport; a son Mitchell Copeland, Kokomo; five grandchildren, Joe Sexton, Emily and Alex Copeland, David and Robert Corcoran; a brother, Leon Copeland, Peru; and two sisters, Beatrice Dillman, Churubusco, and Wilma Neaville, Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, with the Pastor Curt Brincefield officiating. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 2097 W. Alto Road, Kokomo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com).

**Rex W. Hahn, 69**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Rex W. Hahn, 69, Grass Valley, Calif., passed away Saturday, May 7, 2005.

He was the son of the late Kenneth and Mildred Hahn of Amboy.

A graduate of Clay Township High School, he received a B.S. in electrical engineering from Purdue University and an M.A. in computer science from San Jose State.

Before retiring in 1991 from Lockheed Aircraft in Sunnyvale, Calif., Hahn designed and tested missiles for the government's Star Wars Program.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta; four daughters, Sherry DeGregorio, San Jose, Calif., Christine Antonelli, Auburn, Wash., Kathy Strahlendorf, Pollock Pines, Calif., and Vicky Brodt, Berkley, Calif.; a sister, Nancy Morgan, Columbia, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Ronald L. Blackman, 69**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005 12:58 PM EDT

Ronald L. Blackman, 69, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005 at his Loon Lake home near Columbia City.

He was born July 15, 1935 in Peru to Francis and Chloe Mae Thomas Blackman. His formative years were spent in Peru, and following his graduation from Peru High School he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea near the demilitarized zone.

On June 6, 1954, he married Patricia Guinn and following his discharge from military duty, they moved to Chicago, where he was studying to be a draftsman and also sold electrical supplies. Later he enrolled in the school of cosmetology and earned his degree.

In 1962, they returned to Peru, where he opened Mr. Ron's Town & Country Salon and later opened a second salon in Kokomo. Mrs. Blackman preceded him in death in October 1971.

In 1980, he and several business partners founded the Masters of Cosmetology College in 1980. In 1987, he moved to Fort Wayne and in 2000 to Loon Lake.

On April 1, 2001 he married Kaydean Sheets, and they bought out the other partners' interests and continued to own and operate the cosmetology college, which has over 100 students.

Blackman was a founding member of the Ole Olsen Civic Theater in Peru, was an actor and director in many of the productions at the theater. He also was the first member inducted into the Ole Olsen Hall of Fame.

Survivors besides his wife include a daughter, Valerie Witt and husband Ron, Martinsville; two sons, Greg Blackman and wife Brooke, and Jeremy Blackman, all of Fort Wayne; three step-daughters, Kim Hamm and husband Rick, LaFontaine, Kari Freshour and husband Slade, Columbia City, and Karman Whiteneck and husband Brian, Warsaw; 10 grandchildren; his mother, Chloe Mae Gambee, Peru; two brothers, Kenneth Blackman, Fulton, and Robert Blackman, Peru; and three sisters, Sharon Dowell, Kentucky, Karen Foreman, Peru, and Sally Chalos, Tennessee.

The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Phil Black officiating. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Ole Olsen Memorial Theater.

### **Maynard DeWayne 'Pete' Myers, 70**

Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Maynard DeWayne 'Pete' Myers, 70, Peru, passed away Thursday, May 5, 2005 at 4:35 a.m. at the VA Hospital, Marion.

He was born December 15, 1934 in Peru, to Vernon Wilbur and Esther Fern (Ream) Myers.

Myers graduated from Peru High School in 1952, and was a member of the Peru Circus Hall of Fame, the Moose Lodge and served in the U.S. Air Force. He loved to golf, enjoyed vacationing on cruise ships, liked talking to people and was a friend to all.

He is survived by three brothers, Melvin Myers, Peru, Elvin Myers and wife Dorothy, Peru, and Delmar Myers and wife Sandy, North Manchester; a sister, Fayette and husband Bill McClain, New Waverly; six nephews, Danny Myers and wife Beth, Peru, Phillip Myers and wife Allison, Denver, Alan Myers, Pine Island, Minn., Jerry McClain and wife Lola, Lafayette, Terry McClain, and Cliff McClain and wife Kim, both of Logansport; six nieces, Elizabeth Baines and husband Dennis, Lafayette, Ruth Huff and husband David, Logansport, Nancy Mason and husband Mark, Raleigh N.C., Kimberly Myers, Fort Wayne, Reja Enyart and companion Kerry Townsend, Peru, Roberta Charters and husband David, Lafayette; and special friend, David Spearin, Peru.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Maynard may be signed at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Memorials can be made to the International Circus Hall of Fame.

**Robert 'Bob' Hartgrove, 79**

Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Robert 'Bob' Hartgrove, 79, Bunker Hill, passed away at 10:42 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 20, 1925 in Miami County to William Thomas and Maudie May (Jackson) Hartgrove, and married Sandra (Ramer) Hartgrove.

The disabled veteran attended the Free Will Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammara Studebaker and husband Mike, Bunker Hill; three grandchildren, Scott, Chris and Cindy Studebaker; and two sisters, Maxine Locke, Bunker Hill and Bertha Garbert, Peru.

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

Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Church, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 8:30 a.m. to time of service on Friday.

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

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

**Anna Lee Flynn, 68**



Thursday, May 12, 2005 12:55 PM EDT

Anna Lee Flynn, 68, Peru, passed away at 5:55 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care.

She was born August 30, 1936 in Pulaski County, Ky., to Charles and Ollie (Tucker) Flynn.

She was retired from Square D, was a life member of the VFW auxiliary and a member of the Eagles auxiliary. Flynn was a member of the Oakdale Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Chester Flynn, and Bobby J. Flynn, both of Kentucky; and one sister, Lenna Walden, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating.

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

Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be a VFW auxiliary service Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

**Sandra K. "Sandy" Clingaman, 58**

Friday, May 13, 2005 5:57 PM EDT

Sandra K. "Sandy" Clingaman, 58, Peru, passed away 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 5, 1947 in Peru to Vernon and Betty Myers Gochenour, and married Ronald E. Clingaman on June 27, 1965. He preceded her in death. She was engaged to be married to Adelard Fluette, Peru. He survives.

Clingaman worked at Wal-Mart in Logansport. She was also a manager at McClure's, Peru. She was a member of the Moose and American Legion.

Survivors include her fiancée; mother; daughter, Kelly Clingaman and fiancée Matthew Pearce, Peru; a brother, Jerry Gochenour and wife Ruth, Peru; and two sisters, Karen Sims and husband Richard, Peru and Debra Cline and husband Tom, Peru.

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

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastors Rod Correll and George Dinkel officiating.

Burial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

**Effie Jo Gibbs, 52**

Friday, May 13, 2005 5:57 PM EDT

Effie Jo Gibbs, 52, Middletown, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Effie Jo was born in Breathitt County, Kentucky, on November 8, 1952 to Evalee Smith Gibbs and Kelly Gibbs. She was raised in the Vancleve, Kentucky area and attended Breathitt High School. She married Charly McQuinn in Cincinnati in 1970. They divorced and he preceded her in death in 1998.

Effie Jo was a member of Carlisle Community Church, Carlisle, Ohio. She was a homemaker for several years, and was later employed by the Carlisle Restaurant. She was known for her compassion, and enjoyed helping people and spending time with her grandchildren.

Gibbs is survived by two daughters, Tammy Spencer and husband Leonard, Middletown and Tish Soldi and husband Jay, Peru; four sisters, Anna Belle Gillum and husband Robert, West Union, Ohio, Bonnie Smith and husband Doug, Middletown, Vonda Sue Stidham and husband Larry, Peru, and Nancy Lee Wills and husband David, Lebanon; four brothers, Jonnie Gibbs and wife Lucille, Jackson, Kentucky, Perry Gibbs and wife Jamie, Peru, Claude Gibbs and wife Barbara, Peru and Herbert Gibbs and wife Oge, Monroe, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Nathan and Mason Spencer, Middletown, Spencer, Sebastian and Phoebe Jo Soldi, Peru.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Gibbs; a sister, Ruby Mae Gibbs; and a grandson, Tyler McQuinn.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Deaton Funeral Home, Jackson, Kentucky.

Visitation will be at the funeral home Saturday at 4 p.m.

**Marie Navarro Hill, 79**

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Marie Navarro Hill

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother has returned to her heavenly home to be with the Lord at 4:20 a.m. on May 12, 2005 at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Hill was born in Laredo, Texas on September, 18 1925 to Concepcion Navarro. She was married to the late George Edward Hill Sr. in 1942.

Hill moved to Indiana in 1990 after retiring from Richlein Laundry in Phoenix, where she worked as a floor supervisor. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, watching old movies and working in the flower garden and with indoor plants.

Hill was preceded in death by her husband, George E. Hill Sr.; one infant daughter, San

Juanita Raigola; sister, Mary Lou Rodriguez; and mother, Concepcion Navarro.

She is survived by nine children, George E. Hill Jr., Tacoma, Washington, Isaac M. Hill, Anchorage, Michael L. Hill, Peoria, Arizona, Theodore J. Hill, Colorado Springs, Martimiano Singleterry, Arizona, Patrick Lee King, Mesa, Arizona, Bonnie E. Cano, Salt Lake City, Mary M. Ridenour, Logansport and Delores P. Morales, Phoenix; 22 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, on Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, May 19 at Greenwood Memory Lawn Mortuary in Phoenix, Arizona.

Burial services will be at Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, Phoenix.

**Teresa M. Arrick, 92**

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Teresa M. Arrick, 92, Peru, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2005.

Arrick was born in Peru on June 14, 1912 to Guy and Minnie Clem Comerford. She was a 1930 graduate of Clay Township High School, and was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church.

Arrick was a homemaker for several years, and was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, the Daughters of Isabella, and the Butler Happy Homemakers for over 70 years.

She is survived by one son, Patrick Arrick and wife Bonnie, Peru; one daughter, Rita Neibert and husband Joseph, Lamar, Colorado; five grandchildren, Alicia Arrick, Nashville, Christopher Arrick, Greenville, South Carolina, Michael Neibert, Norfolk, Virginia, Jeffery Neibert, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado and Mark Neibert, Golden, Colorado; five great-grandchildren, Corlynn Neibert, Marcus Neibert, Sarah Neibert, Michael Neibert and Annie Neibert; and one great-great-grandson.

Arrick was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers; and one sister.

Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating.

Burial will be at St. Charles Catholic Cemetery, Peru.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will also be a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or to Caring Hands.

**Louis Henry Arwood, 86**

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Louis Henry Arwood, 86, Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2005 following an extended illness at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

Arwood was born on January 13, 1919 in Mexico to Joe and Rilda (Dilts) Arwood, and married Irene Katherine Fitzgerald on September 6, 1941. He was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church, and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

He is survived by three sons, William Arwood and wife Carolyn, Kirtland, Ohio, Lee Arwood and wife Beth, Wabash, and Mark Arwood and wife Jan, Hilliard, Ohio; one daughter, Dianna Wilson and husband, Sam, Peru; and one sister, Helen Walden, Peru; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arwood was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Leonard, Robert, Joe, Richard, and John Arwood.

Funeral services will be conducted at Parkview United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday with Pastors Ken Walker and J. Robert Clark officiating.

Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

#### **Montana J. Selleck, 14**

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

Montana J. Selleck, 14, Peru, passed away at 7:54 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005 at his residence.

The North Miami Junior High School eighth grader was born on February 10, 1991 in Peru to Michael L. Selleck and Kathleen A. (Reed) Fisher, both of Peru. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cars, and riding dirt bikes.

Selleck is survived by his parents; step-mother, Lisa Selleck; step-father, Rex Fisher; paternal grandparents, Fred and Connie Selleck, and Joe and Eva Olivarez, each of Peru; several aunts; uncles; and cousins; nieces and nephews, Brendan Tracy, Briona Cline, and Riley Patrick; brothers, Eric Pitts and Philip Burgus, both of Peru; sisters, Heather Hill, Tavon Cline, Jessica Patrick, each of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Arthur and Margaret Reed.

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

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Love offerings may be made to the family to help with expenses.

**S. Jeanne Fuller, 64**

Monday, May 16, 2005 4:37 PM EDT

S. Jeanne Fuller, 64, Peru, passed away at 10:41 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 27, 1940 in Lagrange County to Jerome and Lillian (Stropagel) Parks, and married Marion T. Fuller on September 29, 1958 in Elkhart.

Fuller retired following a career as a nurse's aide both at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, and Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. She attended Zion Chapel, Peru.

She is survived by two sons, Lance Fuller, Three Rivers, Michigan, and D. Lynn 'Beave' Fuller and wife Carrie, Denver; two daughters, Donna Walter and husband Richard, and Bonnie Gibbs, each of Peru; 11 grandchildren, Heather, Jeff, Gabe, Ryne, Dew, and L-Train Fuller, and Sean and Sara Jones, Mrs. Shane (Samantha) Malott, Jeremy and Steven Harshman; one great-grandson, Dominick Jones; one brother, Mickey Parks and wife Marcinda; one brother-in-law, Ronald Coulter, Elkhart; and one sister-in-law, Betty Kuehm, Memphis.

Fuller was preceded in death by her husband.

Graveside services will be conducted on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Chili Cemetery with Pastor Rod Correll officiating.

There will be no visitation.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements.

**Larry G. Chilcutt, 59**

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 2:46 PM EDT

Larry G. Chilcutt, 59, Bunker Hill, passed away on May 14, 2005 at 11:11 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

Chilcutt was born on April 24, 1946 in Peru, to Revoe and Maxine Chilcutt. He married Susan Miller on November 10, 1971.

Chilcutt was a Vietnam veteran and served in the U.S. Army from March 2, 1966 to February 14, 1968.

Chilcutt retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo, where he was a national salvage manager. He also helped Matt and Jeff at MC Contracting and Laycock Auction Service.

Chilcutt was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church.

His hobbies included fishing, watching NASCAR, motorcycles, working outdoors in his yard and spending time with his granddaughter Brooklynn. He was also a member of the

Kokomo Euchre Club.

He is survived by a son, Matthew Chilcutt, Bunker Hill; a daughter, Nancy Lewis, Kokomo; a granddaughter, Brooklynn Lewis; father-in-law, Richard Miller and his wife Carolyn; mother-in-law Mary Helen Dockum and her husband Don, Dunnellon, Florida; brother, Tom Chilcutt and his wife Marie, Peru; two brothers-in-law, John Miller and his wife Rose Marie, Orlando, and Jim Miller and his wife Shirley; sister, Linda Hare, Peru; and half-sister Debbie Massey and her husband Jeff, Greentown.

Chilcutt was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday at 11 a.m. with the Reverend George McCarty officiating.

There will be a military committal service at his burial site at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will take place on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to his granddaughter Brooklynn's trust fund.

**Mary Ann Miller, 55**

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Mary Ann Miller, 55, Lafayette, passed away at 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2005 at her home.

She was born March 3, 1950 in Rochester. She married Michael L. "Mick" Miller on September 5, 1970 in Perrysburg, and he survives.

She worked for 21 years in banking, most recently as assistant vice-president of Fifth-Third Bank before leaving three years ago. She was a member of First Assembly of God, a member of the American Banking Association, and served on the board of directors for New Directions.

Survivors other than her husband include one son, Bryan Miller and wife Talia, Lafayette; one daughter, Dawn Miller, Avon; two brothers, Bob Southerland and wife Vicki of Sarasota, Florida, and Rick Southerland and wife Tracey of Minneapolis; her mother, Doris Fouts, Kokomo; one step-sister, Marilyn Galloway, Kokomo; and step-brother, Jim Galloway and wife Theresa, Bemidji, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hugh Wibel; and a half-brother, Jeffrey Wibel.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday at First Assembly of God, Lafayette with Pastor Greg Hackett officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at First Assembly of God, Lafayette.

Memorials may be made to Together in the Harvest Ministries, Dallas. Arrangements are being handled by Soller-Baker Funeral Home, Lafayette.

**Barbara A. Helvie, 73**

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Barbara A. Helvie, 73, Peru, died Sunday, May 15, 2005 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Center, Fort Wayne. She was born December 17, 1931 in Peru to Everett and Ruth Stevens. Her first marriage was to George Eckelbarger, and her second marriage was to James Jackson Helvie, who preceded her in death.

Helvie was a former resident of Huntington and had lived in Peru for the past 30 years.

Survivors include four sons, Reverend Richard Eckelbarger, Crosswell, Michigan, Don Eckelbarger, Rockford, Illinois, John Eckelbarger, Huntington and Jim Helvie, Fort Wayne; one daughter, Jackie Brodrick, Huntington; one brother, Ed Stevens, Peru; four sisters, Susie Fisher, Anderson, Connie Smith, Peru, Bonnie Friend, Colorado Springs, and Jo Lemon, East China, Michigan; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One brother and two sisters preceded her in death.

Her body was cremated and graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Community Baptist Church, 5501 E. Peck Road, Crosswell, Michigan.

**Michael P. Warnock, 59**

Wednesday, May 18, 2005 2:33 PM EDT

Michael P. Warnock, 59, rural Wabash, passed away Monday, May 16, 2005 at 9:30 p.m. at Wabash County Hospital.

He was born November 11, 1945 in Portland to Dale Perry and Hazel Matilda (Stoner) Warnock. Warnock married B. Faye Arthur in Fort Wayne on February 2, 1989. He was a long-time plant manager at Gaunt and Son Asphalt, Wabash.

Warnock was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and a member of the Wabash Fraternal Order of the Eagles #549. He served in the Indiana National Guard two years and was a die-hard Indiana University fan.

He is survived by wife; three sons, Chad Warnock, South Bend, Robbie Warnock and wife Jill, Ashburn, Va. and Tyler Warnock and wife Rebecca, Noblesville; one step-daughter, Rayna Larrowe and husband Shawn, Wabash; two step-sons, Anthony Johnson and wife Rhiannon, Indianapolis and Daniel Johnson, Indianapolis; three sisters, Dixie May, Mavis Phillips and husband Jim, and Ann Gillespie and husband Larry, all of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Alyssa Faith Warnock, Noblesville, Dalton Johnson, Colin Michael Larrowe and Allison Larrowe, all of Wabash, Dale Johnson, Mikey Linville, Jr., Isiah Brant and Tyler Brant, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be conducted at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash, on Thursday at 2 p.m. with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating.

Burial will be at Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Ruth Ann Rademaker, 78**

Friday, May 20, 2005 12:21 PM EDT

Ruth Ann Rademaker, 78, Peru, passed away at 11:43 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at her residence following an extended illness. She was born on January 3, 1927 in Peru to August and Dorothy (Schmidt) Rasmussen, and married Robert J. Rademaker in 1948. Rademaker was a retired bookkeeper from Construction Products Corporation, Indianapolis, as well as Central Murphy Furniture Store, Peru. The 1945 Peru High School graduate was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Peru, and the Gamma Nu Sorority. She is survived by two sons, Kim Rademaker, Indianapolis, and Robert J. Rademaker and wife Sandy, Ocala, Florida; two brothers, Dutch Rasmussen and wife JoAnn, and Eugene Rasmussen and wife Marceline, each of Peru; and one sister, Maxine Perry and husband James, Detroit. Rademaker was preceded in death by her parents; and husband.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru on Saturday at 11 a.m. with James Perry and Bishop Kent Giles officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Cass County.

Visitation will be at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Celia 'Jean' Wiggins, 72**

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Celia 'Jean' Wiggins, 72, Logansport, formerly of Bunker Hill, passed away at 11:31 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2005 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She was born December 1, 1932 in Georgetown, Kentucky to George and Lucille (Cook) Gray, and married Leroy Wiggins at Onward Christian Church on July 23, 1950.

Wiggins was retired from civil service, and was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband; four children, Yveta Mae Sims and husband Mike, Logansport, Samuel Lee Wiggins and wife Linda, York Haven, Pennsylvania, Leroy Edward Wiggins, Logansport and Joseph Albert Wiggins, Logansport; three brothers, George, Larry and Jerry Gray, all of Cynthiana, Kentucky; one sister, Sadie Petters, Georgetown; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



Funeral services will be conducted on Monday at 11 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Rod Mason officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery.

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

Memorial contributions can be made to Onward Christian Church.

**Charles E. Bunnell, 84**

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Charles E. Bunnell, 84, Peru, passed away at 7:55 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born November 27, 1920 in Peru to Charles A. and Emma Kemps Bunnell, and married LaVerne M. Hagan in the St. Charles Catholic Church on

November 19, 1946. She preceded him in death on December 11, 1985.

Bunnell graduated from Peru High School in 1938, and served in the U. S. Army during World War II. His decorations include the EAME Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. He worked as a crew dispatcher in the C&O Railroad office in Peru for more than 45 years. He was a life-long Peru and Miami County resident, and he and his wife LaVerne lovingly raised two wonderful children. A man of great faith and integrity, he was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. Bunnell also was a member of the Peru Glen Owens American Legion Post #14 and the Miami County VFW Post #2067. He served as an officer in the local Brotherhood of Railway, Airline and Steamship Clerks. Bunnell was a lover of animals and rescuer of stray cats. He thoroughly enjoyed gardening and raising flowers, and was an avid angler, along with being an enthusiastic Indiana University basketball fan and Notre Dame football fan.

He is survived by a son, Charles A. Bunnell and wife Linda, Lafayette; a daughter, Cathy Converse and husband Thomas, Peru; four grandchildren, Susanne Spence, Tanya Ramey, Kristen Milroy and Katrina Milroy; four great-grandchildren, Zachary Ramey, Alexander Ramey, Matthew Ramey and Elise Spence; and a sister, Eunice Gilbert, Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the St. Charles Catholic Church, with the Reverend Francis I. Kilcline III officiating. Burial will take place in Mount Hope Cemetery, with military graveside services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru.

There will be a prayer service at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**Paul D. Rollins, 65**

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:33 PM EDT

Paul D. Rollins, 65, Fowlerton, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Marion General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, with the Reverend Gleason Hackett officiating.

Interment will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount.

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

Memorials may be made to Madison-Grant United School Corporation c/o Paul Rollins Memorial Scholarship Fund, 11580 S. E. 00 West, Fairmount, IN 46928.

Condolences may be sent to [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com).

**Wendell R. Moon, 84**

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:33 PM EDT

Wendell R. Moon, 84, Twelve Mile, passed away at 5:19 a.m. on Saturday, may 21, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Teri White officiating.

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

Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

**Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75**

Monday, May 23, 2005 11:32 PM EDT

Richard D. Dickerhoff, 75, Mentone, passed away at 11:25 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at his residence following an extended illness.

Dickerhoff was born on August 29, 1929 in Silver Lake to Devon Dickerhoff and Helen Ople, and he married Iris V. Jones on March 1, 1952.

Dickerhoff lived in the area his entire life, and was the owner of Dickerhoff Trucking, specializing in long distance livestock hauling. He was co-founder of TTP, Inc. in Pierceton, and was a lifelong farmer and cattleman. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church, as well as the Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge in Warsaw. Dickerhoff was a member of the John Purdue Club, and was a Loyal Tippecanoe Valley Viking fan.

Dickerhoff was a veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the American Legion Post 49.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Amy Dickerhoff, Mentone, and Alicia Cervenka and husband Dean, Lafayette; two sons, Don A. Dickerhoff, Warsaw, and Doug R. Dickerhoff and wife Kelly, Warsaw; six grandchildren, Calan and Danika Cervenka, Emma and Dan Dickerhoff, Tanner and Addie Dickerhoff; and one sister, Virginia Heisler and husband Carl, Claypool.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Dan Dickerhoff, who passed away in 1963.

Funeral services will be conducted at King Memorial Home, Mentone, on Monday at 10:30 a.m., with the Reverends Doris Smith and Don Poyser officiating.

Burial will be at Mentone Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday at King Memorial Home from 2 to 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to either the American Heart Association, the Mentone United Methodist Church or the Kosciusko County Hospice.

### **C. Robert "Bob" Elrod, 75**

Tuesday, May 24, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

C. Robert "Bob" Elrod, 75, Wabash, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2005 at his residence.

He was born on February 8, 1930 in Indianapolis to Merritt T. and Roxie Anna (Hendrick) Elrod, and married Jean Hollingworth in 1951, who passed away in 1952. Elrod later married Helen Cleaver on October 17, 1954 in Pymont.

Elrod was a 1948 graduate of Franklin Central High School, and was a charter life underwriter (CLU). He was the agency manager of Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Wabash from 1965 until his retirement in 1992. Prior to moving to Wabash in January of 1965, he was a Farm Bureau Insurance agent in Marion County for 10 years. Elrod was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ and past elder and deacon of the church. He was a member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club, serving as secretary for 20 years, and also as a lieutenant governor. Elrod was also a George F. Hixson Fellow. He was a member of the Gideons International, and the Wabash Hanna Masonic Lodge, and served as a past president of the Wabash County Farm Bureau Insurance, Inc. He also was a member of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, past president of the Salamonie Life Underwriters Association, member of the Indiana State Association of Indiana Insurance and Financial Advisors, and past state president and recipient of Hoosier Life Underwriters. Elrod was named Governor of Farm Bureau Insurance, which honors the highest producing agency manager in the state of Indiana.

Elrod was a cook and mess Sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and in 1952 participated in an atomic bomb test at Camp Desert in Rock, Colorado. He loved to golf and was a charter member of Rod's Discount Golf Vacations.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Elrod, Wabash; a son, Mark R. Elrod and wife Margo, Peru; two daughters, Robin D. Klare and Brenda K. Hegel and husband Rod, each of Wabash; five granddaughters, Mia Elrod, Peru, and Erica Hegel, Whitney Klare, Christy

Hegel, and Hannah Klare, each of Wabash; two grandsons, Mason Elrod, Peru, and Brady Sorrell, Wabash; two great-grandsons, Zyan and Xander; and a brother, Wilburn Elrod and wife Jeanette, Terre Haute.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, Wabash, with John Leinbaugh officiating.

Burial will follow at Memorial Lawns Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., as well as one hour prior to services at the church.

The memorial guest book for Bob may be signed at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com)

Preferred memorials may be made to Gideons International.

**Arthur D. "Duffy" Landgrave, 82**

Tuesday, May 24, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Arthur D. "Duffy" Landgrave, 82, Peru, passed away at 6:25 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital.

The lifelong Peru resident was born on October 24, 1922 to Daniel and Beulah (Kester) Landgrave in Peru, and was a retired supervisor from Square D Company, where he worked for 45 years.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, and served on the U.S.S. Lark Ship in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Landgrave is survived by one daughter, Lisa K. Penrod and husband Michael, Peru; two grandchildren, Alisha and Tabitha Phillips; two brothers, Harold Landgrave, Kokomo, and Cecil Landgrave, Fort Wayne; and one sister, Harriet Moore, Peru.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Roy Landgrave and Clarence Landgrave.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, Peru, with the Reverend John Thomas officiating.

No visitation is scheduled. Arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Ruth Gordon, 97**

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 1:20 AM EDT

Ruth Gordon, 97, Wabash, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:16 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2005 at Bickford Cottage, Wabash. She was born May 17, 1908 in Peru to James H. and Mina (Alley) Kilgore. She married Harold Gordon on December 26, 1931. Gordon was retired from Vickery Tape Co. and was a member of Parkview United Methodist

Church. Survivors include many friends including special friends Frank Ulerick, Miami County, and Mildred Jacoby, Wabash. She was preceded in death by her husband, mother and father. Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mount Hope Chapel with Pastor Ken Walker and Chaplin Terry Canfield officiating and burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the time of service Thursday at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel.

Arrangements are by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bickford Cottage, Wabash.

**James Rex Hodson, 55**

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:49 AM EDT

James Rex Hodson, 55, Wabash, passed away at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Aug. 3 I, 1949 in Peru to Jonathan Hodson and Marie (Fear) Raines.

Hodson started working for Marsh Inc. in October 1966, and was comanager of LoBill Foods in Wabash. He was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15, and the Wabash Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved woodworking.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Raines, Marion; two daughters, Nikki Hodson and Jennifer Swafford and husband Ryan, all of Marion; a son, James A. Hodson, Marion; three grandchildren, Jordan Hodson, Haley and Rilynn Swafford, all of Marion; three sisters, Arliss Richardson and husband Howard, Converse, Nellie Ragan, Peru, and Kitty Dearing, Oscado, Mich.; three brothers, Larry Hodson, Danny Hodson and wife Becky, all of Kokomo, and Paul Hodson, Peru; a half-sister, Waunitta Winters, Peru; and a special friend, Dorothy Newcomer, Roann.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Janet Hodson, Berniece and Thelma Small, and Peggy Teel.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will follow at Converse Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

The memorial guest book for James may be signed at [grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://grandstaff-hentgen.com).

**Lois M. Childers, 69**

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:49 AM EDT

Lois M. Childers, 69, Peru, passed away at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born April 28, 1936 in Jackson, Ky. to Ova and Allie Mae Minton Moore. She married Frank J. Childers on Nov. 3, 1958, and he preceded her in death July 24, 1984.

Childers was a homemaker and attended First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include a son, Samual Childers and wife Amber, Peru; a daughter, Debra Kemp and husband Charles, Peru; three brothers, Boyd Moore and wife Virginia, Waterloo, Robert Moore, Peru, and Jesse Moore, Charleston, W. Va.; two sisters, Lula Bellamy and husband Lester, Trenton, Ohio, and Marsha Moore, Peru; eight grandchildren, John Childers, Michael Childers, Richard Childers, Marketa Childers, Brian Childers, Pharyn Childers, Nicholas Childers and Samual Childers II; and one great-grandson, Caiden Scott Childers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and a son, Jeffrey Childers, on Jan. 26, 2001.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with Pastor Ronald Shaner officiating. Burial will take place at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

**Jerry L. Crockett, 61**

Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:45 AM EDT

Jerry L. Crockett, 61, Peru, was called home to be with the Lord at 11:57 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He will be sadly missed by his family, church family and friends.

He was born September 3, 1943 in Marion to Gilbert and Evadna (McNeely) Crockett. He married Karen Ulery on October 19, 1963, she survives.

Crockett was a 1962 Graduate of Peru High School and was retired from Chrysler Corporation, Kokomo. He was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren and his hobbies included collecting John Deere Tractors, model trains, wood working and collected Coke-a-Cola paraphernalia.

Survivors other than his wife include two daughters, Beth Ann Silveus and husband Tony, Warsaw, and Jerri Ann Kirk, Peru; five grandchildren, Troy and Lindsey Stapleton and Andrew, Austin and Adam Kirk; a sister, Betty Lou Gordon and husband Bob, Van Wert, Ohio; extended family includes Troy, Leslie and Madison Stapleton and members of the Peru Church of the Brethren. He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Peru Church of the Brethren, 134 E. Fifth St., Peru, with Pastor Marvin Schwartz officiating and burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

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

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Peru Church of the Brethren.

**Nancy K. Kimmel, 69**

Saturday, May 28, 2005 1:33 AM EDT

Nancy K. Kimmel, 69, Amboy, passed away at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laird Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with the Rev. Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

**Phillip C. VanBaalén, 69**

Saturday, May 28, 2005 1:06 AM EDT

Phillip C. VanBaalén, 69, Peru, passed away at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born December 3, 1935 in Columbus, Ohio, to DeWald and Daisy (Reeser) VanBaalén, and married his high school sweetheart, Nelda (Linden) VanBaalén in Logansport on October 23, 1955.

Phil graduated from Logansport High School in 1955, and he and his wife owned and operated Van's Sporting Goods in Peru from 1972 to 1996. He was a deputy inspector for Weights and Measures for the State of Indiana for Miami and Wabash Counties from 1997 to 2004.

Phil and his wife Nelda lovingly raised four children. A man of great integrity, he was an active member of the Peru community, and has served as President of the Peru Little League, the Peru Softball Association and the Peru/Miami County Chamber of Commerce. He was a devoted husband, father and loving grandfather who enjoyed spending time and doing activities with his grandsons. While Phil was known for his commitment to sports on the local level, he loved all sports and was an avid fan. Next to spending time with his grandchildren, there was nothing Phil enjoyed more than being in his workshop and making special gifts for those he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Nelda VanBaalén, Peru; a daughter, Tammy VanBaalén, Fort Wayne; three sons, Jeffrey VanBaalén and wife Sherry, Largo, Florida, David VanBaalén and wife Trish, Peru, and Phillip VanBaalén and wife Stephanie, Peru; a brother, Richard VanBaalén and wife Alice, Lakeland, Florida; four grandchildren, Travis, Benjamin, Jacob and Joseph VanBaalén, two step-grandchildren, Tina McGrady and Joanie Knauff; and five step-great-grandchildren.

A service celebrating the life of Phillip C. VanBaalén will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Skinner Worship Chapel, 6910 N 1050 E, Cass County (1 1/2 miles West of US 31 on Indiana State Road 16), with Pastor Tom Robbins officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, and at the church one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the American Heart Association.

**James Lee "Killer" McCoy, 67**

Monday, May 30, 2005 1:12 AM EDT

James Lee McCoy, 67, Peru, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at approximately 7:42 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Peru.

He was born April 4, 1938 in Kokomo to John McCoy and Freida Hogg Smith.

McCoy had worked for Eck Adams and the Roxie Theatre, and was a landscaper at Cooks Nursery.

Survivors include his mother, Freida Hogg Smith, Savannah, Ga.; a niece/caregiver, Rose Sorenson, Peru; a special friend, Paula Cook Frischman, Peru; four brothers, Bob McCoy, Mulberry, Fla., David McCoy, Warsaw, Larry McCoy, Illinois; and Frederick Smith, Peru; five sisters, Judith Solomon, Orangeburg, S.C., Patsy Turner, Amboy, Sandra Smith, Savannah, Ga., Gloria Briggs, Longmont, Colo., and Donna Burch, Pacific Junction, Iowa; 58 nieces and nephews; one uncle; four aunts and 10 cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father; his step-father, Harry Smith; a sister, Nancy May Fleenor; and three brothers, Robert Michael McCoy, John McCoy and Richard McCoy.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru, with Pastor John Thomas officiating. There will be no visitation. Funeral arrangements were handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.

**Donald E. Kunkle, 82**

Tuesday, May 31, 2005 6:15 PM EDT

Donald E. Kunkle, 82, Peru, passed away at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Dukes Continuing Care, Peru. He was born in Bunker Hill on July 28, 1922 to Elmo and Grace (Beck) Kunkle, and was an engineer for Beloit Corporation.

Kunkle married Caroline Gordon in August of 1948, and she passed away on January 1, 2002. He served as a pilot in the United States Army and Air Force during World War II, reaching the rank of lieutenant.

He is survived by two sons, Steven Kunkle, Camarillo, California, and Jeffrey Kunkle, Beloit, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Jeffrey, and Jamie; and three sisters, Rheua Stouder, Indianapolis, Cleo Hammond, Peru, and Betty Johnson, Houston.

A private funeral service will be conducted with the Dukes Memorial Hospital chaplain officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

There is no visitation scheduled.



Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Dukes Memorial Hospital.

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

**Carl R. "Dick" Weinke, 83**

Tuesday, May 31, 2005 6:15 PM EDT

Carl R. "Dick" Weinke, 83, Peru, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital, Kokomo.

He was born in Peru on August 14, 1921 to Carl and Velma (Wolfe) Weinke, and married Julia Caldwell on November 1, 1953 at the Oakdale Baptist Church.

The lifelong Peru resident retired from Square D Company on December 31, 1986, and attended Oakdale Baptist Church. He was a 1938 Peru High School graduate, and served in the United States Army in the South Pacific during World War II from November 29, 1944 to October 25, 1946.

Weinke served on the Peru School Board from July 1, 1964 to January 1, 1968; the Peru Common Council from January 1, 1968 to December 31, 1979, including as chairman from 1972 to 1979; as interim mayor during May 1978; as Washington Township trustee from 1985 to 1987; and as city engineer/building inspector from January 1, 1988 to December 31, 1991. Weinke very much enjoyed playing golf in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife; one son, David Weinke and wife Cynthia, Plano, Texas; three daughters, JoAnne Joyce and husband Robert, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, Melanie Bellock and husband George, Warrenville, Illinois, and Stacey Mannies and husband Gary, Carmel; and one brother, Kenneth Weinke and wife Dorothy, California; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Reverend Dr. Robert Stuck officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oakdale Baptist Church.

There will be a military committal service at the cemetery.

**Russel E. Miller, 76**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:50 AM EDT

Russel E. Miller, 76, Peru, passed away at 3:07 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Miller was born in Miami County on December 1, 1928 to Roy and Agnes (Fewell) Miller, and resided in Miami County his entire life. He married Joan Browning on June 5,

1949, and she passed away on September 22, 2000. Miller later married Wanda McKinley Allen on April 29, 2001 and she survives.

He was a farmer and former school bus driver for Maconaquah Schools, as well as a rural mail carrier.

Miller was a member of the College Corner Brethren Church, and was a 1946 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. He formerly served on the Miami County 4-H Fair Board.

He is survived by his second wife, Wanda McKinley Allen; one son, Ronnie Miller and wife Angie, Peru; one daughter, Diane Wildermuth and husband Mark, Akron; five grandchildren, Rod Miller, Scott Miller, John Wildermuth and wife Heather, Jim Wildermuth and wife Stacie, and David Wildermuth and wife Amy; three great-grandchildren, Clay Wildermuth, Lincoln Wildermuth and Grant Wildermuth; step-children, Lalon Allen and wife Tammy, Roxy Roser and husband Tony, each of Lagro, Lisa Paxton and husband Brent, Silver Lake, and Janet Chamberlain and husband Brian, Urbana; step-grandchildren, Tiffany Roser, Amelia Roser, Erica Allen, Morgan Allen, and Levi Allen, Kate Myers, Garrett Paxton, and Russ Paxton, Travis Chamberlain and Tanner Chamberlain; and one sister, Joy Boswell and husband Ronnie, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Joan (Browning) Miller; and two brothers, Lawrence Miller and Gerald Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Dr. James Black officiating.

Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mayo Clinic Cancer Research fund and/or the College Corner Brethren Church.

### **Thelma V. Whitney, 83**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Thelma V. Whitney, 83, Caring Hands Healthcare, Peru, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005 at her residence.

She was born May 6, 1922 in Greenville, S.C. to Hozell and Neola Kay Martin.

Whitney was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Lee Whitney, Charleston, S.C., and Don Whitney and wife Jane, Roann; two daughters, Sheila Appling, Portland, Oreg., and Diana Arnold and husband Mike, Peru; two brothers, Ray and Randy Martin, both of Greenville, S.C.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, two sisters, a grandson and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. Francis Gough officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

**Mabel L. McKinney, 101**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Mabel L. McKinney, 101, Oakbrook Village, Huntington, formerly of Peru, passed away at 10:20 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at her residence.

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

**Charles V. Ice, 87**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Charles V. Ice, 87, Peru, passed away at 9:17 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born Sept. 27, 1917 in St. Marys, Ohio to Elmer O. and Clara Metherd Ice. He married Maryhelen Riley Sept. 28, 1940, and she survives.

Ice was a U.S. Army/Air Force veteran, serving in World War II in the European Theatre of operations. He was a flight engineer on the B-24 bombers and in the 454th Bombardment Group.

He also retired from quality control at Fisher Body in 1982, farmed, was a member of Chili United Methodist Church and served on the North Miami School Board.

Survivors besides his wife include a son, Steven Ice and wife Sharon, Peru; three grandchildren, Angela Blanford and husband Richard, Plainfield, Craig Conrad and wife Kathy, Warsaw, and Andrea Wilkison and husband Chad, Peru; and three great-grandchildren, Alec Blanford, James Wilkison and Derek Grahl.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Merle Ice; a sister, Melba Ward, and a daughter, Connie Conrad.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with the Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Galveston Cemetery, with a military committal service. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church through the funeral home.

**Ada "June" Neely, 76**

Wednesday, June 1, 2005 1:58 AM EDT

Ada "June" Neely, 76, Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born Aug. 22, 1928 in Miami County to Paul E. and Ada M. Jeffers Banner. She married Ernest L. Abbott, and he preceded her in death. She then married A.H. "Bid" Neely, and he preceded her in death.

Neely was a nurse's aide and did private home health care. Survivors include four sons,

Danny Abbott and wife Rosellen, Dennis Abbott and wife Wendy, Jeffrey Abbott and wife Teresa, all of Peru, and Robert Abbott, Johnson City, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two husbands.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mount Hope Chapel, Peru, with Chaplain Steve Fleck officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service Friday at the chapel. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.