

# Peru Tribune Obituaries: 2015

**Robert E. 'Bob' Kloenne**, 87, of Logansport passed away at 5:22 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014 at St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette. Born on Jan. 18, 1927 in Logansport, he was the son of the late Harry Kloenne and Mildred (Goltry) Emmons. On Nov. 15, 1980 he married Betty M. Galbreath Markley. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Korean War where he drove for a Lt. Colonel. Bob was a member of the Bridge Gang on the Pennsylvania Railroad, he fired the steam engines on the C&O Railroad and then was a fireman on the CSX Railroad where he retired in 1987 after 41 years of service. He and his wife Betty also formerly owned and operated Karen's Tracks to Beauty and the Korner Shoppe Bridal for over 25 years. He was a member of the VFW #3790, American Legion Post #60, Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, CSX Capitol Connections, United Transportation Union, C&O Historical Society, and the Railroad Club of Chicago. Bob lived and breathed all aspects of trains and he enjoyed sharing that same passion with his nephews, Doug and Jason. He also enjoyed his model train collection, attending auto races, visiting local Fire Departments and spending time with family and friends. Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Betty M. Kloenne of Logansport, stepdaughters; Sue Young (Len) of Winamac, Kathy Webb (David) of Mansfield, Tennessee, Karen Pratt (Timothy) of Logansport, and Carol Crist of Winamac, stepgrandchildren; Pierre Young (Becky), Crystal Young, Tonia Babb (Dick), Sonia Herrick (Jeff), Tracy Bobbitt (Rick), Cassia J. Duke (Jason), Monika Webb, Christopher Wade (Misty), Ambyr Wade, Cara Dauenhauer (Josh), and nephews, Doug Kloenne of Peru and Greg Kloenne of Kokomo. Bob is also survived by 21 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by brothers; Ernest 'Fred' Kloenne and Harry 'Jr.' Kloenne, and step son-in-law, Rex Crist. Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel with Pastor Rex Lamb officiating. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial with Military Rites will be performed at Winamac Cemetery. Please sign the guestbook and leave an online condolence for the Kloenne family at [www.ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 1, 2015

**Barbara E. Briney**, 59, of Rochester, passed away at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, at her residence. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Barbara's family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, January 4, 2015

**Elizabeth (Betty) A. Gray** entered into her eternal rest at home the afternoon of Dec. 31, 2014, surrounded by her two daughters and granddaughter. Betty had been in declining health since March 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents and infant sister, Virginia. She was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Ferndale, Mich., to Herbert and Audrey Mehl. Survivors include two daughters, Vicki Clark (Jeff Cooke), Lafayette, and Jane Gray, Peru; granddaughter, Amy Clark, Peru; grandson Eric Clark (Kathryn), Earith, England; two great-grandsons, Eric and Ewan, Earith, England; one brother, Fred Mehl (Betty), Farmington Hills, Mich.; three nieces and one nephew, Michigan; and several cousins, Michigan. She retired from Grissom Air Force Base in 1986 as a secretary in civil service. Betty was a member of The Chapel of Praise where she had served as a deacon and worked in the church nursery. She was also a member of the Peru Flapperettes, the Home-Ec Club, DD Doers and had volunteered at Dukes Memorial Hospital as a Pink Lady. She enjoyed working the most challenging crossword puzzles, reading, crocheting hats for Riley cancer patients, working jigsaw puzzles, gardening and visiting with friends. While her passing has left a huge void in the lives of her family, she has been welcomed to Heaven by her mother, whom she missed very much. Her pain and suffering on Earth has ended and she now has peacefulness and happiness. A celebration of Betty's life will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015. Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy. The funeral services will immediately follow the viewing with Pastor David Ross officiating. Burial will be Jan. 7, 2015, at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, January 4, 2015

**Denise (Furry) Crone**, 57, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. Born in Indianapolis, Denise graduated from Snider High School and then earned her associated degree in applied science from ITT Tech. Denise had been working for GM as an electrician for the past 24 years. She was a member of UAW. She was very active and served on the board for the Peru Amateur Circus. Denise loved creating crafts, reading, camping and traveling to Siesta Key, but most of all spending time with her family. Surviving are her husband, Thomas Crone of Spring Hill, Tennessee, parents, James and Patricia Furry of Fort Wayne, daughter, Samantha Crone of Noblesville, step-daughter, Miranda Crone of Fort Wayne, grandson, Elijah Henderson, sisters, Debbie (Steve) Knight of Wolcottville, Jill (Michael) Davis of Fort Wayne, Lisa (Ken Russell) Gerardot of Leo, many nieces and nephews, and her Papillon dog, Chloe. Services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Rev. Ricky Grimes will be officiating. Calling at the funeral home Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, is 2 - 5 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association, ASPCA or YWCA Crisis Center. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.domccombandsons.com](http://www.domccombandsons.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**Pauline Hostetler**, 96, of Kokomo passed away at 12:46 p.m., Friday, Jan. 2, 2015 at North Woods Village, Kokomo. A service celebrating the life of Pauline Hostetler will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. Family and friends of Pauline Hostetler will gather from 5-8 p.m., Tuesday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**David Snyder**, 50, of Elkhart, passed away on Dec. 27, 2014 in Elkhart. He was born on Nov. 28, 1964 in Peru to Harry P. and Lula (Ray) Snyder Sr. Surviving are his mother, Lula Snyder of Ligonier; three daughters Ashley, Amber, and Avery all of Peru; one sister, Vicki (James) Ritcher of Peru; four brothers Carl (Reva) Snyder Sr. of Peru, Lawrence (Cheri) Snyder of Peru, Harry (Sherry) Snyder of Ligonier, and Johnny (Debra) Snyder of Rome City; and one grandson. He was preceded in death by his father. David was fascinated by the railroad and loved flowers, gardening and dancing around the stove. A memorial service in David's honor will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. A cremation committal will take place at Legacy

Cremation and Remembrance Center. Legacy Cremation and Remembrance Center is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.thelegacyremembered.com](http://www.thelegacyremembered.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**Dorothy V. (Locke) Scheerer**, 78, of Anderson, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at Community Hospital in Anderson following an extended illness. She was born on April 18, 1936 in Star City, the daughter of Recie and Hazel (Foust) Locke. She was a graduate of Indiana University, and was a teacher at St. Charles School in Peru and also at Peru Community Schools. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anderson. She enjoyed knitting, reading, being active, her Bible Study group, and going to the movies, especially Disney movies. Her joy was her grandchildren. She worked as a social worker for Child Protective Services. She also worked in the Lapel Elementary School aftercare program. She is survived by her mother, Hazel Schock of Logansport ; three children, Jill (Mike) Mowrey of Anderson, Andy Scheerer of Bloomington, Susy Meyer of Rochester, Grandchildren: Ashley Frederick, Tristan Mowrey, and Kylan Mowrey. A brother, Harold (Ruth Ann) Locke of Dunkirk and sister, Norma Kline of Logansport. Several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, her husband, Edward A. Scheerer, a granddaughter, Kristy Meyer, and a sister, Anna Arnold. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 at Rozelle Johnson Funeral Service. Visitation with the family will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday before the service. Memorial Contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society. Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service handled the arrangements. Post online condolences at [www.rozelle-johnson.com](http://www.rozelle-johnson.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**Madelyn McNeely**, 89, of Peru, passed away at 9:08 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus. McNeely was born Sept. 23, 1925 in Peru, the daughter of Delbert Burgard and Esther (Brueneller) Burgard, both now deceased. A homemaker, she married Grover McNeely Jr. who passed in 2006. The couple raised two daughters, Jo McNeely of Peru and Judith Buzard of Arizona, who survive as well as two grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, two sisters preceded her in death. A funeral is set for 11 a.m. at Thursday at Mt. Hope Chapel. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**Herbert C. Hand**, 80, of Peru, passed away at 1:45 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5, 2015. Arrangements are pending with Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 5, 2015

**Herbert C. Hand**, 80, of Peru, passed away peacefully at 1:13 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5, 2015 at his residence. He was with his loving wife and family throughout the last days of his life. Herbert was born in Peru on Oct. 18, 1934, the son of Ray and Alma Joy Hand. Herbert married Diana Westcott on Sept. 18, 1955 at St. Charles Catholic Church and they were married for more than 59 years. Herbert graduated from Peru High School and joined the United States Marine Corps in 1955, where he served proudly for four years. He was a police officer for the City of Peru with 21 years of service retiring in 1981. He was also a Deputy with the Miami County Sheriff's Department for 10 years. A man of great faith, Herbert was a devout Catholic and an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. He was a lifetime member of the YMCA, a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a former member of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Herbert was a loving and caring person who never knew a stranger. He greeted everyone he met with a big smile, a firm handshake and if you were fortunate a 'huge bear hug'. He was an example of purest devotion foremost to his wife, children and grandchildren, but also to his church and his community. Most of all he did his best, lived well, laughed often, loved and was loved by many-a life well lived by any standard, but most of all he showed us how to face and accept death graciously. Surviving in addition to his loving wife Diana are daughters Julie Johnson and her husband Thomas of Carmel, Connie Skirvin and her husband Randy of Burlington, Kentucky and Gerrienne Whybrew and her husband Scott of Rochester, Michigan; sons Michael Hand and his wife Diane of Ortonville, Michigan and Mark Hand and his wife Amy of Grand Junction, Colorado; grandchildren Nicholas Hines, Benjamin Whybrew and his wife Amanda, Megan Whybrew, Molly Whybrew, Logan Hand, Kalan Hand, Jordyn Hand and Madelyn Hand; great-grandchildren Colby Donner, Serenity Hines, Christian Hines, Ruby Whybrew, Lola Whybrew and June Whybrew; a brother William Hand of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Mae Belle Venice, Eileen Boettjer, Marjorie Coppernoll, Peggy Burns, Bernice Finicle, and Jeanine Sharp and a brother James R. Hand, Jr. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Herbert C. Hand will be held at 12 Noon, Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru with Father Adam Mauman and Father Eric Underwood officiating. Military honors will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4-8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m., Friday at the funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Interior Restoration of St. Charles Catholic Church. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 6, 2015

**Floyd E. White, Jr.**, 86, of Peru, passed away at 9:12 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Culver on Nov. 25, 1928 the son of Floyd E. and Lucille Kessler White. Floyd married Elizabeth 'Betty' McKinley at the Main Street United Methodist Church, Peru on Aug. 9, 1953 and she survives. Floyd was a 1948 graduate of Peru High School and a US Army Veteran. He was a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church and the Peru-Miami Lodge #67 F&AM. Floyd was a pipefitter with the Chrysler Corp. retiring in 1993 and he and his wife Betty owned and operated Chez Lyzanne in Peru from 1973 to 1992. He was a true American Patriot serving God, Country and his family whom he loved dearly. He enjoyed his role as grandfather as witnessed by his attendance at various activities of grandchildren. He took pleasure in camping, playing cards, and spending time with his family. Surviving in addition to his wife, Betty, are daughters, Kimberly Buzbee and her husband Phillip of North Manchester, Kristi Shawhan and her husband Rex of The Villages, Florida; a sister Melba Easterday of Culver; grandchildren Adam (Traci) Buzbee, Anthony (Carissa) Buzbee, Brandon (Kourtney) Shawhan and Tiffany (Josh) Morgan and great-grandchildren Kyle Buzbee, Caden

Buzbee, Bryan Buzbee, Shelby Buzbee, Caleb Buzbee and Parker Shawhan. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Melvin and Perry White and sisters Betty White and Vona Belle Hartz. A service celebrating the life of Floyd E. White, Jr. will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 E., Amboy with Pastors Steve Austin and Kenneth Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Friday at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 7, 2015

**Colleen Purdy**, 81, of rural Wabash, died at 8:35 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born Dec. 21, 1933 in Wabash to Harold and Alice (O'Brien) Harden. Colleen was a 1951 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Richard P. Purdy on June 13, 1954 in Wabash. She was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, and enjoyed spending time, and caring for her family. She is survived by her husband, Richard P. Purdy, of Wabash, 3 children, Kris Purdy of Noblesville, Dan Purdy of Wabash, and Jeff (Linda) Purdy of Indianapolis; 4 grandchildren, Alex (Casey) Torres of Fishers, Todd (Cindi) Idle of Bainbridge, Toni (Dan) Richins of Irvine, California, and Tracy (Russell) Penix of Indianapolis, 5 great-grandchildren, and brother Terry (Mary) Harden of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, and half sister Sharon Couch. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, January 12, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Phil Lake officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 - 6 pm Sunday, at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Colleen may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 7, 2015

**Lloyd E. Oldfather**, 81, Peru, passed away Monday, Jan. 5, 2015 at home surrounded by family after an extended illness. Lloyd took God's hand and walked again. He was born Nov. 6, 1933 in Miami, Indiana, the son of Gail F. Oldfather and Madelyn (Turner) Oldfather. On August 7, 1954, he married his best friend and the love of his life, Donna (Boyer) Oldfather in Miami, Indiana. They shared more than 60 years of marriage together. Lloyd was a 1951 graduate of Clay Township High School. He served in the U.S. Army, in Germany, from 1956 through 1957 attaining high awards for marksmanship and leadership. After returning from Europe, along side members of his family, he drove a milk route, later retiring from Delco Electronics after 31 years in 1996. He was a member of the UAW Local 292. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Bunker Hill. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, bowler, mushroom hunter, and traveler. Lloyd never knew a stranger. He could talk to anyone on just about any subject. Especially if it was about the Cincinnati Reds or IU basketball. He was a devoted husband and father. The family would like to give a special thank you to: Dr. Keith Ennis, M.D. (loving cousin), Dr. Thomas Reilly, M.D., Dr. Harry Harran, M.D., St. Joseph Home and Hospice nurses, and Billie Miller for all the dedication and loving care over these years of our husband and father. Lloyd had many special memories of time spent with Brother-in-law Vern Garber (deceased) and nephews Jamie, Jeff and Jason Garber, whom he dearly loved. Lloyd is survived by his wife, Donna Oldfather (Peru); two sons, Timothy (Patricia) Oldfather, Indianapolis, Randy (Sarah) Oldfather, Peru and daughter Julie (William) Cumming, Peru; eight grandchildren Jessica Oldfather, Erica Oldfather, Aaron Oldfather, Molly Cumming, Dustin Cumming, Brandon Appleton, Bryce Thompson, Adrienne Thompson and nine great-grandchildren. Also, of course, loyal granddogger, Roxie. He also leaves behind two Brothers Gail E. (Isabel) Oldfather, Diablo, California and Ron (Patricia) Oldfather, Indianapolis; six nephews and one niece. Memorials may Be made to the Bunker Hill First Baptist Church through the Allen Funeral Home. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call from 1 - 7 p.m. Friday at the Allen Funeral Home. Funeral will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Rob Marcus and Norm McBride officiating. Burial will follow at the Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 7, 2015

**Nancy J. McCammon**, 64, North Manchester died Wednesday. Calling 1-3 p.m. Saturday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. Service 3 p.m. Saturday at McKee Mortuary, North Manchester. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 8, 2015

**Kathy Lynn (Zeller) Hoge**, 56, of Peru passed away Jan. 7, 2015. She passed peacefully in her home of heart failure. She was born April 27, 1958 in Defiance, Ohio to Larry and Betty Zeller. As a teenager she moved to the Peru area with her family. She graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1977. She is survived by her daughter Kyleen at home, former husband Jay Hoge, her parents Larry and Betty Zeller of Dayton, Ohio, sister Kim Zeller ( Vicki) of Logansport, brothers Larry Jr of rural Miami County and Kyle of South Bend. One niece Kristine Van Baalen (Travis) and great nephew Mason Van Baalen of Peru also survive. She loved flower gardening and being a mother. There will be no service at this time. It will be held in the spring, Kathy's favorite time of the year. Memorial: Love offerings may be made to the Kathy L Hoge family, through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, January 9, 2015

**Patrick M Hann**, 64, of Twelve Mile passed away Jan 6, 2015 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. He was born Feb. 26, 1950 in Greenfield, Ohio, the son of Russell E Hann & Beatrice L (Mossbarger) Hann. On Dec 1, 2008 he married Kelly Barnes his soul mate and true love. Pat was a 1969 graduate of Peru High School. He was a man of many talents, as he worked for Kroger's, Slifer Motors, Cass County Highway, Cass County Deputy Reserve. He retired from Cass County Government as Building Superintendent in 2011. His motto was always 'Can't kill an Irishman...gotta wear him out.' Pat was a avid mushroom hunter, loved to fish and thoroughly loved his RC airplanes. He was a very devoted husband, father, brother and most of all Papaw. For many years he fulfilled the dreams and wishes of many Cass County children through 'Santa's Kids Inc'. He loved putting on that red suit and letting the magic begin. Only select few 'Santa Helpers' knew who the Santa really was. That time give him so much joy. Pat had all of very special memories

of the time spent with his grandchildren which he dearly loved. Pat is survived by his wife, Kelly Hann of Twelve Mile; a daughter Patricia (Dan) Terrell of Logansport; three grandchildren: Michael, Scott and Bailey all of Logansport; three sisters: Donna Cree (Galveston), Connie Boldry (Fairmont), Dena 'Dinky' Machlan (Peru) and several nieces and nephews. He still had a special place in his heart for his previous wife Jenny (Patterson) Hann. He was processed in death with his parents and a son, Andrew Charles Hann. Visitation is Jan. 13 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with the funeral at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at Mt Hope Cemetery, Peru. There is no graveside service. In Lieu of flowers memorial contribution maybe made to Flowers-Leedy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 9, 2015

**Patrick M. Curtis**, 49, of Greenfield, passed away Jan. 8, 2015. Curtis was born June 11, 1965 in Peru. He was the son of Larry and Jeannie Curtis. He grew up on the east side of Indianapolis, where he graduated from Warren Central High School in 1983. He was employed by Rolls-Royce Corporation for 19 years. He was a member of Saint John United Church of Christ; Hancock Lodge #101 Greenfield; and the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. Survivors include: grandmother, Dorothy Phillipy; his parents; brother, John (Kristi) Curtis; sister, Gerri (Todd) Hoffman; brother, Chris (Rochelle) Curtis; special friend, Sally Belknap; cousin and caregiver, Kathy Clark; nephews, Justin Curtis and Mitchell Heller; niece, Katie (Eric Williams) Curtis; and many aunts, uncles and cousins from both the Curtis and Phillipy families. Patrick was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harold and Sallie Kulke; aunts and uncles, Phyllis and Abe Clark, Richard and Betty Ege and David Curtis. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Masonic Home in Franklin; Wreaths Across America; Community Home Health; or of the donor's choice in Mr. Curtis' name. Memorial services will be held at St. John United Church of Christ, 11000 E. Washington St, 46229, on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 6 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 4 p.m. Arrangements have been made by Hendryx Mortuary, Cumberland Chapel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 9, 2015

**JoAnne Holland Smiley**, 89, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan.6, 2015 surrounded by her children. JoAnne was born in Peru, Indiana on Nov. 25, 1925 to John B. Holland and Mavis West Holland. She graduated from Peru High School in 1943 and went on to attend St. Mary Mercy Nursing School in Gary, Indiana. She married Dale Wayne Smiley (deceased) at Camp Stoneman, Calif, in 1945 after he returned from WWII in Germany. While in Indiana, JoAnne remained busy raising seven children and also taught special needs children at the Miami County School. She was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic church and sang in the choir for forty-seven years. JoAnne was an avid gardener, excellent seamstress and a talented painter. After moving to Orlando, Florida in 1972, JoAnne worked for Orange County schools system and retired after eleven years of service. JoAnne always found opportunities to give back to the community through various volunteer activities. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Boy and Girl Scouts, receiving an honor for forty years of service in scouting. In addition, she sang in the Golden Tones vocal group and entertained for sixteen years at various nursing home facilities. She was also a choir member at both Good Shepard and Blessed Trinity Catholic churches. JoAnne loved to travel and made several trips to Europe. For her 80th birthday, she requested that her daughters take her to New York City. Surviving family includes her daughters, Juliann Thrush and husband Bob (Sorrento, Fla), Jan French (Orlando, Fla), and Joy Pirino and husband Jim (Orlando, Fla). Her sons, Jerry Smiley (Orlando, Fla), Jeff Smiley and wife Laura (Jacksonville, Fla), Joe Smiley (St. Cloud, Fla). She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale and her son, Jack Smiley. Her 22 grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always a blessing to her and she enjoyed the many family gatherings including this past Christmas. Sisters and brother of JoAnne include, Mina Burke (Peru, In), Thelma (Tommie) Gustin (deceased) and John (Jerry) Holland (deceased). She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation with family and friends will take place on Monday, Jan.12, 2015 from 4-6 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, In. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of JoAnne will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru, IN. Donations may be made in honor of JoAnne to the ALS Foundation or the Peru Circus Booster Club. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 10, 2015

**Helen Keirn**, 96, of Peru, Indiana passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Jan. 9, 2015, at 3:04 a.m.. She was born in Peru, Indiana on Feb. 23, 1918, the daughter of Alvin and Martha Menzel Richter. Helen married Noel Keirn on Jan.11, 1938 and he preceded her in death March 12, 2009. Helen was a homemaker and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Peru. Family was important to Helen, she was a devoted wife and mother. She was a humble lady and a true giver in every sense which she demonstrated through her daily words and actions. She is survived by a son Edward Keirn of Indianapolis, and a sister-in-law Donnabelle Richter, a niece Martha Donaldson of Pembroke Pines, Fla, a niece Mary Lou Tate of Columbus Oh, and a nephew Robert Richter, of Indianapolis, Indiana and several nieces and nephews from her husband Noel's side of the family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Noel and two brothers. A service celebrating the life of Helen Keirn will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, Indiana with Pastor Stephen Quinlan officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from Noon - 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 10, 2015

**William D. 'Bill' Day**, 88 of Roann passed away at 4:49 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 at his residence. Day was born on Dec. 19, 1926 in Wabash County, Indiana to Howard and Ruth (Gilliland) Day. On Jan. 25, 1992 he married Mary Nicodemus Emmons in Akron, Indiana. She survives. Day was a lifetime dairy farmer. He also delivered The Paper of Wabash and the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette. He served his country in the U.S. Army serving during WWII in the Philippines. He was a 67-year member of the Laketon American Legion as well as a lifetime member of the VFW of Rochester. He was also a former member of the Laketon Lions Club. He loved his dog Buddy and enjoyed tractors, especially his D-17 Allis-Chalmers which he bought new in 1964. Survivors are: his wife, Mary Day, of Roann; his daughters - Linda and husband Mark Bristow of Omaha, Arkansas and Paula and husband Randy Hackworth of

Roann; his sons - Richard 'Dick' and wife Renee Day of Denver, Indiana; De and wife Joyce Day of Roann, and William David and wife Kathy Day of Mentone. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren, in addition to his sisters, Annie and husband Jordan Hudson of Roann, Darla and husband John Eads of Servia, Esta Alice and husband Carl Good also of Servia, Phyllis Vandekamp of North Manchester, Peggy and husband Earl McCollough of Logansport, and Liddy and husband Ken Crowel of Yuma, Arizona; and a brother Morris and wife Judy Day of North Manchester. He was preceded in death by: a daughter - Roberta K. 'Wink' Emmons, a granddaughter, Kimberly Day, and brothers Ralph Jr., Rich, Newt, and Gene Day. Time and date of services is 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 15 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron. Minister is Pastor Chad McAtee. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens, Indiana with graveside military rite preformed by the American Legion. Visitation hours are 4 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Laketon American Legion. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 12, 2015

**Lula E. Bookwalter**, 95, of Peru, was called to her eternal home at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015. She was born in Wabash on Jan. 27, 1920 to Earl Steele and Clara (Scott) Steele. Both parents preceded her in death as well as two sisters and eight brothers, Lizzie Swope, Marguerite Criter, Robert, George, Cecil, Wilber, Luther, Johnny, Lavonne, and Ira Steele. In 1938 she married Gaylord Swihart who preceded her in death in March of 1955. She had one daughter, Mary Lou Swihart who preceded her in death in July of 2014. Survivors include two son, Jerry Lee Swihart of Peru, and Gaylord Jr. Swihart also of Peru, seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren. In 1960, she married Curtiss L. Bookwalter who passed away in August of 1986. Surviving are one step-son and three step-daughters. Never forgotten and forever loved. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers and Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 13, 2015

**Craig E. Russo**, 48, peacefully passed away on Monday Jan. 12, 2015 at 4:10 a.m. He was born March 14, 1966 in Peru, to Daniel J. Russo and Kanda V. (Mann) Russo. He is preceded in death by his son, Layne Russo; a brother, Nathan Russo, and his father, Daniel J. Russo. He is also preceded in death by both paternal and maternal grandparents. Survivors include companion Kay Ellars; his mother, Kanda (Shawnda) Russo; step-mother, Penny Russo; a brother, Bryan (Rita) Russo; a sister, Bekah (Matthew) McKinley; a step-brother, Robert Johnson; a son, Evan (Casey Franklin) Russo; his daughters, Carli Russo, and Anna Russo; a granddaughter, Kilyn Russo; three nieces and one nephew ( Izabella Russo, Sophia Russo, Kali McKinley, and Ayden McKinley). Also several cousins also survive. Craig was known as a very kind and loving person who would be the first to help someone in need. He enjoyed spending time with loved ones, fishing, and watching Indianapolis Colts football. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR and camping around a bonfire after a long day of being outdoors. Visitation will be on Jan. 15, 2015 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions (love offerings) may be made to Allan Funeral Home Bunker Hill, Indiana.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, January 13, 2015

**Paul E. Rouch**, 86, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Jan. 11, 2015, surrounded by loving family, Paul received his greatest reward when he saw Jesus and went to his heavenly home. He was born on Sept. 13, 1928 in Fulton County, Indiana to Charles and Lela Rouch, who both preceded him in death. He married Christina May Malone after a 2 week courtship on June 14, 1952, and she survives. They enjoyed almost 63 years of marriage together. Paul is survived by two children, Michael (Marilyn) Rouch of Denver, Indiana and David (Peggy) Rouch of Fort Wayne. He was an awesome Papaw and was very involved in his grand-children's lives. They are Jason (Angela) Rouch, Matthew (Hannah) Rouch, Bryan (Alison) Rouch, Amy (Ryan) Edwards, Brandon Rouch, Todd Rouch, and his three great grand-children: Keith Rouch, Ashley Rouch and Lillian Rouch. Paul was one of three siblings: Dwight (Deloris) Stout and Merle (Nada) Rouch. Paul was a home delivery milkman for 25 years starting out at Golden Hills Dairy in Peru, and then later worked at Forgey's Dairy in Logansport, before finishing up at Ray's Creamery also in Logansport. Some of his sons' greatest memories are riding on the milk truck with their Dad. After being a milkman, he worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru for 17 years, before retiring in 2000. Paul served his country with honor and never wanted recognition for his service. He was shipped overseas soon after marriage, and was stationed in Austria for 17 months. Paul was also a very strong Christian man who served the Lord faithfully each and every day of his life. He always had a kind word or a helping hand to give to anyone. He was an awesome husband, father and Papaw who will be greatly missed. Services will be officiated by Pastor Floyd Laabs and Pastor Tony Winter. Friends and family can pay respects one hour prior to the funeral at 10 a.m. with the funeral service following afterwards at 11 a.m. on Jan. 15, 2015 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 331 W. 6th St Peru, IN 46970. There will be no graveside service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 13, 2015

In loving memory of **Elizabeth Louise Hoos**, who was born June 7, 1925 and died Jan.12, 2015. She was a resident of Miami County for her whole life. She was married to Herbert R Hoos Jr. for 38 years. He preceded her in death. Also deceased is one brother Aurthur Dingman, a son Stephen L Haines, a granddaughter Shawna L Black. Surviving is one daughter Julie Moorhouse, of Peru, three grandchildren - Barbara Howell Brooks of Ohio; Darrell Hicks Hoos of Peru; and Tracy Schrader Radtke and husband Brian Radtke of Peru - 11 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Peru. She loved playing games, traveling, singing, eating out with family and friends, and being a clown. She loved everyone and will be missed by all. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 14, 2015

**William J. 'Bill' Struble**, 73, of Amboy, IN., passed away at 5:42 PM, Monday, January 12, 2015, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, IN. He was born in Miami County, IN, on February 18, 1941, the son of Francis and Mary Holland Struble. Bill graduated from Peru High School in 1959 and Purdue University in 1965 with a BS in Industrial Management. He was employed by Hughes Air Craft and Boeing Air Craft retiring in 2006 as a Facilities Manager. Bill returned to Indiana and was currently employed with CS Transport of Amboy, IN. A US Army Veteran, Bill was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion. He was an active member of the Pioneer Park Tractor Club. Bill was an avid golfer and thoroughly enjoyed watching his grandchildren play various sports. Bill is survived by his wife, Suzanne Stafford Struble, daughters, Kristine Corcoran and her husband John of Florence, KY and Kathleen Richie-Zahneis and her husband Martin Zahneis of Cincinnati, OH., his first wife and the mother of his children, Sue Rudolph Struble; step-sons John Rochford and his wife Leah of Saugus, CA and Patrick Rochford and his wife Sharon of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren Tyler Richie, Emma Richie, Rachel Corcoran and Nathan Corcoran; step-grandchildren Stephanie Rochford, Kyle Rochford, Ryan Rochford, Jake Rochford, Joel Zahneis, Kelsey Zahneis and Emma Zahneis; one step-great-grandson Bradley Scheibe; a brother, Ed Struble and his wife Winnie of Peru, sisters, Jane Kaufman and her husband Ken of Kokomo, Marcie Nicholl and her husband Lt. Col. Greg Nicholl Ret., a sister-in-law, Deborah Struble of Peru and several nieces and nephews including Chad Struble, who was like a son to Bill. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Philip Struble. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of William J. Struble will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th St., Peru with Fr. Adam Mauman officiating. Family and friends will gather from 1:00 to 4:00 and 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St. Peru. There will be a Prayer Service at 8:00 P.M., Friday at the funeral home. Military Honors will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Wounded Warrior Project, the Pioneer Park Tractor Club or the grandchildren's scholarship fund. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 14, 2015

**Mary Ruth Alwine**, 90, passed away Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. Born in South Bend, Mary was director of the Chamber of Commerce in Peru for many years. She also was an accountant for several firms and was employed by Hawk Construction in Fort Wayne for many years. Mary wore many hats for Singer Sewing Company; sewing teacher, sales, bookkeeper and management. In her leisure time she enjoyed crocheting, reading and playing bingo. She was a member of the local Red Hat Society. The last five years she was in residence at Auguste Cottage at Heritage Park. Surviving are her daughters, Deborah Kelley and Melody Nolder both of Fort Wayne; grandsons, Shawn Kelly Nolder and Heath B.J. Kelley; sister, Marilyn Mathias of Spring Hill, Tennessee; brothers, James Alwine of Peru and Marvin Alwine of Fort Wayne. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Adelbert and Jessie Alwine; sisters, Betty Starkey and Donna Alwine and brothers, Bob and John Alwine. A memorial gathering was held Monday, Jan. 12, 2015.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 15, 2015

**Norma Smith Blackman** of Peru and Denver Colorado, went home to Heaven on Jan. 16, 2015 in Denver at the age of 93. A long time Peru native, she was the daughter of Henri Gattoli and Dorothy Whitney Gattoli. She was the wife of retired Peru Police Officer Robert E. Smith, who passed away in 1977, and Burl H. Blackman, who also preceded her in death. Norma worked at AmeriTrust Bank and later as the secretary to the Miami County Commissioners. Active in numerous community and civic affairs, Norma served for many years on the board of the Peru Civic Center, volunteered for the Salvation Army, and delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. She loved being a teacher's aide and helping students learn at Peru Junior High School and she had a passion for playing bridge, especially in competitions. A lifelong member of the Peru Methodist Church and active in politics, she enjoyed discussing current issues and socializing with friends and family. Her family gatherings always included ice cream and the grandchildren looked forward to trick or treating at her house because she gave them ice cream instead of candy. Lovingly referred to as The Queen of Bling, Norma was known for her sparkling style and feisty personality as well as her good looks and warm smile. She loved people and everyone loved her, most of all her family, who will miss her terribly. She is survived by her devoted daughters Cheryl Smith (Mike) of Denver who cared for her the last three years and Nancy Sebastian (Doug) of Hammock Beach, FL, grandchildren Tami Speth (Philip) and Troy Tomson (Angela), great-grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren, and many, many friends and other family members. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A graveside service at Mt. Hope Cemetery will be held in June. "The love between a mother and daughter is forever." The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Mary Jane Cain**, 97, Peru, passed away Jan. 17 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Center. She was born on Apr. 17, 1917 in Miami County to George A and Edna (Smith) Wrights. On May 18, 1935, she married Samuel C Cain and he preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1974. In 1934, she graduated from Bunker Hill High School. She was a member of the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church., 19th Star Daughters of the American Revolution, and the old 7:30 Club. She enjoyed being with her family, traveling, reading, painting, genealogy, flowers and gardening. The highlight of her travels was a trip to Luxembourg, where she visited the grave of her beloved brother, Robert. She enjoyed traveling in their camper and fishing trips to Wisconsin, also many winters in Florida. Surviving are two daughters, Barbara (Dan) Kitchel of Galveston, Joyce (Ed) Willson of Kokomo, two Sons, Max (Jan) Cain, Peru, and Jon (Shirley) Cain, Cicero, and a niece, Judy (Armand) Godin of Arizona, also many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Sam, Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Robert and an infant sister, Marjory Wrights. Visitation for Mary Jane will be Thursday, Jan 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral services following at 1 p.m. at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Pastors Daryl Dexter and Evan Strong will officiate. Burial will be at the Springdale Cemetery at Bunker Hill. Memorials in Mary Jane's name may be made to the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. The family wishes to thank Blair Ridge staff and Premier Hospice for their kind and loving care. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Martha E. Waymire**, 87, formerly of Akron, Indiana passed away at 12:35 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at the Life Care Center of Rochester. Waymire was born Sept. 30, 1927 in Frankfurt, Germany to George Arthur Max Karl and Margarete (Geschwinder) Karl. On Aug. 7, 1948 in Bad Nuheim, Germany, she married Vernon Marks "Bud" Waymire, who preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2008. She worked for Kroger's Ag Exchange of Wabash, Laid Law Corporation of Peru, and Chamberlin/Wen Products of Akron, Ind. She also assisted her husband while he was the Henry Township Trustee for many years. Martha also sold Avon Products. She was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church as well as the Fulton County Republican Women's Club. Waymire was an avid bowler and was in the 600 Club at the Quick Lanes of Rochester and Asby Lanes of Wabash. She enjoyed the children at the elementary school and sharing her life story with them. Being a war bride and achieving her citizenship, she helped many in the Hispanic community gain and know the importance of being an American citizen. Survivors include: her sons, Kurt and wife Brenda Waymire of Akron and Kerry and wife Deb Waymire of Glendale, Arizona; a daughter-in-law, Patsy Waymire of Akron; four grandchildren - Zachariah, Lauren, Taylor, and Nathan Waymire. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her sons Michael Waymire and Max Waymire, a grandson, Elijah Waymire; and three brothers - Bernard, George, and Kurt Karl. Private family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Gilead Cemetery, Gilead. Services have been entrusted to: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Memorial Contributions to may be made to Henry Township Volunteer Fire Dept. or the Akron Youth League. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Madelyn Eleanor (Maus) Eiler**, 89, passed away Monday Jan. 5, 2015 in Indianapolis. She was a resident of Greenwood. Madelyn was born April 10, 1925 in Peru. She married John Dale Eiler on June 18, 1944 in Denver, Indiana; they were married for 69 years. Madelyn was employed with Community East Hospital as an administration secretary for 11 years. She retired in 1982. She was a member of the Post Road Christian Church in Indianapolis. She was a pianist and organist. She was a 4-H State Grand Champion in sewing and Indianapolis Business Woman of the year in 1978. After retirement Madelyn and John enjoyed 25 years residing in Florida during the winter months. Survivors include her son, Alan M. (Gayle) Eiler of Columbus and two grandchildren, Misty Noel (Rob) Regan of Florida and Mitchel (Fran) Eiler of Arizona. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyman Russell and Estella Fern (Murphy) Maus, husband, John Dale Eiler and a brother, Hershel Maus. A memorial service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday Jan. 19, 2015 at Greenwood Village South, 295 Village Lane, Greenwood, Indiana 46143. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, Johnson County, 325 Market Plaza, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. Jessen Funeral Home, Whiteland Chapel is handling the arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Ray Bakehorn**, 67, peacefully passed away on Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at his home surrounded by family. He was born May 13, 1947, in Peru to Clifford and Mary Bakehorn. He graduated from Peru High School in 1966. He married Bonnie Helton on July 19, 1970. They were by each other's side for over four decades. They were blessed with two children and three grandchildren. Ray worked at Thrush Company for 28 years and retired from Ebert Machine Company in 2009. He had a love for history, especially concerning Miami County. He served as president of the Miami County Historical Society. He was the co-founder and president of the Miami County Genealogy Society. He also served on 4-H Council. He was a faithful and active member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was the archivist for over 30 years and also served as executive director. His greatest joy in life was his family. He loved going to his grandchildren's sporting events. He was their biggest fan. He also passed along his fierce love for the Indiana Hoosiers. Survivors are his wife Bonnie; daughters Heather (Heath) Williamson, Peru, Holly (Mike) Dalton, Old Hickory, Tenn.; and grandchildren Hayley Williamson, Hayden Williamson and Aly Dalton; brothers Basil Bakehorn, Mike (Patty) Bakehorn, Greg (Dixie) Conklin, Dennis (Alicia) Conklin, all of Peru; sisters Harriett Cooper, Peru, Cheryl (Gene) Whittenberger, Mexico, and Vicki (Dana) Gilsinger, Peru; sisters-in-law Sandra Conklin, Peru, Judy Bakehorn, Lexington, Ky., and Kay (Jerry) Wolfe, Peur. Also many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Dorothy Bakehorn, brothers, Don Bakehorn, Dale Bakehorn, Ronald Conklin and sister, Nancy Bell. Friends may call Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or the National Parkinson's Foundation. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Timothy J. Guse**, 56, unexpectedly did not wake up on Wednesday morning, Jan.14, 2015. Tim has gone to be with his Lord and Savior. He will always be missed and never forgotten by his family and friends. Tim was born the second son of Elmer and Jane Guse. Tim's dad preceded him being with The Lord on May 7, 2014. Tim grew up in Crystal Lake, Illinois in the 1960's, when times were much simpler. Tim's family continued to grow with three more brothers and a sister. Tim loved to tell stories of his childhood adventures being in a small town where he, his brothers, and his best friends came up with creative ways to have fun. On more than one occasion, they flooded the backyard for the perfect ice hockey rink and played competitive games in the street just in front of their house. Tim loved the outdoors and there are many family fishing and tent camping stories that usually end with something that could only happen to Tim. Early in his childhood, Tim joined the Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout at age 18. Another passion Tim got from his dad. He was an avid Packers fan. Anyone who knows Tim, know how much he loves the Packers. Tim understood the principle his mom and dad instilled in him, "Fair day's work for a fair day's pay." Tim had a paper route as a young boy and started saving for college and by age 14, he worked at Flowerwood, a large nursery in Crystal Lake, where he made lifelong friends. 1976-1980 he attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering. In 1980, Tim married his first wife Ame Kersten, who survives in Crystal Lake. He began his career in Engineering at Delco Electronics. Tim has a passion for people and engineering and those of us that were blessed to work with him are better individuals today. In 1987, Tim was blessed with a son, Jonathan, who survives with wife Breanna in Russiaville. Tim was a loving and caring father who brought the

adventures of his childhood back to life for Jonathan. They enjoyed building rockets, fishing, and Boy Scouts together. They bonded over a love for all animals. Tim continued his distinguished engineering career with several patents and innovations for the automotive industry. In 2011, Tim married his second wife, Lisa Guse, who survives in Peru, with step-daughter Taylor Hardwick. He is also survived and will be deeply missed by his mother, Jane Guse of Crystal Lake, Illinois; siblings, Christopher (Cathie) Guse of Wonder Lake, Steven (June) Guse of Naperville, Illinois, James (Angela) Guse of Bossier City, Louisiana, Ann (George) Marcus of Crystal Lake, Matthew (Cristy) Guse of Marengo; sister-in-law Linda (Wayne) Pownall of Peru; and many special nieces and nephews. Services celebrating Tim's life will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Blvd East, Kokomo, with Pastors William Allison and Barry Akers officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Indiana. Friends are invited to visit from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the church and one hour prior to the service Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com). Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

Embraced by the love of his family, **Richard 'Rich' Stanley Lukas**, 74 passed away peacefully, at home, on Jan. 14, 2015, after a two year battle with recurrent prostate cancer. He was born in Hammond to Virginia (Talarak) and Stanley Lukaszyk on Oct. 30, 1940. Rich was an honest, hardworking, devoted Christian man, who will be remembered for his faithfulness to family and friends. At St. Helen's in Hebron he took his service as a Lector very seriously and practiced all week before reading the scriptures. Since joining St. Charles, he became a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 718. Rich was respected as a Master Machinist enjoying a lengthy career of 55 years at Beatty Machine, Sun Engineering and Progress Pump, often mentoring younger machinists. He received his education and training from Hammond Technical High School and also completed a 4-year machinist apprenticeship. He put his creative gifts to practical use by teaching himself masonry, woodworking and landscaping to improve and beautify his homestead. His interests included baseball, 50's rock and roll music, boating, fishing, home renovation, and trains. He was a true die-hard Cubs and Bears fan. Rich married Margaret (Bestler) Longawa in 1990 and lived with her in Hebron for 22 years before moving to rural Denver, Indiana in 2013. Rich's greatest joy in life was his family. Having been an only child, he longed for a big family and was truly blessed in his latter years. He was preceded in death by his parents, late wife Gerri, daughter Marianne Bias, and granddaughter Lauren Bashore. Rich is survived by wife Peg; children - Christine Collins of Lowell, Mary Dugan-Marx, Anthony Longawa, and Paul (Virginia) Longawa of Denver; Joan Estrada (Gilbert Laffin) and Amanda Bashore (Kenneth Lickliger) of Peru; and Ann (Angel) Montes de Oca of Chicago; Grandchildren: Liam, Taylor, Austin, Chris, Rose, Abby, Clark, Emmy, Kaela, Sammy, Jacob, Eric, Sarah, Laura, Michael, Christopher, Joe, Annie, Rita, Clara, Hannah, Gabriel and Katrina, and great-grandson Xavier. Richard will be cremated and a funeral Mass will be celebrated on Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Peru, followed by a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Richard's name to the Miami County Helping Hands.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Albert 'Leonard' Lawrence**, 88, of Peru passed away at 3:07 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 at Timbercrest Senior Living in North Manchester. He was born in Peru on June 10, 1926 to Herbert 'Mike' Lawrence and Grace (Mullinix) Lawrence, both deceased. On March 14, 1943, Lawrence married Lois B. Gibson. The couple enjoyed 69 years of marriage. She survives. Lawrence was a retired superintendent of police from the C/O Railroad. He attended Mexico Brethren Church and was a member of the Peru Masonic Lodge. He served his nation in World War II and was a veteran of the US Navy. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Beth A. Hammers (husband, Dennis) of Romulus, Michigan and Lori E. VanNorman (husband, Kevin) of Kent City, Michigan; four grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Bruce J. Lawrence. His funeral will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 at Mt. Hope Chapel, with Aaron Hammers officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call at Mt. Hope Chapel from 1 p.m. until time of service. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Jeffery Lynn Massey (Rooster)**, 65, rural Kokomo, passed away Jan. 15, 2015, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born Oct. 19, 1949, in Peru, the son of Fred Jr. and Virginia (Brooks) Massey. He was a 1968 graduate of North Miami High School where he excelled at cross country, lettering in that sport. In his teenage years, he played guitar in a rock band with his friends called The Chevelles. His interest in music stayed with him for the rest of his life. He retired from Chrysler Corporation in 2007. He was an avid motorcyclist, riding his Harley-Davidson many miles a year. He was a member of the Milwaukee Iron Motorcycle Club for over 20 years. He loved his miniature Doberman Pinschers, Princess and Little Bit, and often took Princess for rides on the motorcycle. He would put her in his jacket and she would poke her head out to see where they were going. She rode with him all the way to Florida on one trip. He took many bike trips to Sturgis and Daytona Bike weeks. He was a true biker at heart. He was a cut up, always laughing and making others laugh. He will be missed by many. He is survived by his parents; his sister, Rayla (Bill) Steiner; daughter Jennie (Danny) Thiry; son Joshua (Chi) Newsome; niece Shelleen (Denham) Dawalt; nephew Ryan (Denham); granddaughters Daisy, Sunshine and Raina Newsome. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Fred Sr. and Ethel Massey, Alvia and Lucy Brooks; and great-aunt Clara Mullendore. He was very close to his aunt Clara. Services will be officiated by Keith (Pipes) Barnett. Friends and family can pay respects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral service following at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Karen S. Gingerich**, 59, of Kokomo, passed away at 8:05 a.m., Jan. 16, 2015 at Community Howard Regional Hospital, Kokomo, after suffering a fall on Dec. 20, 2014. She was born in Marion, on June 9, 1955, the daughter of Joe H. and Fran Miller Gingerich. She entered through the gates of heaven to her new home whole and new after living with many health issues including diabetes and

dialysis. Karen was such a happy person that never met a stranger. So full of life that she was contagious. Karen graduated from Maconaquah High School and Huntington University. Karen loved riding her gator through the country with her best friend Rylee, Larry and Karen's dog. Her favorite pass time was working on puzzles. Karen is survived by her loving mother Fran whom she made her home and was Karen's world. One brother Larry Gingerich and his wife Karen who was like Karen's sister; nieces Melissa Schaefer and her husband Mike, of Nebraska, Melinda Sonnenfelt, Iowa, Nichole Mills of South Bend, Indiana; nephew Beau White and his wife Jennifer of Noblesville, Indiana; great nieces and nephews Abby, Jackson, Jacob and William Schaefer of Nebraska, Tyler and Alyasa Sonnenfelt of Iowa, Harvey, Hunter and Hannah Mills of South Bend, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father Joe Gingerich, a niece Madison Schaefer and a nephew Edison Schaefer. She will be greatly missed. A service celebrating the life of Karen Gingerich will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Kokomo, Indiana with Pastor Ben Schlegel. Burial will follow at the Clymer Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 20, 2015

**Clara Jean Mort (Phillips)** passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Jan. 18, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft Wayne. She was born on July 24, 1936 to George and Lucy (LaCross) Couturier of South Haven, Michigan. On July 24, 1954, she married Robert Mort; he preceded her in death on June 16, 1985. On Aug. 4, 1990, she married Ron Phillips. Surviving are her daughter, Sandi (Rick) Hartkopf, Bellevue, Nebraska; Tim (Michelle) Mort, Cincinnati, Ohio; Neil (Ann) Mort, Leesburg; Steve (Renee) Mort, Slidell, Louisiana; stepsons Greg Phillips, Lafayette, Bob (Ann) Phillips, Peru; and sister, Betty Filbrandt, South Haven, Michigan; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Judy Bonner, Georgia Hope and brother, Jerry Couturier. Clara retired from Hooks Drug Store and was also employed by Walgreens. She enjoyed NASCAR racing, and was a Jeff Gordon fan, traveling, and her family. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 from 5- 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 19, 2015

**Joyce J. Mentzer**, age 86 of Kenton, passed away at 7:18 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born on April 22, 1928 to the late Floyd and Bertha (Whitaker) Sischo. On June 1, 1947, she married Richard E. Mentzer and he preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 2000. Joyce is survived by her sons: Roy (Bonnie) Mentzer of Kenton and R. Thomas (Barbara) Mentzer of Freeland, Michigan; her sister: Pauline Donaldson of Peru; her daughter-in-law: Judy Mentzer of Grove City, Ohio; her sister-in-law: Marilyn Sischo of Peru; her grandchildren: Cass (Rob) Kilgore, Jay (Shawna) Mentzer, Dean (Regina) Mentzer, Rich (Charity) Mentzer, Reese Mentzer, Lynn Mentzer, and Casey (Tyler) Brooks; her step-grandchild, Phil Warren and 11 great-grandchildren. Joyce is preceded in death by her son, David Mentzer; her brother, Roy Sischo; and her sister, Shirley Harshman. Joyce was a 1946 graduate of Peru Indiana High School. She previously worked at North Electric. Joyce retired after working for 33 years at United Air Craft in Forest, Ohio. Joyce and her husband hosted foreign exchange students who attended Ridgemont High School. They were host to Marc of Brazil, Juan of Venezuela, Lilliana of Columbia and Astrid of Holland. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Joyce J. Mentzer will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Hardin County Humane Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Schindewolf-Stout-Crates Funeral Home, Kenton. On line condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stoutcrates.com](http://www.stoutcrates.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 20, 2015

**William Martin 'Bill' Hintz**, 70, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Wellbrooke of Kokomo. He was born on Jan. 5, 1945 in Tecumseh, Michigan, the son of Wayne Henry and Ethel Irene (Fry) Hintz. On Aug. 16, 1969, he married Kay Frances Cottingham in Kokomo and she preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2007. Bill was a 1962 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. He went on to graduate from Indiana University, and earned his master's from Indiana Wesleyan University. He served in the United States Navy. Bill retired from Delphi Automotive in 2005 after 38 years of service as a supervisor. He was a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, and the Moose and Eagles lodges. He was very active with Maconaquah Athletics. Bill wintered in Lake Placid, Florida for several years. Bill is survived by: his children, Misty Hintz, Lafayette; Travis (Javin) Hintz, River Falls, Wisconsin, and Troy (Jill) Hintz, Peru; grandchildren, Corbin Shepherd, Brock Martin, Ryan Hintz, and Emma Hintz; siblings, Susan Hunter, Jerry Hintz, Henry Hintz and Cris Hintz, along with several nieces and nephews. Bill is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Kay Hintz, one sister, two brothers, and grandson, Justin Shepherd. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015, at McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 South 300 East Amboy, with Pastor Steve Austin officiating. Burial will follow in Rankin Cemetery in Peru. Friends may visit with the family from 2 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Maconaquah Athletic Department. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com). Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 20, 2015

**Diana L. Sharp**, 69, of Peru, passed away at 8:20 a.m., Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 in Marion after a short battle with non-Hodgins lymphoma. She was born in Peru on Jan. 5, 1946 the daughter of Vern Y. and Eva M. Layman Gilbert. Diana married Larry G. Sharp at St. John's Lutheran Church on April 23, 1966 and he preceded her in death on July 30, 2005. Diana was a 1964 graduate of Peru High School. She was the Miami County Treasurer from 1980 to 1987, she also worked at the GRA, the Peru Trust Co. and Big R in Wabash. Diana was a member of the Master Gardener Club and the African Violet Association. She thoroughly enjoyed doing crafts. In addition to her mother, Eva, of Peru, Diana is survived by her sons, Brian Sharp and his wife Janell of Marion and James Sharp and his wife Jill of Peru; grandchildren Stephanie (Joel) Huff, Sarah Sharp, Cade Sharp, Keaton Sharp, Kianna Sharp and Kaylee Sharp; brothers Dennis (Debbie) Gilbert of Murphysboro, Tennessee and William (Debbie) Gilbert of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Diana L. Sharp will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with the

Rev. J. Robert Clark and Reverend Mark E. Bardsley officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County 4-H or the Family Life Care Hospice. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 20, 2015

**Adelene L. Flenner**, 86, Peru, formerly of Macy, passed away at 8:23 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born Nov. 16, 1928 in Jefferson Township, Miami County, she was the daughter of Otto and Esther E. Erlenbaugh Scott. On Jan. 24, 1948, at the home of her parents, she was married to Donald D. Flenner, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 2010. Adelene was a 1946 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico, Indiana. She was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church in Mexico, Miami County Republican Women, Allen Township Extension Homemakers Club, and the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed fishing, polka dancing, and playing cards. Survivors include four children, Cindy Jo Walker and husband Richard, Columbia City; Thomas Fayne Flenner and fiancée Carolyn Coffing, Warsaw; Amy Robison and husband Doug, Peru; and Julie Kepes, Peru; nine grandchildren, Gregg Flenner, Danny Flenner, Brooke Clawson, Lindsay Robison, Emily Stefanko, Beth Andrews, Brian Walker, Jacob Kepes and Hannah Kepes; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Preceding her in death were brothers, Carl and Ellis Scott, and three sisters, Hattie Bernard, Alma Meeks, and Edna Griswold. Funeral services will be held on the date of Don and Adelene's 67th anniversary at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home with Pastor J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 21, 2015

**Victor Bernard Tully** passed unexpectedly at his home on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015 at age 83. Victor was born to John and Mary Ellen Holland Tully, Jr. on Dec. 23, 1931 in Peru. He married Mary J. Venice at St. Charles Catholic Church on Oct. 6, 1956 and she survives. Victor graduated from Peru High School in 1951. He then graduated from the Fort Wayne Business College and then served in the US Army during the Korean conflict deployed in Japan. After his time in the service, he first worked in the insurance industry and eventually retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo after 28 years. He was also well known in the community for his beautiful voice and sang in many weddings, celebrations and funerals. Even though he had difficulty speaking after his stroke, he never lost his joy and gift of song. Victor is survived by his loving wife, Mary Jo (Venice) of 58 years. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, Thomas J. Tully of Richmond, Indiana, Timothy M. Tully and his wife Jodie of Lafayette, Joseph G. Tully and his wife Cheryl of Lafayette, Ann M (Tully) Willis and her husband Jeffrey of Lizton, and Cindy (Tully) Wyatt and her husband Chris from Richmond, Rhode Island. He will be greatly missed by his 12 grandchildren, Mathew Tully, Michael Tully, Sara Willis, Shelby (Willis) Broyles, Sylvia Willis, Victoria Tully, Margaret Tully, Patrick Tully, Christina Tully, Joshua Tully, Jae T. Wyatt and Emma Jee Wyatt and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons David L. Tully and Daniel E. Tully and his 10 siblings, Mary Margaret (Burke) Sheetz, Margaret J. (Tully) Byers, Rose (Tully) Weidenhoeft, Veronica Eleanor (Tully) Hill, Patrick J. Burke, Fr. John Burke, Frances Burke, Florence Burke, John Thomas Tully and James Jerome Tully. His most joyous times were those spent with family whether it was a fishing excursion, one-on-one card game, family gatherings or playing Trouble with close friends! He was a devout Catholic and active member of St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church all his life. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus in Peru. Visiting hours will be on Friday, from 4 - 8 p.m., at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home at 84 West Main Street with the Rosary at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at 1 p.m. at St Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church, 58 West 5th Street, Peru, Indiana, with Rev. Robert Williams and Rev. Timothy Kroeger officiating. Military Rites will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Interior Restoration of St. Charles Catholic Church will be accepted through the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 21, 2015

There is something beautiful about a life well-lived. When someone consistently lives out their values in a somewhat quiet manner, others notice - and are blessed by their legacy. Embraced by the love of his family, it is with deep sympathy that **Richard Edward Sampson Jr.** was called upon Heaven to become an Angel at the young age of 65 on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015. Lovingly known for his laid-back style and feisty personality, as well as, his good looks and warm smile, he loved everyone and everyone loved him, most of all his family, who will miss him terribly. Richard was a man who lived to help others, and well known for this locally. People noticed and reached out for his hard labor, sound advice, loving ear, and an open wallet to anyone in need. He deliberately saw the best in others and lived a life of love, while honoring us with memories filled with life lessons that gave colorful & heartwarming glimpses into his person and character. Richard was relateable and lovable, he was not a man who focused on impressive academic or career accomplishments. He put his creative gifts to practical use by being a self taught master craftsman, advanced electrical engineer, mechanical expert, and 'jack of all trades' handyman with endless abilities to enhance & beautify any surroundings. Richard took fashion cues from no one. His signature everyday look was all his: old torn up blue jeans, stain-ridden T-shirt, a beat up pair of sneakers, and always paired it with a dingy ball cap. He loved to tell stories and give advice. And you could be sure half of every story was true that he told, you just never knew which half. His interests included politics, coffee, homemade hearty foods, a tall glass of vitamin D milk, warm brownies, beautiful women, fountain drinks, wrestling, western movies, a mixed beverage nightcap on occasion, and not necessarily in that order. He also was a devoted animal lover whose kindness and gentle soul enriched all who knew him. Richard is the son of Richard Sr. and Irene Sampson. He came from a big family of nine siblings, Kenny, Dolly, Jeff, Sonja, Caroline, Gary, Mark, Vince, and Pete. Richard got married at age 20. Even though it didn't last, he was blessed with two wonderful sons, Greg, 41 and Ryan, 40. Richard was no quitter; however, so he gave marriage another shot. The second time he was blessed with

an amazing daughter, Crystal, 32. Again the marriage didn't work out, but this marriage was different. It had bonuses. He gained two beautiful girls as daughters, Tammy, 37 and Angie, 34. He loved them as his own and continued to love them forever after the end of this second marriage. He did try to marry a third time, but that one wasn't a charm. As Richard's family grew, he accepted two more additional sons: Dave, 45 and Everett, 35. Richard received even more blessings with grandchildren that will know of him as 'Papal.' (Hunter-12, Sage-10, Aston-6) (Maysie-16, Avery-10) (Austin-19, Trent-18, Braxton-16) (Tyler-23, Aaron-21, Micah-14, Noah-4) (Jadden-12, Gabriella-8). The love that he expressed for all his grandchildren was undeniable. Each one enlightened his world with pride in their own unique way. He was proud to be Papal, and his grandchildren enjoyed being spoiled and taught by him. Besides the growth of his immediate family, Richards siblings: Kenny and Gladys; Dolly and Larry; Jeff; Sonja and Nick; Caroline; Gary and Pam; Mark and Terry; Vince and Terry; Pete and Ethel, there are countless nieces, nephews, and cousins, and many more seconds and greats. Not to forget the many friends that are considered family. Each and every one of us have been connected by this amazing, generous man. It is our time to pay tribute and celebrate his life. Join us at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home for a viewing at 10 a.m. Saturday followed by the service promptly at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Details are still pending for a pitch-in dinner after graveside services that will honor and celebrate Richard's life. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 21, 2015](#)

**Woodrow W. 'Tom' Skillen**, 95, of Peru, formerly of Star City, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru. He was born Feb. 5, 1919, in Thornhope, to Willard and Lillian Kochel Skillen. Tom married Genny Teske on Oct. 18, 1941 in Winamac. Genny survives. Tom and Genny farmed in the Star City area most of their lives. He also worked as a welder for Herd Seeder in Logansport. He also had worked for the Indiana State Highway Department and the Pulaski County Farm Bureau. Tom was a member of the Star City United Methodist Church and the New Life Methodist Church in Mexico. Tom and Genny moved to Peru in 2005. He enjoyed IU basketball, driving his tractor and bowling. Tom enjoyed spending time with his family. Survivors include: his wife, Genevieve Teske Skillen, Peru; daughter Sharon K. (John) Sayers, Bringham; son Darl D. (Diane) Skillen, Peru; granddaughters Natalie (John) Pettit, Stephanie (Scott) Harris, Emily Pettit and Karen (Ryan) Baker; grandsons Mike Skillen and Nick Skillen and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his father, Willard Skillen; his mother Lillian Kochel Skillen; two sisters - Marie Skillen and Jennie Jack; and two brothers - Joseph Skillen and William Skillen. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. EST Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will take place in McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, in Winamac. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. EST Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015 at Frain Mortuary. Memorial Contributions may be given to New Life Methodist Church in Mexico or Star City United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary, Winamac, IN. Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 22, 2015](#)

**Dorothy J. Wiles**, 84 Logansport passed away Jan. 20, 2015 at home peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was born Oct. 11, 1930 to Archie and Ethyl Eckelbarger, along with nine siblings. She was married to the late Charles Wiles. She spent most of her life as a homemaker. She loved cooking delicious food for her family. She enjoyed sewing and ceramics. She loved sitting outdoors swinging on the porch swing and doing crossword puzzles. Her favorite joy in life was spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her daughter Deb (Sam) Howard with whom she resided; three stepsons Bruce, Gerry and Charlie Wiles; grandchildren Amanda, Austin, Ashley Howard and Venessa Zavala, Erica Correll; and great grandchildren, Yilian, Alijah, Alyssa, Aleyah and Avery. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sons Dale Correll and Randy Correll stepson Terry Wiles and grandson Jeremy Howard. Funeral Services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, Monday Jan. 26, 2015 with visitation from 9 -11 a.m., with services to follow and burial to continue after at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 22, 2015](#)

**James Oscar Williamson III**, 33, passed away at 11 p.m. Jan. 19, 2015 at his home in Peru. James was born April 26, 1981 to Joyce Tumbleson Williamson and James Oscar Williamson JR. James had a passion for music with dreams of someday making and producing his own music. He loved helping out others along with working with his dad and step-mother in their garden. He will be missed dearly. He is survived by his father James Williamson JR, his stepmother Terease Gail Williamson, brother and best friend John Williamson, step brother Bret Noble, and step-sister Misty Stallord. Grandparents include Bernice Williamson, Harley Tumbleson and Irene Tumbleson. Aunts and uncles include Brad and Sabrina Williamson of Peru, Jane Townsend of Kentucky, Kathy and Rick Anthony of Pennsylvania, Pam and Ron Hiles of Peru, Kenneth Childers of Peru, along with several cousins and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother Joyce Tumbleson Williamson, Grandfather Rev. James Williamson SR, and an uncle Wayne Townsend. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made at Flowers-Leedy. Memorial service will be held Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. at Independent Missionary Baptist Church 331 Jackson Ave Peru. Services to be officiated by Pastor Bud Sparks.

**Linda Jo Blue Davenport**, 63, formerly of Rochester, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 in Fargo, North Dakota, due to complications from lung cancer. Born on March 4, 1951 in Miami County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Marjorie Joan Polk Blue. Linda was a 1969 graduate of Maconaquah High School before going on to college to obtain her bachelor and master of science degrees in education. Linda was a devoted Christian, giving her time and talents to various congregations over the years in the communities where she was living. Linda was a talented needlepoint artist, creating many treasures for her family, friends, and churches. She leaves behind three children to cherish her memory: Joseph Davenport and his wife Jacquelyn, Harwood, North Dakota; Jessie Davenport, Fargo, North Dakota; and Jodie Davenport, Tempe, Arizona; two grandchildren, Kaily and Kaiden Davenport, Harwood, North Dakota; and one brother, Gregory Alan Blue and his wife Teresa, Fifield, Wisconsin. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Mark Spencer

officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Rochester First Baptist Church. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
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**LLOYD ROBERT ULERICK**, 88, of Peru, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, In. Mr. Ulerick was born in Twelve Mile, In. on April 25, 1926 to the late Forrest Ulerick and Lola (Adkins) Ulerick. He married Shirley Bailey and she preceded him in death December 19, 2011. Lloyd was a farmer and he was also employed with United Technologies in Peru. Survivors include; Son, Lloyd E. and Sondra Ulerick of Rochester, Indiana. Daughter, Joleen L. Sroda of Abilene, Texas. Son, Darrell L. and Elsa Ulerick of Peru, Indiana. He will be lovingly remembered by his ten grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandchild. Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Chapel, 2355 South Business 31, Peru, Indiana with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery near Mexico, Indiana. Send a condolence to the family at [www.northernindianafuneralcare.com](http://www.northernindianafuneralcare.com). Arrangements by Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 24, 2015

**Carmon Brown**, 85, passed away at the Hospice House in Fort Wayne on Jan. 22, 2015. He was born Nov. 10, 1925 in Nashville Tenn. Carmon is survived by his wife Lorraine of nearly 60 years. Together they have raised seven children, three daughters, Shirley, Connie and Linda, and four sons, Jerry, Bill, Jim and Tony, all of which survive along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Carmon loved and enjoyed his visits with all of them. Carmon retired from Moon Fabricating in Kokomo, and the Indiana State Police post working in the maintenance department in Peru, In. Carmon loved fishing, hunting and controlling the groundhog population at Bellar's Place for his good childhood friend Russ and the many other friends he made there. He also enjoyed tending to his Honey Bee farm. As Carmon grew older and working the bees became difficult; a wonderful friend, Todd Unger, stepped in and worked with Carmon to handle the things that Carmon could no longer do. Carmon enjoyed having Todd with him in the bee yards and they became the best of friends. A private memorial service was held for the family Saturday, Jan. 24. A love offering can be made to Carmon in lieu of flowers at Flower-Leedy Funeral Home 105 West Third Street, Peru, In 46970. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 24, 2015

**Robert Burns Becht**, the beloved son of Burns S. Becht (Rochester, IN) and Cuma C. Becht, left the bounds of Earth on Jan. 22, 2015. A celebration of the life of Bob Becht will be at noon on Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 24, 2015

**Julia Antrim Snyder Laylon**, 82, of Bel Air, Maryland, passed away on Jan. 21, 2015 at Hart Heritage in Forest Hill, Maryland. Born in Miami County, Peru, she is the daughter of the late Adm. Richard Nott and Mary Jean Packard Antrim. Being an Admiral's daughter, she traveled and lived in many areas of the globe, including China, Manila, Hong Kong, Lakehurst, New Jersey where she saw the Hindenburg explode, and Rhode Island. A teacher, she completed her Master's in education. She taught for 26 years at Old Post Elementary School in Edgewood and previously was the first Kindergarten teacher at Forest Hill Elementary. She loved collecting stamps, Genealogy, reading, poetry and playing the piano. After retirement, Judy and Len traveled to Europe three times, many Caribbean Islands, Nova Scotia, and most US States. Mrs. Laylon is survived by her husband, Leonard LaRue Laylon of Bel Air; sons, Robert John Snyder and wife, R. Lynn Snyder, of Bel Air and William R. Snyder and wife, Julie Potter Snyder of Bel Air; daughters, Sandy Lee Grammer and husband, Terry, of Memphis, Tennessee, Annette Louise Berk and husband, William of Joppa, Maryland and Stephanie Lynn McLean of Clarksville, Tennessee; sisters, Nancy Walker of West Chester, Pennsylvania and Caitlin Antrim of Virginia; 13 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Visitation will be held at McComas Funeral Home, Bel Air, Maryland on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. Those who desire may make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 1850 York Road, Suite D, Timonium, MD 21093-5142. Memory tributes may be sent to the family at [mccomasfuneralhome.com](http://mccomasfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 26, 2015

**MaryAnn Aspinwall**, 83, of Peru, passed away at 3:45 a.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru on July 8, 1931 the daughter of Robert C. and Bernice Collins DeLochte. MaryAnn married James H. Aspinwall at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina on May 26, 1950 and he preceded her in death on April 18, 1993. MaryAnn was a 1949 graduate of Peru High School and attended MacMurry College in Jacksonville, Illinois. She was employed at Webster's Florist until her retirement. She was a member of the Dukes Hospital Auxiliary and was Director of Volunteers for 20 years. MaryAnn served 2 terms as the President of the Dukes Hospital Auxiliary and was made an Honorary Member in 1999. She also was Mid-West Chairman and a Member of the Board for the Indiana Hospital Auxiliary Association. MaryAnn was active in the PTA and was past President of the Peru Jr. High PTA. Surviving are her sons Jim Aspinwall and his wife Beverly of Peru, Jeff Aspinwall and his wife Nadine of Peru, Joe D. Aspinwall and his wife Becky of Peru and a daughter Julie Sturch and her husband Bill of Peru; grandchildren Steven (Danelle) Aspinwall, Alex Aspinwall, Nickolas (Katie) Aspinwall, Rachel Aspinwall, Erik Aspinwall, Zachary (Amber) Sturch, Brittany (Jake) Clark and Matthew Sturch; six great-grandchildren and two on the way; and a cousin John (Esther) Kinsella of Bunker Hill. A service celebrating the life of MaryAnn Aspinwall will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Dukes Hospital Auxiliary or the American Cancer Society. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
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**Jeffrey Dean Yater's** 'born to be wild' spirit was set free to once again to 'head out on the highway,' Jan. 23, 2015 3:04 p.m. at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Jeff was the second of five children born to Alice (Keith) and Clyde Yater. Born on March 31, 1943 in Williamsport, Indiana, Jeff lived many places as the child of a Wabash railroader, laying the foundation for his vagabond spirit. Jeff attended Peru High School and served in the US Army from 1961-1964 in Germany. The roar of the engine and the spinning of wheels defined his life. From an early age he shared the family love for racing. Jeff never knew a racetrack that he didn't love but Eldora Speedway was his favorite. He loved all racing: sprints, Indy, Nascar, motorcycle, snowmobile and boat. He closely followed his favorite sprint drive Steve Kinser, sat in AJ Foyt's midget racer at the Kokomo Speedway and could be seen at the Bunker Hill Dragstrip or Saturday nights at the Miami County Speedway. Jeff had the need for speed and shared it with a world of friends, racing motorcycles and snowmobiles until a stroke and final snowmobile crash ended his ability to do what he loved in 2003. He returned to Peru in 2006 to stay with his brother Tracy and sister-in-law Denise. Good times, good alcohol, good buddies and memories of open roads, winding wooded paths, frozen fields and lakes colored the pages of a life lived on his terms, following the sun and the wind. Home was where the wheels stopped at the end of the day and he sometimes would sleep in a ditch only to move on to another race, or to meet up with other free souls who maybe hitchhiked hundreds of miles for another adventure. Jeff was known to live in his van or settle in for an entire summer on the circle at the primitive campgrounds of Mississinewa, living in a small tent. Jeff loved the water and skied Mississinewa in the dark with a miner's lantern strapped to his head or bobbed along carefree on a pontoon on Pontiac Lake. Known by some, to be a highly opinionated stubborn man, always telling it like he saw it, he also was known as a rough loving Teddy Bear. He especially loved children. Jeff took his little brother, Tracy, along on many an adventure, putting him in the back of the truck with the motorcycles or placing him at the very top of the indoor racing arena to keep him from getting run over. Of course things were known to fly out of the back of the truck and the fumes at the top of the arena were intoxicating but he was looking out for his baby brother while passing on what he knew to be the best of life. He greatly loved his many nieces and nephews, who he remembered with gifts, sometimes allowing them to choose one of his treasured model cars to keep for their very own. Jeff was blessed with many life long friends and the steadfast caring and support of his family. He is survived by his sister Judy Bacon, Peru; brother Mike (Brenda) Yater, Waterford, Michigan; brother Tracy (Denise) Yater, Peru; step-brother Chris (Patty) McGuire, Mexico, Indiana; brother-in-law Steve Siblisk (Emma), Peru; three nieces, two nephews, 10 great nieces and nephews and five great great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Alice (Allie) and Clyde Yater, sister Susie Siblisk and a nephew Jack Ulery. Jeff's spirit will remain always..as the heat rises on the asphalt, as the dust settles on the Eldora track, in the roar of a cycle cutting through the woods, in the glisten of the sun reflecting off the snow, in the cool early morning mist of the lake, in the smoky haze of the evening camp fire. Soar with the wind for the race is done. There will be a Memorial Service Saturday Jan. 31, 2015 from 1- 4 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials to the American Diabetes may be made through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 26, 2015

**Rev. G. Bright Hanna**, 98, Twelve Mile, went to be with his Lord on Jan. 26, 2015. He was the son of the late Glenn and Ida Hanna. He married Luella M. Davis on Dec. 25, 1938, in Burlington; she preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 2005. Bright was a farmer until he started his ministry in 1947. He started his ministry in Cambria, followed by Oakville, College Corner, Corinth, then to Marion Mission Church, from which he retired in 1990. He was an avid Maytag Engine collector and liked to watch them run. At one time, he had collected 20. He and his wife traveled to many engine shows over the years. He was camp director at Camp Shishewana, for many years. Bright's favorite saying was, 'Praise the Lord,' and he will be very sadly missed by all of his family members. He is survived by his son, Rev. Joseph E. (Sara) Hanna, Ohio; daughter, Mary E. (Ernest) Champ, Indiana; six grandchildren, Sherry (Ed) Coffelt, Indiana; William (Melissa) Champ of Michigan, Ed (Christina) Champ, Indiana; Heather Battliga, Ohio; Heidi Downer, Florida; and Holly Mascardo, California; as well as 11 great grandchildren. Along with his parents and wife, Bright was preceded in death by his brother, Chester L. Hanna. Services for Bright will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952 with Rev. Mary Ann Freeman officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 at the funeral home. Additional services will be held at 3 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 30, 2015 at Stout and Son Funeral Home Neptune Chapel, 44 S. Michigan St., Burlington, IN 46915 with Rev. Tim Garner officiating. Visitation will be from 2-3 p.m. on Friday, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in South Union Cemetery. Online condolences may be made to [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 27, 2015

**Robert 'Brent' Smith**, 47, passed away on Jan. 27, 2015 in his Converse home. Brent was born in Marion on May 17, 1966. He was the eldest of two children born to Robert B. and Barbara A. (Slaughter) Smith. Brent was a 1984 graduate of Oak Hill High School and a 1994 graduate of Ball State University where he earned a chemistry degree. He formally worked as a chemist for Delco, in Kokomo. Later he used his carpentry talents to build homes. In his free time he enjoyed reading, playing dungeons and dragons, target shooting and being outside camping and relaxing around a campfire. He also liked to travel and was fortunate to have traveled to Europe on two occasions. Jimmy Buffet and The Grateful Dead were his favorite musical talents and he enjoyed any great Turner Classic Movie with a happy ending. Most of all Brent loved being with his family and friends and was anxiously awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild, baby Harper. Survivors: Brent is survived by: his parents, Robert B. and Barbara A. Smith, Converse; four children - Morgan V. (Arthur) Harper of West Lafayette, Nicholas R. Smith, Olivia R. Smith and R. Kasey A. Smith, all of Converse; a sister- Tamara A. (Christopher A.) Morrison of St. Pete Beach, Florida; his girl friend Yvonne Lopez and her four daughters of Peru; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until services on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 in Converse United Methodist Church, 109 East Wabash, Converse. The funeral service will at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 in the church with Don Breneman officiating. Please make memorial contributions to <http://www.youcaring.com/>. A memorial college fund has been established in Brent's name to help with the future college careers of his children. Online condolences may be made at

<http://www.owenweilertduncan.com>. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Larrison-Martin Martin Chapel, 308 East Marion Street, Converse was entrusted with the arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 29, 2015

The Rev. **John S. Honeay**, 89 went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, 2015 at the Indiana University Hospice House in Bloomington. He was a resident of Greenwood. Rev. Honeay was born July 10, 1925, in Denver, Colorado to the late Alvin Francis and Mary Zella Honeay. He married the love of his life, Dorothy Joan (Barnes) Honeay on Sept. 1, 1950 at the Unity Baptist Church in Brown County, Indiana who survives. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Law. Rev. Honeay was a 1943 graduate of Monrovia High School. While still in high school the Lord called him to ministry and he was licensed to preach in 1942 and ordained in 1948. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a medic and after returning home attended Franklin College receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He completed his theological training at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, receiving a Master of Divinity Degree. John and Joan raised four loving daughters: Barbara Ranard (Harvey) of Brown County, Rebecca Andrews (John) of Bloomington, Teresa Hall of Greenwood and Julie Miller (Tom) of Bowling Green. They were blessed with 12 grandchildren: Amy Blanton (Tim), Lori Haggard (Mike), Rene Jackson (Robert McKim), Andrea Jackson (Samantha Sweatman), Melissa Driskill (Aaron), Alicia Hall (Jeremy), Michael Hall (Kim), Todd Hall (Danielle), John Hall (Nedra Vaughn), Kellie Miller, Ginny Miller and Tony Miller (Daniella Modisett), as well as fourteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Rev. Honeay, an American Baptist Pastor, served as pastor of Bridgeton Baptist Church, New Washington Baptist Church, Liberty Center Baptist Church, Oakdale Baptist Church in Peru, Spencer First Baptist Church, Smith Valley Baptist Church in Greenwood and Bunker Hill Baptist Church. He retired in 1986 due to illness and was a current member of Unity Baptist Church in Brown County, Indiana. Pastor Honeay enjoyed reading his Bible and Theology books. He was an advocate for young people, serving as a Scout Master and church camp director for many years. He was loved and respected by all who had the privilege to have known him. Chaplain H.E. Ranard (USN Ret) and the Rev. Lee Snider will conduct a Celebration of Life service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1 at Unity Baptist Church, 7361 Spearsville Rd. in Brown County. Friends and family may call from 1 p.m. until time of service on Sunday at the church. Burial will be at Unity Baptist Church Cemetery with Military Rites presented by the Brown County Honor Guard. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Meredith-Clark Funeral Home Cremation & Personalization Center in Morgantown. Memorial contributions may be sent in honor of Rev. Honeay to the Unity Baptist Church (Church Camp Scholarships Fund), 7361 Spearsville Rd., Morgantown, IN 46160 or Gideons International, 560 Carter Ave, Indiana, PA 15701. Expressions of caring and kindness can be made to the Honeay family at [www.meredith-clark.com](http://www.meredith-clark.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 29, 2015

**Kenny W. Townsend**, 52, Peru, was called home to Jesus on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015 at his residence. He loved the Lord and sought refuge in His arms throughout his battle with lymphoma. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant, your work on earth is done.' Kenny was a Private First Class Unit Supply Specialist in the United States Army, having served from 1981-1987. He was employed as a member of the Floor Coverers Local Union 364 for the last 15 years. Kenny enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, mushroom hunting, nature, and music. He is survived by his loving wife, Darlene; his daughter Cheree' Townsend; step-son, Kyle Brothers; step-daughter, Kaitlin Brothers; and his granddaughter, Amryn Townsend; brothers Lonny (Angel) Townsend; Joe (Susan) Townsend; Hank Townsend; and sister, Monica Townsend; mother-in-law, Irene Caracanas; step-father, Dave Hissong; 10 nieces and nephews; several friends; and a dear friend, Glen Vigar; as well as many other friends, co-workers who loved him very much. His father, Hershel Wayne Townsend and mother, Dana Joelle Riggie Hissong, preceded him in death. Private services will be held at a later date. The family requests memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life or Premier Hospice. Information is available on the funeral home website at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com), where family and friends are also invited to leave messages of condolence. McClain Funeral Home of Denver, Indiana has been entrusted with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 31, 2015

**James 'Jim' Clarence Roberts**, 41, of Peru, went home to the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2015. Jim was the first born child to Denver Roberts and Barbara Binnion of Peru. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents J.C. and Martha Roberts, maternal grandparents Jim Allen and Imojean Boyd. Jim was married to Lori Briscoe on April 18, 1998. Survivors include father and step-mother Denver and Karen Roberts, mother and step-father Barb and Kenny Binnion, wife Lori Roberts, daughter Zavonna Roberts, brother Bill Roberts and wife Heather, sister Amanda Roberts, brother Ron Hudson and wife Shannon, brother Brady Binnion and wife Tracy, as well as five step siblings and 13 nephews and nieces. As the first born child Jim is a special light in the lives of his family. He burned bright for a lifetime so they should never live in darkness. Come celebrate the light that is Jims' life with his family and friends. Services will be held at The Christian Pilgrim Church, 512 Monroe Avenue Peru on Thursday, Feb. 5. Visitation hours are from 3 - 5 p.m. and a memorial service will follow. Pastor Thad Stewart of The Old Crossroads Baptist Church, Gilead, will share some words of comfort and praise. Send memorials and love offering may be sent to the James 'Jim' Roberts family, through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 2, 2015

**Carl Wildon Hodson**, 86, Peru, passed away at 11:05 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Born on June 3, 1928, in Converse, Indiana, Carl was the last surviving child of Sherman and Margaret Ballard Hodson. After graduating from Converse High School in 1946, he went on to study at Butler University School of Pharmacy in Indianapolis. After completing his studies in 1950, he served the United States Army as a pharmacist for two years before he returned to Indiana and began his 35 year career at Moore's Rexall Drug Store in Kokomo, retiring in 1991 after a severe heart attack. Carl was married to the former Pauline M. Lewis, in June, 1958. Pauline passed away in May, 1990. He then married Delores Leffel, from Mexico, Indiana, in 1991. She preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 2014. Carl was a member of a nondenominational Christian fellowship. Carl was the dearly loved dad of Carla and Maurice Perry, New Plymouth, New Zealand, and David and Brenda Hodson, Columbus, Ohio, and much loved

Grandpa of Kristi, Kelly, Kimmi, and Timothy Hodson, and Janelle, Erica, and Sherman Perry. Carl was also a special Dad Carl and Grandpa Carl to the Leffel family, including three step-sons, David Leffel and wife Virginia, Peru; Steve Leffel and wife Mary, Ft. Wayne; Stanley Leffel and wife Jan, Tennessee; and two daughters-in-law, Margaret Leffel, Peru; and Cynthia Leffel, Perrysburg. Carl was preceded in death by his four siblings, Richard, Helen Johnson, Robert, and Janet Austin. He is survived by one brother in law, Jack Austin. Carl was a loved and respected uncle to his many nieces and nephews. Also preceding in death were two stepsons, William and Tom Leffel. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Foundation for Nager & Miller Syndrome or a favorite charity of your choice, and donations may be made at the funeral home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 2, 2015

Gone too soon. **Derek R. Perkins**, 27 of Wabash, died Jan. 30, 2015 as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. He was born Feb. 21, 1987 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He last attended North Miami High School and was employed at the Elks Lodge #471 in Wabash and Lynn's Restaurant in Roann. Derek was an avid outdoorsman whose passion was hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed helping others in need and family time. Derek is survived by his girlfriend, Brenda Miller and their beloved baby daughter Sofia H. Perkins of Wabash. He also leaves his parents Teresa of Peru and Robert and stepmother Lois of Hometown; his sisters Jennie Thiry of Denver, Indiana and Angela Thorpe Thackery of Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Willis and Carol Ogle of Denver and his paternal grandmother Elli Eigner of Algonquin, Illinois; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, a nephew and many friends. A gathering for family and friends will be held by the Wabash Elks Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 1:30 - 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to an account set up for the benefit of Sofia Perkins through Wells Fargo Bank (Wabash or Peru). Arrangements by Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation Society. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 3, 2015

Rev. TSgt. **James L. Hoffheins**, U.S.A.F., Ret, 86, Kokomo, passed away at 5:20 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015, at Aperia Care in Peru. He was born on Jan. 25, 1929, in Bowling Green, Ohio, the son of Edgar & Hazel (Orwig) Hoffheins. On April 28, 1959, in Peru, he married Delores M. Ogle and she preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 2014. J.L. was a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1972 as a Tech Sergeant after 21 years of service. J.L. served as minister at North Grove Independent Church in North Grove, Indiana, from 1974-1986. He had also worked part time at K-Mart. J.L. worked at Cub Foods in Kokomo after his retirement from the ministry. He loved to fish, read his bible, visiting with church members and tinkering around in his garage. J.L. is survived by his daughter, Angel (Earl) Clingaman, Bunker Hill; grandchildren, Alicia (Josh) Baker, Tony (Amie) Hall, and Tiffanie Clingaman; great-grandchildren, Lexie, Jhonna, Lily, Alex, Tony, Leo, and Joselynn May, along with several nieces and nephews. J.L. is preceded in death by his parents, wife, Delores Hoffheins, granddaughter, Crystal Dawn Clingaman, four sisters, and four brothers. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at Christian Heritage Church, 3007 East Carter Street, Kokomo, with Pastor Phil Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in J.L.'s name to Christian Heritage Church. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com). Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Kenneth Dale Miller Sr.**, of Amboy, passed away Jan. 30, 2015 at his residence. He was born July 27, 1939 in Peru, the son of Elmer and Daisy (Musser) Miller. He was a member of Cadets of the Civil Air Patrol of Troy, Ohio in 1957. He worked for Square D in Peru from May 1966 to November 2001 where he retired from. He enjoyed model trains, gardening, and being outdoors. He is survived by his son Kenneth Dale Miller Jr. (Peru); daughter Susette Marie Garcia (Austin, Minnesota); sister Carol Miller (Wisconsin); two brothers, Paul Miller (Utah) and Robert Miller (Ohio). He had five grandchildren James, Susan, Brittany, Cody, Angel and five great grandchildren Jaedyn, Willow, Ryleigh, Stephany, Zoey, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Ann Miller, one brother, Francis E Miller, and one sister, June Hughes. Family and friends can pay respects from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with funeral following at 1 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 7, 2015 at Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home 105 W 3rd St., Peru, IN. Flowers and memorial contributions can be made to Flowers-Leedy.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Ramona Lisa 'Bo' (Burns) Minglin**, 52, of Kokomo, passed away at 6:52 p.m. Monday Feb. 2, 2015 in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Born June 9, 1962 in Jacksonville, North Carolina she was the daughter of the late Jackie Lee Burns and Patsy Ann Benson. On Sept. 22, 2001, in Kokomo, Indiana, she married Shannon Lee Minglin, and he survives. She was currently head bartender at Applebees in Kokomo for 18 years. She enjoyed going to the beach, working in her yard, and having a good time with her friends and family. She loved making the trip back to North Carolina from Indiana. Survivors include her husband Shannon Lee Minglin of Kokomo; one daughter Morgan L. Strickland of Kokomo; a step-son Christopher Minglin of Kokomo; three brothers Jackie Lee Burns Jr. of Kokomo, James Lucas (Frances) Burns of Watha, North Carolina, and Mark (Vickie) Engle of Kokomo; adopted sister of 39 years Pam Valle of North Carolina; her best friend Della Anderson of Kokomo; also several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Jackie Lee Burns; her mother Patsy Ann Benson; also her step-mother Cora M. (Kelley) Burns. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday Feb. 9, 2015 at Eilers Mortuary Main Street Chapel, 725 South Main Street, Kokomo. Reverend Mark Engle will officiate. Cremation will follow. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Memorials may be directed to the Morgan Strickland Help Fund, at any Financial Builders Credit Union. You are invited to read 'Bo's' obituary at [www.eilersmortuary.com](http://www.eilersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book or share a personal message to the family.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN (IN) - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Loletta Lynn Higdon**, 46, Peru, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born Feb. 1, 1969, in Peru, Indiana, she was the daughter of James William and Inez Marie Hall Higdon. She was a 1988 graduate of North Miami High School and attended the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru. She is survived by two siblings, Karen Marie Hall Glenn and Mark A. Hall; fiancé Nancy Renee Wilhelm Dunn, Kokomo; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to assist with final expenses.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN (IN) - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Louis (Boston ) George Jr.** passed away at the Luthren Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on Feb. 3, 2015. He was born on Jan. 17, 1962 in Beverly, Massachusetts to Louis L George Sr. and Corinne M Julien (Shipman). Louis is survived by his wife Ida; his father Louis George Sr. (Barbie); four step-brothers, Glenn, Danny(Jennifer), Scott and Derrick Shipman (Dreama); four step-sisters, Jessica (Wes), Stacy (Amanda), Diona Holiday, Denese (Jim) Crite; five step-children Dusty Bingle, John Hoff, Jessica Wolfe (Paul), Kenneth Leazenby (Melissa), Tiffany Forbes (Damon); eight grandchildren, four nephews, one neice and step-father Dick (Corrine) Shipman. Louis was a disabled Veteran, who served nine years in the Navy. He was blessed with many friends and extended family and was loved by all his APA and Napa family. He loved playing pool, all Boston sports teams, and he knew how to make everyone smile by all the goofy things he would do and say. He also loved to spend time with his grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A love offering can be made to Louis at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 West Third Street, Peru, IN 46970.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**James Monroe Baker** passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Feb. 2, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He was born on Nov. 11, 1959 to Arthur and Marcialeen Baker of Peru. Surviving are his son Brian Baker Peru; daughter Samantha Smith San. Diego, California; fiancé Idella Beliles, Rochester; sister Barb Cole Lake Cicott; sister Arlene Caldwell Hazard, Kentucky; daughter-in-law Natasha Baker; grandchildren Alexyss Baker, James Baker Jr., Makenzee Baker, Joshua Baker, Kaylynn, Kyndra, and Karyssa; and stepchildren Herman Beliles and Laura Beliles. He is preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Marcialeen Baker, a son, Joshua Baker, and a grandson Brayden Malik Arias Baker. James worked at Western Reman Industrial for 10 years. Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 from 11 a.m. -4 p.m. at Peoria Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Delilah C. Dewing**, 4, of Peru passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at Duke's Memorial Hospital in Peru. Born on Sept. 1, 2010 in Kokomo, she was the daughter of Lacey Arbuckle and Shaun Dewing. Delilah attended the Walton Christian Church Pre-School Program. She loved her baby dolls, the movie 'Frozen', and watching 'Barney'. She was very outgoing, loving, and will be missed by so many. Survivors include: her mother, Lacey Arbuckle (Talleigha Titus) of Peru; father Shaun Dewing of Peru; grandparents; Patrick 'Mike' and Theresa 'Tess' Arbuckle, Tina and Billy Mitchell, all of Peru, Lisa and Robert Titus of Walton, and Sheryl and Mike Dewing of Peru; great-grandparents, Ruth and Steve Binion of Terre Haute, Mike and Becky Foreman of Nyona Lake, Mary Carpenter of Kokomo, Joseph Titus of Florida, and Alan and Melissa Massey; aunts and uncles, Amanda Adkins, Josh Carpenter, Mike Johnson, Sabrina Arbuckle, Marissa Kleinricht, Patrick Arbuckle, Stephen Dewing, Stephanie Dewing, Makyla Dewing, Mary Ann Dewing, and Mike Dewing. She is also survived by several great aunts and uncles and many cousins. Delilah was preceded in death by great-grandparents; Barbara and Larry Arbuckle, Joseph Carpenter, Jacqueline Larimore, and Dorothy Titus, great great grandparents, Harold and Shirley Massey, and an uncle, Stern Titus. Services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9, 2015 at Murray - Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Pastor Bill Collins officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be held at the Walton I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Asthma Foundation. Please sign the guest book and leave a condolence for the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Gregory Allen DeRossett**, 51, formerly of Peru, passed away at 2:25 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. He was born June 6, 1963 to Christopher C. and Catherine L. Williams DeRossett in Louisville, Kentucky. Greg married Frances A. Scalia in Amarillo, Texas, March 20, 1999 and she survives. Gregory is survived by his loving wife Frances; his mother Catherine DeRossett and step-father Elmer Sloan, Peru; children Christopher DeRossett, Indianapolis, Preston DeRossett and Amber, Indianapolis, Westley DeRossett and Kristen, Indianapolis, John Reeser, Indianapolis, Jerral Deford, Peru, Scott Larson, Amarillo, Texas, and Janet Larson, Morgantown, West Virginia; grandchildren Catherine, Jayden and Summer DeRossett, Indianapolis, Brianna Cook, Indiana, Aspen Moore, Emily and Dylan Nantz, Morgantown, West Virginia; brothers Christopher DeRossett, Fritch, Texas, Elmer Sloan and his wife Sheila of Peru; sisters: Cassandra Bainbridge and her husband Mike, Sturgis, Michigan, Charlene DeRossett, Peru, and Arcella Harris and her husband Joe, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Gregory was preceded in death by his father Christopher DeRossett. Greg served in the US Army and then starting working as a HVAC Supervisor, was a member of the Elks, an avid UK Wildcat Fan and Nascar Racing fan with his favorite driver Rusty Wallace. He enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren and family. He loved his dogs Buster, Idget, Jake and Bandit. His favorite pastime was fishing and camping with his wife and children. A service Celebrating the Life of Gregory A. DeRossett will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street with Pastor Robert Engel officiating. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Online condolences are available at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 5, 2015

**Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Roberta Maus**, 90, a resident of Blair Ridge and formerly of Denver, Indiana, passed away at 9:38 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born March 1, 1924 in Denver, Indiana, she was the daughter of Dwight L. and May L. Leedy Shoemaker. On June 5, 1976, at the home of Rev. George Hapner, in Fulton, Indiana, she was married to Herschel L. Maus, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2008. Gwen was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School. She was a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star where she had been Worthy Matron at the Mexico Chapter. She retired from Square D Corporation, Peru. Survivors include a step-son, Steven A. Maus and his wife Linda, Russiaville; a step-daughter, Beverly West and her husband Chris, Missouri; and one step-grandson, Justin Maus and his wife Tarah, Kokomo; two step great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emmaleigh Maus, Kokomo; one sister, Connie Hunt, Peru; one sister-in-law, Joan Shoemaker, Denver; one brother-in-law, Raymond Steele, Wabash; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Malcolm Shoemaker, a sister, Marcia Steele, and one step-grandson, Andy Maus; and one brother-in-law, Doyal Hunt. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deedsville United Methodist Church.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 9, 2015

**Donald W. Floyd Sr.** - A wonderful man went to the arms of God Feb. 6, 2015 at the St. Vincent Heart Center after an unexpected heart event. Donald was born in Brazil, Indiana on July 5, 1934. He served 21 years in the United States Air Force and 20 years in the Civil Service. He was married to his best friend and soulmate Marilyn McGuire on Aug. 10, 1952. They shared 62 years of love and friendship. He settled in Bunker Hill, Indiana where he was active on the town board. He excelled in everything that he did. In his spare time, he loved woodworking, car restoration, and NASCAR. He was often picked on for his perfectionism with his yard work, but it was something he truly took pride in. But what he took pride in the most was his family. He loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with all of his heart. Don is survived by his wife, Marilyn; three grandchildren, Scott Floyd (James Willett), Kelly (Will) Langston, and Ashley (Brett) Altmiller; and seven great grandchildren Jackson, Audrey, Cameron, John Anthony, Aeden, Drake, and Kennedy; and two sisters Bonnie and Susie. Don was preceded in death by his mother and father, brother Jerry, and his two precious children Donnie and Sherry. Funeral services will be held Wednesday Feb. 10, 2015 at Allen Funeral home from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a memorial immediately after. Pastor Phil Cruea will officiate. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 10, 2015

**Virginia (Kreutzer) Klug**, 88, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, surrounded by her family. Born Mary Virginia Kreutzer in Peru, Indiana on April 4, 1926 to Jacob and Anna (Rhein) Kreutzer and attended St Charles Borromeo School, Peru, through second grade. Her family moved to Logansport and she graduated from Logansport High School, in 1944. She attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana and graduated in 1948. Virginia was employed with the C&O Railroad prior to her marriage. In 1956, she married John Charles Klug. She was a longtime member of Epiphany of the Lord Parish - Sacred Heart Church and the Third Order of St Francis of Assisi, and volunteered with Heartbeat of Toledo. She was preceded in death by her father, Jacob Anselm Kreutzer D.D.S.; mother, Anna Columbia Rhein McDowell; step-father, Dr. Marvin McDowell; daughter, Rose Marie Klug; and brothers, Jacob William Kreutzer and Joseph Jerome Kreutzer. Surviving are her husband, John Charles Klug; sons, John Augustine Klug, Gerard Jacob Klug, Carl Joseph Klug, Victor Robert Klug, and Michael Graves Klug; grandson, Ian Mackenzie Klug; granddaughters, Christina Ashling Klug, and Liese Eilen Klug. Friends may call at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral home, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Road on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 from 2 - 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in Epiphany of the Lord Parish - Sacred Heart Church, 509 Oswald Street, Toledo, where the family will greet friends beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Heartbeat of Toledo, 4041 West Sylvania Avenue Suite LL4, Toledo, Ohio 43623. Eggleston Meinert & Pavley have been entrusted with arrangements. Visit [www.eggleston-meinert.com](http://www.eggleston-meinert.com).

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**Virginia "Ginnie" (Kreutzer) Klug**, 88, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, surrounded by her family. Born Mary Virginia Kreutzer in Peru, Indiana on April 4, 1926 to Jacob and Anna (Rhein) Kreutzer, she attended St Charles Borromeo School, Peru, through second grade. Her family moved to Logansport and she graduated from Logansport High School, in 1944. She attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana and graduated in 1948, but continued to enjoy trips back to her hometown. Ginnie was employed with the C&O Railroad prior to her marriage. In 1956, she married John Charles Klug. She was a longtime member of Epiphany of the Lord Parish - Sacred Heart Church and the Third Order of St Francis of Assisi, and volunteered with Heartbeat of Toledo. Throughout her life she strived to be a woman of great faith. Ginnie was selflessly devoted to her family. She enjoyed helping her children with homework, pets and their paper routes. School field trips, trips to ball practice, and fishing trips were memorable in the 1953 Packard Sedan. She treated her children's friends like family. While traveling to visit relatives in Peru, Indiana, Ginnie and her family would visit the circus, the town fair, Maconaquah Park, and fishing at the Spillway. She also took frequent trips to Canada with her family and once went on a pilgrimage with her daughter, Rose Marie, to Lourdes, France. Ginnie also enjoyed tending to her garden, house plants, sewing, grocery shopping, and cooking holiday dinners for her family and friends. Her love was never more evident than when she cared for her children's frequent injuries and illnesses, and convalesced her mother and later her mother-in-law in her own home. There is so much more to her story that can never be completely told. She will be dearly missed by her family and the many lives she touched. She was preceded in death by her father, Jacob Anselm Kreutzer D.D.S.; mother, Anna Columbia Rhein McDowell; step-father, Dr. Marvin McDowell; daughter, Rose Marie Klug; and brothers, Jacob William Kreutzer and Joseph Jerome Kreutzer. Surviving are her husband, John Charles Klug; sons, John Augustine

Klug, Gerard Jacob Klug, Carl Joseph Klug, Victor Robert Klug, and Michael Graves Klug; grandson, Ian Mackenzie Klug; granddaughters, Christina Ashling Klug, and Liese Eilen Klug. Friends may call at the Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral home, Oregon Chapel, 440 S. Coy Road on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015 from 2 - 8 p.m.. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in Epiphany of the Lord Parish - Sacred Heart Church, 509 Oswald Street, Toledo, where the family will greet friends beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Heartbeat of Toledo, 4041 West Sylvania Avenue Suite LL4 , Toledo, Ohio 43623.

Closing with a bed-time story, as told by her:

"Let me tell you a story about Jackie Nory.

Now my story's begun.

I'll tell you another about Jackie's brother,

Now my story's done."

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**Gwendolyn "Gwen" Roberta Maus**, 90, a resident of Blair Ridge and formerly of Denver, Indiana, passed away at 9:38 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born March 1, 1924 in Denver, Indiana, she was the daughter of Dwight L. and May L. Leedy Shoemaker. On June 5, 1976, at the home of Rev. George Hapner, in Fulton, Indiana, she was married to Herschel L. Maus, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2008. Gwen was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School. She was a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star where she had been Worthy Matron at the Mexico Chapter. She retired from Square D Corporation, Peru. Survivors include a step-son, Steven A. Maus and his wife Linda, Russiaville; a step-daughter, Beverly West and her husband Chris, Missouri; and one step-grandson, Justin Maus and his wife Tarah, Kokomo; two step great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emmaleigh Maus, Kokomo; one sister, Connie Hunt, Peru; one sister-in-law, Joan Shoemaker, Denver; one brother-in-law, Raymond Steele, Wabash; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Malcolm Shoemaker, a sister, Marcia Steele, and one step-grandson, Andy Maus; and one brother-in-law, Doyal Hunt. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deedsville United Methodist Church.

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**Cletus James "Jim" Zimmerman**, 77, of Richvalley, Indiana, died at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 at Autumn Ridge Healthcare Center in Wabash. He was born June 4, 1937 in Marion, to Cletus Leroy and Bernice (Christner) Zimmerman. Jim was a 1956 graduate of Converse High School. He was a US Army veteran. He married Janice K. Walters on Aug. 1, 1970; she died July 4, 2006. He worked at Ford Meter Box in Wabash 36 and a half years retiring in 2000. Jim was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15. He enjoyed, camping, going to the gambling boats, watching NASCAR, was a car show enthusiast, riding motorcycles, and especially enjoyed his grandchildren and going to their activities. He is survived by his step-daughter, Sheryl (Stan) Wilson and two grandchildren, Danyel Wilson and Chase Wilson, all of Peru; sister, Beverly (Merrill) Tibbets of Converse; niece, Debra (Dan) Dale of Wabash; nephew, Michael (Luanne) Tibbets of Converse; his aunt, Mary Christner of Peru; and several cousins. He was also preceded in death by his parents, a son, Brian Keith Zimmerman, and stepson, Brook George. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Dave Troxell officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association. The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)

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**Wayne E. Downham**, 88, passed away on Feb. 11, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, with his family by his side. Wayne was born to Clarence and Eva (Shirar) Downham on Sept. 15, 1926 in Howard County, Indiana. He retired from Delco Electronics in 1993 after 35 years of service, and he owned Downham Electric Service for 30 years in Peru. He was an avid golfer for many years. He belonged to the Eagles Lodge and enjoyed playing poker, and growing tomato plants or anything in the garden, and was a huge sports fan. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He married Marjorie Jane "Janie" (Attic) Downham in September 1948. They were married for 62 years. She passed away in 2011. Wayne is survived by: three children: Mike Downham of Kokomo, Martha Downham of Peru, and Twilla Wojciechowski of Minnesota; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother: Harold Downham of California, two Sisters: Frieda Humes of Arizona and Lois Wilkinson of Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marjorie "Janie" Downham, a son, Patrick Downham, and two sisters. Wayne had a great sense of humor and will be missed by all. Friends may call from 5 -7 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 13, 2015

**Sandra Lu Huber**, 75, Peru, passed away peacefully at 11:10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 surrounded by her loving family at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Sandra had struggled with Dementia and Alzheimer's for nearly 20 years. Sandra Lu Huber was born to Robert E. and Jessie Brown Smith on Oct. 4, 1939 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Sandra married Chase Huber in 1957 and he preceded her in death in 2001. Together they raised two children. She was a dedicated housewife, mother and grandmother. She worked as the Secretary for the Grant Street Elementary School here in Peru until its closing, she then later worked and retired from Square D. Sandra is survived by: a son Bobby and his wife Denise Huber, Peru; a daughter Susan Huber Rody, Peru; grandchildren Ryan Rody, Haley Robertson and Jayna Huber; a sister Lenea and her husband Doug Pfeifer; a brother Butch and his wife Beverly Smith; and a

sister-in-law Tommy Poer. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Chase, a brother Chuck Smith and a granddaughter Christine Rody. A service celebrating the life of Sandra Huber, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with the Pastor Randy Shinolt officiating. Burial will follow at the Ever Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Alzheimer's Association or Donate Life America.

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**Richard V. Williams (Rick)** passed away peacefully on the morning of Feb. 12, 2015 after a short battle with cancer, with his wife and son by His side. He was born in Washington State on Aug. 25, 1951 to Junior Van Williams and Doris Jean Cooksey. Rick married Carole on Dec. 13, 1974. They were blessed with one son-Jake. Rick was a quiet, hard working man who always saw the best in others and was always willing to lend a helping hand. When he was told by doctors that his illness was terminal, his biggest fear was leaving his wife with things undone. Family, friends, and coworkers jumped in to help and for that Rick was so very humbled and grateful. He was a devoted animal lover, loved car racing, shooting guns, wheeling and dealing, working around his home, and spending time with his family. This quiet gentle soul enriched all who knew him. Rick was employed by Thrush Company for almost 40 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years - Carole, his son Jake and his Wife, Erin, and his grandchildren whom he loved so much Lexi, Kay, Brantlee and Kaelyn. Others who survive include his sister and brother-in-laws, Brenda and Steve Constable, Mike and Maria Smyth, not to forget the many friends that are considered family. Each and every one of us are connected by this wonderful amazing man. Friends may call Monday Feb. 16, 2015 from 2 - 6 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be held Monday Feb. 16, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Love offerings may be made to the Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 13, 2015

**Mark D. Fisher** of Atlanta, Georgia, son of Norma and Bill Biddle of Peru and the late Dennis P. Fisher, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 10, 2015. Mark was born and raised in Peru where he graduated from Peru High School in 1976. He went on to graduate in 1980 from the University of Southern California majoring in cinematography. He has resided in Atlanta for the past 23 years, working in restaurants and catering. Mark's passions were cinema and theatre and he greatly enjoyed making annual trips to New York City to see the latest Broadway shows. He was a fan of Cole Porter and his works. Mark had an engaging personality, a big heart and a zest for life. He was devoted to and loved by his family and close circle of friends who he brought much joy and happiness to. Mark is survived by his mother and stepfather, Norma and Bill Biddle of Peru, brothers Tim (Cherlyn) Fisher of Bloomington and King (Sally) Fisher of Indianapolis, as well as nephews Jordan, Chase, Kendall and Zane Fisher, and niece Jessica Fisher. Mark will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be given to the Miami County Museum, Cole Porter Collection, 51 N. Broadway, Peru, IN 46970. Friends may call from 12 - 2 p.m. Tuesday, with the funeral at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Loft officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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**Fannie L. Bontrager**, 92, Peru, passed away at 1:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 at Aperia Care of Peru. She was born May 12, 1922 the daughter of Levi G. and Carrie Kauffman Miller. She married Alvin J. Bontrager in Douglas County, Illinois on Dec. 17, 1942 and he preceded her in death Nov. 19, 2005. Fannie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a long time member of the Mennonite Church, very active in the church and the Gideon's. Fannie being a homemaker, she loved to quilt and enjoyed her roses. Fannie enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family and friends. Surviving are: her sons James Bontrager and his wife Karen, Westfield; John Bontrager and his wife Carla, Cicero; Sam Bontrager and his wife Sonia, Peru; Dale Bontrager and his wife Chris, Peru; daughter Marie Chilcutt and her husband Thomas, Peru; grandchildren Tammy Zartman, Tim Chilcutt, Marci Engel, Staci Hovermale, Scott Bontrager, Tish Crook, Ryan Bontrager, Shannon Bontrager, Jared Bontrager, Cody Bontrager, Josey Bontrager and Jenny Bontrager; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters Lela Reynolds, Arthur, Illinois and Mary Yoder, Arthur, Illinois; a brother in law Jerry Kuhns, Arthur, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Alvin, a daughter Mary Ellen; two brothers Harvey Miller and Eli Miller; and a sister Lizzie Ann Kuhns. A service celebrating the life of Fannie L. Bontrager will be held on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 S., Kokomo, with the Pastor Rob Hovermale officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015, at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. The family of Fannie L. Bontrager would like to thank the staff of Aperia Care Center of Peru Alzheimer's Unit for the care Fannie received while in their care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 13, 2015

**Gary Allen Brothers**, 34, of Wabash, died at 5:28 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born Dec. 3, 1980 in Wabash, to Mark and Martha (Sorenson) Brothers. Gary worked for Cam Metal Fabrication in North Manchester. He enjoyed fishing, listening to music, skate boarding, classic cars, and riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. He is survived by his parents, Mark L. and Martha L. Brothers of Wabash; brother, Joe Brothers of Lagro; grandmothers, Carol Sue Brothers of Wabash and Emma Jane Sheeringa of Peru; nephew, Dylan Brothers of Lagro; girlfriend, Ashley Renz of Wabash; and several aunts and uncles. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Big Brothers Big Sisters. The memorial guest book for Gary may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 13, 2015

**Betty N. Wilson**, 82, Peru, passed away at 12:41 PM, Thursday Feb., 12, 2015 at Miller Merry Manor in Peru. There will be a Memorial Service celebrating the life of Betty N. Wilson at a later date. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 14, 2015](#)

**Betty Jean Kinney**, 79, Macy, In., passed away on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born Sept. 14, 1935, in Indianapolis, In. On May 17, 1980, in Indianapolis, In., she married John H. Kinney, and he survives. Betty attended Howe High School in Indianapolis. She was an excellent cook, baking many confections for her family, which she loved more than anything. She also enjoyed traveling and was a lover of all animals, she especially enjoyed her many feline companions over the years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Ginger Fitzpatrick, Martinsville; Michael Newcomb, Las Vegas, Nev.; Steven Newcomb and wife Carmen, Noblesville; Rebecca Eisenhut and husband Jeff, Indianapolis; Elizabeth Bush, Peru; eight grandchildren, Michelle and Heather Newcomb, Nevada; Kenzie Kampf-Vaneff, Indianapolis; Cassidy Bush, Peru; Samantha and Marisa Newcomb, Noblesville; and Monika and Jackie Eisenhut, Indianapolis; one great-grandchild, Ascellia Vaneff; three step-children, John H. Kinney, North Dakota; Michelle Farmer, Florida; and Michael Kinney, Iowa; and several step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, In. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Alzheimers Association or the Susan B. Komen Foundation. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 14, 2015](#)

**Ethel Marie Smith**, 88, formerly of Macy, In, passed away at 8:25 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Born March 12, 1926, in Miami County, In, she was the daughter of Clarence I. and Opal M. Hively Grogg. She was married to Benjamin Franklin Smith, and he preceded her in death on July 7, 2001. She was a dairy farmer in Miami County, In, for over 40 years and had been an active member of the Miami County Farm Bureau. She was a fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include her two children, Charles 'Chuck' Smith, Macy; and Beverly Brown, Denver; five grandchildren, Jeff Smith and wife Nicole, Macy; Chris Smith and wife Crystal, Denver; and Jerry Smith and wife Heather, Macy; Brian Raber, Macy; and Haley Hilliard and husband Jaisun, Indianapolis; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Grogg, Houston, Texas. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Pauline Stokes and Gladys Grogg. Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, In, with Pastor Julie Walker officiating. Private burial will be at Gilead Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 14, 2015](#)

**Helen E. Tyler**, 89, Peru, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. Born July 13, 1925, in Akron, Indiana, she was the daughter of Ben and Maranda Sopher Glassburn. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Miami County, she was married to John H. Tyler, Sr., and he preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1980. Helen was a member of the First Assembly of God. She loved crossword puzzles, word searches, and volunteering at the Salvation Army. Survivors include her children, Bill Tyler, Sharon Tyler, Sandy Tyler and companion Dwayne Jones, and Debra Wheetley and her husband Kenny, all of Peru; one step-son, John Melvin Tyler, Hilmar, California; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by numerous brothers and sisters; one son, John H. 'John Boy' Tyler, Jr.; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Sons. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015, at First Assembly of God, Peru, with Pastor E. J. Litherland and Chaplain Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be to the Helen Tyler Memorial Fund in care of McClain Funeral Home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 16, 2015](#)

**Mercedis Elizabeth Fenton** celebrated her Victory in Christ at 8:46 pm Saturday evening, Feb. 14 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Surrounded by family, she passed comfortably knowing many loved her and that she was in God's hands. Mercedis was born on Jan. 1, 1930 in Old Washington, Ohio to Harold W. and Lenora E. (Bales) Bloom. As an only child, she and her mother often stayed with relatives or lived in temporary housing as her father traveled for his work with the railroad. She was thrilled when her parents purchased their home on East Fifth Street in Peru. She was an excellent student, graduating from Peru High School. Clyde Emerson Fenton was the love of her life. They met in Peru, married on Aug. 27, 1948, and enjoyed 53 years together before his passing on Jan. 14, 2002. They were blessed with two sons, Clyde Emerson Fenton Jr. and wife Tamera L. Fenton; and Harold Kim Fenton and wife Carol S. Fenton. Mercedis enjoyed a long career as a legal secretary serving three generations of attorneys – Hurd J. Hurst, James A. Grund, and James H. Grund. She was a 58-year-member of the First Christian Church. She enjoyed a large circle of lifelong friends who loved and supported each other throughout the years. Mercedis welcomed new additions to the family with open arms, loved her pets, and cherished special neighbors. Her family includes: Bradley and Amy Fenton and their children Grace, Max, and Ava; Jared and Kelly (Fenton) Fishback, and their children Jenna, Natalie, and Lindsey; Adam and Julie (Fenton) Brower, and their children Bryce and Cameron, all of Peru; Jessie Fenton of Greensburg and Todd and Courtney (Fenton) McEuen of Evansville. Services will be Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 10 a.m., with viewing from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gideons International or a charity of your choice. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 17, 2015](#)

**Betty N. Wilson**, 82, Peru, passed away at 12:41 p.m., Thursday Feb. 12, 2015 at Miller Merry Manor in Peru. Betty was born to Alonzo and Elva Walker Bishop on Oct. 15, 1932. Betty was a dedicated housewife, mother and grandmother. She worked as a Court Room Matron and a Juvenile Officer in DuPage County, Illinois until retirement and then she moved to Peru to be near family. Betty is survived by a son Farron and his wife Susan Callias, Fairview, Illinois; two daughters Yvonne and her husband Deacon Truman Stevens, Peru and Darlene Brookmeyer, Sesser, Illinois; five grandchildren, Samantha Brookmeyer, Tiffany Brookmeyer, Christopher and his wife Nikki Stevens, Michelle and her husband Adam Wall and Daniel Stevens; four great-grandchildren Ashely Hicks,

Brooklyn Hicks, Addison Stevens and Colton Stevens; two sisters June Curtis and Barbara and her husband Jack Cote. She was preceded in death by her parents. There will be a Memorial Service celebrating the life of Betty N. Wilson at a later date. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 17, 2015

**Toby L. Burkhardt**, Kokomo, left us too soon on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015, at 3:05 a.m. with Karen Buyer Burkhardt, loving wife of 30 years and family by his side. Herbert LeRoy 'Ike' and Elizabeth 'Liz' (Martin) Burkhardt and daughter Joyce welcomed Toby into their family on Aug. 18, 1939 in Elwood, Indiana. The family grew to include brother Fritz and sister Kathy Jo. He grew in stature and basketball in the close community of Windfall. His marriage to Karen Buyer was in Monticello, Indiana on June 29, 1985. Toby graduated from Windfall High School in 1957. He led the '57 Windfall Dragons basketball team to an undefeated season as center. Toby earned a basketball scholarship to North Carolina State. He then transferred to the McMurry University Indians Basketball team, in Abilene, Texas in 1959. The 1961-2 Team went to the NAIA National Championship in Kansas City. Toby is a Top Ten all-time scorer for McMurry University. Coach Hershel Kimbrell said, 'Toby is one of the best college basketball players I ever had the honor to coach. He was a team player. Hitting 13 shots in a row from all over the court, he scored 36 points in the first half of the game against Midwestern State. I felt bad, but I had to set him down because he led his team to over 70 points in the first half.' Toby, who earned the collegiate nickname, 'The Bear,' was inducted into the McMurry University Athletic Hall of Honor in 1986. He recounted his 1963 season playing with the Washington Nationals against the Harlem Globe Trotters as, 'a lot of fun.' Toby began his teaching career at Windfall High School; upon consolidation he began the programs at Tri-Central High School. In his 34-year tenure, he taught Industrial Arts, Physical Education, Driver Education and Health. He also coached golf and freshman basketball. He retired from Tri Central in 2000. In 2005, Toby and Karen opened the American Driving Academy in Kokomo, IN. Locations followed in Tipton, Peru, Logansport and Marion. His commitment to Hoosier teens is his legacy. He was known as the undefeated horse basketball champion. Toby excelled at golf, woodworking, rebuilding garden tractors, fishing, and gardening. He truly enjoyed sitting on the banks of the Tippecanoe River at their cottage with his black Labrador by his side. Toby will be greatly missed by his wife, Karen, and her family who loved him like their own son and brother, daughters LeeAnne LaBlanc (Brian), Mary 'Betsy' Kuefner (fiancée Tom Lingelbaugh) and grandsons Cody Kuefner and Allan Duvall, brother Fritz (Linda) of Sharpsville and sister Kathy Jo (Jerry) Carter of Whitestown, Tennessee and nieces Terrie Dilley and Diana Padgett. Toby was preceded in death by his parents, sister Joyce (Martin) Thompson, nephews Mark, Matt and Mike Thompson and granddaughter Abigail Burkhardt. Special Thank you to Dr. Moore and Dr. Price of the Howard Community Oncology Dept, St Joseph Hospice, and Pastor Jeff Russell and all those who have stood with us in their prayers. 'Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand' Isaiah 41:10 Service is Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. at Tri Central gym 2115 W. 500 N. Sharpsville. Reception with family immediately following at Tri Central. Private graveside services are on Monday. Please send Memorial contributions to the Toby Burkhardt Memorial Fund, Tipton County Community Foundation, PO Box 412. Tipton, IN 46072. Online condolences may be left at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**Lewis E. Cunningham Sr.**, 78, of Amboy, passed away at 8:50 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Converse on May 6, 1936 the son of Lewis D. and Gladys J. Burke Cunningham. Lewis married Jeanette Camp in Las Vegas, Nevada on Aug. 17, 1958 and she survives. Lewis was a 1954 graduate of Converse High School. He served in the United States Navy where he retired after 20 years of service. Lewis Owned and operated the Converse Filling Station and worked at Mississinewa Marina retiring from both. A sportsman at heart, Lewis loved basketball and fishing. Surviving in addition to his wife, Jeanette, are his mother, Gladys Cunningham of Marion, daughters, Teresa Nieman of Amboy and Rena Charlobise and her husband Robert of Dallastown, Pennsylvania; a son Lewis E. Cunningham, Jr. of Amboy; grandchildren Stacy Duncan and fiancé Robert Hoffman, Sunshine Black, Gina (Artie) Wischman, Chas(Andy) Zelinsky and Elise Metz; great-grandchildren Sophia Hoffman, Carina Hoffman, Samantha Powell, Kendra Wiles, Addison Wischman, Jack Zelinsky, Ben Zelinsky, Madison Metz, Austin Black and Artie Wischman IV; brothers Ronald Cunningham of Amboy and Jerry Cunningham of Florida; sisters Diana Wimpelberg of Converse and Billie Bowman of Amboy. Lewis was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Charles Cunningham. A gathering for Lewis E. Cunningham Sr., will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 at the Amboy United Methodist Church, 202 East Pennsylvania St., Amboy with Pastor Randy Smoot officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**Mildred Arlene Sarver**, 100, of Peru passed away at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born on Jan. 8, 1915, the daughter of Charles and Bertha (Dewald) Friend of Peru. On March 13, 1937, Mildred married Ralph R. Sarver at Mexico Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1985. Ralph and Mildred were previous owners of Midland Lumber Company and Mildred continued working there into her early 90s. She enjoyed the Bible and attending church. In addition, she taught children's Sunday school classes for many years. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting and growing flowers. Sarver is survived by: her sons, Jerry (Nancy) Sarver and Edward (Valorie) Sarver, both of Peru; five grandchildren, Christopher (Stacey) Sarver, David (Shelley) Sarver, Barbara (Ronnie) Krisher, Mark (Krista) Sarver, and Sandra Arwood; six great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. Her sister, Rosie (Marlin) Roller also survives. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Evelyn Friend and Maxine Brown; and a brother, Gerald Friend. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, with Pastor Charles B. Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015, from 1 - 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Baptist Church. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 19, 2015

**Marcia Rader Berg Gooe**, 57, passed away at her home in Camden, South Carolina, on Feb. 10, 2015, with her husband, Michael, at her side. She was born March 13, 1957, in Peru, to Ronald L. Rader and Beverly (Gerard) Bowman and stepfather Robert G. Bowman. She is survived by her husband, mother and stepfather; her daughter, Tiffany (Jeremy) Chapman, of Salem, South Carolina, and a son, Brandon (Verena) Berg, of Charleston, South Carolina, one granddaughter and two step-grandchildren; sisters, Theresa (Ed) Dabney, of Peru, and Cynthia Stewart, of Missouri; brothers, Timothy (Judy) Rader, of Kentucky, Ronnie Rader and Gregory Rader, both of Mexico, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald L. Rader and a brother, Richard L. Rader. A graveside service was held Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015, in the Sumter Cemetery in Sumter, South Carolina to celebrate the life of Marcia Rader Gooe. Local arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Dr. Robert Lowell Gottschalk II**, Bob, passed into heaven with God Feb 21, 2015 at the age of 49, after fighting a brave battle against Rheumatoid Arthritis. Bob was born in Indianapolis and spent his childhood in Greenfield and Peru, where he graduated from Maconaquah High School as the senior class President. He attended Indiana University and IU Dental School where he graduated at the top of his class. In 1992 Dr. Bob founded Complete Family Dentistry, in Greenfield, where he resided, and has cared well for hundreds of adults and children. Dr. Bob is survived by: his parents, Ron Gottschalk of Greenfield and Sue Mackey Allred of Fishers, formerly of Peru. He is also survived by his sister Lynn Gottschalk of Fishers; step-brother Matt (Erin) Allred with nephews Sawyer and Cooper and Niece Sullivan, of Reading, Pennsylvania; his wife, Angie Gottschalk and daughters Lyla (10) and Logan (7) of Greenfield. Bob is also survived by his uncle Ron (Carrol) Sampson, cousins Cindy Ogg and Scott (Valerie) Sampson of Torrance, California; aunt Sally (John) Mylet of Tipton; cousins Ronda (Eddie) Sampson Lee of Greensburg, and Debby (Alan) Myers. Bob was preceded in death by grandparents Marjorie and Robert Lowell Gottschalk of Bunker Hill and Betty and Merle Sampson of Peru, step-father Ron Allred, step-brother Sean Allred, and cousin Jeff Range of Peru. Bob had been blessed with a vision of a peaceful and pain-free heaven and was ready to go meet Jesus and his departed loved ones. Bob loved animals (especially his dog Gage,) hunting, travel, sports, movies and collecting watches, pocket knives, and sports memorabilia. Bob had flown airplanes, been scuba diving, and climbed the Harbour Bridge in Sydney, Australia. His greatest joys were his dental practice and his daughters. Bob was a kind, affectionate, and generous man who will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many. In lieu of flowers, please consider a Memorial Tribute in Bob's name to the Autism Society of Indiana at [autismsocietyofindiana.org](http://autismsocietyofindiana.org). Messages can be left for the family and service info is available at [erleweinmortuary.com](http://erleweinmortuary.com). Services will be held in Greenfield, Indiana with Visitation on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 3 - 7 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary on Hwy 40. The funeral will be held Friday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. at Bradley United Methodist Church on Hwy 40 with visitation from 12-2 p.m. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Linda Sue Lowman**, 60, Peru, passed away at 1:07 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. She was born March 8, 1954 in Kokomo, to the late William Edward and Beverly Jo (Forry) Roberson. On March 14, 2014 in Kokomo, she married James W. Lowman; and he survives. Linda graduated from Hayworth High School and was a home-maker all her life. She was a member of the Cornerstone Christian Center, loved playing Bingo and also loved We Care. She is survived by: her husband, James W. Lowman, Peru; daughter, Linda Foust, Peru; daughter and a son-in-law, JoAnna and Michael Ramer, Peru; son and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Deneen Foust, Amboy; daughter, Sheri Smith, Peru; step-son and step-daughter-in-law, Michael and Laura Lowman, Kokomo. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Sidney Ramer, Sean Ramer and Erin Foust; a sister and a brother-in-law, Deborah and David Bowser, Galveston; three brothers and two sister-in-law; Johnny and Mychelle Roberson, Galveston, Daniel Roberson, Peru, Richard and Mary Roberson, Kokomo; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two grandchildren, Jase and Cael Foust, and two brothers; Paul and Billy Roberson. An Eagle's service will begin at 10 a.m., followed by Pastor Paul Enochs' service, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2015 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street. Burial will follow at Fair Haven Cemetery, Mulberry, Indiana. Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 from 4-8 p.m. at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be directed to We Care or to the donor's choice. You are invited to read Linda's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guest book, share a personal message or order flowers for the family. Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Rose Brannum (Tyler)**, 83, passed away Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Rose was born on July 31, 1931 to Walter "Perry" and Anna (Newburn) Tyler in Warsaw, Indiana. She attended Peru High School. She married Marv Brannum in Peru. She was blessed with three sons, Charlie Wecht, Brett Brannum and Mitch Brannum. She was a homemaker and loved cooking dinners and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley and country music. She is survived by her sons Brett and his wife Sara, Mitch and his wife Tammy, and Daughter-in-law Linda Wecht. Grandchildren include Jennifer Whiteman, Perry Wecht and his wife Randi, Angie Gebhart, Jennifer Page, Paige Brannum, and Levi Brannum. Great grandchildren include: Casie, Hailey, Jace, Garrett, Charles, Caroline, Alexia, Courtney, Matthew, Sara, Brett, Kelly and Jalyn. Great-great grandchildren: include Grace, Benjamin, and Bentley. She has one surviving sister, Carol Hutchison. She also has several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Marv Brannum, son Charlie Wecht, brothers James Tyler, Floyd Tyler, Charles Tyler, Walter Tyler, John Tyler, Richard Tyler, sisters Anna Conley and Violet Edmond. No visitation is planned. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Jouit D. Willis** passed away peacefully Feb. 21, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor with wife, Virginia, daughter, Carla, and brother, Bobby at his side. He was born in Patsy County, Kentucky and moved with his family to Peru at age five. He met his wife at the

Streamliner Drive- In at Rochester and they were married by Reverend Kinsey at her family lake home on Lake Manitou. They spent 58 years together enjoying camping, gardening, boating and traveling. They also enjoyed their children, grandchildren and friends upon retiring to the lake. Twelve winters were spent at Piney Point Mobile Park in Palmetto, Florida, where many new friendships were made. He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Cronin) Willis, his children, Michael (Melinda) Willis, Peru, Carla (John) Bontrager Cicero and Jeffrey (Ann) Willis, Lizton. Grandchildren include Briana Morehead, Jonathan Remley, Jennie Konkle, Jamie Remley, Jeremy Remley, Shannon Bontrager, Jared Bontrager, Cody Bontrager, Sara Willis, Shelby Broyles and Sylvia Willis. Great-grandchildren are Michael, Ashton, Cohle, Peyton, Audrey-, Natalie, Levi, Tyler, Carly Rose, Kaylee and Alaina. Jouit is also survived by a sister, Lois Hoover and a brother, Bobby Willis. Preceded in death are his parents, Clay and Sylvia Willis and a brother, Lavone Willis. Jouit retired from Kingston Products, Kokomo and worked at Nails, Peru and Kokomo Spring, Kokomo. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 4 - 7 with the funeral held on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home, 103 West 3rd Street, Peru. Burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery with full Military Rites. In lieu of floral arrangements, memorials may be made to The Freedom Hunt, 200 Fourth Street, Logansport, Indiana 46947 or the American Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**"Susie" Bertha Elizabeth (Biggs) Selvidge**, 73, passed away on Feb. 21, 2015 at 5:05 p.m. at home in Peru. She was preceded in death by her father, Jim Biggs and mother, Miriam Case, her husband, Jimmy Lee Selvidge, and also her brother, Donald Sampson, of Peru. She was born Nov. 22, 1941 in Peru. Susie attended Peru High school and got her GED. She moved to South Haven, Michigan and got her cosmetology license and she owned and operated two successful beauty shops. Susie was a lady in life member of the VFW Post 2067 and she was a patriotic instructor and a chaplain at the Peru post. She also belonged to the Eagles and the Elks of Peru. She went to the First Christian Church in Peru. Susie married Frances Joseph Hoagland in Peru. They had three children, Robert Joseph Hoagland, Patrick Edward Hoagland, and Christena Marie Bostick all of Peru. She later on married, Jimmy Lee Selvidge in South Haven, Michigan. They had two children Michael Wayne Selvidge and Patricia Ann Selvidge of Albert Lea, Minnesota. She has eight grandchildren, Cassie, Robert, Jessie, Michael, Evan, Andrew, China, and Jamal. She also had 14 great grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter. Special friends include Tom Moore, and Guy and Linda Moore, and one special nurse, Kathy Sperling. She was survived by her brother William Biggs of Peru and her five children, Robert and Gail Hoagland- Patrick Hoagland- Bob and Christena Bostick all of Peru; also Micheal Wayne Selvidge and Patricia Ann Selvidge of Albert Lea, Minnesota. In lieu of a service, her wishes were to be cremated. Memorial contributions or offerings are to be given to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 west 3rd street Peru, In. Phone: 765-473-6674. A memorial service will be Friday at 12:30 p.m. at Flowers -Leedy Funeral Home. FriendsMay Call From 11a.m. till time of service at 12:30 p.m. at Flowers -Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor: Jim Loft officiating. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Betty Marie Bradley**, 92, passed away peacefully at home in Newport News, Virginia on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015. She retired as a secretary at Redmon's Basket Factory, and was a long time member of First Baptist Church, Peru. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Bradley. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Elsass and husband Marion; grandchildren, Mary Weeks and husband Mark, Brad Elsass and wife Gina, and Tim Elsass; and great-grandchildren, Connor Weeks, Adrianna Elsass and Jonas Elsass. Memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 53 East Main St., Peru, IN, 46970. Online condolences to claytorrollins.com . Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, Poquoson, Virginia, is assisting. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 23, 2015

**Carol Sue Lewis**, 78, of Peru, passed away at 8:50 a.m., Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born in Peru on Jan. 13, 1937 the daughter of Russell E. and Verna Deloris Sunday Bailey. Carol married Lester "Bud" Lewis in Peru on Jan. 15, 1955 and he preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1972. Carol attended Peru High School and enjoyed the domestic life taking care of her family and helping with the grandchildren. Surviving are her sons, Jeffrey Lewis and his wife Cathy of Peru and Michael Lewis of Peru; daughters Donna Sue Maggart and her husband Larry of Amboy and Lisa Springer and her husband Richard of Peru; grandchildren Jessica, Jacob, Todd, Justin, Shala, Alan, Bud, Kerrie and Jean; great-grandchildren Ethan, Brooklyn, Jackson, Owen, Ryan, Damean, Josiah, Kai, Kaysin, Sam, Quinn, Josh, Emily, Marlee and Chloe. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother Terry Bailey and a sister Sheri Livesay. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015 at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Diabetes Association. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Jerry Lee Dillman**, 66, of Kokomo, went to spend eternity with his loved ones at 3:28 PM Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015 at St. Vincent's Heart Center, Indianapolis. Jerry was born May 14, 1948 in Peru, Indiana to Donald and Sue (Lavanche Fitzpatrick) Dillman. He is a 1966 graduate of Kokomo High School. He married Mary Theresa "Muggs" Jamison in Kokomo on September 27, 1975, who survives. Together they had Valerie Sue Dillman of Indianapolis. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970 in Germany. Jerry retired from Chrysler Corporation on Oct. 31, 2002 with 35 years of service, the last 15 as an electrician. Jerry was an avid fan of Jeopardy, IU Western High School sports, Indianapolis Colts and New York Yankees. He loved to travel and it was his goal to fit in a new ballpark with every trip he took. In 2014 he was the announcer for Western baseball games. He enjoyed spending his summer boating and teaching young kids how to water-ski. He was a member of U.A.W. Local #685. He attended Bible Baptist Church and he and his mother were the first two people baptized at Indian Heights Grace Brethren church. Jerry was a member of American Legion Post 6 and attended their baseball games faithfully. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association. He is survived

by his mother, Sue Dillman, his sister Diane (John) Keith of Peru, and his brother Jeff (Pam) Dillman of Greentown. He is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, and several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his father Don Dillman, grandparents Thomas John and Blanche Fitzpatrick, Omer and Mary Dillman, and several aunts and uncles. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 at Bible Baptist Church, 2635 South Dixon Road, Kokomo. Pastors Keith Treadway and Eric Alwine will officiate. Entombment with military rites by the U.S. Army and the Kokomo Military Rites Team will follow in Sunset Memory Gardens, Kokomo. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the Jackson Street Commons with envelopes available at the church. Ellers Mortuary Webster Street chapel is handling arrangements. You may read Jerry's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com) where you can sign the guestbook, order flowers, or share a personal message to the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Judith "Judie" E. Constable**, 67 of Peru, passed away Friday Feb. 20, 2015. She was born on Feb. 10, 1948 in Marion. A daughter of Paul J and Mary L. (Ward) Pulley, she married David L. Constable on Dec. 2, 1978 in their Peru home. He preceded her in death in August of 2011. Judie was a long time waitress at The Siding Restaurant and a homemaker. She was gentle, smart, and fun-loving with a heart of gold. She found the good in everyone, a second "mom or mammaw" too many. She opened her home and heart to anyone she would meet. Judie loved to dance and was great at it. Her and her brother used to dance in competitions during their high school years. She also enjoyed doing floral arrangements and interior design. She loved spending time with her family. Along with her dog Koko, Judie is survived by her 9 children; April Bartel, Peru; David Bartel, Gilbert, Arizona; Lynn Cooper, Mishawaka; Bob Constable (Holly), Kokomo; Rick Bartel (Tara), Peru; Shawn Constable, Naples Florida; Misty Flynn (Michael), New Haven; Anthony Bartel (Jody), Peru; and Amber Trine (Robert), Kokomo. 17 grandchildren; Sherese, Aleesia, Jacob, David, Kristen, Hunter, Benjamin, SunSeeRae, Clarissa, Anna, Connor, James, KayTlynn, Casidy, Blake, Corbin, and Andrew; six great-grandchildren; Kayleigh, Karson, Christian, Julian, Tanesha, and Wesley; two siblings, brother Larry G. Pulley (Deloris) Las Vegas, Nevada, and a sister Kim Howell (Chris Timmons) Marion; step-mother, Lillaina Pulley Thines, Gas City; step-sisters, Mary Jane Stevens, Plano Texas; and Regina Lamb, Gas City. Judie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Sandra K 'Sandy' Lewis, brother-in-law Rob Howell, and her dog Tinkerbelle. Friends may pay respects to Judie and her family on Feb. 27 from 4-6:30 p.m. at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Memorial service will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Judie loved animals, please consider sending any donations to your local humane society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Gary L. Mock**, 62, of Peru, passed away at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Peru on July 24, 1952 the son of James M. and Mary Jane Butler Mock. Gary married Jane Ramer in Peru on April 3, 1976 and she survives. Gary graduated from Peru High School in 1971 and attended IUK for one year after serving two years in the United States Army. Gary owned and operated Becker-Mock Insurance until his retirement October 2014. He was a member of the Peru Bass Club and the Moose. Gary was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed playing softball, fishing, hunting and golf. Gary also coached youth baseball and softball teams and loved spending time with family and friends where he earned the nick name "Rocko". He was a loyal fan of the Cubs, the Bears and IU. Surviving in addition to his wife, Jane, are his daughters Shelly Burton (Caleb Meives) of Peru and Marianne Hoagland of Peru, a son Jonathon Mock of Peru; grandchildren Carlie Reynolds, Jordan Hoagland, Ethan Mock, Kenzie Burton and Xander Hoagland; brothers James (Linda) Mock, Owen (Ellen) Mock and Robert (Kerry) Mock all of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Gary L. Mock will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Chaplain Terry Lindsay officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Cal Ripken League. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN) - Tuesday, February 24, 2015

**Aggie Bird, 78**, of Kansas City, Missouri passed away Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015. Aggie was born Feb. 28, 1936 in Peru, but spent most of her life living in Missouri. She was member of The Rock of KC and enjoyed several years of retirement after a career in teaching and being an executive secretary. She was the youngest of 11 children. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Ed Bird, and survived by her children Joe, Theresa and Katy and grandchildren, Jared, Kaitlen, Austin, Rebekah and Christa. Aggie loved Jesus with her whole heart and served Him well during her lifetime. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015 at The Rock of KC 12750 N Winan Rd, Kansas City, MO 64163, and burial will follow at Second Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Terrace Park Funeral Home 801 NW 108th St. (169 Hwy & Shoal Creek) Kansas City, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting contributions be made to The Alzheimer's Association of Kansas City: 3846 W 75th St, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Share online condolences at [TerraceParkFuneral.com](http://TerraceParkFuneral.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 25, 2015

**Rosanna M. "Anne" Scheuer**, 93, of Peru, passed away peacefully at 9:20p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015 at Chandler Hall Hospice, Newtown, Pennsylvania. Anne was born in Peru on Sept. 16, 1921, the daughter of Nickolas and Angelina Capello. Anne married Raymond R. Scheuer on Oct. 5, 1950, and he preceded her in death on May 25, 1987. Anne was a devoted wife and mother. She was a lifelong member of St. Charles Catholic Church, a former member of the Daughters of Isabella, and the Peru Garden Club. She was an avid gardener and maintained her own garden for many years before moving to Blair Ridge. Anne was naturally talented and enjoyed expressing herself creatively. She loved to paint and draw, and took pleasure in giving her artwork to family and friends. Anne's artwork was once featured on Blair Ridge stationary. She was honored to have one of her poems published by the Peru Garden Club. From a very early age Anne loved playing the piano and was a natural born performer. For many years she was the oldest

entertainer at Peru's annual Cole Porter Festival. She often performed locally and entertained fellow residents at Blair Ridge into her 93rd year. Surviving are her daughters Cathy Shuler and her husband Michael of Peru, Mary Lazar of Newtown, Pennsylvania and Carol Scheuer of Bloomington, Indiana; a grandson Michael Lazar of Newtown, Pennsylvania; a step granddaughter Dawn (Shuler) Kutza and a great grandson Alex Kutza of Bloomington; sisters Rosina Berger and Connie Brindle both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond, a son Jeffrey Scheuer, a son-in-law Edmund Lazar, four brothers and two sisters. Anne lived life with passion, a sense of humor, and an enduring faith. She will be greatly missed by her beloved family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m., Friday Feb. 27, 2015 at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th St., Peru with Father Adam Mauman officiating. Family and friends are invited to gather at the church from 9:30 - 11 a.m., prior to the Mass. Memorial donations may be made to Hemophilia of Indiana through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru, IN. On-line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 25, 2015

**Douglas Kent Droll**, 59, of Kokomo, went to be with the Lord at 7:24 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 at his home surrounded by family and friends. Doug was born on July 28, 1955 in Kokomo to the late Russell E. and Phyllis Joan Ironmonger Droll. He graduated from Haworth High School and attended Ivy Tech for ongoing education from 1973-1989. He also taught Computer Aided Design at Ivy Tech. He loved his family, his work and drag racing. In his teen years he traveled with his family to all the states, Canada, and Mexico. They went to both oceans, the Great Lakes and visited all the historic and important places in our nation. It was a wonderful education. He married Jan Miller in 1990. He loved his work as a Computer Aided Design Engineer. He began his career at Kolux Sign Co., later employed by Reynolds Aluminum in Auburn, and GenCorp in Wabash. He also had a transmission building business. Drag racing was his passion. He was a member of the NHRA and IHRA. He ran his 1969 Roadrunner "Gold Nugget" in Super Pro Class. He was the track champion at Bunker Hill numerous times. He designed the Bunker Hill Drag Strip sign and raced at various other tracks throughout the Midwest. He was known by the other racers as a great resource, very knowledgeable and always willing to help someone. After 30 years he had to leave racing due to health issues. He never lost his love for the race or his car.

Doug is survived by his children, Tracy Droll, Mandy Phillips, and Zachary Droll; sister, Sandy Droll; nieces and nephews, Niki Ramey, Lucretia Rossi, Ian Droll, Stephenie Droll; four grandchildren, Delonte, Shantel, Jordan, and Serenity. Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Rusty and Joan Droll; brother, Steve Droll. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Ellers Mortuary Main Street Chapel with Pastor Rick Stone officiating. A family and friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. on Friday and from 1 p.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Albright Cemetery. You are invited to read Doug's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 25, 2015

What the Lord provides his children is intended not for them only, but that it might be a blessing to others. **Geneva Edna (Lackey) Penn** was born in Golconda, Illinois on Feb. 23, 1915, to Henry and Nora Lackey, the last of five children. Three sisters: (Bessie, Henrietta and Annie) and a brother, (Leonard) preceded her in death. The Lord called Geneva home the morning of Feb. 20, 2015, three days prior to her 100th birthday! She went to sleep and awoke celebrating her birthday in heaven. Glory hallelujah! As a young child, Geneva professed her faith in God and was baptized in the Wayman Chapel AME Church in Golconda, Illinois. She received her elementary and high school education in Pope County, Illinois. She moved to Peru (traveling with Dorothy Hutchison) and married Samuel Penn (1900-1993) on Sept 20, 1937. Their union lasted 56 years until Sam went home to be with the Lord on March 6, 1993. They resided on West 8th Street in Peru until, after Sam's passing, Geneva moved to Aarondale Assisted Living in Springfield, Virginia in 2010. Geneva was a voracious reader, a wonderful homemaker, and a flower fanatic. Her garden created conversation and admiration for miles around, especially her roses and morning glories. She worked at the Ordinance Factory during the War, then for the Shirk family as a domestic and retired from the Square D where she worked in the Reproduction and Copy Center. She helped several students with their post high school educational endeavors encouraging them by saying "you can do anything you want to do if you want to do it badly enough." Geneva insisted her son have high moral standards, good work ethic and treat seniors and peers with respect. She was a member of the Wayman AME Church in Peru, Indiana and participated in the groundbreaking of the church on East 3rd Street where she was a faithful member for over 70 years. Her strong contralto voice was heard and loved by her church family and for the last two years, by the Male Chorus of the Antioch Baptist Church as she sang along with them during her birthday celebrations. Geneva leaves to cherish her memory a son, Buddie (Loretta) of Fairfax Station, Virginia; three grandchildren: Brian Penn, Emily P. Grooms (Bruce) both of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Eric Penn of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has also survived by two great grandsons: Geoffrey, a recent Naval Academy graduate and Jared, a senior in high school. She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and close friends. Her infectious laughter, strength and zest for living will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved her. Family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. service time at Antioch Baptist Church, 6531 Little Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Virginia, 22039. Rev. Dr. Marshal L. Ausberry will deliver the eulogy. Family will receive friends again on Friday, March 6, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. service time at the Flowers-Leedy Allen Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, Indiana, 46970. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 27, 2015

**Mary R. Shewman (Sowers)** passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015. Mary was born in Miami County in 1923. She married William B. Shewman, also of Miami County, in 1945. They had four children: Errol of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bill (Lori) of Fort Wayne, Diane (Denny) Hahn of Cicero and Kevin (deceased). She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her husband Bill, her parents Verl and Elsie Sowers, her brother Orlan, her sister Miriam (Sowers) Weller, her son Kevin and two grandsons Brady and Darren. Together with her husband she was a charter member of Salem Christian Church, Peru and Pearson's Mill Christian Assembly, Somerset, Indiana. Visiting will be from 10 a.m. until noon at Salem Christian Church, 531 E 500 S, Peru on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015. Services will be held the same day at 12 p.m.,

officiated by John Rhoades, with burial to follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Salem Christian Church or Guardian Angel Hospice, 513 W. Lincoln Rd., Kokomo, IN 46902. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 27, 2015](#)

**Marian Chalkley Brauneller**, 96, of Peru, passed away at 2:45 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Peru on Nov. 12, 1918 the daughter of Lewis B. and Nellie M. Pleasant Chalkley. Marian married Chester E. Brauneller on Dec. 14, 1937 and he preceded her in death in January 1985. Marian was a 1936 graduate of Peru High School, was an insurance agent for Chalkley Insurance Agency and Broker/Owner for Braunette Real Estate. She was past President of Miami County Realtors Association, and of Brauneller Farms Inc. Marian was a member of Art Collection Advisory Board, Inc., a long standing member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, a member of the Elks and the Moose Lodge. She loved to dance, spend time at the lake cottage on Lake Manitou in Rochester and play bridge so much that she was a member of several bridge clubs. Surviving are her children Birja Short and her husband Jerome of Rochester, Beverley Yunker and her husband David of Noblesville, Bradley Brauneller and his wife Debra of North Manchester and Becky Brauneller of Peru; a daughter-in-law Carolyn Brauneller; a sister-in-law, Patricia Chalkley; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Chester, a son, Barry, a great grandchild, two sisters and a brother. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Art Collection Advisory Board, Inc. - Peru Community Schools. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 3, 2015](#)

**John R. Guyer**, 87, Peru passed away at 6:14 a.m. Monday, March 2, 2015 at St. Vincent Health St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. John was born Aug. 25, 1927 in Peru to the late Paul and Nira (Amos) Guyer. He was a lifelong resident of Peru and in retirement wintered in Inverness, Florida. He co-owned and operated Guyer the Mover, retiring in 1990. He was recipient of the North American Van Lines Million Mile Award for driving without an accident or moving violation. Guyer the Mover continues to operate in the third generation of Guyers. John R. loved his family and friends. He was a member of Peru Municipal Golf Course for more than 50 years. He was an avid house boater at Mississinewa Lake and enjoyed golfing trips with friends to Biloxi and Myrtle Beach. He was past Chairman of Indiana Motor Truck Association, a past President of the Indiana Household Movers and Warehousemen, Inc., served on the Maconaquah School Board 1976 to 1988 and served on several committees for the economic development of Peru, Miami County and Grissom Air Force Base. He participated in the original planning and organizing of the Peru Circus and was a supporter of Peru Ponytail League, Little League and YMCA swim teams. In retirement he volunteered at Citrus Memorial Hospital when spending winters in Inverness, Florida. He was a member of Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, Peru Maennerchor, Moose Lodge #249, Elks Lodge, VFW, Phi Delta Kappa, Alzheimer's Association North Central Indiana Chapter and a past commander of American Legion Post #14. He attended Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru and First Presbyterian Church of Inverness (Florida.). He graduated from Peru High School in 1945. He left high school and joined the U.S. Navy during World War II where he served in South China and last fall made the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. He is survived by his wife Joan who he married May 21, 1988. Surviving family includes: daughters Nancy Melling, Peru; Deborah (Jay) Hullinger, Bunker Hill and son John II (Missy), Peru from his marriage with Anne (Enyeart) who passed away in 2008; Joan's son David (Andrea) Nation, Oswego (Illinois) and Dorann Nation (Al Merritt), Peru; grandchildren Jessica (Mark) Metcalf, Stephany (Jamie) Astrup, Jillian (Todd) Bellaw, Maddison and Brogan Guyer, Danielle, Chris and Julianne Nation; and six great grandchildren Courtney, Leif, Hayden, Camron, Riley and Atticus. Surviving brothers include Harold, Texas and Gerald, Peru and sisters Jean "Queenie" Webster, Peru and Katie Wheeler, Louisiana. John was preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sister, George, Helen Young, Charles, Harvey and Henry. A funeral service including Masonic Service and Military Committal Service will be conducted at 6 p.m. Wednesday, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Kenny Cole. Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until service time. No graveside services are planned. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 3, 2015](#)

**Joseph Harold Garbert** of Peru passed away Friday Feb. 27, 2015 at 5:05 a.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Sept. 25, 1925 to Chester O. Garbert and Bertha O. Hartgrove Garbert. Both parents preceded him in death. Joe graduated from Bunker Hill High School. He entered the United States Marine Corp. at age 19 and participated in action in the Pacific war zone, during World War II. This included the battle on Iwo Jima where he witnessed the raising of the American flag on Mt. Suribachi, by his fellow marines. This historic event occurred 70 years ago this month on Feb. 24, 1945. After returning from the military, Joe lived (for many years) in Michigan where he owned and operated a successful retail furniture business. After retirement he lived in Ocala, Florida and then later moved to Peru to be closer to family. Joe was interested in playing bridge and enjoyed bridge clubs throughout many years. Joe is survived by his siblings: sisters, Jayne Lutz of Wabash, Patricia Hamman (Murray), Marilyn Allen, (James) and Janet Kay Montgomery of Peru, and brother Larry Garbert of Sebring, Florida and Peru. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Mable Mumme Garbert and his two sons, Joseph and Kim. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday March 5, 2015 at Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home with Rev. James Loft and R ev. James Cucklen presiding. Friends and family are invited to visit at 10 a.m. prior to the service. Joe's wishes were for cremation and ashes to be returned to a family plot in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made according to the donor's choice. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 3, 2015](#)

**Harry Berglan, Jr.**, 86, Peru passed away at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, March 1, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital with his family at his side. He was born Dec. 21, 1928 to Harry and Freda (Speicher) Berglan in Wabash County. He graduated from Converse High School in 1947

and married his high school sweetheart, Phyllis Gene (Kelsey) Berglan on May 1, 1948 who stayed by his side throughout their 66 1/2 years of marriage. He was the proud father of two sons, James Alan Berglan (Lavita), Thomas Berglan (Karen). He was a fun-loving grandfather to Kelley Simmons (David) Amboy, Heath Berglan (Linda) Lafayette, Laura Berglan (Ben Davis) Tuscon, Arizona, and Matthew Berglan (Jessica) Peru. He was blessed with great-grandchildren, Alaina and Aubrey Simmons, Christopher and Lucas Berglan and Cullin Davis. Also surviving are his dear brother, Mervel Berglan Peru, sister Jane Ann Troyer (George) Kokomo, sisters-in-law Onda Berglan Stroup, Swayzee, Arlene Stair (Raymond) Carmel, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Freda Berglan and sister Marlee Kay Berglan. Harry was a farmer all his life. He had a passion for camping, collecting antique cars and trucks, and in younger years, riding motorcycles. He loved wintering in Bradenton, Florida for several years. A service celebrating the life of Harry Berglan, Jr. will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main, Amboy, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Park Fund. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 3, 2015

**Mary L. Engle** 87, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 9:55 a.m. Tuesday March 3, 2015 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Indiana. She was born on July 22, 1927 in Fulton, Indiana, the daughter of Vern G. and Cleo L. (Showley) Eber. After graduating from high school she attended South Bend Business College. On Feb. 26, 1949 in Fulton, Indiana, she married Devon W. Engle. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1991. Mary along with her husband worked on the family farm for many years. When her three sons were in high school, she decided to go to work for six months to save some money. The six months turned into twenty years working for the former Chamberlains and Wenn's Factory in Akron, Indiana. She had been an active member of Safe Harbor Church, Rochester, Indiana and enjoyed crocheting, knitting, word puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. Survivors include her sons, Rev. Robert and wife Christy Engle, Denver, Indiana, Phillip and wife Deb Engle, Chili, Indiana, grandchildren, Richard Devon Engle, Indiana, James Devon Engle, North Manchester, Indiana, Amy Hope and husband Paul Oprisek, Wabash, Indiana, Jennifer Marie and husband Chris Rexroad, Mexico, Indiana, Zachary Robert and wife Cassidy Engle, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Colleen Ann and husband Chet Baines, Peru, Indiana, great grandchildren, Caleb Rexroad, Carson Rexroad, Jason Oprisek, Caden Engle, Clare Baines, Chloe Baines, and Parker Engle, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Engle, grandson, Robert Scott Engle and sister, Pauline DePoy. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday March 6, 2015 at Safe Harbor Church, 1944 Sweetgum Road, Rochester, with Rev. Daniel Davidson officiating. Friends may call from 12 -2 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow services at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or to Gideon's Bible International. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 4, 2015

**James "Jim" R. Kreag**, 80, Peru, passed away at Dukes Memorial Hospital on Tuesday evening, March 3, 2015 at 10:10 p.m. He was born to Kenneth B. Kreag and Mable J. Kreag (Hutchcroft). James married Margaret D. Pressel June 9, 1957 at Tracy United Methodist Church in Laporte County. Children are: Debbie Raber (Fred), Peru; David Kreag (Eleanor), California; Bob Kreag (Sherry), Brookston; Steve Kreag, Bunkerhill. Grandchildren are: Jared and Adam Raber, Maria Julia, Philip, Roy, and Logan Kreag, and great grandson Carson Raber. He graduated from Peru High School in 1953, attended Purdue University for two years, and enlisted in the Army for two years. He owned and operated Kreag Masonry Incorporated and was a third generation brick mason. Hobbies included fishing and golfing. Jim and Margaret were members of Main Street Methodist Church for the past 50 years. Family and friends will gather from 2- 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7 for visitation at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Mar 8 with Rev. Bob Clark presiding. Contributions can be made to Parkinsons Disease Foundation.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 5, 2015

**Beverly A. Neff**, 78, of rural Peru, Indiana, died at 10:02 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Woodbridge Health Campus in Logansport. She was born May 1, 1936 in Miami County to Robert and Lucille (Butt) Fouts. Beverly was a 1954 graduate of Chili High School. She married Ted A. Neff in Bunker Hill, Indiana, on June 6, 1954; he died Dec. 11, 2006. She was a homemaker and a member of Center Chapel First Brethren Church. She enjoyed reading, sewing, mowing her yard, working puzzles, and spending time with her family. She is survived by: five daughters, Jean (Kenneth) Lawrence of Logansport, Diane Neff of Pullman, Washington, Darlene (Roger) Holiday of Wabash, Nancy Neff of Peru, and Linda Neff of Goshen; nine grandchildren, Michael (Danielle) Lawrence of Portland, Maine, John Lawrence of Logansport, Matthew (Tiffany) Grimes of Madison, Wisconsin, Ben Grimes of Washington, Jess Holiday of Avon, Indiana, Vanessa Holiday of Bloomington, Tim (Mallery) Neff of Whitestown, Charles Bender and Mykayla Bender, both of Peru; great-granddaughter, Annabella Legg; brother-in-law, Dan Neff; and sister-in-law, Nelda Morris, all of Peru. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted A. Neff, her parents, and her sister, Barbara Weller. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Al Peck officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Indiana. Friends may call Monday, 4 - 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association. The memorial guest book for Beverly may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 6, 2015

**Gary L. Ribble**, 67, passed away Feb. 16, 2015 at 4:12 p.m. from complications from leukemia. He was born to the late Howard A. Ribble and Ethel Marie Neal Ribble. Gary graduated from Peru High School, Class of 1968. Gary had many hobbies including fishing and playing baseball and basketball and in the early days he loved playing the drums. He loved animals and visited the zoo quite often. He also enjoyed Indiana Beach. Gary leaves behind brothers David Higgins (Elizabeth) of Logansport, Donnie (Kitty) Ribble and

Curtis(Dana) Ribble of Peru; sisters Barbara (L.D.) Conrad, Brenda (John) Boyer of Peru, Paula Myers of Bunker Hill and Pamela Ribble of Wabash. Gary leaves behind wife Maria of Nappanee, step children Lorimar and Antonio Linville of Elkhart and James Linville of Nappanee He also leaves behind a daughter, Tonya. Gary was preceded in death by not only his parents but a sister Patty Siegel. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, March 7, 2015](#)

**Christopher A. Couture**, 38, Peru, passed away at his home March 4, 2015 after a long battle with chronic illness. He was born Jan. 28, 1977, in Kokomo, , the son of Donald J. Couture Sr. and Paula K. (Bourff) Couture. He was a graduate of Maconaquah High School, and attended Indiana University Kokomo. A member of the United States Air Force, he served at various U.S. Air Bases, completed a tour of duty in South Korea, and last served at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii, where he received the Air Force Achievement Medal. He was devoted to charitable causes, and enjoyed the companionship of his cat, Mozart. He was a loving and caring son, brother, and uncle, and he will be greatly missed by family and friends. Chris is survived by his parents; his brother, Donald J. and Trayce (Todd) Couture Jr., and step-niece, Madeline Todd all of Arkansas; sister, Ashley Couture and Gabriel Hargens; and nephew, Zander Hargens all of Noblesville. A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel with Donald J. Couture Jr. Officiating. Family and friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Galveston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kokomo Rescue Mission. You are invited to view Christopher's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you can sign the guestbook, order flowers, or share a personal message to the family. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, March 8, 2015](#)

**Carl W. Mosley**, 57, of Denver passed away Thursday March 5, 2015 at 10:45 a.m., at his home. Carl was born Sept. 17, 1958 in Peru to C.W. and Mary R. Mosley. He graduated from Peru High School in 1977. He married Tammy Howell on April 1, 2001. They have three sons, Jesse W. Mosley, Travis D. Mosley, and Kenny E. Howell Jr.; and two daughters, Christy Howell and Candice Mosley. Carl Worked at Bryan Steam for 26 years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His family was very important to him. He also enjoyed cars and everything outdoors. Other survivors include three brothers: Mark A. Mosley, Gary P. Mosley and Richard D. Mosley; one sister Mary Gross (Jeff). His parents C.W. and Mary Mosley and his grandparents Lucille and R.W. Mosley preceded him in death. A private family memorial service was held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 1 p.m., at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. Evangelist Shane Capps officiated. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 9, 2015](#)

**Joretta Joanne Kerschner**, 76, of North Manchester, Indiana, died at 2:14 am, Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She was born July 31, 1938 in Wabash County, to Oscar and Grace (Robinson) Summers. Joretta was a 1956 graduate of Chili High School. She married Paul R. Kerschner at the Center Chapel First Brethren Church in Miami County, on June 20, 1956; he died May 2, 2011. She worked at Snyder's Market 24 years and Lance's New Market 18 years, retiring in 2004. She was a member of the North Manchester First Brethren Church. She enjoyed reading, and working crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She is survived by: three children, Donald W. Kerschner of North Manchester, James D. Kerschner of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and Paula Jo Platt of North Manchester; six grandchildren, David (Felicia) Kerschner and Daniel Kerschner, both of Huntington, Andrew (Amy) Kerschner of Canton, Georgia, Khristopher Kerschner and Wayde Platt, both of North Manchester, Lynette (Vincent) Calloway of Columbia City; six great grandchildren; a sister, Juanita Mays of Peru; and 2 brothers, David (Connie) Summers of Wabash, and Scott (Stephanie) Summers of Roann. She was also preceded in death by her parents, brother Francis Summers, sister Annette Stout, and grandson Bryan Platt. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester, with Pastor Kurt Stout officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call 2-8 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Stephens Ministries at the North Manchester First Brethren Church. The memorial guest book for Joretta may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 9, 2015](#)

**George Vianco, Jr.**, 81, of Logansport passed away at 11:09 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born Nov. 21, 1933, in Delphi, he was the son of the late George and Dolla (Hedrick) Vianco. On July 12, 1955 he married Evelyn Shafer. George retired from the United States Navy after 20 years and Norfolk and Southern Railroad also after 20 years. He was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion and U.S. Navy Fleet Reserve. George enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include: his wife of 60 years, Evelyn Vianco of Logansport; children, Brian Vianco of Lafayette, Michael Vianco (Jill) of Altus, Oklahoma, Tracy Vianco (Marsha) of Royal Center and Linda Morris (Tim) of Royal Center; grandchildren, Matthew Vianco of Royal Center, Laci Baker of Altus, Oklahoma, Amanda Vianco of Zionsville, Riley Morris of Royal Center, Jacob Morris of Royal Center and Maci Morris of Royal Center; and great grandsons, Cooper Vianco, Mason Vianco, both of Royal Center and Jaxton Baker of Altus, Oklahoma. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Karla Lynn Vianco; brothers, Paul, Tom and Richard Vianco; and sisters, Dorothy Trobaugh and Mildred Vianco. A Celebration of Life Service and Military Rites will be held and performed at 10:30 a.m., March 11, 2015 at Harrison-Metzger-Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel. Pastor Tim McKaig will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Kistler Cemetery in Royal Center. Memorial contributions may be made to one favorite charity. Sign the online guest book or leave condolence for the Vianco Family at [www.ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 9, 2015](#)

**Harold C. Henisa**, 83, of Logansport, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born on July 30, 1931 in Winchester, Indiana to the late Homer and Grace (Bradburn) Henisa. On Nov. 27, 1952 in Kokomo, he married Juanita Smith who survives. Harold retired from the United States Air Force. After retirement he went on to work for T.M.

Morris and later Logansport Memorial Hospital as director of maintenance. Harold was a 1950 graduate of Lafayette Jeff High School. While in the Air Force he served during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam Wars. He is also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru and Logansport. Surviving along with his wife Juanita, are two sons, Steve (Coleen) Henisa, Oklahoma; Keith (Carol) Henisa, Peru; daughter, Janice Sue (Phillip) Sullivan, Kokomo; four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Floyd Laabs and Pastor Tony Winters officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until the time of service on Thursday. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 9, 2015

**Gladys J. (Burke) Cunningham**, 97, of Converse, passed away at 2 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Rivercrest Hospital, Mishawaka. She was born in McGrawsville on April 10, 1917 the daughter of Simon Otha and Olive Iona Ford Burke. Gladys married Lewis David Cunningham in Marion on March 18, 1935 and he preceded her in death on July 22, 1981. Gladys was a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church and retired from A&P Grocery Store in Marion after 24 years of service, which included working in both the Wabash and Marion stores. She then worked at Price's Produce Market in Marion for 12 years. Gladys and her husband, Lewis, spent the six months of winter at Jennings Resort on Lake Pierce in Lake Wales, Florida and the six summer months in Converse from the late 1960's until Lewis's death in 1981. Gladys continued living winters in Florida and summers in Indiana until 2013 when she became a resident of Wesleyan Health Care in Marion. Survivors include sons Jerry (Susan) Cunningham of Haines City, Florida and Ronald "Buck" (Cherry) Cunningham of Amboy, daughters Billie (James C.) Bowman of Amboy and Diana (David) Wimpelberg of Converse; grandchildren Rena (Robert) Charlobise, Teresa Nieman, Lewis E. Cunningham Jr., Jerry (Bibbie) Cunningham II, James C. Bowman II, Robert (Margie) Bowman, Terry Bowman, Wendy (Darrin) Selking, Nancy Firestone, Dan (Lisa) Wimpelberg, Debra (Ned) Walker, Thom (Cara) Wimpelberg, Barbie (Kevin) Shaw and David (Jennifer) Cunningham; 25 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren and two on the way; brothers George Burke of Sweetser and Lowell Oscar "Jr" Burke of Covington, and sisters-in-law Dorothy Cunningham of Jonesboro and Frances Cunningham of Clearfield, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lewis, and sons Lewis and Charles Cunningham, sisters Lula Mae Dunham, Agnes Herbert Hitchens, Mabel "Billie" Minges, Bessy Boht, Lucille (Biggs) Walters and Florence Burke and a brother William "Bill" Burke and her in-laws Arthur Earl and Edna Maud Cunningham. A service celebrating the life of Gladys J. Cunningham will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 13, 2015 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy, with Pastor Randy Smoot officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 4 -8 p.m.. Thursday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy or Converse Volunteer Fire Department. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Wesleyan Health Care Facility on Memory Lane for their kindness and care they gave to their mother. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 10, 2015

A special son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and best friend passed away on Friday, March 6, 2015. **Helmut Harold Eckelbarger** was born on January 29, 1954 to Alfreda (Kratschmann) and Jerry Eckelbarger in Kallsruhe, Germany. Helmut came to the United States in 1958 when his father returned with the military. He was a 1972 graduate of Maconaquah High School. Helmut is survived by his brother, Joe (Troy) Eckelbarger of Wichita Falls, Texas, and their children, Melisa (her son Caden) and Justin. He is also survived by a brother, John of Peru, Indiana. Also surviving is his best friend, J.K. Curtis. Helmut was instrumental in introducing his best friend to his cousin, Arlene Eckelbarger. When they married, his best friend also became his cousin. Helmut restored a 1966 Suburban and took it to many car shows. It could occasionally be seen in the Marsh Grocery parking lot parked under the store sign to eliminate damage. The bright yellow color of the car was not easily missed! He was a member of the Kustom Kings car club and met many people while showing his "baby". He was also an avid pool player and played in many facilities in Peru and surrounding communities. He also enjoyed throwing darts and was considered to be very good at it. Helmut worked at Bucks Bait Wholesale for 20 years and delivered bait throughout the state of Indiana. He always wanted to provide the best customer service possible to the customers and made long-time friends with many of them. Prior to his death, he was the face of the dairy department at Marsh Grocery. True to his nature, customers were a priority. He will be sorely missed by his customers and co-workers. He was preceded in death by his mother Alfreda and his grandparents. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, March 13 from 3 - 7 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. with Paster Charles Cole officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family for expenses. Thanks to the medical personnel, police department and McClure's South staff for their response and assistance. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN -Tuesday, March 10, 2015

The Lord Our Savior called **Karla Ann (Hattery) Meyer** home at 12:50 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the residence of her parents after a courageous and long fought battle with cancer. A daughter of Max and Sue Hattery, she was born on Aug. 28, 1971 and married Ronald Meyer on April 29, 2000. Karla was a 1990 graduate of North Miami High School and a 10 year Miami County 4-H member. She went on to graduate with a BSN from Eastern Kentucky University in 1994 earning a nursing degree. While at college, Karla belonged to the Lambda Sigma Honor Society and Kappa Delta Tau Sorority where she formed many long lasting friendships. She served as a registered nurse at Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, and was currently employed at Woodlawn Hospital in Rochester. Her passion was nursing and caring for patients which she did until becoming ill. She spent her life serving others in the field of health care through her role as a registered nurse in the areas of med surg and oncology, a CPR instructor, and an instructor in the areas of cardiac and diabetic education. Not only did Karla assist those in need of health care, she served the community by volunteering at school with children, coached Upward Bound youth basketball, and served at Denver Baptist Church where she was a member. She enjoyed watching North Miami sporting activities and cheering for the Chicago Bears. Karla leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Ronald Meyer, daughter Abbigayle, son Carson, stepdaughter Erin Fisher (jusband Matt and their children Ryan and Reid), West Harrison, Indiana; parents Max and Sue Hattery, Macy; twin sister Karen Byrum

(Roger), Twelve Mile; brother Kent Hattery (Debbie), Reading, Massachusetts; and brother Kevin Hattery (Erica), Houston, Texas. She also leaves behind, nieces and nephews Evelyn, Elizabeth, and Edison (Karen and Roger); and William, Andrew, Grace, and Catherine (Kent and Debbie); and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. Karla's contagious smile, infectious laughter, fun loving attitude, and enthusiasm for life touched all of those around her every day. Karla leaves us with this verse from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Family and friends will gather for visitation on Thursday, March 12, from 12 - 7 p.m. at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, Mexico. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 13, at 11 a.m. also at the Mexico Church of the Brethren with Chaplain Jason See and Pastor Tim Earle presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Northern Indiana Miami Community Foundation in memory of Karla Meyer. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**Wilma Irene Casper**, 96, formerly of Perrysburg went home to be with Lord on March 4, 2015, at St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, Effingham, Illinois. Born July 12, 1918, in Rochester, she was the daughter of Guy and Ruth Sanders Bryant. On Aug. 23, 1936, she was married to Jacob Casper, and he preceded her in death. She attended Columbia Elementary School in Rochester, Indiana, and she was a 1936 graduate of Rochester High School. Throughout her working years, she was employed with Topps Manufacturing Co. and Hart, Schaffner, and Marx. For six and a half years, she was a medical secretary in Bourbon. A woman of faith, she was a member of the Fulton United Methodist Church for 25 years and the Perrysburg Baptist Church for 35 years. She was a teacher of the Bible for over 50 years, having taught Sunday School and leading Bible studies. She held positions as Children's Director and Youth Director in each of her churches. She loved art, photography and music. She is survived by her children, Linda Demorest and husband Thomas, Boise, Idaho; two sons, Lawrence Casper and wife Sharon, North Manchester; and Lyle Casper and wife Denise, Effingham, Illinois; 15 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great grandchildren. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Betty Jean Bryant and Dortha Weigle; and one brother, Donald Gene Bryant. A celebration of life service for Wilma will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday at the funeral home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 11, 2015

**Pamela J Brock**, 62, passed away peacefully March 9, 2015 at her home in Peru. Pamela was born April 7, 1952 in Kokomo to Orland and Jean Mills. She is survived by her longtime companion Carl Sanders; a sister; Tisha Bratcher and family; a brother; Mike Mills and family; a daughter; Jennifer and Branden Ulerick; a step-daughter; Jennifer and Steve Duda and two granddaughters, Ashlynn Shank and Camilla Duda; along with many nieces and nephews. Pamela's journey was to love and care for those around her. Her gentle and kind nature welcomed people and animals into her home. She enjoyed flowers, plants, hummingbirds and collecting angels. The family would like to thank all those who have cared for her during her illness. At her request, no service will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to: Jennifer Ulerick 616 East 3rd Street Peru, IN 46970. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 11, 2015

**Margaret M. Durham**, 86, Peru, passed away at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 1:40 p.m. Margaret was born in Peru on Sept. 28, 1928 to Dale E. and Hester E. Landis who preceded her in death. Her hobbies included gardening, flowering, and caring for her pets. She enjoyed cooking and spending time with family and friends. She was a loving woman with the heart of a young girl. As a member of the Greatest Generation, during World War II she worked in defense factories contributing to the war effort. She attended the Erie Community Methodist Church and was a Christian with a strong faith. Margaret was always openly willing to give to others in their times of need. She is preceded by her husband Fred S. Durham, who passed away on Feb. 18, 1997. She is survived by her three children: Frieda M. (Durham) Eppert and her husband Kenneth Eppert, Dale J. Durham and his wife Sonok Durham, and Beatrice K. Durham; her six grandchildren - David R. Rockenbaugh, Mark R. Rockenbaugh, Kristina M. Hoover, Fred J. Durham, Ruth M. Durham, and Candy L. Strobe; her five great grandchildren - Thomas A. Rockenbaugh, Patience N. Slone, Taylor L. Slone, Brandon Whitt Jr., and Lily T. Rockenbaugh. Margaret's never-ending caring, guiding, and loving nature for her late husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren is a living monument to her life. Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16 for visitation at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16 with Reverends John Law and Rick Stone presiding.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 12, 2015

**Oralee Summers Lytle**, 79, finally won her battle with Alzheimer's and was received into the arms of her Lord on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Born Sept. 20, 1935 to Esco and Mossie (Keck) Collins in New Tazewell, Tennessee, Oralee earned her Cosmetology Degree and worked for a time in that field. In June 1955 she married Dwane Summers and raised four children with him while moving around the country as his Military Career required. After his retirement from the Military they settled in Bunker Hill. She was an Avon Representative, co-owner with her husband of the Shell Station and Laundromat in Bunker Hill, and a manager of the Deli Department at the Commissary on Grissom Air Force Base. Dwane passed away in November 1991. Oralee married Carl L. Lytle in May 1992. They enjoyed traveling to Florida each winter, as well as trips to visit family in Tennessee in their RV. Carl passed away in April 2010. Oralee was a member of Bunker Hill First Baptist Church. She loved cooking, gardening and sewing, and believed the stove had only two settings - Off and High. Oralee learned the hard way that it is possible to overcook in the microwave until flames shoot out and melt the little window on the door. Oralee always put family first and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Oralee is survived by: four children and four stepchildren - Robin Burton and her husband Eldern, Bunker Hill, Donna Kaye Humble and her husband Curtis, Kokomo, Ed Summers and his wife Keneta, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Greg Summers,

Kokomo, Edna Foust, Peru, Joann Allen and her husband David, Kokomo, Louella Hiers and husband Oley, Denver, Indiana, and Carl (Bo) Lytle Jr. and his wife Sally, Peru; six grandchildren and seven step grandchildren - Rachael Nice and her husband Michael, Bunker Hill, Tom Burton and his wife Mishala, Kokomo, Kathryn Spicer and her husband Mayne, Kokomo, Elizabeth Bickel and her husband Kent, Kokomo, Samantha Summers, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Cathryn Humble, Kokomo; along with 10 great grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren. Oralee is also survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers: Ina Sharp, Wayne Collins, Bobbie Edwards, Isaac Collins, and Patsy Dyke, all of Tennessee along with a multitude of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother: Edward Collins and a stepson: Greg Lytle. Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home, 136 South Elm Street Bunker Hill, on Saturday March 14, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Billy M. Dyke officiating. Graveside Service will be at Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 12, 2015

**Steven Leedy**, 59, passed away Feb. 11, 2015 at Florida South Hospital in Lake Wales, Florida. Leedy was born Sept. 2, 1955 in Peru to John Junior Leedy, deceased, and Betty Jo (Fox) Leedy, who survives. In addition to his mother, Leedy is survived by a sister, Julie Colwell and a brother, Jack Leedy. He was preceded in death by his father, and one brother. Friends may call from 4 -6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Service will follow at 6 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 13, 2015

The checkered flag has waived over the life of **Jon David Eikenberry**, 72, of Auburn and formerly of Pasadena, California and Peru, Indiana. Dave, as he was known to friends and family, passed away on March 11, 2015 after long battle with congestive heart failure complicated by diabetes. He was born Oct. 14, 1942 in Peru, the second son of dairy farmer Joseph Eikenberry and his wife, Eudora. Dave spent the first 21 years of his life in Peru, where he met and married Judy Eisbrenner in 1963. In 1964, he and Judy made the long trek to California where they eventually started a new life in Pasadena. Their only child, Melissa, was born in 1976. Dave and Judy were the co-owners of Eikenberry Plumbing, Heating, and Air until their divorce in 1984. Dave then embarked upon a career designing and installing process piping for color printing presses as the owner of Eikenberry Mechanical. He eventually returned to Indiana and opened a second company, Eikenberry Auxiliary Systems. A recent amputee, Dave served as a board member for the Gold Country Amputee Support Group for the past two years. Dave was also the President of PHCC-GLAA from 1983-1985, and an Elk, first with the Duarte chapter and then with Auburn. It should be noted that Dave came to religion late in life. In September 2014, he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Dave is survived by his daughter, Melissa (Michael) Horvath of Auburn, California, his brother, Max Eikenberry of Delphi, his sister Virginia (Danny) See of Mexico, and many friends and family in both California and Indiana. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in his name to the Gold Country Amputee Support Group, 1605 Grass Valley Hwy #75, Auburn, CA 95603.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 13, 2015

**Frank James Pegg**, 87, Mexico, In., passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born Dec. 19, 1927 in Miami County, In., he was the son of Frank H. and Lois M. Pegg. He was married to Ruth I. Longstreth, and she preceded him in death in 2006. Frank was an active member of his community where he served as Past Chief of the Mexico Fire Department. He was a member of New Life United Methodist Church as well as many other organizations: Peru Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Shriners, Odd Fellows Lodge, Peru Maennerchor, Peru Moose, and Peru Elks. He was a United States Navy Veteran, having served on the USS Colonial. He retired from the C & O Railroad where he held various jobs, including being the union representative for many years. Survivors include three children, Darryl Pegg and wife Lora, Mexico; Denise Alberts and husband Michael, Peru; and Darren "Bud" Pegg, Bunker Hill; five grandchildren, Adam Pegg, Amber Metcalfe, Derek Pegg, Brandon Alberts, and Racheal Pegg; and two great-grandchildren, Leighton Metcalfe, and Braxton Alberts. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra E. Pegg, his siblings, Leonard, Roy, and Robert Pegg, and sisters, Wanda Butzin, Betty Gooch, and Mildred Helton. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, In, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, where there will be a Masonic service at 7 p.m. If friends so desire, memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, March 14, 2015

**Ellen L. (Shipley) Shelmadine**, 78, of Mexico, Indiana went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2015. She was born in Madison on Nov. 8, 1936 the daughter of John W. and Charlotte E. Torrance Shipley. Ellen married Ray W. Shelmadine at St. Charles Catholic Church in Madison on March 31, 1960 and he survives. Ellen graduated from the Indianapolis School of Nursing and after graduation, she worked at Columbus Hospital in Columbus, Indiana, where she met Ray. Together they lovingly raised two beautiful daughters, Beth and Susie. She later worked as an RN at Dukes Memorial Hospital and Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru, retiring in 1982. As a young woman, Ellen enjoyed playing basketball and softball. She also enjoyed playing euchre, Aggravation, Yahtzee and bingo. More than anything, Ellen loved her family. Nothing meant more to her than her husband, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were the light of her life. In addition to her husband, Ray, she is survived by her daughters Beth (Danny) Confer of Mexico, and Susan (Rick) Potts of Cary, North Carolina; grandchildren Jamie (Marc) Townsend, Jessica (Chad) Salyers, Laura (Tyler) Potts and Matthew Potts; great-grandchildren Ella and Emily Townsend and Wyatt and Cooper Salyers; a sister Marcella Stuart and a brother John A. Shipley. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Jeanette Niesse and her very special friend, Carol Galbraith. A service celebrating the life of Ellen L. Shelmadine will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will follow

at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 16, 2015

**Andy L. Miller**, 54, of Logansport, formerly of Peru, passed away at 11:51 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015, in Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born Dec. 4, 1960, in Peru, he was the son of Gerald E. and Geneva "Jenny" Cagle Miller. His mother survives, residing in Denver. Andy married his best friend Susan Acuff-Conrad (Larrison) on Nov. 7, 2008, with a formal wedding at All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport one year later on Nov. 7, 2009. His wife survives, residing in Logansport. He was a 1979 graduate of Maconaquah High School, where he was on the wrestling team, played trumpet in the band and was a member of FFA. He was honorably discharged from the Indiana National Guard. Andy attended Indiana University - Kokomo and was a Qualified Medication Aide and Certificated Nursing Aide. He had been employed 10 years as an attendant at the Logansport State Hospital. He then had worked at WoodBridge Health Campus. Andy enjoyed playing the bass guitar, writing poetry, joking and teasing with people and especially his dog, Sadie. Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are sons, Jeremy Miller, Peru, and Shane (Kathy) Miller, Mishawaka; sister, Cindy (Sam) Bowen, Peru; grandson, Isaiah Miller; two nieces and one nephew. He was awaiting a granddaughter, due in June. Andy was a member of Revolution Community Church in Logansport. Visitation will be from 3 - 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at Kroeger Funeral Home in Logansport, with a funeral service immediately following visitation at 5 p.m., also at the funeral home. Pastor Anthony Cozzello will officiate. His wife requests that the service be casual - no ties please. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cass County Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 16, 2015

**Ellen L. (Shipley) Shelmadine**, 78, of Mexico, Indiana went to be with the Lord on March 15, 2015. She was born in Madison on Nov. 8, 1936 the daughter of John W. and Charlotte E. Torrance Shipley. Ellen married Ray W. Shelmadine at St. Charles Catholic Church in Madison on March 31, 1960 and he survives. Ellen graduated from the Indianapolis School of Nursing and after graduation, she worked at Columbus Hospital in Columbus, Indiana, where she met Ray. Together they lovingly raised two beautiful daughters, Beth and Susie. She later worked as an RN at Dukes Memorial Hospital and Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Peru, retiring in 1982. As a young woman, Ellen enjoyed playing basketball and softball. She also enjoyed playing euchre, Aggravation, Yahtzee and bingo. More than anything, Ellen loved her family. Nothing meant more to her than her husband, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were the light of her life. In addition to her husband, Ray, she is survived by her daughters Beth (Danny) Confer of Mexico, and Susan (Rick) Potts of Cary, North Carolina; grandchildren Jamie (Marc) Townsend, Jessica (Chad) Salyers, Laura (Tyler) Potts and Matthew Potts; great-grandchildren Ella and Emily Townsend and Wyatt and Cooper Salyers; a sister Marcella Stuart and a brother John A. Shipley. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Jeanette Niesse and her very special friend, Carol Galbraith. A service celebrating the life of Ellen L. Shelmadine will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 16, 2015

**Harold W. Jones, Jr.** 93 passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor. He was born in Peru on April 8, 1921 to Harold W. Jones, Sr. and Earnestine Jones. Harold married Dorothy Moon Jones on Aug. 15, 1942. Dorothy preceded him in death on July 21, 2014. Harold was a graduate of Peru High School. He retired from the Peru City Fire Department. He was a shoe salesman at Senger Dry Goods and Beebe's. He also sold real estate for Carriger Realty after retiring from the fire department. He was a member of the Peru City Council and was instrumental in developing the river walk. He also was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash. He was veteran of the Army and served in WWII. He was a member of the Peru Lion's Club, Mannechor, and the Moose. Harold is survived by his daughter Christy (Jeff) Wouster, grandson Jeff Douglass, and granddaughter Heather (Doug) Muzzillo. Nieces Sandy (Rick) Ploss and daughter Shelly, Tammy Cooper and children Cameron and Tarryn, Candy (Monroe) Alfrey and son Simon, and brother-in-law, Homer "Bud" Ferguson. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister, Joyce Lee Ferguson. The family would like to thank Millers Merry Manor, Dr. Hoover, and Guardian Angel Hospice for the great care that he was given. Friends may call from 1 p.m. till time of service 2 p.m. (Wednesday) at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel Peru, with George Dinkel officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 16, 2015

**Donna B. Kreutzer**, 81, of Peru, passed away at 5:15 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2015 at Aperia Care of Peru. She was born in Howard County on Feb 24, 1934 the daughter of Joseph P. and Elizabeth Hicks Featherstone. Donna married Thomas P. Kreutzer at St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru on Aug. 5, 1953 and he preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 2007. Donna was a 1952 graduate of Peru High School, a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar and Rosary Society and Psi Iota Xi. She was associated, with her husband Tom, in the family business. She owned and operated the Kreutzer's Gift Shop and later owned and operated Circus World Gift Shop from 1976 to 1986. She is survived by a daughter, Anne Kreutzer and her husband Philip Spear of Peru and Thomas P. Kreutzer, Jr. of Peru; granddaughters, Karlee Kreutzer and Victoria Kreutzer and a brother James Featherstone and his wife Judy of Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Tom and a sister Mary Joe Silvey. A Memorial Mass for Donna Kreutzer will be celebrated by Father Adam Mauman at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th

Street, Peru at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 21, 2015. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Charles Interior Renovation Fund. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 17, 2015

**Jenny S. Hann**, 64, Logansport, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer on March 17, 2015, surrounded by family at the home of her daughter. She was born on Jan. 12, 1951 in Peru, the daughter of Norman L Patterson and Rozena Hudson. Jenny was a 1969 graduate of Peru High School. Her past employments included Skinner's Grocery, R&J Appliance, and most recently Wal-Mart where she retired after 11 years. Jenny's hobbies included reading, sewing, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. She was a very devoted daughter, sister, mother, and Nana. She is survived by both parents; one daughter, Patricia (Dan) Terrell, Logansport; three grandchildren, Michael, Scott, and Bailey, all of Logansport; one sister, Sara Wooten, Bunker Hill; two brothers, Charles (Sharon) Patterson and Steve (Debbie) Hudson, all of Peru; and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by one son, Andrew Charles Hann, one brother-in-law, Darrel Wooten, and her previous husband, Patrick M. Hann. Visitation will be Friday, March 20, 2015 from 11a.m. - 1 p.m. and funeral will be held at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery; there will be no graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to request that donations be made to a favorite charity in Jenny's honor. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**Suzan Kay Fincher**, 69, of Macy passed away at 12:40 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor of Logansport. On Sept. 4, 1945, Suzan was born in Ogden, Utah to Ted and Letha Mae Newcomer Merley. Suzan and Lowell Fincher were married on July 13, 1963 in Macy. Suzan is lovingly remembered by her husband Lowell; two daughters: Jody Taylor and husband Sam of Logansport, Tracy Knappen and husband Ed of Macy; a son, Andrew Fincher and wife Jodi of Akron; nine grandchildren, Courtney Hruby and husband Zachery, Ashley Taylor, Seth Fincher, Jesse Knappen, Bethany Brock and husband Tyler, Megan Knappen, Josie Knappen, Becca Knappen, and Chrissy Knappen; a sister Cheryl Merley of Akron; two sister-in-laws: Marilyn Storey and husband Dave, Lois Baich; a brother-in-law: Joe Fincher and wife Patsy. Preceding Suzan in death are her parents and a sister, Karen Wilson. A celebration of the life of Suzan Fincher will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015 in the Calvary Temple Assembly of God, 2908 W. 200 N., Peru with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 3-8 p.m. on Friday and one hour prior to the service in the church. Interment will be in the Plainview Cemetery of Macy. Memorials may be made to Gideon's International. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. Online expressions of sympathy maybe be made to her family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**Freda Lorraine Kellems**, 69, of Peru, passed away at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Aperia Care of Peru. Born July 27, 1945 to Claude and Charlotte Probus in Detroit, Michigan whom preceded her in death. She is the oldest of seven siblings - Sharon (Owensboro, Kentucky), Linda (Owensboro, Kentucky), Theresa (Rockport), and preceded in death by Johnny, Maria, and Butch. Freda graduated from Tell City High School in 1963 and worked for St. Joseph Hospital for 25 years. Freda is the mother of 4 children Billy (Kokomo), Gina (Peru), Kelly (Kokomo), and Jerry (Indianapolis; five grandchildren - Kris, Isaiah, Mykal An, and Josh and Eithan Bough; five great grandchildren - Maliah, Jaelyn, Camille Lorraine, Jasiaiah, and Brantley Dale; and many nieces and nephews. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, gardening, and doing crafts. She was preceded in death by the love of her life Gary Dale Woodring. They spent 32 years living, loving and laughing. She joins him for eternity. A service celebrating the life Freda Lorraine Kellems will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St. Peru. Family and friends will gather from 9 a.m. until time of service on Saturday, March 21, 2015.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 18, 2015

**L. Audrey Hiers**, 84, Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 1 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor. She was born Dec. 7, 1930 In Peru to Elmer J. and Lela Day Cattin. On July 3, 1949, she married John T. Hiers. He died Aug. 12, 1987. Surviving are: one daughter, Renee Ray, and her husband, Dan, and grandson, Nathan Ray of Peru; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents; one half-sister, Bernice Cole; four sisters, Myra Shafer, Opal Snyder, Lavonne (Bonnie) Johnston, Norma Cattin; and three brothers, Wayne Cattin, and Lyle Cattin. Mrs. Hiers was retired from Saine-Summers Insurance agency, where she was employed for 20 years. Prior to that she was bookkeeper for Freeman Industries, for 12 years, and she was office manager for WM. Wallace MFG. Co., Inc. She was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, having served on many boards, and committees throughout the years. She was a 1948 Peru High School graduate. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 24 at Oakdale Baptist Church, corner of Chili and Adams avenues with the Rev. Robert Stuck and Dr. James Loft officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico Indiana. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., at Flowers -Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Peru, Monday, March 23. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alzheimer's Association may be made through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 19, 2015

**G. Robert Oldham**, D.V.M. of Indianapolis, passed away March 19, 2015. He was born Aug. 7, 1915 near Charlottesville, Indiana, Hancock County. His parents were Guy and Daisy Oldham. His father preceded him in death at the age of 54 years via a train accident. His mother passed away in October, 1959. Dr. Oldham attended Ohio State University and graduated from the College of Veterinarian Medicine in 1938. He was appointed city Veterinarian of Dayton, Ohio. Later he practiced Veterinarian medicine near Kokomo (Waupecong) for 25 years. After moving to Indianapolis in 1966, he was appointed Assistant State Veterinarian by Governor Bowen. Dr. Oldham retired in 1982. He is survived by his wife Betty Roberts Oldham. They were a blessed and happy couple for 77 years. Dr. Oldham is also survived by three sons: Richard (Patricia) Oldham of Battle Creek, Michigan; Dr. Roger (Susan) Oldham of

Potomac, Maryland and Stephen (Diane) Oldham of Mt. Prospect, Illinois. He is also survived by six grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Dr. Oldham was a member of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, and past president of that organization. He was also a member of many years of the First Nazarene Church of Indianapolis. The funeral will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at Stillinger Funeral Home, 1780 W. Main Street, Greenfield, Indiana with visitation at 10 a.m. and the service at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 9401 E. 25th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226. Online condolences can be made by visiting [www.stillingerfamily.com](http://www.stillingerfamily.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 20, 2015

**Teresa Lynn Lund**, 52, of Peru, passed away at 1 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Wabash on Oct. 15, 1962. Teresa was a 1981 graduate of Maconaquah High School. She was a US Air Force Veteran and her military declarations include The Air Force Training Ribbon, The Air Force Good Conduct Medal, The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, The Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon and The Air Force Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon. Following her discharge from service, Teresa resided in San Francisco where she was an interior designer for more than 18 years. Teresa was selfless in her life, genuine in her interest and care for her family and the people around her. She was very fashion conscious and thoroughly enjoyed amassing shoes. Teresa was extremely proud of her military service and she loved her family unconditionally. A gourmet cook, Teresa delighted in preparing meals for her family. She is survived by her parents, Judi and Gary Pherson of Logansport; a sister Dawn Huffman of Peru; a brother Mark Huffman of South Bend; step-brothers Charles Pherson of Indianapolis and Benjamin Pherson of Logansport; a step sister Molly Pherson of Indianapolis, and her former husband Luke Hammack of California and several nieces and nephews. A service celebrating the life of Teresa Lynn Lund will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Pastor Ryan Lewellen officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Military Rites provided by the members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to The Wounded Warrior Project. Condolences may be made online at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 20, 2015

**Arvilla (Billie) C. Myers**, 90, Peru passed away at 3:40 am March 20, 2015 at Aperia Care, Peru. She was born in Wabash to George and Elizabeth Wilson. Arvilla married the love of her life, Louie W. Myers on April 24, 1943 in Peru, who is deceased. They enjoyed 70 years of marriage together. Surviving are one daughter, Debbie (Dan) Fettig, Peru; three sons, Steve (Jamilee) Myers, Per, Louie (Stacey) Myers Jr. Denver, Indiana and Mike (Diane) Myers, Syracuse, Indiana. She is preceded in death by one daughter, Janet Everett. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren: Ronnie and Josh Everett, Greg, Chad, and Aaron Douglass and Nikki Swihart, Brice, Brett, and Lindsay Myers, Matthew and Apryl Myers, and Jason and Jenna Myers. She is also survived by 24 great grandchildren. She is survived by two sisters, Colene Porter, Kokomo and Pat Ahlfeld, Dry Ridge, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Arvilla retired from JC Penney and also worked at Peter and Faulk Drug Store as a cook in Peru. She also cooked at the VFW and the Maennerchor. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, baking pies and spending time with her family. She and Louie loved spending time at the lake. They also spent time fishing and camping. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. She will be greatly missed by all. The visitation will be Monday, March 23 from 4-7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be officiated by Pastor Dave Ross. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Arrangements Have Been Entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, March 21, 2015

**Betty D. Gordon**, 90, Rochester, passed away at 3:12 p.m., Friday March 20, 2015, at Life Care Center of Rochester. Betty was born on Oct. 4, 1925 in Rochester, Indiana, the daughter of Lawrence and Ora (Brown) Castle. On Nov. 20, 1943 in San Diego, California, she married Virgil "Paul" Gordon, after his completion of basic training with the United States Marine Corps and prior to his deployment to the South Pacific during World War II. Paul preceded her in death on June 22, 2005. They were married for 62 years and she never stopped missing him and loving him. Betty worked as a supervisor for Olin in Mexico, Indiana. She retired from Olin at the age of 58. Survivors include her nieces and nephews, Terry and husband Richard Schwartz, Valenica, California, Kenneth and wife Julie Love, Battle Ground, Washington, Claudia McCarty, Westfield, Indiana, Mark Fribley, Warsaw, Indiana, great nieces and nephews, Rick Schwartz, Lynda Newman, Lesleen Riley, Craig Schwartz, Jon Love, Marc Love, Vince McCarty and Vaughn McCarty. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Lola Alexander and Emelyn Crabtree, and brother, Alvah "Pete" Castle. Burial will take place in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. No services or visitation will be observed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Best Friends Animal Foundation. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, Indiana. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 23, 2015

**Helen Louise Hill**, 86, of North Manchester and formerly of Akron, Rochester, and Peru passed away at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, March 22 at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne. She was born Jan. 24, 1929 in Akron, the daughter of Ralph Waldo and Marie (Berger) Whittenberger. On July 27, 1947 at her parents home, she was wed to Guy Jr. Hill. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 2013. Helen was a secretary and a bank teller. She was an Akron High School graduate. Helen and her husband were members of the Saturday Morning Breakfast Club. She enjoyed playing cards and discussing politics. She was most happy spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Survivors include: two daughters, Jane and husband Stephen Henson of Galena, Ohio, and Linda and husband Paul Studebaker of Akron; a son, John E. Hill of Lafayette, Indiana and his fiancé Kate Mindrum of Savoy, Illinois; grandchildren Christopher, Kevin, Tadd, Brian, Bekah, Tim, Jennifer, and Julie; and 23 great grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by: her parent; her husband, Guy Jr. Hill; a great granddaughter; a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Hill; her brothers,

Joseph and Donald Whittenberger; and a sister Mary Ann Cox. Services are 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester St., Akron, Indiana with Revs. Sue Babovec and Ted Cox officiating. Burial will follow in Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana. Visitation is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana Memorial contributions to may be made to Peabody Home Foundation. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 23, 2015

**Ralph Duckwall**, 89, of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Wellbrooke of Wabash in Wabash. He was born on Monday, Sept. 28, 1925, in Van Buren. He married Lois Green on Sunday, Aug. 26, 1951 in the Van Buren United Methodist Church; she passed away on Jan. 6, 1999. Ralph was a 1943 graduate of Van Buren High School. He was a farmer in Van Buren Township, Grant County all of his life. Ralph was very active in his community throughout his lifetime, making a big impact on a small town. He was a State Representative for the Grant County area from 1976-1986. He served on the Grant County Council, Van Buren Twp. Advisory Board, Eastbrook School Corporation School Board, Grant County 4-H Board and he was the former director and Board President for Grant Blackford Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. Ralph was a member of the Van Buren Conservation Club and served on various committees in the State Legislature, such as the Natural Resource Committee Chairman, Agriculture Committee and the Education Committee. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash award, which was selected by Governor Robert Orr. Ralph was a lifetime member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church. He was adamant and persistent for keeping State Highway 5 through Van Buren to Upland open as a State Highway. Ralph was a loving father, grandpa and brother. Survivors include: son - Ralph (Leigh) Duckwall, II, Peru.; daughter - Glenda D. (Barry) Giggy, Andrews; son - Chris A. Duckwall, Van Buren; daughter - Ronda L. (Jim) Gerardot, Weldon Springs, Missouri; 10 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and twin brother - Roy Duckwall, Fort Myers, Florida. He was preceded in death by: his parents - Robert Glen and Vernie (Barrow) Duckwall; his wife - Lois Duckwall; a daughter-in-law - Deborah Duckwall; his brother - Wayne Duckwall; his brother - Oren Duckwall; and his sister - Dea Fay Duckwall. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall 108 South 2nd St. Van Buren on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 4 - 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Ralph's life will be at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, with viewing one hour prior to the service. Pastor Leon Pomeroy will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion. Preferred memorials: Switch-Up Youth Program 100 N. 1st Street Van Buren, IN 46991 or the Food Pantry of Van Buren 105 2nd St. Van Buren, IN 46991. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries - Glancy Funeral Homes. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 23, 2015

**Ethel (Murray) Revelant**, 91, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania passed away Saturday March 21, 2015 at Friendship Ridge. Born and raised in Georgia, she was the daughter of the late James and Effie (McGuire) Murray. She was retired from the former Westinghouse Electric Corp after 21 years of service. Ethel was a warm and loving mother and grandmother. She thoroughly enjoyed preparing delicious meals for her family. Tending to her garden and flowers was one of her favorite hobbies. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Dante J. Revelant in 1966; a sister, Helen Carns in 1994; two brothers, John E. Murray in 2005 and Roy Murray in 2007. Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law Danny and Mary Revelant, Peru; Wayne and Kristine Revelant, New Brighton, five grandchildren Vanessa (Richard) Doughty, Patty (Adam) Davidson, Adam Revelant, Jennifer Grubbs and Daniel (Samantha) Revelant; four great grandchildren, Christopher, Andrew, Evan and Patrick. Private family service will be held at the J&J Spratt Funeral Home, New Brighton, Pennsylvania ([www.jjsprattfh.com](http://www.jjsprattfh.com)). Private interment will be at Sylvania Hills Memorial Park, Rochester. The Revelant family would like to express their gratefulness to the staff and nurses on 2 Main at Friendship Ridge and also much gratitude to the kind nurses from Horizons Hospice who were so dedicated in their excellent care of Ethel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 23, 2015

**Halsie Frances Holcomb**, 92, Peru, passed away at 12:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born June 8, 1922, in Daviess County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Theodore and Della Miller. Halsie grew up on the family farm in Daviess County, Indiana, and graduated from Epsom High School near Odon, Indiana. She began her working career shortly after high school in Naval defense plants in the state of Washington through World War II. It was while she worked in Washington that she met her future husband, William Holcomb, who preceded her in death in 1982. After her retirement from General Tire that she returned to farm life again, making family and her beloved animals a priority. In addition to her love of animals, she was a gifted musician, playing the violin, string bass, piano, and harmonica. Recalling her life, Halsie often remarked she had lived during the most amazing period in history because she had helped farm with workhorses in her childhood, weathered the great depression, had seen the best in people during the worst of times in World War II and lived to see pictures of people walking on the moon. Left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Jill Spin, Mexico; Christine Beecher and her husband Richard; and granddaughter, Lauren Annette Savage, Bloomington. She was preceded in death by five sisters and two brothers. The family will honor and celebrate Halsie's life later this year at the Greenwood family reunion. No services will be held at this time. Burial was in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 24, 2015

**Alice Gail Wright Teel**, 93, formerly of Macy, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2015, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester. Born July 19, 1921, in Macy, Indiana, she was the daughter of William and Mary Shambarger Wright. On March 12, 1943, she was married to Glen A. Teel, and he preceded her in death on April 9, 1985. She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in Northern Miami County, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Miami County Extension Homemakers. Survivors include two daughters, Connie Klein and her husband Jerry, Roann; and Glenda Miller and her husband Jim, Macy; five

grandchildren, Beth Sanson and husband Nick, North Manchester; Laura Huttel and husband Keith, Tipton; Tim Miller and wife Tammy, Logansport; Amy Hatfield, Anderson; and Andy Miller, Upland; 11 great-grandchildren, Kim, David, and Bryan Wisenberg; Kayla Miller; Olivia, Allison, Jamie, and Danielle Hatfield; Michelle Downham and husband Jason; Nicole Coon and husband Joshua; and Alex Sanson; and two great-great grandsons, and one sister, Marie Mathias, Roann. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four sisters, and four brothers. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed towards Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 24, 2015

**Calvin Dean Duttenhaver (Denzel Dean Johnson** at birth), 70, of Peru, went to be with the Lord in his home on March 19, 2015 at 10 p.m. He was born Jan. 15, 1945 to Harrison Johnson and Inez (Johnson) Ray, then was adopted to parents unknown Dec. 11, 1954 who all preceded him in death. Dean is survived by his spouse of 32 years, Elizabeth Callander. He is the father of seven children: Curtis and Bonnie Duttenhaver, Dusty and Crystal Callander, Robin (Mathis) Jeffs, Tammy (Downham) Jesswein and Joseph Downham. He is a grandfather to 22 grandchildren: Colin, Deven, Robert, Nicholas, Cristina, Aiden, Tyreese, Dusty Jr., Viviana, Keonna, Blake, Alexis, Heather W., Ryan, Gene, Haleigh, Holleigh, Ronnie, Heather, Tara, Damian and Taylor. He is also a great grandfather to four: Brayden, Chase, Aliva, and Rylan. Dean is one of a total of 12 siblings. He was preceded in death by one brother: Golden Kenneth "Kenny" Johnson and four sisters: Treva (Johnson) Cunningham, Ilie "Marge" (Johnson) Thompson, Frieda (Johnson) Cox and Judy (Johnson) Montgomery. Surviving are six sisters: Rena (Johnson) Jenkins - Lilburn, Georgia; Patricia (Ray) Gibson - Kokomo; Carol (Ray) Wilson - Peru; Loretta "Rachie" (Ray) Berry - Peru; Lela "Sue" (Ray) Keller - Wabash and Barbara (Johnson) Ames - Cloverdale. Dean was a retired contractor of 33 years, and he owned and operated his own construction business for 22 of those years. He was a hard working man who loved hunting and fishing as his pastimes. He made friends everywhere he went, known by many and loved by all; most he even considered family, which is too many to even name and would be a shame to miss anybody. Dean had a big heart and was always willing to take the shirt off his back for anyone in need, even if that was all he had to give. In lieu of a service, Dean's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service celebrating the life of Calvin Dean Duttenhaver will be scheduled at a later date. Family and friends will be contacted with details once a date and place have been set. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, March 25, 2015

**William (Bill) Arthur Melanson** peacefully passed away on March 23, 2015. Bill was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts on Aug. 1, 1942. He grew up in Pennsylvania and met the love of his life, Catherine Ford, while working as a short order cook in a diner. He and Catherine were married on Nov. 21, 1959 and together, had eight children. He and the family finally settled in Miami, Indiana in the early 1980s. Bill worked as a tool and die maker at United Technologies in North Manchester for many years. Bill was an avid movie buff. He especially liked watching westerns and war stories. Ironically, the diner where he met his wife was the same diner where the movie "The Blob" was filmed! Bill also enjoyed working outside and had a love for animals. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Francis Melanson and a granddaughter, Kaitlyn Melanson. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Catherine, and his eight children: Carol (Mikel) Kling, James Melanson, William Melanson, Michael Melanson, Linda Andrews, Robert (Kathy) Melanson, Patrick (Claudia) Melanson, and Diana (Blaine) Buttermore. He is also survived by his three sisters Anne, Becky and Laurie. Bill was blessed with 21 grandchildren: Kenneth Melanson, Justin Kling, Allison Kling, Mikell Kling, Libby Crowe, Shelby Melanson, Jaimee Melanson, Amber Melanson, Mick Melanson, Misty Melanson, Noel Andrews, Kayla Surbey, Aaron Melanson, Kimberly Melanson, Wesley Melanson, Wade Melanson, Keagan Buttermore, Slevin Buttermore, Madison Buttermore, and Emerson Buttermore. Bill also had 15 great grandchildren: Tyler, Kaylee, Mason, Jaylyn, Laurin, Lucy, Cole, Rachel, Noah, David, Conner, Kaiden, Kaitlyn, Serenity, and Mikah. A private ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Allen's Funeral Home in Bunker Hill.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 25, 2015

**Laura Lee Bortner**, 64, of New Madison, Ohio went to be with her Savior on March 24, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Laura was born April 4, 1950 in Greenville, Ohio to the late Gerald V. and Evelyn (Willoughby) Bortner. Laura lived to serve that which was important to her. First, and foremost, was family. She had three families that were extremely important to her. She loved the Bortner family she was born in to, her church family at Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, and her family at the Brethren Retirement Community which consisted of both co-workers and residents. Laura had a keen memory and often regaled family with stories of heritage, childhood and friends. She loved serving her Lord, her family and her friends. Laura had a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh. She was smart and always fun to be around. She had a way of making others happy and showing kindness. Laura could keep everyone laughing in gatherings with her insight into people's personalities, and the stories she created from them. Laura was a favorite aunt as she always had her "Bag O' Fun" that she brought along. She will be missed by many. She is survived by a brother, Larry Bortner of Newport, Kentucky; sisters, Linda and Larry Runkle of Peru, Beverly and Donnie Barker of Greensborough, North Carolina, Barbara and David McKenzie of House Springs, Missouri; nephews, Gerald and Angela Biscella, David and Erin Bixler Biscella; neices, Erin and Matt Milligan, Brianna McKenzie, Kaitlan Barker; great nephews, Nicholas Biscella and Grayson Bixler; great nieces, Jessica and Andrew Biscella-DeFeo, Kayla Bixler and Talia Bixler; uncles, David and Barbara Willoughby, Don and Marie Willoughby; an aunt, Irene Bortner, and numerous cousins. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015, at 6 p.m. at Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren with Rev. Tony Price officiating. Friends and family may visit from 4-6 p.m. also at the church prior to the service. The family request memorial contributions be given to the Brethren Retirement Community

Residence Aid Fund or Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren. Services entrusted to Braund Pope Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.braundpope.com](http://www.braundpope.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 26, 2015

**Gerald Anthony "Gary" Biscella**, 41, passed away on Friday morning, March 27, 2015, at his home. He was born on Jan. 22, 1974, in Torrejon, Spain, the son of Tony Biscella and Linda (Bortner) Runkle. On Aug. 9, 1997, he married Angela R. Blevins, and she survives. Gary was a 1992 graduate of Peru High School. He graduated from Purdue University with an associate's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. Gary was employed with CSI Electronics as an electrical engineer. He was a member of Oakbrook Community Church. Gary enjoyed photography, time spent outdoors, his father and son campouts, and had a love for animals. He was an avid reader, who enjoyed drawing, bowling, golf, collecting, movies, travel and loved anything that involved technology. Gary is survived by his loving wife, Angie Biscella, Kokomo; children, Jessica (Andrew) Biscella-DeFeo, Lafayette, and Nick Biscella, Kokomo; father, Tony (Diana) Biscella, Logansport; mother, Linda (Larry) Runkle, Peru; brothers, David (Erin Bixler) Biscella, Mineral Ridge, Ohio, and Shane (Fiancé, Katie Burton) Biscella, Logansport; mother and father-in-law, Colin (Judy) Blevins, Kokomo; brother-in-law, Brian (Jodi) Blevins, Irmo, South Carolina; nephews, Grant Blevins, Drew Blevins, Conner Blevins, and Grayson Bixler; nieces, Kayla Bixler, Kira Bixler, and Talia Bixler, along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Gary was preceded in death by his grandparents, and an aunt. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Oakbrook Community Church, 3409 S. 200 West, Kokomo, with Morgan Young officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Gary's name to the Education Fund established for Nick. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 30, 2015

**Homer S. Ferguson Jr.**, 90, passed away on Sunday, March 29, 2015, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born on March 10, 1925, to Homer R. Ferguson and Catherine Holloway Ferguson, in Bluffton, Indiana. Homer married Joyce L. Beatty on Sept. 19, 1945. Joyce preceded him in death on June 5, 2001. Homer was a graduate of Peru High School. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served in WWII and the Korean War. He was a member of the Peru City Fire Department from January 1949 to August 1969, and served two terms as Fire Chief. He was the Supervisor of Building, Grounds and Transportation for Peru Community Schools from 1969 until his retirement in 1988. Homer was a 50 year member of the Peru Maennerchor. He also held memberships in the Peru Masonic Lodge, was past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, and was a former Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge. He was an avid supporter of the Circus City Festival and the Peru Amateur Circus and is the last surviving member of the "Three Amigos". Homer is survived by his three daughters, Sandra K. (Rick) Ploss; Tamera S. Cooper; and Candace L. (Monroe) Alfrey; along with his grandchildren, Shelley A. Ploss, Cameron C. Cooper, Tarrin L. Cooper, and Simon A. Alfrey. He is also survived by his sister, Doris M. Kehler, along with nieces and nephews, Carol (Larry) Hemdal, Homer E. (Margaret) Kehler, and George F. Kehler, Robert (Dianna) Ferguson, Jr., Suzan (Michael) Saturno, Mary (Troy) Coffee, Ronald D. Ferguson, Randy Ferguson, and Christy (Jeff) Wouster and many great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Barbara Ferguson Sr., his brother-in-law, George M. Kehler, and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harold and Dorothy Jones. The family would like to thank Senior Helpers, Angels of Mercy, Premier Hospice, Dr. William Rauh, and the Peru Fire Department, for the great care and assistance he was given. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m., Thursday, at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with masonic services to follow. Funeral services will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, at 10 a.m. with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery Peru. Peru Masonic Lodge Memorial Service at 7 p.m. Military Graveside Service by Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial contributions may be made to Peru Circus City Festival or Peru Fire Department Local 383. Arrangements by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 30, 2015

**Princess "Jean" Simpson Smith**, 64, of rural Wabash, died at 5:25 pm Saturday, March 28, 2015 at her home. She was born Jan. 31, 1951 in Cleveland, Ohio to Autie and Ruth (Webb) Ferguson. Jean first married Richard Simpson Jr., and he survives in Roann. She then married Gary Smith in Laketon on June 25, 1998. She worked for HIZ Inc., in Wabash, was a custodian for Northfield High School and Sharp Creek Elementary School, and also worked as a CNA at Autumn Ridge Healthcare in Wabash. She was a former member of the Southside Freewill Baptist Church and a member of the Izaak Walton League. Jean participated in the Women's Fast Pitch Softball league in Wabash. She enjoyed her family, fishing, baking, cooking, was an Indianapolis Colts Fan, and loved her dogs. She is survived by her husband, Gary Smith of Wabash; five children - Rhonda (David) Bennett of Fort Wayne, Christy (Gary) Parker and Misty Lopez (Patrick) Rose, both of Urbana, Indiana, Richard M. (Jennifer VanHoose) Simpson of Wabash, and Jeanna (Bret) Backus of Warsaw; three brothers, Ambrose "Hoss" (Rae) Ferguson of Peru, Autie Luke (Angie) Ferguson of Wabash, and Mark (Trudy Martin) Ferguson of Peru; a sister, Frances (Larry) Royce, of Marion; 16 grandchildren, and one great grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, and one grandson. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash with David Weller officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the Izaak Walton League of Somerset. The memorial guest book for Jean may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
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**Barbara Gochenour**, 81, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:45 a.m. at her home. Barbara was born in Winamac to Ruth and Russell Beghtel. She worked at the local Village Market in Peru for 9 years where she made numerous friends. Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Ruth and Russell; one brother, Joe; and four sisters:, Mary, Patsy, Doris, Clara Sue, and two sons, Richard and Mark Zinsmaster. Barbara is survived by one son, Dennis Zinsmaster and two daughters, Karla Blair and Connie Garrett. She has six grandchildren: Mike, Michelle, Randy, Shelly, Ashley, and Shelby; and 15 great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Janice and

Bonnie also survive. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home In Memory of Barbara. Visitation will be Wednesday April 1, 2015 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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**Margaret Anne Gebhart**, 86, of Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. She was born in Peru on Feb. 17, 1929, the daughter of Charles and Ethyl M. Hight Sutton. Margaret married Richard C. Gebhart in Peru on Jan. 23, 1965. Surviving in addition to her husband, Richard are: children Bill, Gebhart (Margaret) Peru: Steve Malon (Sherry), Noblesville; Anne Brown (Jim), Peru: Linda Jackson (Scott), Fort Wayne; Kristi Eddy (Tom Jr.), Peru; grandchildren Angie Gebhart, Jenny Gebhart, Heather Gebhart-Leavitt (Rob), Tony Malon (Brittany), Andrea Dunham (Nick), Jared Brown (Adi), Justin Brown, Brandon Brown (Sarah), Blake Jackson, Maddy Eddy, Zoe Eddy, T. Fred Eddy and Christopher Gebhart; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and brothers Alan Sutton (Judy), Peru, and Frank Sutton (Caroline), Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents and sons, Lynn Gebhart and Michael Gebhart. A service celebrating the life of Margaret Anne Gebhart will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday April 4, 2015, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Chaplain Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Friday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Public Library. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 31, 2015

**SHELL LAKE, Wisc. — Marcella "Marcie" Marie Shelton Spencer**, 92, of Shell Lake, Wisc., formerly of Wabash, died at 1 a.m. Central Time, Monday, March 30, 2015, at the home of her daughter. She was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Landess to Artie Franklin and Myrtle Marie (Watson) Welch. Marcie was a 1940 graduate of Andrews High School, Andrews. She married Douglass A. Spencer in Clearwater, Fla., on Feb. 17, 1998; he died Oct. 31, 1998. She retired from Wabash Magnetics, Inc. in 1990 after 29 years, where she was personnel secretary and office receptionist. She was a long time resident of Indiana, but upon retirement she lived in Florida for six years to be near her son Terry and his family. She returned to Wabash and in 2009 moved to Shell Lake, Wisc., to be near her daughter Roxie and her son-in-law. Marcie loved dancing, singing and was very gifted at the piano. She loved people and had many friends throughout her lifetime. Marcie was a worship leader and member of the Roann Evangelical Church in Roann. She took an active part in the Global Harvest Evangelistic Team. While in Florida she was a member of the Nazarene Church in Lakeland and attended the Friends Church while in Wabash. She was currently attending the Spooner Wesleyan Church. Marcie won a national award for the "Friendliest Voice in Corporate America" in 1989. She loved animals and had several pets throughout the years, the most dear to her was her Quaker parrot "Billie." She is survived by her daughter, Roxie (Dale) Spaulding of Shell Lake, Wisc.; four stepchildren, Brian D. Spencer of Hoagland, Rick Spencer of New Haven, Marla (Robert Packer) Spencer of Fort Wayne and Lori Spencer of Largo, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Kim Shelton of Winter Haven, Fla.; sister-in-law, JoAnn Blood of Marion; nephew, Jeffrey Welch of McAllen, Texas; cousin, Ray (Wilda) Welch of Upland; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Terry Richard Shelton; one brother, A. Franklin Welch; one sister, Marguerite Welch; and her niece, Jackie Sue Michel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with Alan Tripp officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery, Mt. Etna. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. There will be a memorial service at the Spooner Wesleyan Church at a later date. Preferred memorial is Regional Hospice, 819 Ash St., Spooner, WI 54801. The memorial guest book for Marcie may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**Paul Nine**, 84, of Huntington and formerly of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 4 a.m. at his home. Arrangements are pending and entrusted to Roanoke Memorial Chapel of Deal-Rice Funeral Homes.

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**Daunita Iliene Reed Kline** was born on October 27, 1935 in Yorktown, Indiana, and was the eldest child of Arthur W. and Martha (nee Burkhart) Reed. As a young person she was active in 4-H and the Grant County Band, completing nine years in each activity, and several times winning 4-H contests. She was a member of the Christian Church Youth Fellowship and served as Co-President of the Grant County C.Y.F. She was salutatorian of her 1953 graduating class of the Hoosier state's Van Buren Township High School. Purdue University was her alma mater, where she was tapped for the Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honorary society and lived for three years at the Twin Pines co-operative House. She also played clarinet in the Purdue University's Military, Marching, and Symphonic Bands. In the spring of 1957, she received a BS in sciences and consumer and family science. Her future husband received a MS degree at the same commencement exercise, but they hadn't met at that time. She taught home economics at Edison High School in Lake Station before marrying Ned J. Kline of Fort Wayne on June 29, 1958 at the Van Buren Christian Church. She added another three years of teaching at Sunnyside Jr. High School in Lafayette, while her husband pursued a Ph. D at Purdue. Their family of (then) four moved to Bar Harbor, Maine where Dr. Kline continued his training at Jackson Laboratory and where Mrs. Kline taught as a substitute teacher. Daunita was a member of the Rose C. Swart Campus School and North High School Parents Advisory Councils, and served for 25 years on the Winnebago County Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. She was a member of the UW Faculty Dames and a member of Jennie Marvin Antiquists. She and her husband served as treasurers of the Wisconsin Naval Academy Parents Association, and both were active in NAMI. She supported both the Twin Pines and the Purdue Alumni Associations. Mrs. Kline was very active in the Democratic Party. She was an elected precinct committee person, served as vice-chair of the statutory Democratic State Party and wrote minutes as the secretary of the county party. The study of election law became an avocation for her. She was also very proud of the fact that among five siblings and their spouses, there were nine degrees from different colleges and universities. Daunita and her husband enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Ireland and England in their

retirement. Her children were, and remained, central to her heart and thinking, and she was especially proud of her five spirited grandchildren. She is survived by three children, Ned R. (Elisa) Kline of Northfield Ill., Mrs. Jill Gaimari (Tony) of Pingree Grove, Ill., and Brian T. (Beth) Kline of Sun Prairie, Wis., and five beloved grandchildren, Hailey, Emily, and Andrew Kline and Laura and Grace Kline. She is also survived by her four dear siblings. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Dr. Ned J. Kline on January 28th, 2011. She passed away on March 21, 2015, at Evergreen Retirement Community after a valiant battle with cancer. A private family ceremony will take place at Riverside Cemetery, and a Celebration of her life will be planned for a future date. Her family and those close to her wish to extend great thanks for the dedicated, gracious and compassionate care shown to her by Dr. Eric Duwell of Oshkosh, Dr. Thomas Klinkhammer of Neenah, and the staff of the Evergreen Retirement Community. Donations in her memory may be made to Father Carr's The Place To Be of Oshkosh or the Evergreen Retirement Community Foundation.

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**Edna Mae Jervis Tibbits**, born January 19, 1927, exited the physical world March 27, 2015. Her husband Chuck's passing preceded her own by six years. Edna Mae was born in Zionsville, Indiana and grew up in Marion. After being high school sweethearts, Edna Mae and Chuck later married and raised their family in Lansing, Michigan. Edna Mae is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Joe Siemianowski (Chicago); son Kim Tibbits (Lansing); grandchildren, Andrew, Ashley, Alex, Chelsea and Jaymie. She also was blessed with two great-grandchildren, Anthony and Sophia Mae. Edna Mae's sister, Eleanor Carl, resides in Port Orange, Florida, which is where Edna Mae also has lived since 2009. Edna Mae adored her family and was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. A cocktails and hors d'oeuvres celebration will be held to honor her in Lansing, Michigan at a later date. Memorials can be made to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care on Mason Avenue in Daytona Beach, Florida. Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Port Orange.

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**ANDREWS — Paul P. "Butch" Lamprecht Jr.**, 68, of Andrews, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 2:20 a.m. at Bethlehem Woods, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending and entrusted to Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Andrews Chapel.

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**Jack "Handsome" Evans**, 93, died peacefully at the age of 93 on Saturday, March 28, 2015. He was a longtime resident of Indianapolis. Jack was born on February 22, 1922 to Claude and Edna Ailman Evans of Marion, Indiana where he grew up. He was a proud graduate of Marion High School in 1939. He served 2 1/2 years in the Army Air Corp as a B-17 pilot until November of 1945. He graduated from Ball State Teachers College in 1948. Jack married Dorothy Mae Osborne of Windfall on May 14, 1946. He and Dorothy and their young son moved to Indianapolis in June of 1948 when he began his career with General Motors Allison Division where he worked for 38 years. Together Jack and Dorothy raised three children: Robert (Bob) Evans, Peggy Daily, and Julie Evans. He had three grandchildren and one great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife Dorothy (2002), his sister, Pauline Cox (2006), and his son Bob (2011). Jack was very active for his entire life. As a dedicated athlete and avid sports fan, Jack ran cross country at Ball State, participated in softball for the Allison League, played volley ball until the age of 80 and golfed as recently as last summer. His most loved sport, however, was basketball. As a player, he excelled in it while in the Air Corp, but as an adult his love for the sport drove him to organize the Junior Basketball League at the Municipal Gardens. As league director he initiated a Friendship Tournament for fourteen years with a similar organization in San Juan, Puerto Rico. At his retirement reception from Allison in 1987, he received the Sagamore of the Wabash award for his contributions to youth athletics. Retirement from Allison in 1987 did not slow him down. In the late eighties he became an attaché for the Pan Am games in Indianapolis and organized the Old Fogey Golf League which continues today. He coauthored the McCullah Review, a monthly newsletter intended to reconnect former classmates from McCullah School in Marion. He helped organize and was the master of ceremonies for high school class reunions for many years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 497 throughout much of his adult life. Jack and his family were active members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Speedway where he continued to be a member until his death. For a number of years he served as head usher and was for a time a member of the church council. His most notable achievement, however, was his ability to make and maintain relationships. Through Allison, the Gardens, St. Andrew's, and even his old neighborhood in Eagledale he easily made friends and kept them. And even though he moved from Marion in 1948, he still kept in contact with friends and family there until just recently. By the time a person reaches the age of 93, you have attended many funerals of friends and family, and Jack remembered all of them fondly, but he still had many people he loved and considered his friends until the day he left us. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of Speedway. Visitation will be at Flanner and Buchanan-Washington Park North, 2706 Kessler Blvd. W. Drive, Indianapolis from 4-7 p.m. Friday. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church at 6118 Crawfordsville Road in Speedway. Online condolences may be made at [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**Ivetta Hutcheson**, 90, passed away at Lutheran Hospital on March 29, 2015. Ivetta was born on Aug. 14, 1924 at Bath County, Ky. to the late Herman and Mary (Doggett) Bailey. Ivetta was a 1943 graduate of Marion High School. She married Billy J. Hutcheson on Oct. 22, 1944. Mr. Hutcheson preceded her in death on April 3, 2002. They were married for 58 years. During her working years, Ivetta worked as supervisor for Marion Community Schools' food service for 20 years. Ivetta was a lifetime member of Nu Beta Chi sorority, Marion Women's Department Club and Sunnycrest Baptist Super 60's. She was also a 59-year member of First United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge #1776, American Legion Auxillary #368 and Marion General Hospital Auxillary. Ivetta is survived by three children, Michael J. (Susan) Hutcheson, David (Shirley) Hutcheson and Becky Moses, all of Marion; one brother, Melvin Bailey, Michigan; one sister, Betty Timmons, Georgia; five grandchildren, Jason (Dawn) Hutcheson, Defiance, Ohio, Brooke (Mike)

Campbell, Indianapolis, Sarah (Kyle) Miller, New Orleans, Dachia Hutcheson, Marion, Stacie (Jason) McIntyre, Marion; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Jordan, Jacob, Logan, Alexis, Ethan, Hunter and Aidan. She was also preceded in death by her son, Richard J. "Rick" Hutcheson; two brothers, Grover Bailey and Clarence Bailey; one sister, Verna Bailey Bartlett; brother-in-law, Ross Bartlett; son-in-law, Chris Moses. Extended family and friends are invited to visit from 10:30 a.m. until services on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street in Marion. The funeral service will follow at noon Thursday at the funeral home with Rev. Ben Gray officiating. Ivetta will be buried in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion immediately following her funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 6500 Technology Dr., Ste. 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278 or online at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**MUNCIE — Dr. Raymond M. Maddox**, 66, passed away Tuesday morning, March 31, 2015, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital after a recent illness. Ray was born June 10, 1948 in Valparaiso, Indiana, to Jim and Anne (Stout) Maddox. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2015 in Grace United Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., with Rev. Dr. Gary Hall presiding. Burial will follow in Hartford City Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City from 4-8 P.M. Thursday, and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**James Charles Foster Warner**, 25, Jonesboro, died of a massive heart attack at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Elkhart, Ind. to Kim (Carlos) Jacobson. James was a 2007 graduate of Mississinewa High School and was an EMT for five years with Transcare Ambulance Service. James loved golf, soccer and hockey, especially the Detroit Red Wings and Fort Wayne Comets. He also enjoyed music, as he was in the high school band and attended many concerts. His love for the outdoors took him on a hiking adventure on the Appalachian Trail. His greatest love and passion, however, was spending time with family and friends, especially with his nephew, Brady. In addition to his mother, survivors include his sisters, Rhamey Furnish, Jonesboro, Samantha Hunter, Gas City, and Lily Warner, Texas; brothers, Seth (Amanda) Hunter and Nicholas Jackson, both from Gas City; step-brother, Nick (Crystal) Jacobson; grandparents, Charles (Phyllis) Smith, Jonesboro; very special nephew, Brady Augusta, Jonesboro; uncles and aunts, Paul (Vinnie) McWhirt, Melissa Hunter, Nancy Hunter, all from Gas City, Danny (Valerie) Enyert, Marion, G.E. "Dad" (Janet) Lashbrook, South Carolina, Bruce (Lynn) Pratt, Fort Wayne, James (Helga) Warner, Texas, and several other uncles and aunts; cousins, Ryan, Janelle, Baily, Kaleigh, Erik, Tyler, Candice, Gage, Jordin, Shannon, Christy, Alissa and many others; and special friends, Tim Baughman, Kassie Kendall and his friends at Transcare. Preceding James in death were his aunt, Kelly Storey; cousin, Rikki Shane; and grandmother, Nadine Hensley. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St. in Gas City, Ind. The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 with Pastor Adrian Curtis officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City. Memorial contributions may be directed to James' nephew, Brady Augusta, with checks made payable to Riverside Community Credit Union, 101 North Washington Street. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**Velma A. Carson**, 75, of Frankfort, passed away Monday, March 30, 2015, at St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital. She was born June 16, 1939, in Clinton County, to Dewey Earl and Goldie Goodman Carson. Velma worked at Opportunity Center in Frankfort. Surviving Velma is her brother: William "Bill" Carson of Frankfort. Velma was preceded in death by her parents and one brother: Jerry Carson. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the start of services at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 2 at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort, with the Rev. Lewis Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Bunnell Cemetery in Frankfort. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**BERNE — Carolyn J (Hanlin) Hoffacker**, 78, of Wells County passed away at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at Swiss Village, Berne, IN. Family and friends may gather to share and remember her from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier. A service to celebrate Carolyn's life will be at 2 p.m. April 3, 2015, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, with viewing held before the service from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the Jones Cemetery in Wells County, IN. Preferred memorials: Wells Co. Animal Shelter 1613 W. Cherry St. Bluffton, IN 46714 or Wells Co. Cancer Society 1120 Summit Ave. Bluffton, IN 46714 - Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**MUNCIE - Judy K. (Wooldridge) Penrod**, 77, passed away on Saturday evening, March 28, 2015 at the Liberty Village Health Care Center following an extended illness. She was born on April 21, 1937 in Kokomo, Ind., the daughter of Clarence Wooldridge and Elizabeth (Cook) Brummett. Judy attended Kokomo City Schools and later married Don Penrod in 1970. He preceded her in death in 2000. Mrs. Penrod had been a machine operator for United Technologies in Marion prior to her retirement in 2008 after 30 years of service. She had been a union steward and had attended Bethel Church in Marion when she resided there. One of her favorite stories she told was about her first job serving soda pop at a little corner drug store when she was twelve. Judy loved playing Euchre and going fishing and camping with her best friends, Terry and Kathy Speicher and their family. Survivors include one daughter, Vanetta Wine, Muncie; two grandsons, Todd Orme (wife, Bobbi), Parker City, and Josh Orme (wife, Sharron), Muncie; three great-grandchildren, Caine, Josslyn and Jarryn Orme; one step-daughter, Mrs. Debra Brandberry, VanBuren; one brother, Bruce Wooldridge (wife, Nancy), Cicero, Ind.; best friends who were considered like family, Terry and Kathy Speicher, and their children, Matt, Jill and Laura. Besides her husband of 30 years, Don, she is preceded in death by her son, Todd Clevenger, and her parents. Funeral services

will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Parson Mortuary with Pastor Rusty Clements officiating. Burial will follow at the cemetery at Kokomo Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the Parson Mortuary on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 6 until 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from noon until service time. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be made to the family in care of [www.parsonmortuary.com](http://www.parsonmortuary.com).

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**Nellie "Ann" Moore**, 72, Marion, entered her eternal home in Heaven at 10:35 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2015, surrounded by her family in her home. She was born in Kokomo to the late James and Martha (Havens) Breedlove. Ann was a 1961 graduate of Tipton High School. She attended John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, as well as Andrews University in Michigan. She worked at General Motors in Kokomo and was also the owner of The Christmas Shoppe, where she created Christmas flower arrangements. Ann was a very talented artist. She loved to paint, draw, and make her own clothes, as well as costumes. She was a great cook and loved to shop and travel to Las Vegas and California. Her love for God, grandchildren, and her dog, Skully, was very evident. Those surviving Ann include her children, Robert (Kimberly) Moore and Jody Moore, both of Marion, Jeffery Moore, Fortville, Indiana, and Pam (Keith) Johnson, Kokomo; sister, Joan (Richard) Swain, Gas City; brother, Charles James R. (Mary Ann) Breedlove, Sharpsville; grandchildren, John (Khasha) Lytel, Mike (Raquel) Moore, Kyle Moore, Annie Moore, Logan (Samantha) Johnson, Justin (Lindsay) Moore, Chelsea Moore; great-grandchildren, Mariska Lytel, Venora Lytel, Lillian Johnson, Cecilia Johnson, Ashley Frazier; nieces and nephews, Robin (Ed) Beaty, Jerry Glen Stewart, Mary Catherine (Will) Breedlove Sevier, James Glen Breedlove. In addition to her parents, Ann was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Jimmy Breedlove. The family will receive visitors from 2-4 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana. A Celebration of Ann's life will begin at 4 p.m. with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help defer funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**Mary Brewer-Fawley**, 95, of Wabash passed away at 10:43 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Peru. She was born to the late Orville and Ethel Clark on October 26, 1919 in Middlebury, Indiana. Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Brad Wright officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be from 1- 3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**WARREN — Richard L. Stanley** of Warren passed away early Thursday morning at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H. Brown & Son. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Betty Ruth Bone**, 86, of Kokomo passed away at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the Sterling House in Kokomo. Arrangements are pending with Hasler-Stout Funeral Home of Greentown. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Shirley E. "George" (Shoaf) Floyd**, 73, of Frankfort, died at 9:45 p.m. April 2, 2015 at St. Mary's Healthcare, Lafayette. She was born July 5, 1941 in Lafayette, to Fred Dale and Gladys Fern (Spurgeon) Shoaf. She married Johnny L. Floyd on April 1, 1962 in Frankfort and he preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 2010. Mrs. Floyd attended school at Lafayette Jefferson High School. She worked at Shillings Drugstore and Essex Wire, both in Lafayette, Hanlins Drugstore and Carr Cabinet Factory both in Frankfort. Shirley enjoyed fishing, camping and loved her birds and squirrels. She is survived by three granddaughters: Stacia Floyd of Brownsburg, Kourtney Floyd of West Lafayette Kinzey Floyd of Frankfort; three sisters: Phyllis (Lee) Dickey, Donna Smart and Katherine (Dan) Moore, all of Lafayette; and one great-grandson: Brody Dierdorf. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son: Michael Floyd on June 11, 1999; and one sister: Barbara Norwood. Services will be at noon Tuesday, April 7 at Goodwin Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the donors Charity of Choice. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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**Keith Kaiser**, age 81, of Huntington, died at 7:57 a.m. Thursday (April 2, 2015) at his home. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday (April 4, 2015) at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 648 N. Lafontaine St., Huntington. Funeral services will immediately follow at noon Saturday with Pastor Tim Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Keith was born on Feb. 28, 1934, in Millard, Neb., the son of Arthur and Virginia (Elseman) Kaiser. He graduated from Millard High School in 1951 and attended the University of Wisconsin for two years. He married Ann "Shirley" Bickel on Oct. 2, 1954, in Omaha, Neb. Keith worked as a quality control manager at Sealtest in Huntington and was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, also in Huntington. He loved to attend auctions. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ann S. "Shirley" Kaiser of Huntington; three sons, Keenan S. (Sharon) Kaiser, Kyle (Nickie) Kaiser and Keith (Donna) Kaiser, all of Huntington; three daughters, Teresa (David) Pohler and Kimberly (Robb) Fultz, both of Huntington, and Cheryl (Glenn) Wilson of Syracuse; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Sharon Harding; sister, Karen Goener; and two brothers, Roger Kaiser and Larry Jung. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Keith S. Kaiser.

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**ANDREWS — Paul P. "Butch" Lamprecht Jr.**, 68, of Andrews, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 2:20 a.m. at Bethlehem Woods, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be Friday, April 3, from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 4, from 10-11 a.m. preceding the 11 a.m. funeral service at Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Andrews Chapel. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. Online condolences to [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**CARLISLE — Kyle David Curless**, 43, Carlisle and formerly of Wabash, passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. A private service and burial will be at a later date. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).  
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**Bobbi Jo Osborn**, 38, Marion, died at 10:48 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in Marion General Hospital. She was born in Austin, Minnesota to Robert and Toni (Turbey) Miller. She preceded her parents in death. A funeral service for Bobbi Jo will be at noon Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Paul Nine, 84**, of Huntington and formerly of Roanoke, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 4 a.m. at his home. Visitation will be Monday, April 6, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. preceding the 2:30 p.m. funeral service at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery, Roanoke. Online condolences to [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Dorothy Height**, 91, passed away at 9:49 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**ALEXANDRIA — Terry L. "Frog" Beemer**, 60, passed away at his residence Tuesday, March 31, 2015, following an extended illness. He was born on August 8, 1954 in Anderson to the late Walter and Virginia (Etchison) Martin. Services honoring Terry's life will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria with Rev. Harrison Williams and Pastor Chris Hubler officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Friends are invited to call at the Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria after 4 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Owens Funeral Home to assist the family with final expenses. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**FRANKTON — John W. Saulmon**, 69, passed away at his residence Tuesday, March 31, 2015, following an extended illness. He was born on January 29, 1946 in Elwood to Ernest and Minnie (Ramsey) Saulmon and has lived in the area all of his life. Family and friends are invited to a graveside service at 3 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, at the K of P-IOOF Cemetery in Frankton. Pastor Gary Elsten will officiate. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Frankton Ambulance Service, PO Box 7, Frankton, IN 46044. Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria has been entrusted with the service arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Loretta M. Lewis**, 68, of Marion passed away March 31, 2015, in her home.  
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**Donald L. Price**, 80, Peru, formerly of Walton, went home to be with the Lord at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. He was born May 22, 1934 in Rossville to Halford and Thelma K. (Smith) Price. On Nov. 22, 1954 he married Linda S. Taylor and she survives. Don retired from Chrysler with over 32 years as an Electrician. He graduated from Rossville High School in 1954. He served his country in the Army National Guard, and was a member of the Son-Rise Worship Center in Walton and the U.A.W. Local #1166 in Kokomo. Don was a former member of the Church of the Bible Covenant in Logansport. Surviving family includes his wife Linda S. Price, Peru; daughter, Rhonda and husband Daniel Beagan, Kokomo; two sons, John and Kenny Price both of Nashville, Tennessee. Other surviving family include his seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, two sisters, Norma (T.J.) Amsden, of Martinton, Illinois and Martha Price, Delphi; two brothers, Halford (Clara) Price, Kokomo; and Claude (Nancy) Price, Florida. His parents, one son, Donald Price II, and one brother, Kenneth Price, preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Bro. Mark Mowery officiating. Burial will follow at Albright Cemetery in Kokomo. Visitation will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. prior to funeral services at Murray Weaver Funeral Home on Saturday. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com).  
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**Eleanor G. Organ**, age 101, of Marion, left this life for eternal life, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in her home surrounded by the endless love of her family. Eleanor was born on March 7, 1914, in Marion, the daughter of the late Francis X. Gartland Sr. and Anna (Morrow) Gartland. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, J. William Long, and her beloved daughter, Cynthia Long Forgey; husband, James M. Organ; brothers, FX (Bud) Gartland, Jim Gartland, and Jack Gartland; and sisters, Mary G. Tegarden and Joan G. May. She is survived by her three sons, John (Donna) Long of Marion, David G. Long of Indianapolis, and Chris (Jan) Long of Carmel; daughters, Ann Long Gorey of Sarasota, Florida, Jane Long (Harry) Finch of Marion, Linda Long (John) Appel of Indianapolis, Marnie Long (Neil) Golden of Indianapolis, Karen Long (Doug) Holtzclaw of Yorktown; and stepson, Michael Organ,

Staunton, Virginia. Except for winters in Florida and summers at her beloved Lake Wawasee, she lived all 101 years of her life within one square mile in Marion. She married John (Jay) William Long Sr. on June 6, 1940. Their great love produced 9 children. Her beloved Jay preceded her to Eternal Life on September 25, 1969. Her primary focus throughout her life has always been her family that has grown to include 27 grandchildren, more than 30 great-grandchildren and too many wonderful nieces and nephews to count. Eleanor was the great matriarch, the center of the wheel from which all the spokes of this great family extend. To Eleanor, nothing mattered more than God, family, country ... and Notre Dame! She attended Daily Mass at St. Paul's Church every day she was able to her entire life. She prayed the Rosary daily. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who was so very proud of the family that she created. Eleanor had an infinite amount of love to give and an infinite amount of love she gave throughout her 101 years. As a member of the Depression and World War II generation, Eleanor was incredibly frugal, making it a habit to rinse and dry coffee filters and to save the laundry suds for reuse, but yet she was perpetually and profoundly generous. While raising her children, the door to their home on 5th Street in Marion remained unlocked, welcoming her many nieces and nephews and children's friends at any time. Her home was a safe haven, a welcoming place filled with lots of kids, lots of joy, lots of laughter and lots of dancing. A delight and inspiration to her many descendants, she imparted great wisdom throughout the years. Never one to miss a party or a reason to celebrate, Eleanor had a gift for bringing levity and laughter into life and she taught the value of keeping a good sense of humor. She also taught the importance of using proper grammar and never hesitated to correct those who fell out of line. She taught the difference between lay and lie and that meat is done and people are finished. She taught her grandchildren and great-grandchildren the proper method to eat a Drumstick, how to get rid of an ice cream headache and that there is always room for dessert. She taught the value of kindness and sharing, except when it came to her ice cream, of course, and that we all have a responsibility to take care of each other and look out for each other. She taught that when it comes down to it nothing is more important than family, and she has been a model of courage, capability and acceptance. She taught by example about strength and fortitude and about living a big, full and love-filled life.

Second to her family, was Eleanor's beloved Notre Dame. She attended St. Paul's School, Marion, and St. Mary's, Notre Dame. A loyal fan of the Irish to the end, she attended at least one home game a season for 87 consecutive years. She realized a great dream of hers in the fall of 2013 when she was wheeled onto the field, donning her Irish fanware, to meet head coach Brian Kelly. He came out to the field early specifically to meet this incredible woman who had proven herself to be the definition of a 'die-hard fan.' When asked what they discussed, she responded simply that "that was between them." This game, or more significantly the moments before the game, would end up being, to use her words, 'one of the highlights' of her life, an incredibly full and well-lived life that has certainly been marked by her loyalty to the boys in blue and gold.

Until the time of her death, she was the oldest member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, The Hostess House and Meshingomesia Country Club, a feat that filled her with great pride. Hers was a life so well-lived and she was a woman so well-loved. Eleanor's legacy will live on through her enormous family that will continue to love her like crazy, will miss her every day, and will enjoy telling stories about her for many, many years to come. Her occupation: She was the definition of a homemaker!!

Funeral Mass Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, with Father Richard Weisenberger and her nephew, Father Dan Gartland, officiating.

Burial will be in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Rosary will be offered at 7:45 p.m. by Father Daniel Gartland. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). Memorial contributions may be made to: Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, 11586 IN-13, Syracuse, Ind. 46567 or Community Foundation of Grant County Indiana, 505 W. Third St., Marion, Ind. 46952 c/o J. William and Eleanor G. Long Fund. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**Loriena J. Henry**, 80, Marion, died at 9:10 p.m. Monday, March 30, 2015 in her son's home in Anderson. She was born in Arkansas to Morton A. and Irena (Woods) Christopher and married Wilbur E. Henry in 1971. He preceded her in death in 1988. A funeral service for Loriena will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, in the Grant Memorial Park Chapel, Marion, with Pastor Bruce Koontz officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, prior to the service in the chapel. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**Loretta M. Lewis**, 68, passed away March 31, 2015, in Marion home. Loretta was born in Marion on September 20, 1946. She was a homemaker and dabbled in various jobs throughout her working years. She was a dedicated mother and enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids. Loretta married Herbert W. Lewis on December 31, 1978. He preceded her in death on January 20, 2003. In her free time, she enjoyed bowling and she was inducted into the Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. She will always be remembered for her willingness to help others and her love of family. Survivors: four children, Tonia Colbert (Bruce Owens), Sonja Conaway (Abraham Martinez), Linda Conaway, Angela (Leslie) Conaway, all of Marion; two step-children, Daisy Sparks, Van Buren; Linda Romero, Marion; four brothers, Butch Adkins, Donald Adkins, Chester Julian, all of Marion; P.J. Adkins, Tennessee; one step-brother, Jimmy (Stacy) Henry, Marion; two sisters, Thelma Holland, Kentucky, Paula (Willard) Gross, Tennessee; four step-sisters, Wilma Crouse, Mary (Steve) Cornett, Millie (Randy Gregory) Adkins, all of Marion; Lora Bickett, Denver, Indiana; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Adkins; mother, Verna (Hayes) Henry; step-father, Leon Henry; son, Randy Conaway; three brothers, Johnny Henry, Chucky Adkins, Albert Adkins; two step-brothers, Eddie Henry and Oren Adkins. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home with Jimmy Henry officiating. Loretta will be buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, immediately following her funeral service. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**Mary Alice Reynolds**, 89, widow of Weldon Reynolds, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Peru. She was born March 25, 1926 in Amboy, Indiana. She graduated from Amboy High School and was a homemaker. She loved to work with ceramics and enjoyed sewing. She was an animal lover and always had some type of pet around. She is survived by a sister, Ruth Bowman; five children, Miriam (and the late Richard) Blodgett, Naomi (and the late Jim) Ballengee, Max (Linda) Reynolds, Bonita Reynolds, and Dale (Ronda) Reynolds; eight grandchildren: Rachel, Sarah, Jamie, Jackie, Holly, Kaci, Chris and Logan and six great-grandchildren, Clay, Emily, Andrew, Jack, Charlotte and Grayson. She is preceded in death by her parents; William and Mary Gertrude (Osborn) Rose and two sisters; Dorothy Mathais and Flossie Phillips. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at the Mausoleum of Ever Rest Memorial Park with Pastor Larry Zehring officiating. Visitation will be from 10 - 11 a.m. at Ever Rest Mausoleum with burial at Ever Rest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mary Alice may be made to: Cause for Paws, Inc., PO Box 1402, Logansport, IN 46947. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**Frank K. Myers Jr.**, Sc.D, 86 years old, formerly of Blackford County, passed away Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 a.m. in New Port Richey, Fla. Services will be held in New Port Richey from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 3. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Gulfside Hospice of New Port Richey, Florida, or the Moffitt Cancer Center of Tampa, Florida. A viewing will be held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, from 1-2 p.m., with a graveside service following at Asbury Cemetery, Wells County. Arrangements are being held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**CARLISLE – Kyle David Curless**, 43, Carlisle and formerly of Wabash, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Kyle was born on June 26, 1971, in Wabash to Charles Edward and Nancy Lee (Glendenning) Curless. His father preceded him in death. Kyle graduated from Southwood High School and worked construction. A private service and burial will be at a later date. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com) - [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**William R. Jackson, Jr.**, 82, Jonesboro, died at 9:26 a.m. on Friday, March 27, 2015, at Bridgewater Center, Hartford City, Indiana. He was born in Marion to the late William and Pauline (Sigler) Jackson, Sr. He married Norma Jean Jackson, and she preceded him in death. Following high school graduation, William enlisted in the military and served in the Air Force. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, especially building dollhouses and giving them away, putting together jigsaw puzzles, and riding motorcycles. Survivors include sisters, Paula (Troy) Jarrett, Jonesboro, Barbara (Sam) Cook, Louisiana, Maude Davis, Florida; brother, Dick (Kay) Jackson, Hartford City; and several nieces and nephews. William was preceded in death by his three sisters, Helen Owens, Wilma Jeffries, Margaret Ann Jackson; and brother, John Jackson. A private burial will be held at Marion National Cemetery on Friday. Arrangements were entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at ifccares.com. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 3, 2015](#)

**Mary L. Abbett**, 85, of Huntington, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at 12:10 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Huntington. She worked in the laundry at Huntington Hospital from 1955 to 1957 and as a cook at Lincoln Elementary School from 1968 to 1978. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Mary was born Jan. 5, 1930, in Huntington, the daughter of Roman and Mae (Vore) Stell Sr. On Aug. 24, 1946, she married her beloved husband of 69 years Rhynard L. Abbett in Huntington and he survives in Huntington. Also surviving are a son, Terry (Connie) Abbett of Leesburg; a sister, Patricia Charlesworth; a brother, Roman (Jean Ann) Stell Jr. of Huntington; six grandchildren, Brandi (J.D.) Pass, Chris (Carrie) Abbett, Shane Pulley, Terra (Roger) Finderson, Carrie M. Abbett and Traci (Aaron) Walters; five great-grandchildren, Kennedi Pass, Caylie Abbett, Delaney Finderson, Zaira Finderson and D'Artagnan Finderson; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Pulley; a great-grandson, Cade Abbett; two sisters, Jean Lineback and Rosalie Stell; and three brothers, Larry Stell, Richard Stell and Ted Stell. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 8, from 4-8 p.m. at Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Huntington Chapel and Thursday, April 9, from 9-10 a.m. preceding the 10 a.m. funeral service at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory. Preferred memorials are to Millers Merry Manor c/o Deal-Rice Funeral Home, 333 E. Washington St., Huntington, IN 46750. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015](#)

**Jimmie M. Scott**, 72, of Mulberry, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Carle Foundation Memorial Hospital, Urbana, Ill. He was born Sept. 2, 1942 in Spencer, to Francis Merrill and Marcella Diane (Scott) Scott. He married Joyce Randolph on June 18, 1966 in Marion and she survives. Mr. Scott attended Oak Hill High School in Grant County and was a U.S. Army veteran. He had lived in Marion and Sweetser, and lived the past 35 years in Mulberry. He retired from the Dana Corporation in Marion, and then retired from Caterpillar in Lafayette. Jimmie was a Ham Radio Operator, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, a former member of the Mulberry Town Board and an avid hot rod enthusiast. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: Jim (Mary) Scott of Frankfort and Jay (Michelle) Scott of Lafayette; two sisters: Cheryl (Jim) Mendelhall of Las Vegas and Deborah Fish of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren: Blake, Tyler, Brionna, Joshua and Alaena; and a great-grandchild: Broly. He was preceded in death by a sister: Carol. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the funeral home with Pastor Gregg Davis officiating. Prior to the burial in Grant Memorial Park, Marion, there will be a visitation from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Chapel. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).  
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**Elizabeth "Betty" Stallings**, 91, of Huntington, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 2:45 a.m. at Oakbrook Village, Huntington. Mrs. Stallings was born July 20, 1923, in Logansport to Harvey and Clara (Shoemaker) Wilkinson. Her parents preceded her in death. Betty married George W. Stallings on Jan. 27, 1944, in Bishop, Calif. He preceded her in death on March 15, 2010. Mrs. Stallings was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntington. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and working with flowers. Surviving are one son, Mike Stallings of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Theresa Diener of Monticello and Mary Julia (Shawn) Chambers of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Richard Wilkinson. Calling hours will be on Monday, April 6, 2015, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. A funeral service will follow the calling hours on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 1 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with Father John Pfister, presiding. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Andrews. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**David L. Neuhouser**, 82, formerly of Upland and more recently of Hartford City, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2014, at his home. He had been a professor of mathematics at Taylor University in Upland since 1971. Surviving are his wife Ruth (Sloffer) Neuhouser; children, Beth (Bill) Kreider of Upland, Kevin L. (Marian) Neuhouser of Seattle, Ann Robinson of Upland, and Carol (Mark) Stocksdales of Richmond; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Hattie (Tonkel) Neuhouser, a brother and four sisters. Service is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco, with Dr. William Ringenberg, officiating. Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home or one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Memorials are to be made to Bread For the World or Mennonite Central Committee. Please make online condolences at [www.sheetsandchilds.net](http://www.sheetsandchilds.net) or Facebook. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**MULBERRY — Jimmie M. Scott**, 72, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Carle Foundation Memorial Hospital, Urbana, IL. He was born September 2, 1942 in Spencer, Indiana to Francis Merrill and Marcella Diane Scott. He married Joyce Randolph on June 18, 1966 in Marion and she survives. Mr. Scott attended Oak Hill High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had lived in Marion and Sweetser and lived the past 35 years in Mulberry. He retired from the Dana Corporation in Marion and then retired from Caterpillar in Lafayette. Mr. Scott was a Ham Radio Operator, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, a former member of the Mulberry Town Board and an avid Hot Rod Enthusiast. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Scott of Mulberry; two sons, Jim (Mary) Scott of Frankfort and Jay (Michelle) Scott of Lafayette; two sisters, Cheryl (Jim) Mendelhall of Las Vegas, NV and Deborah Fish of Sarasota, FL; five grandchildren, Blake, Tyler, Brionna, Joshua and Alaena; and a great-grandchild, Broly. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carol. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, at the funeral home. Pastor Gregg Davis will officiate. Prior to burial in Grant Memorial Park, there will be visitation from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Chapel. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**NOBLESVILLE - Herbert J. Morgan**, 82, passed away March 28, 2015 at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. He was born May 31, 1932, in Herkimer, New York, to the late, Elmer E. and Helen R. (James) Morgan Sr. and was a former Marion and Silver Lake resident. Herbert was a longtime educator serving Marion High School for 28 years and Grand Haven, Michigan High School for three years. He received his bachelor's of science degree from Hope College in Holland, Michigan where he was also a member of Phi Beta Nu fraternity; master's of science degree from Penn State University; and master of education degree from Ball State University. Herbert was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield; served on the board of directors for Via Credit Union for 34 years; and was an avid Ham radio operator since 1977 with the call sign, W9GBH. He was a US Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Joan K. (McAnelly) Morgan, whom he married, July 11, 1959; three children, Beth (Bob) Keck, Carol (Gerry) Bailey and Evan (Debra) Morgan; sister, Myrtle Butler of Ballston Lake, New York; sister-in-law, Florence Morgan of Clinton, New York; eight grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elmer E. Morgan, Jr. and Emery Morgan; and sister, Martha Thomas. There will be no public visitation or services. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are requested to AARL (American Radio Relay League, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 or Christ United Methodist Church Building Fund, 318 N. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074. Arrangements entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Lahm Chapel, Pendleton, Indiana. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**GAS CITY - Robert "Bob" Gene Waymire**, 93, met his Lord and Savior at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, in his home. Arrangements are pending with Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN 46933. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**HUNTINGTON - Loveta Hartle**, age 97, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at The Heritage of Huntington. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday (April 7, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to service. Rev. Galen Lowery and Rev. Richard Strick will be officiating. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's First Community Church or Huntington Lion's Club, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana 46750. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Keith Kaiser**, age 81, of Huntington, died at 7:57 a.m. Thursday (April 2, 2015) at his home. Funeral services were at noon Saturday (April 4, 2015) at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, 648 N. Lafontaine St., Huntington, with Pastor Tim Anderson officiating. Burial was in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery in Huntington. Pallbearers were Isaac Pohler, Solomon Pohler, Kellan Scheiber, Jordan Scheiber, Kaden Kaiser and Kyle Kaiser. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Keith was born on Feb. 28, 1934, in Millard, Neb., the son of Arthur and Virginia (Elseman) Kaiser. He graduated from Millard High School in 1951 and attended the University of Wisconsin for two years. He married Ann "Shirley" Bickel on Oct. 2, 1954, in Omaha, Neb. Keith worked as a quality control manager at Sealtest in Huntington and was a member of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, also in Huntington. He loved to attend auctions. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ann S. "Shirley" Kaiser of Huntington; three sons, Keenan S. (Sharon) Kaiser, Kyle (Nickie) Kaiser and Keith (Donna) Kaiser, all of Huntington; three daughters, Teresa (David) Pohler and Kimberly (Robb) Fultz, both of Huntington, and Cheryl (Glenn) Wilson of Syracuse; one brother, Larry Jung; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; his twin sisters, Sharon Harding and Karen Goehner; and one brother, Roger Kaiser. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Keith S. Kaiser.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Betty Cowden**, age 90, of Huntington, died at 4:55 p.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at Tipton Place in Huntington. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Eleanor G. Organ**, age 101, of Marion, left this life for eternal life, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in her home surrounded by the endless love of her family. Eleanor was born on March 7, 1914, in Marion, the daughter of the late Francis X. Gartland Sr. and Anna (Morrow) Gartland. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, J. William Long, and her beloved daughter, Cynthia Long Forgey; husband, James M. Organ; brothers, FX (Bud) Gartland, Jim Gartland, and Jack Gartland; and sisters, Mary G. Tegarden and Joan G. May. She is survived by her three sons, John (Donna) Long of Marion, David G. Long of Indianapolis, and Chris (Jan) Long of Carmel; daughters, Ann Long Gorey of Sarasota, Florida, Jane Long (Harry) Finch of Marion, Linda Long (John) Appel of Indianapolis, Marnie Long (Neil) Golden of Indianapolis, Karen Long (Doug) Holtzclaw of Yorktown; and stepson, Michael Organ, Staunton, Virginia. Except for winters in Florida and summers at her beloved Lake Wawasee, she lived all 101 years of her life within one square mile in Marion. She married John (Jay) William Long Sr. on June 6, 1940. Their great love produced 9 children. Her beloved Jay preceded her to Eternal Life on September 25, 1969. Her primary focus throughout her life has always been her family that has grown to include 27 grandchildren, more than 30 great-grandchildren and too many wonderful nieces and nephews to count. Eleanor was the great matriarch, the center of the wheel from which all the spokes of this great family extend. To Eleanor, nothing mattered more than God, family, country ... and Notre Dame! She attended Daily Mass at St. Paul's Church every day she was able to her entire life. She prayed the Rosary daily. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who was so very proud of the family that she created. Eleanor had an infinite amount of love to give and an infinite amount of love she gave throughout her 101 years. As a member of the Depression and World War II generation, Eleanor was incredibly frugal, making it a habit to rinse and dry coffee filters and to save the laundry suds for reuse, but yet she was perpetually and profoundly generous. While raising her children, the door to their home on 5th Street in Marion remained unlocked, welcoming her many nieces and nephews and children's friends at any time. Her home was a safe haven, a welcoming place filled with lots of kids, lots of joy, lots of laughter and lots of dancing. A delight and inspiration to her many descendants, she imparted great wisdom throughout the years. Never one to miss a party or a reason to celebrate, Eleanor had a gift for bringing levity and laughter into life and she taught the value of keeping a good sense of humor. She also taught the importance of using proper grammar and never hesitated to correct those who fell out of line. She taught the difference between lay and lie and that meat is done and people are finished. She taught her grandchildren and great-grandchildren the proper method to eat a Drumstick, how to get rid of an ice cream headache and that there is always room for dessert. She taught the value of kindness and sharing, except when it came to her ice cream, of course, and that we all have a responsibility to take care of each other and look out for each other. She taught that when it comes down to it nothing is more important than family, and she has been a model of courage, capability and acceptance. She taught by example about strength and fortitude and about living a big, full and love-filled life. Second to her family, was Eleanor's beloved Notre Dame. She attended St. Paul's School, Marion, and St. Mary's, Notre Dame. A loyal fan of the Irish to the end, she attended at least one home game a season for 87 consecutive years. She realized a great dream of hers in the fall of 2013 when she was wheeled onto the field, donning her Irish fanware, to meet head coach Brian Kelly. He came out to the field early specifically to meet this incredible woman who had proven herself to be the definition of a 'die-hard fan.' When asked what they discussed, she responded simply that "that was between them." This game, or more significantly the moments before the game, would end up being, to use her words, 'one of the highlights' of her life, an incredibly full and well-lived life that has certainly been marked by her loyalty to the boys in blue and gold. Until the time of her death, she was the oldest member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, The Hostess House and Meshingomesia Country Club, a feat that filled her with great pride. Hers was a life so well-lived and she was a woman so well-loved. Eleanor's legacy will live on through her enormous family that will continue to love her like crazy, will miss her every day, and will enjoy telling stories about her for many, many years to come. Her occupation: She was the definition of a homemaker!! Funeral Mass Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, with Father Richard Weisenberger and her nephew, Father Dan Gartland, officiating. Burial will be in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Rosary will be offered at 7:45 p.m. by Father Daniel Gartland. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com) - Memorial contributions may be made to: Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, 11586 IN-13, Syracuse,

Ind. 46567 or Community Foundation of Grant County Indiana, 505 W. Third St., Marion, Ind. 46952 c/o J. William and Eleanor G. Long Fund. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Brooke Michelle Hatchett**, 20, of Frankfort, passed away Friday, April 2, 2015, at her home. She was born Sept. 9, 1994, in Frankfort, to Becky Hatchett and Robert Tidd. Her parents survive in Frankfort. Brooke graduated Frankfort Senior High School in 2013. She enjoyed being with her family and friends, movies, drawing and music. She was a member of First Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Brooke is survived by a brother: Jakob Hatchett; a sister: Jackie Crews; maternal grandmother: Connie Hatchett of Frankfort; maternal great grandmother: Charlene Birden of Frankfort; aunt: Amber (James) Barkley of Frankfort; and great aunt and uncle: James and Kathy Winget. Brooke is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather: Dennis Hatchett; maternal great grandmother: Fern Beckelheimer; and maternal great-grandfather: Richard Birden. Visitation for Brooke will be noon until the start of services at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort. Pastor Chuck Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in Green Lawn Cemetery. Memorials in Brooke's name may be made to help the family with expenses. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Elma M. Smith**, age 71, died March 31. Memorial service will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at Gholar & Gholar Funeral Service, 526 S. McClure, Marion. Online condolences may be made at [gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com](http://gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

North Webster - **Billy Joe "Bill" Hiatt**, 78, of Fort Wayne (formerly of Warsaw) passed away at 8:20 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at his home. He was born Jan. 8, 1937, in Piqua, OH to Elster and Mary (Pollock) Hiatt. He graduated in 1955 from Wendell Wilke High School in Elwood. On July 8, 1961, he married Bette K. Leisure, who survives, in Tipton. He was raised in Madison County, lived in Grant County for 35 years after he was married, moved to Warsaw (Sechrist Lake) in 2006 before moving to Fort Wayne in 2014. He was formerly employed at Ex-cell-o Corporation in Elwood for 20 years, CTX Expedited Company in Detroit and was a farmer for 35 years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Elwood and the Elks Lodge in Elwood. He attended the United Methodist Church in North Webster and The Chapel in Fort Wayne. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Leeanna Kirkwood of Warsaw; two sons, Christopher (Sharon) Hiatt of Rochester, IN and David Hiatt of Fort Wayne; four granddaughters, Annie Cool, Abbie Kirkwood, Felicia Svarczkopf and Chantal Hiatt; and brother, Jerry (Judy) Hiatt of Anderson. He was preceded by his parents; step mother, Eleanor Hiatt; and brother, Kent Hiatt. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday April 6, 2015, at Owen Family Funeral Home, Ind. 13 and County Road 500 N., North Webster. Funeral services will follow Monday in the funeral home with Pastor Gary Endersby of The Chapel officiating. Burial will be at the Knox Chapel Cemetery in Fairmount at a later date. Memorial bequest may be given to the Senior Primelife Enrichment Center (SPEC), P. O. Box 471, North Webster, IN 46555 or Visiting Nurse Hospice, 5910 Homestead Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family in Mr. Hiatt's memory please visit [www.owenfamilfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfamilfuneralhome.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

FRANKLIN - **Wanda Jean (McRae) Beineke**, 92, passed away Thursday March 19, 2015 in Franklin, where she had been a resident since 1976. Wanda was born Nov. 20, 1922 in Marion to John Cecil and Bessie (Radabaugh) McRae. She graduated from Marion High School in the class of 1940. She attended St. Petersburg (FL) Junior College and graduated from the Methodist School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1943 as a Registered Nurse (RN). Wanda married Arthur Frank Beineke on May 6, 1944 in Indianapolis. Her professional career in a variety of settings included hospital, industrial, and private duty nursing and healthcare administration. She was a founding member of the St. James Lutheran Church in Marion and a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Franklin. Survivors include three children, John A. (Marla) Beineke, Amanda (Michael) Meade, and Paula (Martin) Garrett; six grandchildren; Eric (Shavon) Hix, Colin Beineke, Kaitlin Beineke, Michael Meade, Christopher Meade and Jolie Meade; and great-grandson, Jace Hix. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. A funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 South Morton St., Franklin, Indiana 46131. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity Cemetery in Marion. Jessen Funeral Home, Franklin Chapel is handling the arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Loretta M. Lewis**, 68, passed away March 31, 2015, in Marion home. Loretta was born in Marion on September 20, 1946. She was a homemaker and dabbled in various jobs throughout her working years. She was a dedicated mother and enjoyed spending time with her kids and grandkids. Loretta married Herbert W. Lewis on December 31, 1988. He preceded her in death on January 20, 2003. In her free time, she enjoyed bowling and she was inducted into the Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame. She will always be remembered for her willingness to help others and her love of family. Survivors: four children, Tonia Colbert (Bruce Owens), Sonja Conaway (Abraham Martinez), Linda Conaway, Angela (Leslie) Conaway, all of Marion; two step-children, Daisy Sparks, Van Buren; Linda Romero, Marion; four brothers, Butch Adkins, Chuck Adkins, Chester Julian, all of Marion, and P.J. Adkins, Tennessee; one step-brother, Jimmy (Stacy) Henry, Marion; two sisters, Thelma Holland, Kentucky, Paula (Willard) Gross, Tennessee; four step-sisters, Wilma Crouse, Mary (Steve) Cornett, Millie (Randy Gregory) Adkins, all of Marion; Lora Bickett, Denver, Indiana; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Adkins; mother, Verna (Hayes) Henry; step-father, Leon Henry; son, Randy Conaway; four brothers, Johnny Henry, Chucky Adkins, Albert Adkins and Danny Adkins; two step-brothers, Eddie Henry and Oren Adkins. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, in Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion. The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home

with Jimmy Henry officiating. Loretta will be buried in Estates of Serenity, Marion, immediately following her funeral service. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**GAS CITY - Timothy L. "Wolfman" Gleason**, 65, died at 5:04 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Olean, New York, to the late Robert James and Myrtle Louise (Dibble) Hueston. He married Cathy Aspy, his soul mate, on October 19, 1971. Timothy was a 1968 graduate of Marion High School and was a resident of Grant County for most of his life. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a Private Sp4 in Germany from 1965-1968. Following his military service, Timothy worked in the Quality Control Division at Thomson Consumer Electronics for over 30 years until the factory closed. He was also a volunteer fireman in Jonesboro for 17 years. Timothy was a very friendly, outgoing man who never knew a stranger. He had a great love for life and his family. Timothy was an avid reader and owned a collection of thousands of books. He loved his cats - Patches, Tigger, and Buttons - and especially loved traveling with his family all over the country in his RV. Those surviving Timothy include his children, Melissa (Brian) Kilgore, Murray, Utah, Dawn (Gary) Schafstall and Tracy (W. Travis) Michael, both of Jonesboro, and Holly (Anthony) Hawkins, Gas City; grandchildren, Cody, Westley, Victoria, Nikkolus, Phillip, Tyler, and Seth; and many more extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife and soul mate, Cathy, on February 21, 2008, after 37 years of marriage. The family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana 46933. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015, with Pastor Mark Atkinson officiating. Burial will be at Grant Memorial Park in Marion. Memorials may be made to Jonesboro Fire Department, 215 W. 6th St., Jonesboro, IN 46938. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Loveta Hartle**, age 97, of Huntington, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at The Heritage of Huntington. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday (April 6, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday (April 7, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to service. Rev. Galen Lowery and Rev. Richard Strick will be officiating. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's First Community Church or Huntington Lion's Club, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Loveta was born on Aug. 9, 1917, in Warren Township, Bippus, the daughter of Owen and Delia (Denney) Burkart. She was a 1935 graduate of Andrews High School and a 1939 graduate of Nannette Beauty School in South Bend. Loveta married Eugene Hartle on April 10, 1943, at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2005. Loveta was the owner of the former Hartle Beauty Shop for more than 30 years and worked as a hairdresser for more than 40 years. She also worked for Juergens Do-It Center as a sales clerk for eight years. She was a member of St. Peter's First Community Church, where she belonged to the Women's Fellowship, the Friendship Circle and taught Sunday school in the elementary department. Loveta was a member of the Dandelions, Huntington (College) University Auxiliary, Republican Women's Organization and volunteered at the Huntington Memorial Hospital and the Dan Quayle Museum. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Galen Lowery of Milford, Mich.; foster family, David and Jackie Geimer of Decatur; two sisters, Veva Schilling and Barbara Beckwith, both of Huntington; two grandsons, Dr. Wade Lowery and Derek Lowery; one great grandson, Roman Lowery; three foster grandchildren, Brandy Lawson and Heather and Justin Geimer; and two foster great-grandsons, Zach and Trevor Swygart. Preceding Loveta in death were her parents, husband, brothers Kenneth Burkart and C. Keith Burkart and sisters Betty J. Burkart and Vivian Hiner. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Loveta Hartle. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Gerald E. Guy**, 87, died at 6:48 a.m. April 3, 2015, at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 4, 2015

**Eleanor G. Organ**, age 101, of Marion, left this life for eternal life, Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in her home surrounded by the endless love of her family. Eleanor was born on March 7, 1914, in Marion, the daughter of the late Francis X. Gartland Sr. and Anna (Morrow) Gartland. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, J. William Long, and her beloved daughter, Cynthia Long Forgey; husband, James M. Organ; brothers, FX (Bud) Gartland, Jim Gartland, and Jack Gartland; and sisters, Mary G. Tegarden and Joan G. May. She is survived by her three sons, John (Donna) Long of Marion, David G. Long of Indianapolis, and Chris (Jan) Long of Carmel; daughters, Ann Long Gorey of Sarasota, Florida, Jane Long (Harry) Finch of Marion, Linda Long (John) Appel of Indianapolis, Marnie Long (Neil) Golden of Indianapolis, Karen Long (Doug) Holtzclaw of Yorktown; and stepson, Michael Organ, Staunton, Virginia. Except for winters in Florida and summers at her beloved Lake Wawasee, she lived all 101 years of her life within one square mile in Marion. She married John (Jay) William Long Sr. on June 6, 1940. Their great love produced 9 children. Her beloved Jay preceded her to Eternal Life on September 25, 1969. Her primary focus throughout her life has always been her family that has grown to include 27 grandchildren, more than 30 great-grandchildren and too many wonderful nieces and nephews to count. Eleanor was the great matriarch, the center of the wheel from which all the spokes of this great family extend. To Eleanor, nothing mattered more than God, family, country ... and Notre Dame! She attended Daily Mass at St. Paul's Church every day she was able to her entire life. She prayed the Rosary daily. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who was so very proud of the family that she created. Eleanor had an infinite amount of love to give and an infinite amount of love she gave throughout her 101 years. As a member of the Depression and World War II generation, Eleanor was incredibly frugal, making it a habit to rinse and dry coffee filters and to save the laundry suds for reuse, but yet she was perpetually and profoundly generous. While raising her children, the door to their home on 5th Street in Marion remained unlocked, welcoming her many nieces and nephews and children's friends at

any time. Her home was a safe haven, a welcoming place filled with lots of kids, lots of joy, lots of laughter and lots of dancing. A delight and inspiration to her many descendants, she imparted great wisdom throughout the years. Never one to miss a party or a reason to celebrate, Eleanor had a gift for bringing levity and laughter into life and she taught the value of keeping a good sense of humor. She also taught the importance of using proper grammar and never hesitated to correct those who fell out of line. She taught the difference between lay and lie and that meat is done and people are finished. She taught her grandchildren and great-grandchildren the proper method to eat a Drumstick, how to get rid of an ice cream headache and that there is always room for dessert. She taught the value of kindness and sharing, except when it came to her ice cream, of course, and that we all have a responsibility to take care of each other and look out for each other. She taught that when it comes down to it nothing is more important than family, and she has been a model of courage, capability and acceptance. She taught by example about strength and fortitude and about living a big, full and love-filled life. Second to her family, was Eleanor's beloved Notre Dame. She attended St. Paul's School, Marion, and St. Mary's, Notre Dame. A loyal fan of the Irish to the end, she attended at least one home game a season for 87 consecutive years. She realized a great dream of hers in the fall of 2013 when she was wheeled onto the field, donning her Irish fanware, to meet head coach Brian Kelly. He came out to the field early specifically to meet this incredible woman who had proven herself to be the definition of a 'die-hard fan.' When asked what they discussed, she responded simply that "that was between them." This game, or more significantly the moments before the game, would end up being, to use her words, 'one of the highlights' of her life, an incredibly full and well-lived life that has certainly been marked by her loyalty to the boys in blue and gold. Until the time of her death, she was the oldest member of St. Paul's Catholic Church, The Hostess House and Meshingomesia Country Club, a feat that filled her with great pride. Hers was a life so well-lived and she was a woman so well-loved. Eleanor's legacy will live on through her enormous family that will continue to love her like crazy, will miss her every day, and will enjoy telling stories about her for many, many years to come. Her occupation: She was the definition of a homemaker!! Funeral Mass Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1009 Kem Road, Marion, with Father Richard Weisenberger and her nephew, Father Dan Gartland, officiating. Burial will be in Estates of Serenity Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. Rosary will be offered at 7:45 p.m. by Father Daniel Gartland. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com) - Memorial contributions may be made to: Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, 11586 IN-13, Syracuse, Ind. 46567 or Community Foundation of Grant County Indiana, 505 W. Third St., Marion, Ind. 46952 c/o J. William and Eleanor G. Long Fund. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

WABASH - **Samuel T. George**, 81, passed away Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at his home. He was born to the late William and Osa (Long) George on December 25, 1933 in Muncie. He was a graduate of Wabash High School and Ball State University and served his country in the United States Army. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Preferred memorials are directed to Eagles Lodge #549- Charity Missions, 140 Walter Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992. McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 will be entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

NOBLESVILLE - **Avrey Joseph 'Ace 00' Rose**, 18, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2015, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born September 20, 1996 to Jeffrey and Paige (Portish) Rose in Indianapolis. Avrey was a senior at Noblesville High School, where he was on the baseball team. He also played for the Noblesville Fire baseball team and The Swish basketball team. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Harrison Rose; three sisters, Taylor Rose, Reagan Rose, and McKinley Rose; grandparents, Linda Portish and Jerry & Connie Rose; and several aunts, uncles & cousins. Services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Grace Church, 5504 East 146th Street, in Noblesville, visitation beginning at 3 p.m. immediately prior to the service. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball, PO Box 545, Noblesville, IN 46061; noblesvillebaberuth.com. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

GAS CITY - **Margaret Ann (Morgan) Wright**, 98, entered her heavenly home at 4:15 a.m. Thursday, April 2, 2015, in her home surrounded by her family. She was born in Gas City to the late Everett and Anna (Griffin) Morgan. She married Norman Wright, Sr., and he preceded her in death. Margaret began her employment at Owens-Illinois Glass Factory in 1933, and worked as a packer until her retirement. She was a member of Community Friends Church. She is survived by her daughter, Catherine A. (Robert) Bothwell, Fairmount; son, Norman (Pete) Wright, Jr., Jonesboro; grandchildren, Scott (Leon) Jones, Kokomo, Wende (Mark) Wright, Jonesboro, Joseph Bothwell, Miami Beach, Florida, Michelle (Joseph) Bothwell, Corvallis, Oregon, Brad (Jamie) Bothwell, Bicknell, Indiana; great-grandchildren, Zoe Wright Owens, Jonesboro, Sage and Willow Bothwell, both of Corvallis, Oregon, and Braxton Bothwell, Bicknell, Indiana. Also preceding her in death were her father- and mother-in-law, Gentry and Magnolia Wright; and daughter-in-law, Carolyn Wright. There will be a graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City at 1 p.m. Monday, April 6, with Pastor Jim McDowell officiating. Please dress in casual attire. Arrangements were entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana 46933. Memorials may be made to Twin City We Care, c/o Betty Harris, 1062 Walnut Creek Ln., Gas City, Indiana 46933. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

WALTON - **H. Dale Milner**, 85, passed away at 12:18 a.m. April 3, 2015, in the comfort of his home with family by his side. He was born January 30, 1930, in Shirley, the son of Vere and Ora Mae (Estell) Milner. On July 2, 1948, he married the love of his life, Vera J Rhodes, and she preceded him in death, April 24, 2007. Dale was a 1948 graduate of Wilkinson High School and received his bachelor's degree from Ball State University and master's of divinity from Christian Theological Seminary. He went on to chaplaincy

training, clinical pastoral education at Methodist Hospital and Indiana University. Dale served as pastor at Bryant, Macklan, Albany Fairview and Delaware Chapel, Russiaville, Marion First Church and Gas City Methodist Churches. In 1970, he went to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he retired in 1993 as director of chaplaincy service. He was a member of the Russiaville United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge F&AM 82. Dale is survived by son Jeff Milner (Pam) Greenfield; daughter Susan (Sam) Rees, Walton; three grandchildren, Jeremy Milner, Kelly DeBruler and Todd Pace; sister, Glenda Conley, New Castle. Also surviving are six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera; brother, Kenneth; two sisters, Vera Mae and Kathleen; and his parents. Funeral services will start at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2015, at Russiaville United Methodist Church, 180 N. Union St., with Pastor Anne Girton Kumeh officiating. Burial will follow at Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Friends may visit with the family from 4-7:30 p.m. Monday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville with Masonic Services starting at 7:30 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the Russiaville United Methodist Church or the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be left at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements.  
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**Evelyn Frances Dille**, age 94, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Colonial Oaks Health Care, Marion. Frances was born June 26, 1920, in Converse, the daughter of the late Glen and Stella (Zowd) Green. She married Donald Dille on July 2, 1938, and he preceded her in death March 21, 2000. Frances was a homemaker and a member of First Friends Church where she was active in the Ladies' Circle. She was also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Marion General Hospital. Survivors include: two daughters, Onda (Ken) Swafford and Donna Winchell (Kim) Linton; granddaughter, Julie (Rhodes) Autry; great-granddaughter, Hannah Autry; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Larry Green; and four sisters, Catherine Palmer, Lucille Forrester, Geneva Gray and Maxine York. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, with Pastor Bob Garra officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Memorial contributions can be made to First Friends Church, 2211 Wabash Road, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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**FAIRMOUNT - Dennis Ray Vickers**, 69, died Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in Marion General Hospital. He was born in Marion to the late Arthur Douglas and living Dorothy (McCormick) Vickers. He graduated from Mississinewa High School in 1966. After graduating, Dennis joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked at Townsend Farms in Hartford City for several years. Dennis enjoyed going fishing and hunting, as well as watching NASCAR and Purdue sports. He was very loyal, caring, and was a friend to everyone. Along with his mother Dorothy, Dennis is survived by his son, Douglas Arthur, Plainfield; daughter, Robin René Johnson, Upland; former wife, Theresa Holtzleiter-Moorman, Upland; siblings, Rita K. (Jim) Spurgeon, Marion, Glenda M. (Jr.) Tays, Fairmount, Karen Sue Cooper, Florida, James Lostutter, Upland, and Rodger Miller, Warren; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as special friends, David George, Florida and Mel Hanthorn, Hartford City. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Arthur, on November 26, 1961, and father-in-law, Clarence Holtzleiter. A memorial service for Dennis will be held at 1:15 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, in the Marion VA Protestant Chapel, 1700 E. 38th St., Marion, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday, one hour prior to the service in the chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**William H. "Bill" Fihe**, 80, Marion, died at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, April 1, 2015. He was born in Elwood to the late Joseph and Margaret (Melampy) Fihe. He married Phyllis M. Fihe on February 25, 1982, and she preceded him in death on December 11, 2014. Bill was a 1952 graduate of Wendell Willkie High School in Elwood. During high school, he played for the Elwood Panthers basketball team, and his team won the Central Indiana Conference Championship. He also had the privilege of playing against the Harlem Globetrotters. Bill's father took him to the Indianapolis 500 at the age of 10 and he continued to go to the track for 70 years. Bill retired from Fisher Body in 1990 after 30-plus years of service. He was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elwood where he had served as an altar boy. He was a longtime officer and former commander for the Sons of AMVETS Post 5. He also served as the finance officer and volunteered for Help the Hopeful for 25 years. He was dedicated to helping everybody and anybody, and was generous to a fault. Survivors include his daughter, Melinda "Mindy" Fihe, Indianapolis; son, Jeff (Michele) Fihe, Kissimmee, FL; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; sister, Margaret Ellen (David) Gerber; brothers, Tom (Leah) Fihe and Tim (Mel) Fihe; stepchildren, Kathy (A. Harrell) Davis, Ohio, Wayne Harrell, Marion, and John Harrell, Ft. Wayne; and special friend, Barbara L. Riley. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Fihe; brothers, John Fihe, Larry Fihe, and Richard Fihe; sisters, Pat Foist and Jeannece Stage. A memorial service for Bill will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 South Washington Street, Marion, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. A dinner will be held at the AMVETS Post 5 following the memorial service. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Help the Hopeful in Bill's name. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

**HARTFORD CITY - Jerry J. Miles**, 66, died Saturday, April 4, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Funeral Services are Pending at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street, Hartford City, IN. 47348.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015

**Lowell A. Taylor**, 76, of rural Van Buren, IN., passed away at 6:20AM Saturday, April 4, 2015 at his residence. Arrangements are pending with Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren, IN. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015](#)

**Betty Ruth Bone**, 86, of Kokomo passed away at 9:15 am Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at the Sterling House in Kokomo. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at Faith Community Church of Phlox, 4223 S. 1100 E. Greentown. Pastor John P. Clark will be officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery in Phlox. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. at Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St. Greentown and from 9:30 am until the start of the funeral services Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Community Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015](#)

**Harold D. Arnett**, 87, Marion, died April 2, 2015, in Wesleyan Health Care, Marion. He was born on July 14, 1927, in Carter County, Kentucky. Harold was preceded in death by his mother, Roxie Williams Stanley and father, Herb Stanley; son, Larry Arnett; brother, James "Hob" Stanley; sister, Sue McGraw; and brother-in-law, Marlin Douglas. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gladys Bradley Arnett; son, Nicky (Starlena) Arnett; daughters, Tonya (Bob) Roth and Diana Chaplin (George Long); sisters, Emogene Kilgore, Maxine Douglas, Carol Hunter; and sister-in-law, Mayme Stanley; seven grandchildren, Tony (Cheryl) Arnett, Rusty (Matt) Rayburn, Derek Timmons (Amy Lahr), Giovanna Myers (Joe Long), Holly (Ben) Schroeder, Nicholas Arnett (Heather Lamb) and Charlene Chaplin (Tobby Maisongale); 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. Harold was retired from General Tire and Rubber Company for 26 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, working on cars and tinkering with mowers. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. A funeral service for Harold will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, with Pastor Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Harold's family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015](#)

**Gerald E. Guy**, 87, Marion, died at 6:48 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Hartford City to the late Dennis H. and Hazel (George) Guy. Gerald was a 1946 graduate of Hartford City High School and continued his education at the University of Cincinnati, graduating in 1954 with a BS in Architecture. He married Betty L. Moreland on April 26, 1952. She survives. After graduation, he served two years in the US Army in Austria and in Washington State. He returned from the service to Marion and established an architectural practice. At the time of his death he had completed 576 project commissions including several school, church, office, industrial and residential projects in Marion and the central Indiana area. His firm was the recipient of several professional design awards. Gerald was an architect for 59 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Blackford Lodge F&AM 106, Mizpah Shrine, American Legion 105, Marion Aero Club, American Institute of Architects, Indiana Society of Architects and a former member of the Meshingomeshia Country Club. Gerald was an avid tennis player and enjoyed gardening, model boat building, reading, watercolor painting and wood carving. Survivors include his wife, Betty L. Guy, Marion; daughters, Dr. Denise Anne Pearson, Swayzee, and Betsy Diane (Gregg) Baumbaugh, Noblesville; brother, Col. Donald E. Guy (retired), New York; grandchildren, Dr. Leah E. (Jeremy) Morton, Keith A. (Jessica) Pearson, Anna Belle (Sean) Snider, Bret M. Baumbaugh, and Jonett (Jim) Williams; 5 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by his brother, Paul W. Guy and sister-in-law, Margaret Guy; and his beloved dog, Duffy. A Celebration of Life service for Gerald will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, with Pastor Tom Ream officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015, prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952 or the Community Foundation, 505 W. Third St, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 5, 2015](#)

**Robert L. Smith Sr.**, 92, formerly of Rossville, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2015, at Rosewalk Village in Lafayette. He was born July 26, 1922, in Attica, to Harry Owen and Madge Mortimore Smith. On Feb. 1, 1943, he married Alice Evans; she preceded him in death on Jan. 28, 2015. Robert graduated from Attica High School. He then served in the United States Army Air Corp. during World War II. Robert had worked at Home Hospital in Lafayette before joining the Indiana Veterans Home staff. Robert loved Jesus Christ and was an ordained minister. He was a long time Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. Robert could fix just about anything, electrical, plumbing, and heating and cooling; he was a "go to" guy. Robert is survived by his children: Robert L. (Sheila) Smith Jr. of Batesville, Elaine L. Smith and Ellen L. Smith, both of Lexington, Ky., Laura (Neal) Hawkins of Rossville, and Amy L. Arnett of Lafayette; grandchildren, Kristin, Alissa (Anthony), Alice (Ben), Alex, and Robby; and two great grandchildren, Andy and Luanne. In addition to his wife, Robert is preceded in death by his parents and two grandchildren: Anna K. Hawkins and Vincent M. Smith. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the start of services at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 at Genda Funeral Home Rossville Chapel. Pastor Wes Campbell will officiate. Graveside service and burial will follow at 3 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery in Attica with military graveside honors. Memorials may be made to Lafayette VFW, Attica VFW, or Attica Volunteer Police Department. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015](#)

**Winifred Randolph Jameson**, 88, of Frankfort, died at 8:35 a.m. Sunday, April 5, 2015 at St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital. She was born Dec. 27, 1926, in Tell City, to Ernest and Pearl (Holp) Owen. She married William N. Randolph on July 1, 1944 and he preceded her in death on August 15, 1970. She then married Harry W. Jameson on December 26, 1970 and he preceded her in death on April 28, 2000. Mrs. Jameson attended Frankfort Schools. A waitress, she worked at the Williamsburg Inn, Frankfort Country

Club, Ulen Country Club and the Common Grounds. She formerly attended the Faith Family Church. She is survived by a daughter: Diane Smith of Frankfort; four sons: Ed (Suzanne) Randolph of Noblesville, Pete (Pam) Randolph of Frankfort, Rick (Heidi) Randolph of Michigantown and Mark (Kristy) Randolph of Monticello; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and spouses, she was preceded in death by a brother: Ernie Owen; and three sisters: Clara Jarboe, Catherine Blandford and Erna Kellams. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 9 at Goodwin Funeral Home, Frankfort. Paul Whitaker will officiate. Entombment will follow at the Clinton County Mausoleum in Green Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Clinton County Humane Society or Esophageal Cancer Walk. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

Richard Lee "Dick" Stanley, 85, of Huntington, passed away at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St, Warren, on Thursday, April 9, 2015, from 5-7 p.m. A service to celebrate Dick's life will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015, with viewing one hour before the service. Burial will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.  
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**Carol Ann "Cookie" Short**, 72, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 7:57 p.m. at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Carol was born on Nov. 12, 1942 to Mildred and Harold Crouse in Cincinnati, Ohio. After her biological parents had passed away in 1949, Carol was adopted by Guy and Grace Johnson and moved to Oxnard, California. Carol came to Miami County to visit her sister at Grissom Air Force Base and went to the Kar Hop to get a cup of coffee. While at the Kar Hop, she met Ronald G. Short. After courting her, Ron and Carol married in 1963 and had three children: Ronald Gregory Short, Lori Ann (Short) Warner, and Lisa Michelle Short. Carol was the light to many lives as she never met a stranger, loved to bring a smile to others' faces, and enjoyed filling up the bellies of many at The Siding restaurant. She was full of life, compassion, a devoted Christian, and a protector of her family. The quote "Getting old is inevitable. Growing up is optional." described Carol's sense of life as she was a kid at heart. She wasn't too old to go to the park, play on the swingset or teet-or-totter with the ones she loved most. She loved singing and dancing with her grandchildren and great grandchildren as well. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Harold Crouse, Guy and Grace Johnson; siblings, Harold James Crouse, Richard Samuel Crouse Johnson, Jean Crouse, Patty Crouse, Rosemary Crouse, and June Crouse Johnson. She is survived by her three children, Ronald Gregory Short (Gleann), Lori Ann Warner (Timothy), and Lisa Michelle Short; along with her grandchildren, Jessica Short-Miller, Sierra Short, Shianne Short, Brandon Warner (Amy), and Zack Warner; great grandchildren, Ryland Short, Christian Warner, Emma Warner, Danica Warner, Star Warner, and Katie Mack. Carol was never seen without sweets or a cup of coffee. Please join us in celebration of Carol's life by having cookies and coffee at The Siding Restaurant on Thursday, April 9 from 3 - 6 p.m. Starting at 5 p.m., a service will be held in her honor. In memory of Carol, love offerings may be made to Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

**James E. Marsh**, 74, of Peru, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 7:15 AM, Thursday, April 2, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Dallas, Texas on July 12, 1940, the son of James A. and Gladys Cook Marsh. He graduated from Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington with a B.S. degree in Biology and joined the USAF. He served in the Viet Nam War and for many years thereafter. His Military Decorations include; the Viet Nam Service Medal with two bronze stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Accommodation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Air Force Longevity Ribbon. Jim also served his country as an Air Force Technician for 16 years prior to his retirement in 2000. He worked part time as a driver for the Miami County YMCA for more than 10 years and was affectionately known as the "Duck Man" to many of his passengers. Jim was an active member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church serving as a Deacon for many years. Jim had a heart for foreign missions and served the Conservative Grace Brethren Fellowship of Churches as the secretary of the National Foreign Missions Panel for many years. His heart was especially tuned to the people of Africa and he went to Africa twice on mission trips and was planning to go again in 2015. Jim was also very active in Child Evangelism Fellowship for many years, serving on the board of the regional organizational and as an after school club teacher and working the CEF booth at the Circus Festival each year. He was a member of the Gideon's International, serving as a president and church speaker in the Miami County Camp. When his sons were young he was an active volunteer in the Peru Amateur Circus. Jim met and married Connie Richardson in Wichita, Kansas in 1970 and she survives along with two sons, Kevin A. Marsh of Indianapolis, and Steven "Sam" A. Marsh of Noblesville, and a brother Patrick C. Marsh, of Petersburg, Kentucky. A service celebrating the life of James A. Marsh, will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Peru Grace Brethren Church, 430 S. Broadway with Pastor David Jodray officiating. Military Honors will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Burial will be at the Marion National Cemetery, Marion. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m. Thursday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Peru, IN. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Gideon's. Jim has a strong faith in Christ and in the sovereignty of God and he will be missed by many. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

**VAN BUREN — Lowell A. Taylor**, 77, of rural Van Buren, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015, at his residence. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St., Van Buren, on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A service to celebrate Lowell's life will be at Ferguson & Glancy on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).  
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VALPARAISO — **Janet Sue King**, 71, of Valparaiso, formerly of North Manchester and Huntington, died at 9:35 a.m. Saturday, April 4, 2015, at VNA Hospice Center in Valparaiso. She was born Sept. 8, 1943, in Wabash to Paul and Mary (Baker) Purdy. Janet was a 1961 graduate of Manchester High School. She married Billie Ray King July 23, 1963, in North Manchester; he died April 11, 1997. She worked 16 years at the First National Bank in Huntington and after moving to Valparaiso she was the customer service representative at C.S.I., retiring in 2010. She was a longtime member of the Servia Congregational Christian Church and a member of the America Women's Business Association. Janet enjoyed spoiling her granddaughters and her three cats. She is survived by two children, Angela Renee (Michael) Florey of North Manchester and Eric King of Valparaiso; three granddaughters, Evan Florey, Shiloh Florey and Micah Florey, all of North Manchester; two brothers, Jerry (Marcea) Purdy and Richard (Phyllis) Purdy, both of North Manchester; sister, Julia Badskey of North Webster; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Ross Purdy; and one brother-in-law, Jerry Badskey. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main St., North Manchester, with Rev. Steve Badskey officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is VNA Hospice Center, 2404 Valparaiso St., Valparaiso, IN 46383. The memorial guest book for Janet may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

On April 4, 2015, Our Heavenly Father received one of his Angels home to him. **Gladys A. Shambarger** was born on Dec. 26, 1936, a cherished daughter of Daniel and Faye Geiger Powell. Growing up as one of six of the Powell children, she shared her childhood with two brothers and three sisters. With great pride she graduated from Macy High School in 1954. On May 16, 1954, in the Macy Methodist Church, Loren Shambarger married the love of his life and best friend, Gladys Powell Shambarger. Together they shared over six decades of life's adventures. From their union came four wonderful children David, Skip, Beverly and Jean. Over the years the family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren with another on the way in August. They expect the arrival of the fifth generation a great-great-grandson in May. An accomplished seamstress, Gladys retired from Hart, Schaffner & Marx in 2000 after a number of years of dedicated service. Always ready to lend a helping hand, she was among the first of the E.M.T.'s in Miami County in the late 1970's. Gladys was a member of the Macy Firefighter Auxiliary, where she served as the secretary for many years. She was also a member of the Macy Christian Church where she was ready to assist with the ladies aid, baking, cooking and contributing to the cause at hand. The warmth of May brought on one of Gladys' favorite times of the years, mushroom hunting. She enjoyed trekking around woods on the family's farm or going to Michigan in search of the morels. This time of the year also brought on the planting of the truck-patch garden she and Loren planted, maintained and shared the bountiful harvest with family and special friends. Saturday morning was special as Gladys and family dined out enjoying her special request---biscuits and gravy. As the matriarch of the Shambarger family, Granny Gladys was proud to oversee four generations. There was nothing better than visits from the grandkids and the great-grands for they always lit up the room and her life. She looking forward to the holidays and other family celebrations--just getting together was paramount in her eyes. Left to cherish her memory is her husband Loren at home, two sons: David and Susie Shambarger, Loren "Skip" and Janet Shambarger all of Macy; two daughters Beverly Kay and Dennis Cattin, Jean and Robert Lejeune all of Peru, three sisters: Mary and Henry Miller of Anderson, Nellie and Marion "Pete" Scott of Lake Charles, LA and Carolyn and John Richards of Peru, Nine grandchildren: Jim Cattin, Shane Cattin, Daniel "D.J." Cattin and wife Amber David Shambarger, James "JR" Cattin and wife Tina, Matthew Cattin and wife Hannah, Nikki Shambarger, Michael Shambarger, Ryan Shambarger and wife Laura fourteen great-grandchildren: Colton, Jordon Miller; Sierra Cattin; Emily, Bridgette, Ryan Cattin; Allison, Crew Cattin, Ethan, Evan, Lennon Shambarger, Conner Bahney, Maddox Martin, Tynneleigh Cattin. Preceding her in death are her parents, two brothers Dwane E. Powell, John H. Powell and a great-granddaughter Raygen Cattin. A celebration of the life of Gladys A. Shambarger will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester. Pastor David Welsh will officiate. Burial will follow in the Five Corners Cemetery. Friends may visit with her family in the funeral home from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday an hour prior to her service. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Macy- Allen Township Fire Department. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

**Donald G. 'Mick' Mitchell**, 92, of Lebanon, died Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Witham Memorial Hospital, Lebanon. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 at the funeral home, with Pastor Ryan Vincent, officiating. Interment with Military Rites will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

**Robert B. Davison**, 75, of rural Michigantown, died at 1:57 p.m. Saturday April 4, 2015 at home. He was born June 2, 1939 in Kokomo, to Dale and Katherine (Martin) Davison. He married Sharon Rose Ensinger on April 18, 1964 and she preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 1993. Mr. Davison attended Kokomo High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had been stationed in Alaska. Robert retired after 27 years working at Continental Steel and then worked for Mohr Construction both in Kokomo. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and woodworking. He is survived by two daughters: Catherine (Larry) Dukes of Russiaville and Alicia (Garry) Bray of Mulberry; three sons: Terry Davison, Robert (Shonna) Davison and John (Tammey) Davison, all of Frankfort; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother: John D. (Rita) Davison of Sharpsville. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by an infant sister; and a brother: William Joseph Davison. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday with the Rev. Lehman Hale officiating. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 6, 2015

Services for **Elizabeth "Betty" Stallings** were Monday, April 6, 2015, at 1 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with Father John Pfister presiding. Pallbearers were Danny Chambers, Andy Chambers, Shawn Chambers, Ian Stallings and Ben Deiner. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, was in charge of services and arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).  
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**Richard Lee "Dick" Stanley**, 85, of Huntington, Ind., passed away at 11 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Huntington. He was born on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1929 in Grant County, Ind. He married Martha H. Douglas on Friday, Feb. 10, 1956; she passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2010. He was a Jefferson High School graduate and served in the U.S. Marine Corp. Dick retired from Franklin Electric in Bluffton after many years of service. In his younger years, he enjoyed riding his motorcycles in his free time. Loving survivors include his daughter, Donna Stroup, Bloomington, Ind.; son, Gary L. (Cathy) Stanley, Warren, Ind.; daughter, Nancy (Joe) Oddo, Glendale, Ariz.; son, David A. (Vicki) Stanley, Huntington, Ind.; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 14 siblings, Charles L. (Shirley) Stanley, Huntington, Ind., Kenneth R. Stanley, Lebanon, Ind., Wayne L. (Carol) Stanley, Marion, Howard J. (Connie) Stanley, Lebanon, Ind., Wilma Jean (Joe) Pilgrim, Huntington, Ind., Pat Furnish, Warren, Ind., Janet (David) Daugherty, Warren, Ind., Mona (Jim) Pinkerton, Warren, Ind., Catherine King, Warren, Ind., Laura Smithley, Warren, Ind., Evelyn Lindstrom, Elkhart, Ind., Mary (Lynn) Shaw, Warren, Ind., Brenda (Gene) Kendall, Amboy, Ind. and Rita (Glen) Benefiel, Warren, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur L. and Marie (Fey) Stanley; wife, Martha H. (Douglas) Stanley; son, Robert Ray Stanley; and brother, Keith Stanley. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St. in Warren on Thursday, April 9, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. A service to celebrate Dick's life will be at Glancy – H. Brown & Son at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 with viewing one hour before the service. Tim Smithley will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Gardens of Memory in Marion. Preferred memorials may be made to the family c/o Glancy Funeral Homes. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

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**Edith Ditton**, age 67, of Huntington, died at 11:39 p.m. Monday (April 6, 2015) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Constance "Connie" A. Hall Otto Holland**, 93, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:56 a.m., Monday, April 6, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. She was born in Twelve Mile on April 4, 1922 the daughter of Oscar E. and Blanch Scott Shafer. She married C. Nelson Hall on December 10, 1969 and he preceded her in death on March 31, 2000. She then married Laurel Otto on Oct. 29, 2000 and he preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 2002. She then married Bernard Holland in July 28, 2002 and he survives. Connie was raised and graduated from high school at the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home in Knightstown. She attend the Indianapolis Approved University 1941-1942. Connie was a retired beautician and cosmetologist and operated Connie's Beauty Bar in Mexico. She was a member of the Peru Elkettes. A devout Christian, Connie was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist, Kokomo, and found great strength from reading the bible. She thoroughly enjoyed crocheting and made numerous items for her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving in addition to her husband Bernard, is a daughter Virginia Giek and her husband Robert of Peru, a brother Frederick D. Shafer of Van Nays, California; grandchildren Julie Cassiday and her husband Brian, Kevin Giek and his wife Melanie and Eric Giek and great-grandchildren Joshua Cassiday, Zachary Cassiday, Tyler Cassiday, Jared Giek, Baylie Giek, and Brandon Giek. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband and the father of her daughter, William Lesley, husbands Nelson Hall and Laurel Otto and one brother. A memorial service celebrating the life of Constance "Connie" Holland will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Pastor Blake Hall officiating. The family will receive friends two hours before the service. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. On line condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

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**FAIRMOUNT — Carlton L. "Junior" Smelser**, age 73, of Fairmount, died on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Wesleyan Healthcare. He was born on Aug. 28, 1941 to Carlton C. Smelser and Barbara Pauline Carmichael in Jay County. He graduated from Montpelier High School. Carlton was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Sarah Kemmer on March 9, 1965. He retired from General Motors in June of 1998 after 35 and half years of service as a tow motor driver. He also worked at the Chronicle-Tribune until 2003. He was a member of the Fairmount Friends Meeting and Fairmount American Legion Post 313. He had just celebrated 50 years of marriage with the love of his life, Sarah, which was his last adventure. In addition to his wife, Sarah, he is survived by daughters, Paula Nolder, of Marion, and Beverly Gosnell, of Fairmount; grandchildren, Danielle and Bryce Gosnell, of Fairmount; sisters, Barbara (Robert) Gordon, of Redkey, Janet (Dennis) Shipp, of Nashville, Tenn.; brothers, Dick (Betty) Smelser, of Fairmount, Joe (Lisa) Smelser, of Pendleton; special brother and sister in-law, Monte and Linda Nash, of Apex, N.C. Carlton was preceded in death by his parents, Carlton and Barbara Smelser. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St. in Fairmount. Family and friends may visit on Tuesday, April 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fairmount Chapel. An American Legion walkthrough will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. A funeral service honoring Carlton's life will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Fairmount Chapel with Pastor Brock Meyer officiating. Committal service, military honors and interment will immediately follow at Knox Chapel Cemetery in Point Isabel. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Lowell A. Taylor**, 77, of rural Van Buren, Ind., passed away at 6:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at his residence. He was born on Nov. 15, 1937 in Fairmount, Ind. to Claude A. and Flossie Vetur Taylor. Flossie passed away when Lowell was very young. His father then married Ruby Martin, who raised him. Lowell married Eula Litchfield on June 26, 1979 in Van Buren; she survives. Lowell was the owner and operator of Taylor Well Drilling Co. in Van Buren since 1961. He attended the Lincoln Blvd. Nazarene Church in Marion. He was a former member of the Van Buren Lions Club and a lifetime member of the Van Buren American Legion Post 368. Lowell served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960. He was a people person; he loved a good tractor pull and especially meeting people anytime, anywhere. Lowell liked to work and spent most of his life doing so, but his favorite thing to do in his lifetime was to spend time with his family. Survivors include his loving wife, Eula Taylor, of Van Buren; mother, Ruby (Martin) Taylor, of Marion; daughter, Cassie (William) Kirkpatrick; grandson, Trystan Kirkpatrick; granddaughters, Heaven and Amiya Kirkpatrick; and brother, Gary (Linda) Taylor, all of Van Buren. He was preceded in death by his father, Claude A. Taylor; birth mother, Flossie Vetur Taylor; and sister, Claudia Taylor. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, 201 W. Main St. in Van Buren on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Lowell's life will be at Ferguson & Glancy on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kent Martin officiating. Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**HARTFORD CITY — Linda Ellen Hummer**, 64, passed away at 10:40 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital. She was born on Dec. 6, 1950 in Hartford City to William E. Hummer and Maxine D. (Templeton) Hummer. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. in Hartford City with Rev. Roger A. Walby officiating. Burial will follow at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to ARF, 1209 West Riggin Road, Muncie, IN 47303. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**FORT WAYNE — Dorothy A. Height**, 91, of Fort Wayne, passed away at 9:49 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at Parkview Regional Medical Center. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at the Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion. To sign Mrs. Height's online guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Robert "Bob" Gene Waymire**, 93, of Gas City, met his Lord and Savior at 10:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at his home. Bob was born in Elwood, Ind. to the late Lee and Susanna (Gifford) Waymire. He married Jean Olsen on May 25, 1987, and she survives. Bob served in the U.S. Army from July 1942 to October 1945 during World War II. He was stationed in Northern France and Germany. He had achieved the rank of Tec 4. Following his years in the military, he worked as a welder at Delco Remy in Anderson, and retired after 43 years of service. He was a member of Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church in Marion. In addition to his loving wife, Bob is survived by his children, Jarrel (Janice) Waymire, Elwood, Dennis (Patricia) Waymire, Lakeland, Fla., Stephen (Becky) Waymire, Bonita Springs, Fla., Linda (Mark) Murphy, Chelsea, Mich., Cynthia (Mark) Merritt, Washington Court House, Ohio, and Shirley (Clyde) McLerran, Williamston, N.C.; step-children, David Olsen, Paul Olsen and Claudia Ferguson, all from Gas City, and Kevin Olsen, Aberdeen, S.D.; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends; and special caregiver, Brent Ferguson. In addition to his parents, preceding him in death were his first wife, Eleanor, and sisters, Edna, Mildred and Wilma. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, April 9, 2015, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Chapel Pike Wesleyan Church, 2171 W. Chapel Pike in Marion. A celebration of Bob's life will begin at 11:30 a.m. with Pastors Steve Colter, Dennis Waymire and Mark Murphy officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park, 1920 S. Anderson St. in Elwood, Ind. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Chapel Pike Wesleyan Building Fund. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Mary Amelia Homburg Dillman**, 96, of Logansport, passed away Monday April 6, 2015 at Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo. Born June 16, 1918 in Cass County, she was the daughter to the late Oscar and Erasma (Downham) Homburg. On June 23, 1940 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Logansport, she married Dale Allen Dillman, who preceded in death April 6, 2007. Mary was a retired secretary for Maiben's Laundry. She was also a homemaker and volunteered for various church activities. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She enjoyed traveling with her husband Dale and was an avid pianist, playing at churches and nursing homes. Surviving are two sons, Roger (Carol) Dillman, Logansport; Glen (Marti) Dillman, Flora; four grandchildren, Kristie (Brian) Hoopengardner, Churubusco; Tami (Cyle) Dibble, Logansport; Alan (Suzanne) Dillman, Camden; Jennifer (Chris) Dyke, Camden; five great grandchildren, Olivia Dibble, Cameron Dibble, Amber Hoopengardner, Madison Dyke and Ashley Hoopengardner. Two brothers, Ernest and Merl Homburg, preceded in death. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Larry DeVos officiating. Burial will follow at Shideler Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Gundrum Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at Trinity Lutheran Church. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com). Services have been entrusted to Gundrum Funeral Home and Crematory. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Loveta Hartle**, age 97, of Huntington, died at 12:55 a.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at The Heritage of Huntington. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday (April 7, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to service. Rev. Galen Lowery and Rev. Richard Strick officiated. Burial was in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Pallbearers were Wade Lowery, Derek Lowery, Roman Lowery, Steve Hiner, Carl Burkart, Roger Kessler, Justin Geimer and David Geimer. Memorial contributions may be

made to St. Peter's First Community Church or Huntington Lion's Club, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Loveta was born on Aug. 9, 1917, in Warren Township, Bippus, the daughter of Owen and Delia (Denney) Burkart. She was a 1935 graduate of Andrews High School and a 1939 graduate of Nannette Beauty School in South Bend. Loveta married Eugene Hartle on April 10, 1943, at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2005. Loveta was the owner of the former Hartle Beauty Shop for more than 30 years and worked as a hairdresser for more than 40 years. She also worked for Juergens Do-It Center as a sales clerk for eight years. She was a member of St. Peter's First Community Church, where she belonged to the Women's Fellowship, the Friendship Circle and taught Sunday school in the elementary department. Loveta was a member of the Dandelions, Huntington (College) University Auxiliary, Republican Women's Organization and volunteered at the Huntington Memorial Hospital and the Dan Quayle Museum. Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Galen Lowery of Milford, Mich.; foster family, David and Jackie Geimer of Decatur; two sisters, Veva Schilling and Barbara Beckwith, both of Huntington; two grandsons, Dr. Wade Lowery and Derek Lowery; one great-grandson, Roman Lowery; three foster grandchildren, Brandy Lawson, Heather and Justin Geimer; and two foster great-grandsons, Zach and Trevor Swygart. Preceding Loveta in death were her parents; husband; brothers, Kenneth Burkart and C. Keith Burkart; and sisters, Betty J. Burkart and Vivian Hiner. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Loveta Hartle. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com).

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**Lyle E. Schaefer**, 78, of Marion, died at 7:04 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Bloomington, Ill. to the late Roland and Marie (Lipscomb) Schaefer. He was a 1954 graduate of Kanawha Iowa High School and married Sheila M. Tremaine on March 3, 1961. She survives. Lyle was an electrician for the U.S. Navy and retired after 22 and a half years. He received a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, two Presidential Unit Citations and two Expeditionary Medals. He and his wife owned and operated the TLC Lawn Care business. He was a member of the Hanfield United Methodist Church, Visionaries ABF, Fleet Reserve Association and was a member and past Commander for the American Legion Post 10. Lyle played semi-pro baseball and was the left fielder for the Iowa Sioux City Explorers, formerly Sioux. He enjoyed bird watching, gardening and coaching girl's softball and umpiring for Marion Parks and Recreation. Lyle loved his family, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Sheila Schaefer, Marion; daughters, Lori (Robert) Hollinger, Marion, Julane M. Crum, Yorktown, Va., Tami L. (Chris) Timmons, Marion; sisters, Delores Hayworth, Garner, Iowa, and Charlotte (Gary) Gabrielson, Altoona, Iowa; grandchildren, Kendra Hollinger, Corey Hollinger, Justin (Emily) Crum, Jordyn Crum, Dreah Burgener, Ashli (Brett) Bishop, and Drew Burgener; great-grandchildren, Bryan Call, Serenity Bishop, Felicity Bishop, Verity Bishop, Kaisen Bishop, Tanner Burgener, and Aubrey Crum. In addition to his parents, Lyle was preceded in death by sisters, Evelyn Mae Schaefer and June L. Friedow; and step-father, Harry Raber. A funeral service for Lyle will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue in Marion with Gary Miller officiating. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Isaiah Project of the Visionaries Class of Hanfield United Methodist Church, 101 N. 400 E., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**William H. "Bill" Fihe**, 80, Marion, died at 12:15 pm, Wednesday, April 1, 2015. He was born in Elwood to the late Joseph and Margaret (Melampy) Fihe. He married Phyllis M. Fihe on February 25, 1982, and she preceded him in death on December 11, 2014. Bill was a 1952 graduate of Wendell Willkie High School in Elwood. During high school, he played for the Elwood Panthers basketball team, and his team won the Central Indiana Conference Championship. He also had the privilege of playing against the Harlem Globetrotters. Bill's father took him to the Indianapolis 500 at the age of 10 and he continued to go to the track for 70 years. Bill retired from Fisher Body in 1990 after 30-plus years of service. He was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elwood where he had served as an altar boy. He was a longtime officer and former commander for the Sons of AMVETS Post 5. He also served as the finance officer and volunteered for Help the Hopeful for 25 years. He was dedicated to helping everybody and anybody, and was generous to a fault. Survivors include his daughter, Melinda "Mindy" Fihe, Indianapolis; son, Jeff (Michele) Fihe, Kissimmee, FL; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; sister, Margaret Ellen (David) Gerber; brothers, Tom (Leah) Fihe and Tim (Mel) Fihe; stepchildren, Kathy (A. Harrell) Davis, Ohio, Wayne Harrell, Marion, and John Harrell, Ft. Wayne; and special friend, Barbara L. Riley. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Fihe; brothers, John Fihe, Larry Fihe, and Richard Fihe; sisters, Pat Foist and Jeannece Stage. A memorial service for Bill will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 South Washington Street, Marion, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. A dinner will be held at the AMVETS Post 5 following the memorial service. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Help the Hopeful in Bill's name. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Leah (Libby) E. Emans**, 94, Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 7:41 a.m. Saturday April 4, 2015 at Aperiion Care. She was born Jan. 8, 1921 in Akron, Indiana, to Maurice B. and Lehr E. (Landis) Lautzenhiser. She married Paul E. Emans in 1976 and he passed away in December 1999. She was also preceded in death by a son James D. Ridenour and a granddaughter Michelle. She is survived by daughter Carol (Susie) Owen, granddaughter Angela McCrary and grandsons Anthony King, John and Steven Ridenour. She attended First Assembly of God Peru. She loved raising flowers, puppies and birds. She was an avid reader. Visitation will be at 10-11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru, Indiana Thursday April 9. Funeral is at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Mount Hope Commentary, Peru, with Pastor: Edward Uyesugi officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Mary E. Quinn**, 93, a lifelong resident of Huntington, passed from this life on April 7, 2015, at 3:24 a.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital. She had lived in Andrews prior to January 2015 at which time she made The Tipton Place her new home. She was a 1939 graduate of Andrews High School. Mary Beth, as she was known to family, had been a member of the Andrews Church of the Brethren for more than 60 years. She had worked at the Kitchen Maid Cabinet Company and was a telephone operator for Bell Telephone. She served on elections boards for a number of years and she and her husband farmed in Dallas Township for more than 30 years. Mary was born on Sept. 23, 1921, a daughter of Thomas Jesse and Goldie May (Hunt) Bradburn. She was united in marriage to Kenneth O. Quinn on May 7, 1939, at the Markle Church of Christ. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1991. Survivors include a son, Larry (Judy) Quinn of Andrews; a sister, Janice Price of Florida; four grandchildren, Tammy (Don) Rush of Huntington, Tiffany (Rick) Saunders of Andrews, Trinda Schoeff of Andrews and Tyrone (Alice) Quinn of Jonesboro; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; two sister-in-laws, Helen Bradburn and Mary Margeret Bradburn; a cousin, Lenore Brown; and a special friend, Ruth Smith; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Roderick Bradburn, Brooks Bradburn and Thomas Bradburn; a great-granddaughter, Janell Saunders; and a sister-in-law, Tillie Bradburn. Visitation will be Friday, April 10, 2015, from 3-7 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. Funeral service will be Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 11 a.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Jerry Felts officiating. Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Andrews. Memorial donations can be made out to Parkview Huntington Home Healthcare and Hospice in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Mrs. Quinn's online guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**HUNTINGTON — Betty J. Cowden**, age 89, of Huntington, passed away at 4:45 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015 at Tipton Place in Huntington, Ind. Betty was born on April 6, 1925 in Huntington, the daughter of Elwin and Darlene (Carr) Goshorn. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with the funeral service following at noon on Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Burial will be held at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian, Ind. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Harold D. Arnett**, 87, Marion, died April 2, 2015, in Wesleyan Health Care, Marion. He was born on July 14, 1927, in Carter County, Kentucky. Harold was preceded in death by his mother, Roxie Williams Stanley and father, Herb Stanley; son, Larry Arnett; brother, James "Hob" Stanley; sister, Sue McGraw; and brother-in-law, Marlin Douglas. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gladys Bradley Arnett; son, Nicky (Starlena) Arnett; daughters, Tonya (Bob) Roth and Diana Chaplin (George Long); sisters, Emogene Kilgore, Maxine Douglas, Carol Hunter; and sister-in-law, Mayme Stanley; seven grandchildren, Tony (Cheryl) Arnett, Rusty (Matt) Rayburn, Derek Timmons (Amy Lahr), Giovanna Myers (Joe Long), Holly (Ben) Schroeder, Nicholas Arnett (Heather Lamb) and Charlene Chaplin (Tobby Maisongale); 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews. Harold was retired from General Tire and Rubber Company for 26 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, working on cars and tinkering with mowers. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. A funeral service for Harold will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, with Pastor Jeff Smith officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion. Harold's family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**KOKOMO — Betty Ruth Bone**, 86, of Kokomo, passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at the Sterling House in Kokomo. She was born on June 28, 1928 in New Castle, Ind. as the first born child of Leslie Earle and Minnie Molissa (Woodcock) Badger. On Sept. 6, 1946, she married Germie H. Showen Jr., in Middletown, Ind. and he passed away on Nov. 22, 1988. On Sept. 30, 1990 she married Robert Floyd Bone and he passed away on Dec. 29, 2001. Betty was a member of Lugar Creek Wesleyan Church in Marion, 10th Street Wesleyan Church in Marion and Faith Community Church in Phlox. She was a Sunday school teacher at the churches she attended for the children and adult classes and enjoyed music by singing or playing the organ and also helped coordinate programs for the churches. Through the years she worked in Marion but mostly she had her own sewing and alteration business and was a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter, Claudia Ruth (Murel) Hannah; two sons, Steven Kurt (Cathy Gilbert) Showen and Karl Kelley (Martha) Showen; seven grandchildren, Tabitha R. (Nickolas) Bailey, Justin L. (Kim Rosati) Hannah, Aaron I. (Elizabeth) Hannah, Karl K. Showen, Adam J. Showen, Erick A. Showen, Lisa D. (Mike) Basham, Monica (David) Phillips; eleven great-grandchildren, Niko Bailey, Hannah Bailey, Elijah Hannah, Meghan Hannah, Marissa Spirey, Bradley Showen, Warren Showen, Kristopher Showen, Sydney Showen, Dylan Phillips, Emma Phillips; brother-in-law, Ronald Abrell; sister-in-law, Donna Lou Showen; and several nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Earle and Minnie Badger; husbands, Germie H. Showen and Robert Floyd Bone; sisters, Ada Margaret Abrell and Edna Earlene Badger. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Faith Community Church of Phlox, 4223 S. 1100 E. in Greentown and Pastor John P. Clark will be officiating. Burial will follow at New Hope Cemetery in Phlox. Friends may visit with the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Hasler-Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St. in Greentown and from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the funeral services on Friday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Community Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Stanley "Rex" Deford**, 80, of Colfax, died at 10:15 p.m. April 6, 2015 at Parkwood Healthcare, Lebanon. He was born Sept. 8, 1934 in Colfax, to Benjamin Franklin and Marjorie (Ham) Deford. He married Malinda "Linda" Flowers on May 2, 1959 in Colfax and she survives. Rex was a 1953 graduate of Colfax High School and a lifelong Colfax resident. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served from

1956 to 1962. He was a newspaper pressman for the Lafayette Journal & Courier for 34 years, retiring in 1994. Rex was a member of the Colfax Christian Church. He was past master of the Plumb Masonic Lodge, and then transferred to the Vesta Masonic Lodge. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two granddaughters: Allison Kay Deford of Seattle, Wash. and Kaitlyn Jean Deford of Lafayette; and a great-granddaughter: Eila Rose Deford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son: Kevin, on Nov. 18, 2000; and a brother: Arnold Lee Deford. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday, April 9 with a Masonic Service beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Great Lakes Hospice. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**J. Lois Sink**, 91, of Kirklin, died at 8:05 a.m. Tuesday April 7, 2015 at Sheridan Healthcare. Arrangements and services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Jack W. Davis**, 78, of Fort Wayne, Ind. and formerly of Wells County, Ind., passed away at 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Ind. He was born on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1936 in Hempstead, Alaska. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. in Montpelier, Ind. on Thursday April 9, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. Family and friends may also share and remember at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park 1320 East Dupont Road in Fort Wayne on Friday April 10, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. A service to celebrate Jack's life will be at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home on Saturday April 11, 2015 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service with Tom Rittichier officiating. Burial will follow in the Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association, 6100 West 96th St. Suite #200, Indianapolis, IN 46278-6005 or Family Life Care, 108 S. Jefferson St., Berne, IN 46711. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**HARTFORD CITY — Jerry Judson Miles**, 66, passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Lutheran Health Network in Fort Wayne. He was born on March 28, 1949 in Hartford City to Harley Judson Miles and Irene Louise (Winget) Miles. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Bethel Center Church of the Brethren, 1770 West State Road 26 in Hartford City with Pastor Ellen Adney officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory in Muncie. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street in Hartford City and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the church. Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 97075, Washington, DC 20077-7258. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Evelyn Frances Dille**, age 94, passed away Friday, April 3, 2015, at Colonial Oaks Health Care, Marion. Frances was born June 26, 1920, in Converse, the daughter of the late Glen and Stella (Zowd) Green. She married Donald Dille on July 2, 1938, and he preceded her in death March 21, 2000. Frances was a homemaker and a member of First Friends Church where she was active in the Ladies' Circle. She was also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Marion General Hospital. Survivors include: two daughters, Onda (Ken) Swafford and Donna Winchell (Kim) Linton; granddaughter, Julie (Rhodes) Autry; great-granddaughter, Hannah Autry; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Larry Green; and four sisters, Catherine Palmer, Lucille Forrester, Geneva Gray and Maxine York. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, with Pastor Bob Garra officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Memorial contributions can be made to First Friends Church, 2211 Wabash Road, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Betty J. Cowden**, age 89, of Huntington, passed away at 4:45 p.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at Tipton Place, Huntington. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon Thursday (April 9, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12 p.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplain Forrest Tabor officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Betty was born on April 6, 1925, in Huntington, the daughter of Elwin and Darlene (Carr) Goshorn. She graduated in 1943 from New Castle High School in New Castle, Penn. Betty married Edward M. Cowden on June 25, 1944, in Gainesville, Fla. She retired from the Huntington High School Guidance Department of Huntington Community School Corporation. Betty was a member of Central Christian Church in Huntington. She and her husband wintered in Winter Haven, Fla., for over 25 years. Betty is survived by her husband of 70 years, Edward M. Cowden of Huntington; one son, William "Ed" Cowden of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Karen S. Cowden of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Cameron T. (Megan L.) Cowden and Kyle A. Cowden. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Thomas W. Cowden; brothers, Billy Goshorn, John Carr Goshorn, Richard "Doc" Goshorn and Everett E. Goshorn; and sisters, Catherine Goshorn and Peg Kitt. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Betty J. Cowden. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Mary Alice Reddick**, 83, of Indianapolis, died April 6, 2015. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8 at Flanner and Buchanan – Washington Park East, 10612 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Ruth Iris (Dalrymple) Johnson**, age 85, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at her home. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**Mary Anna Richards**, 75, of Marion, died at 3:41 a.m. on April 5, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Marion to the late Carlos A. and Opal M. (Tudor) Herring. She was a 1958 graduate of Marion High School and married Charles E. Richards on July 27, 1969. Mary was employed with Marion Community Schools Cafeteria for 27 years and was also a licensed beautician. She also worked part-time for Hills, Fashion Bug and Lance's Supermarket. She was a member of Sunnycrest United Methodist Church and volunteered in numerous groups throughout her years with them. Mary was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Charles; daughter, Anna (Michael) Cronkhite, Marion; son, Ronald E. (Amanda) Richards, Marion; grandchildren, Matthew Groves, Aubrey Richards, Devin Richards, Sophie Richards and Robert Richards; sister, Beverly (Ray) Holzheurer, Warren; brothers, Lewis "Sonny" Herring and Jerry (Judy) Herring, all of Marion. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Herring and Richard "Dick" Herring. A funeral service for Mary will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, 1921 W. Bradford St. in Marion with Pastor Charles Ternet officiating. Burial will follow in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue in Marion. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church Food Pantry or the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church Utah Mission Trip, 1921 W. Bradford St., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

**ALEXANDRIA - Judith A. "Judy" Adams**, 71, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at Community Hospital in Anderson following an extended illness. Services celebrating Judy's life will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria. Interment will follow in East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society through the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**David Lee Brock**, 44, Marion, died at 1:35 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2015, in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born to the late Elmer Leon Brock and Karen Karchner. David was a Marion High School graduate. He was a member of the First Christian Church and Indiana National Guard. A funeral service for David will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at Grant Memorial Park Chapel, Marion. Burial will follow the service. Visitation will be from 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, prior to the service in the chapel. Arrangements handled by Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Genevieve M. Skillen**, 93, of Peru, formerly of Star City, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru. She was born Aug. 5, 1921, in Winamac, to Edward and Nellie Wright Teske. Genny was married to Woodrow W. "Tom" Skillen on Oct. 18, 1941, in Winamac. Tom passed away January 21, 2015. Genny and Tom farmed in the Star City area most of their lives. She was a member of the Star City United Methodist Church and the New Life Methodist Church, Mexico, IN. Genny and Tom moved to Peru in 2005. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and Home-Ec Club. She worked as the secretary and treasurer of the Star City and Winamac schools for 25 years. Genny enjoyed spending time with her family. She also enjoyed growing flowers and caring for her vegetable garden. Genny enjoyed playing Bunco and making crafts. Survivors include: Sharon (John) Sayers, Bringham, daughter; Darl D. (Diane) Skillen, Peru, son; Natalie (John) Pettit, granddaughter; Stephanie (Scott) Harris, granddaughter; Karen (Ryan) Baker, granddaughter; Mike Skillen, grandson; Nick Skillen, grandson; 8 great grandchildren; and Ron (Bobbi) Teske, Jonesboro, Georgia, brother. She was preceded in death by: Edward Teske, father; Nellie Eleanor Wright Teske, mother; Woodrow W. "Tom" Skillen, husband; Fred Teske, brother; Russell Teske, brother; Cecil Teske, brother; and Margaret V. Dye, sister. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. (EDT) Monday, April 13, 2015, at Frain Mortuary, Winamac, with Pastor Sam Polito officiating. Burial will take place in McKinley Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Winamac. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. (EDT) Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Frain Mortuary. Memorial Contributions may be given to New Life Methodist Church, Mexico, or the Star City United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary, Winamac, IN. Online condolences may be offered in the guestbook at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Edith A. "Edie" Ditton**, age 67, of Huntington, died at 11:39 p.m. Monday (April 6, 2015) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday (April 9, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday (April 10, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to service. Rev. Russell Buzzard and Rev. Randy Hensley will be officiating. Edie was born on Nov. 26, 1947, in Huntington, the daughter of Edward and Edith (Burns) Hobbs. She was a 1966 graduate of Huntington High School. She married Freddy W. Ditton on Feb. 18, 1967, in Huntington. Edie was a homemaker and worked at Pyle Industries in Huntington. She was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Huntington, and she loved playing bingo and spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Freddy W. "Fred" Ditton of Huntington; her daughter, Kelly S. Ditton of Hartford City; her son, Steven W. Ditton and Michele C. of Huntington; one sister, Kimberly Hobbs of Muncie; and six grandchildren, Nathan, Nathalie, Tyler, Jessica, Taylor and Chelsea. She is preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, SaDonna "Sue" Hobbs and Judith "Judy" Byrd; and two brothers, Max Hobbs and Douglas "Doug" Hobbs. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Edith A. "Edie" Ditton. Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Garry D. Smiley**, 63, of Peru, passed away suddenly from undetermined circumstances at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born to the late Ivan Rex and Betty (Kennedy) Smiley, Dec. 22, 1951 in Peru. Garry graduated from Peru High School in 1970. He was married to the love of his life and soul mate, Judy (Aikman) Smiley, shortly thereafter on Oct. 30, 1971. They lived at 303 ½ N. Water St. in Peru less than a year, before moving into their home on Boulevard, where Garry had lived since he was 2. This is the home where all of their children were raised. That home would become "Home Central" where every birthday, holiday, or special event would take place. It may be a small house, but it had the largest group of friends and family, packing in with standing room only. This Easter Sunday was our final holiday with a man that may have stood 5ft. 8 inches tall, but when he was called dad or grandpa he was the tallest man alive. Garry was a master at his craft; he was a heavy machinery mechanic before retiring on Jan. 31, 2014. He started his career managing the Sinclair filling station on East Main Street in Peru, owned by his father Ivan Rex and Uncle Ray Smiley from 1972-1974. From there in 1974 he went to work for Bates and Roger's Construction Company out of Chicago, Illinois where he apprenticed under his father. After his father passed away, he went to work for Crider and Crider out of Bloomington in 1987. He spent the remainder of his career working for Crider's until he retired. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, spending most of his time traveling, going to his grandson's ball games, working in the garden, tinkering on things in basement, and spending time with his wife and family. Garry was an avid Caterpillar toy collector, he loved going antiquing, and enjoyed all forms of racing especially NASCAR. He was devoted to two things in his life: his work and his family. He always found joy doing things for his kids and grandkids, and would drop anything he was doing for them. He was his grandson Brayden's best friend. Garry is survived by his wife and four children: Judy Smiley (Aikman), of Peru; Lisa Smiley, of Peru; Lora Boggs (Mike), of Peru; Steve Smiley (Chelsey), of Indianapolis; Tracy Binnion (Brady), of Denver. He is also survived by his two grandsons; Brayden Dale, and Bradley Dean Binnion. He was so proud of his kids and grandkids. Visitation will be at Christian Pilgrim Church located at 512 Monroe Avenue in Peru at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015, followed by a memorial service in celebration of Garry's life at 3 p.m.. Instead of flowers the family asks that donations be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to Autism Speaks.

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**KEYSTONE - Waneta C. Cooper**, 94, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2015 at 4:35 PM at Christian Care in Bluffton. Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home Montpelier. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Mary Anna Richards**, 75, of Marion, died at 3:41 a.m. on April 5, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Marion to the late Carlos A. and Opal M. (Tudor) Herring. She was a 1958 graduate of Marion High School and married Charles E. Richards on July 27, 1969. Mary was employed with Marion Community Schools Cafeteria for 27 years and was also a licensed beautician. She also worked part-time for Hills, Fashion Bug and Lance's Supermarket. She was a member of Sunnycrest United Methodist Church and volunteered in numerous groups throughout her years with them. Mary was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing and spending time with her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband, Charles; daughter, Anna (Michael) Cronkhite, Marion; son, Ronald E. (Amanda) Richards, Marion; grandchildren, Matthew Groves, Aubrey Richards, Devin Richards, Sophie Richards and Robert Richards; sister, Beverly (Ray) Holzheurer, Warren; brothers, Lewis "Sonny" Herring and Jerry (Judy) Herring, all of Marion. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brothers, Charles Herring and Richard "Dick" Herring. A funeral service for Mary will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at Sunnycrest United Methodist Church, 1921 W. Bradford St. in Marion with Pastor Charles Ternet officiating. Burial will follow in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue in Marion. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church Food Pantry or the Sunnycrest United Methodist Church Utah Mission Trip, 1921 W. Bradford St., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Peter Matthew Fettingner**, Huntington, was stillborn at 11:13 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Peter is the son of James and Tiffany (Gooley) Fettingner, Huntington. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Isiah Fettingner and Benjamin Fettingner, both at home; and three sisters, Alexys Paonessa of Fort Wayne and Claire Fettingner, and Maria Fettingner, both at home. Peter is also survived by his maternal grandparents Robert and Judy Gooley of Huntington and paternal grandparents Robert and Yolanda A. Fettingner of Huntington. A private graveside service was Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington, with Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap presiding. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences are to [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).

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**J. Lois Sink** 91, of Kirklin, died at 8:05 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Sheridan Healthcare, Sheridan. She was born July 30, 1923 in Hamilton County, to Odes and Dona Mae (Boyer) King. She married Carl Wesley Sink on Feb. 21, 1943 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 8, 1999. Lois was a 1941 graduate of Lebanon High School and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Kirklin Christian Church and attended the Mechanicsburg Christian Church. She was also a member of the Kirklin PM Homemakers, Jolly Dozen Euchre Club and was a Pink Lady for over 40 years. She is survived by three sons: Ronald L. Sink of Indianapolis, Donald R. (Alice) Sink of Rockville and Steven L. (Sheila) Sink of Kirklin; three grandchildren: Juanita (Lance) Padgett, Todd (Casey) Sink and Joe (Christy) Staggs; and seven great-grandchildren: Mackenzie, Keegan, Kylie, Lexi, Elizabeth, Abigail and Audrey. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Betty Hine, Venida King and Mildred Lucas. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 12 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 13 at the funeral home with Joe McAdams officiating. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the Clinton County 4-H Scholarship. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Erma Harvey**, 64, passed away on April 4, 2015. Arrangements are pending at Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services at 526 South McClure Marion Indiana. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

**Jazy'Za D. Williams**, 26, passed away on April 3, 2015. She leaves to cherish her memory her father, Wesley W. Williams; her mother, June D. Williams; two sons, Ja'Marquis D. Williams Roby, Marion, and Josiah J. Wesley Williams, Marion. A Memorial Service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. Calling hours will be 10-11 a.m. at the church. Arrangements entrusted to Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services, 526 South McClure Marion Indiana 46953. Online condolences at [www.gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com](http://www.gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — **Hazel A. Crews**, age 94, of Hot Springs, Ark., formerly of Amity, Ark., died Sunday, April 5, 2015. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Visitation was Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Interment will be in the Jones Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood, Ark. Guest registry is at [www.davis-smith.com](http://www.davis-smith.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

**Ruth Iris (Dalrymple) Johnson**, age 85, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015, in her home. Ruth was born August 23, 1929, in Huntington, the daughter of the late Fred and Elsie (Kober) Dalrymple. They preceded her in death. She was a 1948 graduate of Warren High School and then graduated from Indiana Business College in Marion. Ruth was office manager of the University of Maryland Associates in Surgery and then was a Realtor in Maryland. She also worked at the Eagle Lumber Company in Marion. She was past president of the Marion Elks Women's Golf Association and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, the Rebecca Softball League in Warren and the Moose. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed going to casinos with her sister. Survivors include: two daughters, Teresa Johnson of Marion and Linda (Steven) Alexander of Gas City; ex-husband, Roger Johnson of Marion; sister, Mary Jane Hamilton Marvo of Warren; granddaughter, September (Zach) Harness-Abell; and great-granddaughter, Lilly May Abell, both of Greenwood; and two nephews, Mike Hamilton of Poneto, and Pat Himilton of Danville. She will be greatly missed by her baby, her wonderful dog, Nina. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Cremation will take place. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

**Rowena M. Kunkle**, 94, of Peru, passed away at 11:48 a.m., Tuesday, April 7, 2015. She was born in Peru on Aug. 8, 1920, the daughter of Benjamin Frank and Dora Walter Butt. Rowena was a life-long Miami County resident. She attended Victory Grade School for 8 years and graduated from Peru High School in 1938. Rowena married Paul E. Kunkle at Main Street United Methodist Church Parsonage in Peru on Oct. 29, 1941. She and her husband were lifelong farmers. Paul Kunkle preceded her in death on Oct. 25, 1973. Two years later, Rowena moved back to her childhood home and continued to manage the family farms until just the past few years. She was a member of the Erie United Methodist Church. She maintained close relationships with several of her classmates from Victory Grade School. She was a member of the Busy Bee Card Club for over 43 years and the American Business Women's Association for nearly 30 years. Rowena enjoyed cooking, gardening, mushroom hunting, traveling and antiquing. Children include James (Linda) Kunkle of West Baden Springs, Elaine Anderson, of Indianapolis and Carol Fox (Joe Brooks) of Peru; three grandchildren, Robert Kunkle, Dale Monica Schuler and Nathaniel Fox and three great-grandchildren. Rowena was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Paul. A service celebrating the life of Rowena M. Kunkle will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 - 11 a.m., Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. Online condolences made be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to The American Heart Association or the Scratching Post Cat Rescue. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

**Dale Everett Davis**, age 63, of Jonesboro, died Monday, April 6, 2015, at IU Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. He was born to Charles Everett Davis and Irene (Teegarden) Davis on December 4, 1951 in Marion. Dale graduated from Mississinewa High School in 1969. He worked for several years at the Riverside Cemetery and volunteered during his free time at the Marion VA Hospital. Dale was a life member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 95 in Jonesboro and was a past commander. Dale enjoyed sports. He played little league and pony league and then played football and baseball in high school, as well as playing the trumpet in the high school marching band. Dale is survived by his mother, Irene; one daughter, Shannon Fields, Muncie; sisters Wanda (James) Moore, Upland, Bette Jo (Floyd) Landis, Jonesboro, Margaret (Kevin) McNeely, Gas City; and three grandchildren. Dale was preceded in death by his father, Charles; sister Janet Nash; and grandparents A.M. & Stella Davis and Paul & Lucille Teegarden. Arrangements are being handled by College Park Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion. Family and friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, and 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 10. A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 10, with Pastor Dawn Cuthbert officiating. Interment will be in Park Cemetery at a later day. Memorial contributions may be made to the VA Volunteer Services in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

ANDREWS — **Margaret Casey**, 96, of Andrews, passed away Sunday April 5, 2015, at her home. Arrangements are pending and entrusted to Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Andrews Chapel. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015](#)

**James "Jimo" Aaron Stephenson**, 61, Gas City, died at 9:44 p.m. Saturday, April 4, 2015, in Marion General Hospital. He was born in Marion to the late Jack and Nina (Byler) Stephenson. He married his sweetheart, Peggy Lynch, on March 11, 1972, and she survives. Jim was a 1971 graduate of Mississinewa High School. He received his associate's degree in machine maintenance from Ivy Tech in 2007 and worked in his area of study at Bluffton Rubber Co. (BRC), as well as RCA, where he worked for 32 years. He attended Upland Friends Church. Jim loved the outdoors where he would fish, watch birds, and hunt just about anything, including mushrooms. Jim also loved to ride his motorcycle, specifically his two family trips out west. His love for his wife and family, however, was the most important thing to him. In addition to his loving wife of 43 years, Jim is survived by his son, Kevin (Melissa) Stephenson, Gas City; sister, Jody Lawvere, Upland; grandchildren, Ethan, Gabrielle, and Janae Stephenson; niece, Jacklyn Lawvere; nephews, Josef and Kyle Lawvere; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Also preceding Jim in death was his son, Stephen Stephenson. The family will receive visitors from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 10, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015, with Pastor Curt Blasiman officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Grant Memorial Park in Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**JONESBORO - Lester E. "Gene" Lewis**, age 84, died Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at his Jonesboro residence. Gene was born in Pardee, Virginia, son of the late Jake Lewis and the late Effie McNutt Lewis. A 1949 graduate of Jonesboro High School, he became a Corporal in the Army during the Korean War serving from 1951 to 1953. Gene married the love of his life, Martha Belle Lewis, on December 21, 1951. She preceded him in death in 2012. Gene and Martha Belle had two sons, Jeffrey, who died in 2001, and Benjamin, who died in 2013. Gene was employed by the Pipefitters Local 661 of Muncie for 50 years. He served on the Jonesboro Town Board for 15 years and was a 53-year member of the Jonesboro Masonic Lodge 109. He enjoyed Blue Grass music and western books and movies. Gene is survived by siblings, Thelma Markland and Nancy (Don) Leach, both of Gas City, Bobby Jack Lewis, Fairmount, Jim (Bobbi) Dickey, Milan; two granddaughters, Jennifer and Catherine (John) both of Lafayette; great-grandson, Jack, as well as many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Gene's niece, Roberta Williams, for the loving care she provided. He was also preceded in death by his brother Doyle Lewis. Arrangements are entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, where the funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, April 10, 2015, with Pastor Bill Sherfy and Pastor Paul McPherson officiating. Interment and military rites will be immediately following at Park Cemetery, Fairmount. Family and friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Fairmount Chapel, with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cardinal Greenway in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 8, 2015

**Sarah L Mikesell**, 89, went to be with the Lord at 8:45 p.m. April 2, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft Wayne. She was born in Peru Feb. 16, 1926 to Ernest and Mona (Platt) Shultz. Sarah was a lifelong resident of the Peru area. She enjoyed walking, cross country skiing and gardening. She graduated from Jefferson Township High School, Mexico, IN. in 1945. She is survived by five children: Ricki (Gloria) Parson, Roann; Kim (Danny) Hentgen, Peru; Berman (Starr) Parson, Roann; Brent (Deena) Parson, Deedsville; and Bronsyn (Janet) Parson, Mexico, IN. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She is survived by two brothers and three sisters. She was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. She will be buried at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**ANDREWS — Margaret E. Casey**, 96, of Andrews, passed away Sunday April 5, 2015 at her home. Visitation will be Saturday, April 11, from 10-11 a.m. preceding the 11 a.m. funeral service at Deal-Rice Funeral Home-Andrews Chapel. Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery. Online condolences to [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Erma Harvey** 64, died at 12:27 p.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital Fort Wayne. Mrs. Harvey was born in Mallden , Missouri. She was a member of Greater Second Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband Roy Harvey Sr. of Marion IN, mother Ruby Jones of Marion, IN. one daughter Cathy (Troy) Peden , Kokomo, IN, two sons Roy (Francis) Harvey Jr., Kokomo, IN, Jeffrey Harvey, Lafayette, IN, six brothers Ulysses (Elizabeth) Jones, Spartanburg, SC, Leroy (Diana) Jones Jr., Marion, IN, James (Annie) Jones, Tupelo, MS, Jerry (Mellisa) Jones, Salisbury, NC, Lee (Elaine) Jones and Cubie (Debra) Jones Sr. both of Marion, IN. two sisters Geraldine Miller, Marion, IN, Anita (Rudolph) Thomas of Ripley, TN. 13 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren. Special friend Rhonda Kyle. A host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Greater Second Baptist Church 705 West 26th Street Marion IN. with Elder Robert Jones officiating. Friends may call from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Church. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services 526 South McClure Marion Indiana. Online condolences at [www.gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com](http://www.gholarandgholarfuneralservice.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**MARION - Thomas Lynn Bone**, 74, passed away of natural causes in his home the early morning hours of Monday, April 6, 2015. He was born in Hackleman on February 22, 1941 to his late parents, Robert O. and Margaret Louis (Smith) Bone both who passed in 2009. Tom was a graduate of Swayzee High School, class of 1959. Survivors include his son, Thomas "Tab" (Cenobia) Bone, grandchildren Ross Bone (20) and Sierra Bone (19) of Flower Mound, Texas and two brothers John R. (Carol) Bone and Gary B. (Pam) Bone. Tom was a graduate of Indiana Business College, began his professional career at General Tire, co-founded BL Real Estate & Auction Co and finished his entrepreneur endeavors at The Cookie Jar bakery, all in Marion. Tom moved on to manage the bakeries at Lance's Market and Hanks north before ending his working years at the St Martin Community Center in Marion through

February, 2010 and had since been retired. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7 - Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**William M. Watson**, 94, of Gulfport, Florida, passed away on March 17. He had been in declining health for several years but died of a broken heart. He shared 71 years of love and devotion to his wife, Eva Marie, who died in January. He is survived by 3 children, Marty (Margy), John (Lilly Crotts), and Susan Pippin; 6 grandchildren, Betsy Kelly (Kel), Julie, Leslie Hodz (Adam), Stephanie Fredenburg (Anthony), John Pippin, and Laura Fender (Bryant); 4 great-grandchildren, Joey Kelly, Katy Kelly, Payton Hodz, Kaelyn Fender, and two more on the way. He was predeceased by his sister, Jean. In WWII, Lt. Watson served as Radar Officer in Squadron 24 of the P. T. Boats in the campaigns to retake New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a graduate of Purdue University and spent his entire engineering career with AT&T. Bill and Eva Marie were Indiana natives who settled in Gulfport after raising their family in Ohio, New Jersey and Georgia. Bill was proudest when he was talking about his family. He and Eva Marie enjoyed sailing with friends, and you could often find him tinkering on his boat. He could re-engineer anything and frequently did. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Interment will be in Grant Memorial Park in Marion, near their toddler Greg. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your special charity in their name. Know that in spirit, together they are back home again in Indiana. Local arrangements being handled by Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Peter Matthew Fetting**, Huntington, IN, was stillborn at 11:13 p.m. on Friday, April 3. Peter is the son of James and Tiffany (Gooley) Fetting, Huntington, IN. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Isiah Fetting, Benjamin Fetting, both at home; and three sisters, Alexys Paonessa, Fort Wayne, IN, Claire Fetting, and Maria Fetting, both at home. Peter is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Robert and Judy Gooley, Huntington, IN; and paternal grandparents, Robert and Yolanda A. Fetting, Huntington, IN. A private graveside service was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington, IN, with Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap presiding. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Wilbur Lloyd, Jr.**, 63, Marion, died on Monday, April 6, 2015, in Marion General Hospital. He was born in Marion to the late Wilbur and living Wilma Jean (Pritchett) Lloyd, Sr. On December 26, 1981, he married Shelly Smith; she survives. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Marci J. Winchester**, 45, passed away Monday, April 6, 2015. Survivor is her sister, Renae Cser, Farmington Hills, Michigan. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 3pm at the Tree of Life Ministries, 2701 West 2nd Street, Marion, Indiana. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Thelma Arien Mannies**, 87, Akron went home to be with the Lord at 11:01 p.m. Tuesday April 7, 2015 at her residence. Thelma was born June 28, 1927 in Estill County, Kentucky, to Dewey and Nettie (Lane) Rogers. She married Harold Ross (Red) Mannies on March 19, 1948 and he passed away on August 13, 2006. Thelma is preceded in death by daughter Becky Jo, brothers Macy, Denver, Bufford, and Leniel Rogers, sister Ruby Scott and son-in-law Robert Holland. Thelma is survived by: her nine children - Rita Sue (Willard) Manns, Akron; Schery Lynn (Bruce) White, Peru; Mona Ree Holland, Logansport; Montie Ross (Theresa) Mannies, Logansport; Mira Jean (Lorenzo) Leon, Akron; Matthew James (Jackie) Mannies, Logansport; Velvet Vena (Dale) Bowser, Akron; Beth Ann (Donnie) Hopkins, Akron; and Shanen Doah (Darla) Mannies, Logansport; one brother Irvil (Patricia) Rogers and one sister Fern McGrew, and one brother-in-law Arville (Francis) Mannies. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren. She was a active member of The Bible Holiness Church in Wabash. Thelma was a prayer warrior and. her passion was serving God and helping others. Family and friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. on Monday April 13, 2015, At Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Services will be held Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 10 a.m. with Rev. Gary Gray, Rev. David Bigger, and her Pastor Andrew Stanger officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Gentiva Hospice. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Edith A. "Edie" Ditton**, age 67, of Huntington, died at 11:39 p.m. Monday (April 6, 2015) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 10 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to service. Rev. Russell Buzzard and Rev. Randy Hensley will be officiating. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Lewis Allen Vinson**, 88, passed away on March 30, 2015 in Apache Junction, AZ. He was born to L. Garth and Mary Vinson on December 28, 1926 in Marion, Indiana and raised in Elwood, Indiana. He was a 1944 graduate of Elwood High School. Lew served in the US Navy during WW II and was a member of American Legion Post 27. He retired from GM Fisher Body skilled trades in 1986 after 30 years of service and has been a member of UAW Local 977 for 59 years. He and his wife, Sandy, moved to Apache Junction, AZ where they have spent winters for the past 29 years. They traveled the country in their RV during the warmer months, returning to the Marion area each summer. Lew was actively engaged in all things outdoors. An avid hiker, he twice hiked to the summit of the Superstition Mountains and was in charge of the hiking program at Superstition Sunrise RV Resort for many years. Lew is survived

by his loving wife of forty years, Sandy, his daughter Terri L. Kasey of Florida, a son, Gary A.(MaryAnn) of Noblesville, his stepson Steve Byrd(Kathryn) and stepdaughter Laura Shay(Jared), both of Arizona, and stepdaughter Jennifer Travis(Jeff) of Ohio. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Per his wishes, celebration of life services will be held in Indiana and Arizona at a later date to be determined. Online condolences can be made at [affordablecremationaz.com](http://affordablecremationaz.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

Hartford City - **Janice Ellen Holtzleiter**, 85, life resident of the Upland-Hartford City area, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in Bridgewater Centre, Hartford City. She was born in Grant County on November 7, 1929 to Perry and Olive (Bricker) Jenkins and graduated from Jefferson Township School in 1947. Janice married Clarence Hotzleiter on July 10, 1947 in Hartford City. Janice was a homemaker and worked at 3-M Company for 31 years retiring in 1990. She loved flowers, gardening, crafts and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Altar-Rosary Society and CPC Sympathy Club, Marion. Surviving are: three daughters, Theresa Moorman, Hartford City, Connie (Michael) Williams, Orlando, FL and Elizabeth (Steve) Gress, Morrisville, NC; seven grandchildren including Robin Johnson (fiancé Kevin Hicks), whom she raised; twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Theresa and Robin were her devoted caregivers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, on March 21, 2012, her brother, Fred Jenkins and her sister, Lucille Blair. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Dave Newton at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11 in St. John's Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City. Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Visitation will be Friday, April 10 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City and from 9-9:30 a.m. Saturday. The Christian Wake Service will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Memorials may be made in the form of masses to the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Curtis L. Mills**, 57, Macy, went home to be with his Heavenly Father Tuesday morning, April 7, 2015 at his home. He was born June 25, 1957 in Rochester, the son of the late Leroy, Jr. and Margaret L. Zartman Mills. On July 3, 1993, God brought together in marriage Curt with the former Barbara Crist. Curt graduated from North Miami Junior Senior High School in 1975. Throughout his high school career, he was very active with the FFA where he served as Chapter President and was a member of numerous judging teams. While attending the National FFA Poultry Contest in Kansas City, he was one of five high-scoring individuals who received a trophy for their talents. He graduated from Lincoln Tech having studied diesel mechanics. He worked alongside his father and brother on the family farm. He was a member of Denver Baptist Church where he was the chief deacon and frequently volunteered his time and skills. He was also a first responder with the Denver fire department. He enjoyed spending time with his family, visiting his daughter and grandchildren in Oregon and doing missionary work. He is also famous in his family for providing the Zartman family lunch sticks and his own special Oyster dressing. He was an amazing husband, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. His love of life, sense of humor, and family leadership will be missed by all who were blessed to know him. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Mills, Macy; daughter, Myranda (Jimmie) Kruschinska, Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Linda Mills, Indianapolis, Jan (Jim) Pike, Indianapolis; one brother Kent (Sharon) Mills, Denver; two darling grandchildren, Samara and Acer Kruschinska, father and mother-in-law, James E. and Janice K. Crist, Silver Lake; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Monday, April 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Denver Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Friends may call from 2-7 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver has been entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church or Denver Fire Department. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Betty J. Cowden**, age 89, of Huntington, passed away at 4:45 p.m. Friday (April 3, 2015) at Tipton Place, Huntington. Funeral services were at noon Thursday (April 9, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplain Forrest Tabor officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian. Pallbearers were Ed Cowden, Gary Cowden, Kyle Cowden, Cameron Cowden and Grant Goshorn. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Betty was born on April 6, 1925, in Huntington, the daughter of Elwin and Darlene (Carr) Goshorn. She graduated in 1943 from New Castle High School in New Castle, Penn. Betty married Edward M. Cowden on June 25, 1944, in Gainesville, Fla. She retired from the Huntington High School Guidance Department of Huntington Community School Corporation. Betty was a member of Central Christian Church in Huntington. She and her husband wintered in Winter Haven, Fla., for more than 25 years. Betty is survived by her husband of 70 years, Edward M. Cowden of Huntington; one son, William "Ed" Cowden of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Karen S. Cowden of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Cameron T. (Megan L.) Cowden and Kyle A. Cowden. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Thomas W. Cowden; brothers, Billy Goshorn, John Carr Goshorn, Richard "Doc" Goshorn and Everett E. Goshorn; and sisters, Catherine Goshorn and Peg Kitt. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Betty J. Cowden. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Waneta Cooper**, 94, of Keystone IN, passed away at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015. She was born Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1920, in Pennville, IN. Family and friends may gather at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A service to celebrate Waneta's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2015. Burial will follow in the Lincoln-Friends Cemetery in Keystone. Preferred memorials: Christian Care Retirement Community 720 E. Dustman Rd. Bluffton, IN 46714. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries - Glancy Funeral Homes. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 9, 2015

**Coleen** was born in Fairmount, Indiana on August 24, 1925 to the late Raymond **Aubrey** and Ruth (Weaver) Drook. She passed away Monday, April 6, 2015 in St. Vincent Heart Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. She graduated from Converse High School in 1943 and lived in Converse most of her life. She was a member of Converse United Methodist Church and the Methodist women's group. Coleen enjoyed playing Bingo, Bridge and reading. She was a loving and devoted mother to her four boys and to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. They all have fond and fun memories of many family times together. She was the sweetest and kindness, most giving and pleasant person. She loved her church and Bible study groups and the people around her. She will be sorely missed by all. Survivors include: Sons: John R. (Sally) Mylet, Tipton, David Mylet, Fort Wayne, Michael R. (Sandy) Mylet, Aurora, CO, Former daughter in law: Mary Mylet, Fort Wayne, Sister: Barbara (Carl) Artherhults, Fort Wayne, 7 grandchildren: Mark, Daniel, Caleb, Luke, Megan, Casandra Mylet and Debra Meyers, 7 great grandchildren: Ian, Paige, Bailey, Tiffany, Aimee, Derek and Cody, 3 great great-grandchildren: McKenna, Taylor and Izaak. Coleen is preceded in death by her parents, son: Jeffrey R. Mylet and grandson Jeff Range. Visitation will be Friday, April 10, 2015 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Converse United Methodist Church, 109 East Wabash Street, Converse, Indiana. Funeral Service will be Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Converse United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Brennenman officiating. Memorials may be made to the Converse United Methodist Church, 109 East Wabash Street, Converse, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com).  
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**Kenneth J. Harrold**, 83, of Fairmount, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Fairmount June 4, 1931 to the late Glen A. Harrold and Blanche Jones Harrold. Kenny attended school in Liberty Township before graduating from Fairmount High School in 1950 and later attending courses through the Purdue Extension. On November 14, 1951, he married Bonnie Sue Wilson. He was a farmer in Liberty Township for fifty years, "retiring" in 2000. Over the course of his career, he raised cattle and hogs. Until his passing, Kenny had been a member of the Fairmount Friends Church the longest of any member, having joined in 1939. At Fairmount Friends, he was a trustee and usher, he was also known for always sitting in his self-assigned seat on the pew in the rear of the church sanctuary. In addition to his church, Kenny's passions were his family and the outdoors. He is remembered by his grandchildren as never missing an event of theirs, whether it was a sporting event, school activity or graduation, he was always there. Spending his life as a farmer, he always loved any opportunity to spend time outdoors. Kenny enjoyed golfing, snow and water skiing and grilling outdoors, but most of all he loved spending countless hours working in his garden. He liked watching IU basketball, especially when Bobby Knight was head coach. Although busy with his farming career, family and church, Kenny found time to be a volunteer fireman with the Fairmount Volunteer Fire Department, serving his community for ten years. In addition to his wife Bonnie, he is survived by, daughter, Becky Justus, of New Albany; grandchildren, Courtney Gipson, of Redkey, Jessica Stuttle, of Greenfield, Joshua Gipson, of Columbia City, Kory (Elysia) Gipson, of Portland, Danielle Justus, of Charlotte, N.C., and Dr. Jeremy Justus, of Pittsburg, Penn.; great-grandchildren, Jayger, Thia, Linus, Charlie, and Luke; and sister, Alice Wade, of Marion. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Cindy J. Gipson, who passed away in 2005; sisters, Ruth Painter and Martha J. Meyer; brothers, Hubert, Herbert, and Wayne Harrold. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, Indiana, 46928. A memorial service to honor Kenny's life is being held on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Fairmount Friends Church, 123 N Mill St, Fairmount, IN 46928, with his great-nephew, Pastor Brock Meyer, officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kenny's memory may be made to the Fairmount Friends Church, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 10, 2015

**Ruth Iris (Dalrymple) Johnson**, age 85, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2015, in her home. Ruth was born August 23, 1929, in Huntington, the daughter of the late Fred and Elsie (Kober) Dalrymple. They preceded her in death. She was a 1948 graduate of Warren High School and then graduated from Indiana Business College in Marion. Ruth was office manager of the University of Maryland Associates in Surgery and then was a Realtor in Maryland. She also worked at the Eagle Lumber Company in Marion. She was past president of the Marion Elks Women's Golf Association and a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, the Rebecca Softball League in Warren and the Moose. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed going to casinos with her sister. Survivors include: two daughters, Teresa Johnson of Marion and Linda (Steven) Alexander of Gas City; ex-husband, Roger Johnson of Marion; sister, Mary Jane Hamilton Marvo of Warren; granddaughter, September (Zach) Harness-Abell; and great-granddaughter, Lilly May Abell, both of Greenwood; and two nephews, Mike Hamilton of Poneto, and Pat Hamilton of Danville. She will be greatly missed by her baby, her wonderful dog, Nina. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Cremation will take place. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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grandson Jeff Range. Visitation will be Friday, April 10, 2015 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Converse United Methodist Church, 109 East Wabash Street, Converse, Indiana. Funeral Service will be Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Converse United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Brenneman officiating. Memorials may be made to the Converse United Methodist Church, 109 East Wabash Street, Converse, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 10, 2015

**Betty Jean Vincent**, 78, died April 8, 2015. Funeral services are pending at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 South Washington Street., Marion, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 10, 2015

MARION — **Thomas Lynn Bone**, 74, passed away of natural causes in his home the early morning hours of Monday, April 6, 2015. He was born in Hackleman on February 22, 1941 to his late parents, Robert O. and Margaret Louis (Smith) Bone both who passed in 2009. Tom was a graduate of Swayzee High School, class of 1959. Survivors include his son, Thomas "Tab" (Cenobia) Bone, grandchildren Ross Bone (20) and Sierra Bone (19) of Flower Mound, Texas and two brothers John R. (Carol) Bone and Gary B. (Pam) Bone. Tom was a graduate of Indiana Business College, began his professional career at General Tire, co-founded BL Real Estate & Auction Co and finished his entrepreneur endeavors at The Cookie Jar bakery, all in Marion. Tom moved on to manage the bakeries at Lance's Market and Hanks north before ending his working years at the St Martin Community Center in Marion through February, 2010 and had since been retired. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7 - Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 10, 2015

**Rita M. Lawrence** went home to be with the Lord on April 4, 2015 at her home in Peru. She was born on May 20, 1947. She married Jackie L. Lawrence, and they were married for 47 years when he passed away on April 5, 2013. She loved cooking, painting, laughing, and country music. She also loved playing and spending time with her grandchildren, which include: Clayton, Brandon, Noah, Cody, Harley, Whitney, Michael, Kyle, Janis, and many more. Surviving are her children: Tara Johnson, Patrick Lawrence (wife Angel), Tanya Bell, Jaime Lawrence, Tanette Jones, and Jackie Lawrence. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015

**Barbara A. Gracia**, age 85, of Huntington, died at 7:05 a.m. Friday (April 10, 2015) at Signature Healthcare in Terre Haute. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling the arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015

**Paul L. Black**, 97, of Frankfort, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Wesley Manor. He was born March 29, 1918, to Orvee W. and Sarah E. Ditmire Black in Cass County, Indiana. Paul married Carol E. Baldwin on April 23, 1939 in Sharon, Indiana and she passed on January 25, 2006. Paul graduated from Metea High School in Cass County, in 1937 and graduated from Indiana School of Barber Science in Indianapolis in 1938. Paul was a long time member of the Sweetser United Methodist Church serving as a member of the Church Board, a trustee, volunteer Church Custodian, treasurer of the Methodist Men, Chairman of the Official Board, on the Missionary Committee, on the Board of Evangelism, Superintendent of Sunday School and Sunday School teacher and head usher. Paul also served Wesley Manor as usher and custodian of the wood shop. He enjoyed wood working as he made over 800 wooden bowls from various woods from all over the world. Paul was a life member of the Fulton County Historical Society in Rochester; he was a descendant of the Frank Ditmire family whose history is recorded in volume 2 of the Fulton County Folks. Before moving to Frankfort in 1983 he had resided in Fulton County and Sweetser for 42 years. Paul and Carol were very proud of their son David being named valedictorian of his 1959 Sweetser High School graduating class. Paul and Carol were instrumental forming the Mark Black Memorial Athletic Award given out yearly to a Senior Athlete at Oak Hill High School. They also started the Vietnam War Memorial at Oak Hill High School in memory of their son, Mark Black who was killed in the Vietnam War. Paul is survived by two grandsons, Mark R. Black II and David L. Black Jr., both of Tustin, CA; one granddaughter, Sherrie Carlile of Castle Rock, CO; one great-granddaughter, Courtne Black; and one great-grandson, Brennan Black. In addition to his parents and his wife Paul was preceded by his sons Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Mark Ryan Black and David L. Black. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park Mausoleum beginning at 12:00 PM until start of service at 1:00 PM with Pastor Mick Wilson officiating. Memorials in Paul's name may be made to Sweetser Methodist Church or charity of donor's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort. Online condolences may be directed to [www.gendafuneralhome.com](http://www.gendafuneralhome.com).  
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Infant **Kai Avery Flickinger**, of Frankfort, Ind., died prior to his birth on April 9, 2015 at St. Vincent Women's Hospital, Indianapolis. He is the son of Eric and Kortney (Avery) Flickinger. He is survived by Sister, Kendall, age 3 and Brother, Kane, age 2; maternal grandparents Max and Debbie Avery, of Michigantown; paternal grandparents Terry and Debbie Flickinger, of Wakarusa; and maternal great grandparents Richard and Patsy Strawn, of Frankfort. Private family services are being held with Karl Kercheval officiating. Burial will be in Whiteman Cemetery, Michigantown. Memorial donations may be made to Trisomy 18 Foundation, 4491 Cheshire Station Plaza Suite 157, Dale City, Va. 22193. Goodwin Funeral Home is entrusted with the services. Online condolences may be made to [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015

**Lisa Lesher- Van Vlerah**, 54, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at her home in Beaver Creek, Ohio. She was born on June 28, 1960 to the late Michael Lance Lesher and Sadona Fay Mc Fadden Lesher, in Peru. Lisa graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1978. She received an Associates Degree from Indiana University in Social Work. She married David Van Vlerah in Colorado in 2008. Later they resided in Ohio. Lisa was a devout Christian. She went on many mission trips to help people. She served the Bretheren Church in Florida helping to develop a youth group in Florida. She believed in God, and shared her faith with many people. Lisa is survived by her husband, David Van Vlerah; along with her mother and step-father, Sadona and Carl Lowe. She is also survived by her two sisters, Michele Pedersen (Arne), Cassandra Knolinski (James); along with three nieces: Faith Anikka Pedersen, and Grace Ellen Sadona and Jyllian Jo Ellen Knolinski. Lisa was preceded in death by her father, Michael Lesher. Friends may call from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday, April 13 at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, with graveside services to follow at Rankin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Lighthouse, P.O. Box 336, Bunker Hill, IN 46914. Lisa always believed in youth ministry. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015](#)

**Evelyn L. Sutton**, 79, of Wells County, formerly of Grant County, passed away at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Markle Health Care in Markle. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Saturday, April 11, 2015, from 1-2 p.m. A service to celebrate Evelyn's life will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Burial will follow in the Grant Memorial Park in Marion. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries - Glancy Funeral Homes. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015](#)

**Janice Lee Davis**, 70, Bunker Hill, passed away Wednesday morning, April 8, 2015, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born Jan. 17, 1945 in Peru, the daughter of Glen and Dorothy (Lowe) Finster. Janice was a life-long member of Bunker Hill First Baptist Church, spending many years teaching Sunday school and leading the Sonshine Boys and Girls. She was a member of the Lion's Club and enjoyed helping with local events, especially the cake walk at the Halloween parties. Janice is survived by her mother Dorothy Finster, Bunker Hill; her son Michael (Gina) Weaver, Adamsville, Tennessee; her daughter Jennifer (Wil) Barry, Kokomo; grandchildren Jacob Weaver, Adamsville, Tennessee, Madisyn Weaver, Adamsville, Tennessee, Elleanor Barry due in June 2015, Kokomo; and a brother Dennis (Lois) Finster, Greenwood. Janice was welcomed at the gates of Heaven by her father Glen Finster, son John Davis, three Weaver angel babies, one Barry angel baby, and her beloved dogs Buffy and Roxie. The family takes great comfort in knowing that Janice has gained a new body, one not stricken with health problems, and that she can walk again. Services will be held at Bunker Hill First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. with funeral to follow at 1 p.m. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Bunker Hill First Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 11, 2015](#)

**Kevin Wayne Sparling**, 48, of Wabash, went to be with the Lord at 2:52 pm, Friday, April 10, 2015, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born April 7, 1967, in Wabash to Wayne and Beverly (Wolfrum) Sparling. Kevin was a 1985 graduate of Wabash High School. He married Mary A. Sims at the Wabash Friends Church on July 7, 1995. He worked at Ford Meter Box for 20 years and in the family business at Kitchens Plus. He was a member of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church and the Wabash Cannonball Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed woodworking and watching motocross, I.U. basketball, and Chicago Bears football. He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Sparling; two children, Kayla N. Sparling and Drake A. Sparling; parents, Wayne and Beverly Sparling; three sisters, Caryn (Tim) Middleton, Cheryl (Rodney) Holmes, and Carole (Kim) Hiner, all of Wabash; father-in-law, John (Jean) Sims, of Dunkirk; sisters-in-law, Janie Hogan, of Phoenix, and Phyllis "Cookie" Earhart, of Marion; brothers-in-law, Steven Earhart, Marion, and William Waggoner, Wabash; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Kay Sparling, and his mother-in-law, Charlene Sims. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, with Rev. Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Preferred memorial is his children, Kayla and Drake Sparling. The memorial guest book for Kevin may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015](#)

**Mary H. Spicer**, 91, passed away Saturday morning at University Nursing Center. She was born in Washington D.C., the daughter of the late William and Sarah (Taylor) Howard. At her request, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland. Online condolences may be made at [www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015](#)

**William B. Cordrey**, 84, resident of Marion, Ind. and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, passed away at 9:20 a.m. on April 10, 2015. He was born in Hamilton, Ohio on June 27, 1930 to Hamilton and Mabel Cordrey. He is survived by his wife, Dolores; three daughters, Loretta (Steve) Cole, Lois Cordrey-Matevia (Ian McKenna) and Jennifer Cordrey Landrum; eight grandchildren, Joshua (Stormy) Cole, Adam (Heather) Cole, K. Danielle Matevia, Barret Matevia, Zach Matevia, Tanner Matevia, Mitchell Landrem, and Zoe Landrum; six great grandchildren, Logan Cole, Ashlyn Cole, Doran Cole, Reagan Cole, Griffin Cole, and Barret Thomas Matevia II; several nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Hamilton and Mabel Cordrey; sister, Betty Theideman, Sun City, Arizona; brothers, Stanley Cordrey, MD and Ray Cordrey, Houston, TX; and his beloved cat, Precious. Bill served in the US Army from 1951 to 1953. He celebrated 63 years of marriage with Dolores Metcalf Cordrey of Hamilton, Ohio. He retired from General Motors after 38 years of service, where he was so proud to be the Engineering Group Manager for the Tool Room and Stamping Modernization in Marion, Indiana. Bill was a master craftsman at carpentry and woodworking, enjoyed boating and skiing

with his family at the reservoir in his younger days, and vacations to Dale Hollow. He was an excellent self-taught pianist, loved Barbershop quartets and almost every type of music. He sang in church choirs throughout his life. Bill was a great storyteller, although prone to embellishment. His favorite stories were of him and his best friend, Miles Vance, and their 75+ years of adventures together. We will miss his loving support, his steadfast and constant presence in our lives. No doubt his humor will be emulated by his grandchildren in the many stories of his life, told and retold. He was smart, talented, and loving and he could also be very scary. "Wild Bill" will be fondly remembered. As he would always say to us, "In the end... nothing matters but your family." You are so right Dad. "Flapdoodle!" A memorial service for Bill will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Needham- Storey-Wampner. Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, IN with Pastor David Mills officiating. The family will receive visitors from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service in the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**Iva M. Lake**, age 91, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Marion Rehab, Marion, Indiana. Iva was born on November 9, 1923, in Windsor, Canada, the daughter of the late Royce and Ida (Caughnough) Nightenhelser. She married Bert Lake on February 14, 1943, and he preceded her in death on October 18, 2002. Iva worked as a dietitian for the Oak Hill School Corporation until her retirement. She also worked very hard as a farmer. She was a member of the Eastern Star and had received her 50 year pin. She loved the farm life and working at the schools. Iva was an awesome grandma and was an avid lover of cats and dogs. Her life motto was: "If you can't say something nice, don't say it at all". Survivors include; son, Michael Lake of Las Vegas, Nevada; two daughters, Nancy (Robert) Younce of Sweetser, Indiana, and Carol Murphy of Indianapolis, Indiana; grandchildren, Teve (Pat) Gorman, Lori Lasak, Robert M. (Tara Timberlake) Younce, Steve Younce, Michael (Krista) Murphy, and Christopher (Carrie) Murphy; great-grandchildren, Mattie, Cody (Cara), Briana, Kaitelyn, Olivia, Brooke, Patrick, Ryan, Lauren, Brook and Zach; and her little dog, Paris. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vernon Nightenhelser, sister, Ellen Kuffman, and son-in-law, Ron Murphy. The family would like to extend a special thanks to her caregiver, Stephanie Lawson and her son, Jackson. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 13, in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oak Hill Scholarship Fund, c/o the Community Foundation, 505 W. Third Street, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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**Peggy Sue Couse**, 52, Jonesboro, lost her courageous battle with cancer at 7:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Peggy was born in Dearborn, Michigan, to Norm Zerbst and Ginny Seeber McKinley. Peggy was a graduate of Marion High School and also earned an associates degree. She enjoyed numerous careers, from working in a factory to serving as an LPN. Peggy enjoyed tending her home and yard/garden, as well as taking care of stray animals. She was kind and loving and, many times, gave a place to live to friends in need. She was always willing to lend a hand to whomever needed help. Spending time with her grandchildren and her large, extended family brought her great joy. She is survived by her children, Robert (Brittany) Couse, Nikki (Jordan) Welch, and Michael Couse; father, Norm (Eula) Zerbst; mother, Ginny McKinley; sisters, Donna Smith and Christi (Bill) Day; step-brothers, Larry McKinley and Greg (Soni) Payne; step-sisters, Susan (Larry) Dunn, Peggy Rogers, and Leah Johnson; nieces and nephews, Becky (Ryan) Taylor, Rachel (Seth Thomason) Day, Alyssa Smith, Trevor, Jared, and Harley Payne, Ashley Johnson, Kristopher and William Rogers; grandchildren, Genna, Rozilyn, William, Joey, Kandice, Haylee, Urijah, and Cami; great-nieces and nephews, Lakota, Ely, Keyan, Hannah, and Jaiman; lifelong friends, Terry Montgomery, Tammy Alimo, and Arleatha Smith; step-aunt, Barbara Hacker. Preceding her in death was her step-father, William McKinley. The family will receive visitors on Friday, April 17, 2015, from 4-8 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN 46933. Graveside services will be at Riverside Cemetery in Gas City at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015, with Pastor Robert Couse officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**ALEXANDRIA - Rosamond "Rosie" Flook**, 88, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Monticello House in Anderson following an extended illness. She was born on June 4, 1926 in Alexandria to Leon and Catherine (Williamson) Cleaver. Services honoring Rosie's life will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street in Alexandria with Father Dan Duff officiating. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery in Alexandria. Friends may call at the Owens Funeral Home after 11 a.m. on Wednesday prior to the services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the St. Mary's School Mother's Guild through the funeral home. On-line condolences may be made at [www.owensmemorialservices.com](http://www.owensmemorialservices.com).  
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**Betty Jean Vincent**, 78, Marion, died at 5:45 pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in her daughter's residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Gas City, IN to the late Allen and Bessie (Lostutter) Baker. Betty Jean was a homemaker and previously worked at the Marion VA in the laundry department and was a cook at the Wedge Bar & Grill. She attended Lydia Baptist Church. She liked fishing, boating, camping and gardening and loved spending time with her family. The family would like to give a special thanks to Tina Howard-Waycott, Latoya Williams and Johnny Smith for the special care they have given to Betty Jean and her family. Survivors include her children, Barbara (Joe) McGriff-Lomely, Carl A. Cooper and Sherri Smith; grandchildren, Kevin L. Lomely, Autumn R. (Mark) Cooper-Cotten, James A. Smith, Philip E. Smith, Johnny L. Smith, Julie Jordan, Adam Jordan, and Matthew Cochran; great grandchildren, Joey Lomely, Kevin "K.J." Lomley, Jacob Lomley, Rickey Burnsworth, Lyric Riley, Cheyenne Cooper, Kasia Cotton, Donavan Smith, Kyla Brackett, Eric Jordan, Jan Jordan, Brittney Jordan, Sarah Phillips, Miranda "Emmy" Phillips and Zach Phillips. In addition to her parents, Betty Jean was preceded in death by her, son, Timothy Eugene Riddle; brothers, Charles

Hall, Virgil Hall, Robert Baker, and Richard Baker. A funeral service for Betty Jean will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN, with Rev. Marcus Combs officiating. Burial will be in Estates of Serenity, Marion, IN. Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 11 to 1 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

**John Earl Chapel**, age 76 of Columbia, Tennessee, went "Home to Rest" on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. John is at peace and resting now after a few years of medical issues. His close friends and family were blessed to have been given the opportunity to spend Easter with him, which was an amazing gift. They will miss him greatly, and cherish their memories of his warm heart. God has now gained an amazing soul in heaven. John was born on August 31, 1938 to the late Herman A. Chapel and the late Helen M. Farley Chapel in Marion, Indiana. John was married to Geraldine Thomas on April 4, 1959, and had just celebrated fifty-six wonderful years together. John worked as a quality control engineer for Dana Corporation in Marion, Indiana, then in Gordonsville, Tennessee before retiring to seek out other endeavors. He was of the Methodist Faith. John is survived by his wife Gerry Chapel of Columbia, Tennessee; son John R. (Sherrin) Chapel of Swayzee, Indiana; daughter Brenda D. (David) Smith in Columbia, Tennessee; granddaughter Lyndsay N. Hogan of Nashville, Tennessee; step-grandchildren Will Smith, Jamie Ramirez, Sarah (Clint) Pearce, and Jessica (Blake) Wright; and great-grandchildren Jeffrey Pearce, Mason Pearce, Hannah Wright, and McKenzie Wright. At his request, there will be no formal services held, but Williams Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.williamsfh.com](http://www.williamsfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

HUNTINGTON — **Loren Wilford Koenig**, 78, of Huntington, IN, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2015, at 8:23 a.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Calling hours will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Funeral services will follow the calling at 1 p.m. April 14, 2015, at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home. Pastor Chris Hayden Officiating. Burial will be at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, 1801 Maumee Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

**John Wesley Smith, II**, 57, Marion, died at 3:02 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Marion, Indiana to John Wesley, Sr. and Helen (Bishop) Smith and was a graduate of Marion High School. John was a US Army veteran. He loved animals and loved his dogs, especially his wolf, Woonta. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles. He was always fixing something, and was a true handyman. He could build a house from the ground up if he wanted to. One of John's dreams was to take off one day to live on his boat. Survivors include his children, Dustin Michael Moore, Florida, Kathryn D. Smith and Harley R. Smith, both of Marion; sister, DeLisa Smith-Speikes, Marion, IN; brother, DeLon A. Smith, Austin, TX; grandchildren, I'Munique Morgan and Boston Smith; niece, Katina "Nicii" Speikes of Marion, IN; nephew, Pierce A. Smith of Austin, TX; aunt, Theda B. Goins of Muncie, IN; uncle, Ovid Casey of CA; best friend, Dennis Wholheter. John was preceded in death by his daughter, Sara Heath; and his mother, Helen Katherine Smith; grandparents and great grandparents. A funeral service for John will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion, IN with Elder Thomas Nukes officiating. His final resting place in honor of his military service will be in Marion National Cemetery. His family will receive visitors from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

HARTFORD CITY – **Cynthia "Cindy" Joan Tucker**, 49, went to be with her Lord at 2:08 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at her home. Cindy was born on July 15, 1965 in Hartford City to the late Bill G. Tucker and the late Mary Joan (McCaffery) Tucker. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street in Hartford City with Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home. Cindy will be cremated and her ashes will be scattered on the family lot at a later date. Memorials may be made to Keplinger Funeral Home for funeral expenses, 509 North High Street, Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be made to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

SOUTH BEND - **Catherine F. Pieronek**, 52, of South Bend, died Thursday, April 9, 2015, at Memorial Hospital. Cathy was born August 14, 1962 in Detroit. She is survived by her mother Joann Pieronek, and predeceased in death by her father Richard Pieronek. Cathy graduated in 1984 from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Following her childhood dream of working in the space program, she moved to Los Angeles to work for TRW and earned her master's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles. As a senior systems engineer at TRW she led the effort to develop and deploy the Data Relay System on NASA's Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, launched in 1991, and also worked on the Chandra satellite. In 1992, she returned to Our Lady's university to pursue her law degree and was the Editor in Chief of the Journal of College and University Law. She earned her J.D. magna cum laude in 1995, and became the Director of Alumni Relations for the law school and editor of its quarterly publication. Interested in gender-based equity issues, she became an expert in Title IX issues, both publishing and speaking around the US on the topic. Cathy was also Of Counsel to Shedlak and Benchik Law Firm LLP. More recently, Cathy served as the Associate Dean in the College of Engineering, bringing her wisdom and love of engineering to students and faculty. She was the Director of the Women's Engineering program and regularly published and presented on STEM issues. Named a fellow in the Society of Women Engineers at the national level, she also advised the student chapter on campus. Her awards were many, eclipsed only by the positive impact she had on the lives of others. Unbeknownst to many, she was a skilled artisan, and enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting. On December 9, 2006, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, she married Charles Shedlak,

who survives. Other survivors include her sister, Patty (Ian) Frost; brother, Tom (Erin) Pieronek; and her nieces and nephews, Madelyn, Maxwell, Daniel, Brendan, Nathan, Craig and Megan. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2015, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be held from noon until 8 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2015, in Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, where friends and family can pray the rosary at 5 p.m., and from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Monday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Memorial Contributions may be directed to the Pieronek Family Scholarship Fund at the University of Notre Dame. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 12, 2015

**Edna M. Phillips**, 82, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at IU Health Blackford Hospital. She was born in Indianapolis on June 17, 1932 to Alfred and Rachel (Powell) Boling and attended Arsenal Technical High School. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St. in Hartford City with Pastor Troy Kaufman officiating. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery in Montpelier. Friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com).  
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Funeral service for **Mary E. Quinn** was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Jerry Felts officiating. Pallbearers were Tyrone Quinn, Tucker Quinn, Heath Rush, Rick Saunders, Justin Saunders and Erik Schoeff. Honorary pallbearers were Don Rush, Mike Schoeff and Jim Ulrey. Interment was at the Riverside Cemetery in Andrews.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 13, 2015

**Loren Wilford Koenig**, 78, of Huntington, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2015, at 8:23 a.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital, Huntington. Calling hours will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from noon-1 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Funeral services will follow the calling at 1 p.m. on April 14, 2015, at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Burial will be at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, 1801 Maumee Ave., Fort Wayne. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).  
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**Michael Lewis**, 73, of Peru, died April 13, 2015 at Aperion Care, Peru. Arrangements and services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 13, 2015

ANDREWS — **Patricia A. Garrison**, 85, of Andrews, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015, at 8:15 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren. There will be no visitation or services. Online condolences to [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 13, 2015

**Barbara A. Gracia**, age 85, of Terre Haute, formerly of Huntington, died at 7:05 a.m. Friday (April 10, 2015) at Signature Health Care in Terre Haute. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Private family burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington at a later date. Barbara was born on Aug. 25, 1929, in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of Charles and Marion (Chubbuck) Rusler. She was a 1947 graduate of Huntington High School. She married Edward Gracia on Dec. 29, 1951, in Los Angeles, Calif., and he preceded her in death on March 1, 1987. Survivors include one son, Edward C. (Linda) Gracia of Avon; daughter Claudia R. Wilson of Huntington; stepdaughter Tracy Wilson of Terre Haute; brother Richard Rusler; and seven grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a special companion, John Hayes; brother James Rusler; sister Virginia Mitchell; stepdaughter Pamela Hayes; and grandson Daniel Reeves. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Barbara A. Gracia. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 13, 2015

HARTFORD CITY — **Cynthia "Cindy" Joan Tucker**, 49, went to be with her Lord at 2:08 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at her home. Cindy was born on July 15, 1965 in Hartford City to the late Bill G. Tucker and the late Mary Joan (McCaffery) Tucker. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street in Hartford City with Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home. Cindy will be cremated and her ashes will be scattered on the family lot at a later date. Memorials may be made to Keplinger Funeral Home for funeral expenses, 509 North High Street, Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be made to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Services for **Loren Wilford Koenig** were Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 1 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with Pastor Chris Hayden officiating. Burial was at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, was in charge of services and arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**James Junior Smith**, 80, of Marion, died on April 10, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

BEDFORD — **Marcia Sutton Bonifield**, age 85, of Bedford, formerly of Warren, passed away at 8:55 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015, at Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H.Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Charles A. Romero**, age 68, died on Monday, April 13, 2015 at his Fairmount residence. He was born in Winslow, Ariz. the son of the late George Romero and the late Dorothy (Johnson) Coddington. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1964. Charles served in the Marines during the Vietnam War, reaching the rank of Sergeant and receiving a Purple Heart. He retired in June of 2012 from the Marion General Motors Plant where he worked as a crib attendant, in shipping and other departments for a total for 44 and a half years. He was a member of the Fairmount American Legion Post 313 and the Jonesboro American Legion Post 95. He loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren, and also enjoyed woodworking and mowing. He is survived by his wife, Lana (Winans) Romero. They were married on Oct. 27, 1998. Also surviving are three sons, Harold (Martina) Smith, Marion, Brian (Angie) Smith, New Iberia, La., and Shane (Jennifer) Smith, Onstead, Mich.; two sisters, Patricia (Jere) McKee, Janice (Bob) Golden, Oxford, Ind.; one brother, Kenny (Jill) Coddington, Flora, Ind.; 13 grandchildren, Jonice (Cortez) Mayberry, Harold Wayne (Destiny) Smith II, Trevares (Lela) Smith, Tyrell Smith, Brittani (Garrett) Comeaux, Tyler Smith, Nicholas Smith, Cameron Smith, Gage Smith, Peyton Smith, Carter Smith and Emma Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Buna Johnson. Arrangements are entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St. in Fairmount where the family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. There will be a Legion Walk thru at 6 p.m. Funeral services will also be at Fairmount Chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 with Chaplain Darrell Smith officiating. Interment and military rites will be immediately following at Park Cemetery in Fairmount. Online condolences may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Leo C. Broyles**, age 96, of Fairmount, Ind., passed away after a brief illness. He was born and raised on a farm in Delaware County. He moved with his parents to Fairmount in 1924 and was a lifelong resident. He was a student of electrical and mechanical devices while growing up. He graduated Fairmount High School in 1937 and went on to work at Owens-Illinois glass factory in Gas City where he worked alongside his father, Charlie. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941, where he served a variety of functions. As a NCO, he was a member of the cadre that formed the noted Fourth Armored Division. Bivouacking in -20 degree temperatures was a lingering memory of Pine Camp, N.Y. When the Fourth was sent to Europe, he was reassigned for a time to a replacement depot in Pennsylvania where he met his future wife, Helen. He was then transferred to Fort Knox, Ky. where, as a First Lieutenant, he was a rifle instructor, taught classes in "booby-trap" avoidance and was assigned to the Equipment Review Board. He was qualified as a tank unit commander and trained as a maintenance office for tracked vehicles. His overseas assignment as a Captain was commanding a maintenance company for the 536th Amphibious Tractor Battalion on Okinawa. He married Helen after the war and they returned to Fairmount. He continued work at the Owens-Illinois glass factory and retired from there after 43 years. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Major. He built his own house with only the help of Bob Zike, a local carpenter. He enjoyed planting trees, especially oak. He stayed busy and worked hard. He built things to last. He will be missed deeply by his family. In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by his three sons, Charles, James and David Broyles. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St. in Fairmount. All services for Leo are private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Leo's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

ORESTES — **Mary Ann (DeVore) Etchison**, 69, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Cal Turner Nursing Home in Scottsville, Ky. following an extended illness. She was born on Oct. 18, 1945 in Anderson to Isaac and Belle (Dwiggins) DeVore. Services honoring Mary Ann's life will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street in Alexandria. Rev. Courtley Granger will officiate. Interment will follow in Forrestville Cemetery in Boone Township. Friends may call at the Owens Funeral Home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Online condolences may be made at [www.owensmemorialservices.com](http://www.owensmemorialservices.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Wilma J. Wheeler**, age 86, of Pennville, Ind., passed away at 11:55 a.m. at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind. on Monday, April 13, 2015. Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier, Ind. Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Barbara A. Gracia**, age 85, of Terre Haute and formerly of Huntington, died at 7:05 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Signature Health Care in Terre Haute. Barbara was born on Aug. 25, 1929 in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of Charles and Marion (Chubbuck) Rusler. There will be no visitation or funeral services. Private family burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington at a later date. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Parr A. Reed**, age 58, of Gas City, passed away on Monday morning, April 13, 2015 at home. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

GENEVA — **Deborah M. Stoner**, 56, of Geneva, Ind., passed away at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne surrounded by many friends and family. She was born on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1958 to the late Floyd and Mary E. (Bergman) Schwegman in Coldwater, Ohio. A service to celebrate Deborah's life will take place at a later date. Preferred memorials are to American Heart Association, 6100 West 96th St. Suite#200, Indianapolis, IN 46278-6005. Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva, Ind. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**WARREN- James Joseph "Jim" Voland**, 65, of Warren, Ind., passed away at 1:32 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born on Tuesday, April 26, 1949 in Grant County, Ind. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 406 E. First Street in Warren on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 10 to 11 a.m. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 with Pastor Mark Davis officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Preferred memorials are to Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 406 E. First Street, Warren, IN 46792, or Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, P.O. Box 366, Warren, IN 46792. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).  
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**Marcia Sutton Bonifield**, age 85, of Bedford, Ind. and formerly of Warren, Ind., passed away at 8:55 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Ind.  
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**Patrick Bryan Farr**, age 52, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at home. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Mary Jo Harris**, 77, of Marion, died at 5:50 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Tennessee to the late Sam and Callie (Long) Adkins. She married George Harris on July 17, 1977. He preceded her in death on April 7, 2014. Mary Jo was employed at RCA/Thomson for more than 33 years. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, playing Bingo, gardening, playing cards and spending time with her family. Mary Jo is survived by her son, Rick (Connie) Adkins, Marion; daughters, Janice (Jeff) Hughes, Wis., Brenda Coffelt, Marion, Dewana Tanner, Marion; stepchildren, Kathy (Darrell) Smith, Katie (Jerry) Poling and Ralph (Dawn) Harris; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Mary Jo was preceded in death by her loving husband, George Harris; stepson, Don Harris; and brother, John T. Adkins. A funeral service for Mary Jo will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Needham- Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue in Marion with Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**ALEXANDRIA — Rosamond "Rosie" Flook**, 88, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the Monticello House in Anderson following an extended illness. She was born on June 4, 1926 in Alexandria to Leon and Catherine (Williamson) Cleaver. Services honoring Rosie's life will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street in Alexandria with Father Dan Duff officiating. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery in Alexandria. Friends may call at the Owens Funeral Home after 11 a.m. on Wednesday prior to the services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation or the St. Mary's School Mother's Guild through the funeral home. On-line condolences may be made at [www.owensmemorialservices.com](http://www.owensmemorialservices.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Donald W. Dreyer**, age 89, of Huntington, died at 4:09 p.m. Monday (April 13, 2015) at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Jon Michael "Mike" Pefley**, 66, of Marion, passed away peacefully at his home at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015. He was born in Wabash, Ind. to the late Homer and Amagene (Fogel) Pefley. There will be a celebration of Mike's life on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from noon to 4 p.m., at The Gardens of Matter Park. Arrangements were entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. in Marion. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [ifccares.com](http://ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**WARREN — James Joseph "Jim" Voland**, 65, of Warren, passed away at 1:32 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, 406 E. First St., Warren, on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 10-11 a.m. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Interment will take place at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries - Glancy Funeral Homes.  
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**Neta J. Byington**, 62, of Marion, died at 6:58 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Marion to the late Elmer and living Barbara (Nelson) Shockey. Neta graduated from Oak Hill High School. She was a bus driver for Mississinewa School District for 17 years. She enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She loved to write poetry and short stories, crochet and study the Bible. Along with her mother, Neta is survived by her children, Master Sergeant Woodrow Lemon, Germany, Adam Lemon, Jonesboro, Lisa Lancaster, Princeton, Nevon Callantine, Indianapolis, James Byington, Marion, and Trudy Byington, Gas City; sisters, Vicky Toy, Marion, and Joyce Richardson, Bolivar; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Services for Neta will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion with Pastor Josh Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the funeral

home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Family Services Society of Marion, P.O. Box 756, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**Lisa Marie Kroft**, age 52, of Marion, died on Saturday, April 11, 2015. She was born to the late Jackie Smith and Norma (Snyder) Smith on June 2, 1962. Norma survives in Marion. Lisa married John E. Kroft on Dec. 31, 1986. He survives. Lisa graduated from Marion High School in 1980. Lisa was a dedicated homemaker. She loved cooking and spending time with her family. She was also a member of the Goldwing Motorcycle Club. In addition to her husband, Lisa is survived by her daughters, Amanda Kroft, Converse, and Jacquelin Kroft, Marion; step-son Jay (Christy) Kroft, Fort Wayne; sisters, Jackie (Gary) Reed, Marion, and Brenda Smith, Marion; brother, Ronald Smith, Marion; and grandchildren, Caleb Kroft, Andrew Kroft and Lucas Kroft. She was preceded in death by her father, Jackie Smith, and her grandmother, Florence Rush. Arrangements are being handled by College Park Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave. in Marion. There will be a viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 with a funeral service following at 1 p.m. with Greg Sweat officiating. Interment will be at Marion National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of the funeral home to help with expenses. Online condolences may be made at [armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**James Owen Simon**, 85, of Hartford City, Ind., died on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Willowbend Living Center in Muncie. Born Saturday, Oct. 19, 1929 in Kinkaid, Ill., he was the son of the late James Simon and the late Laura Francis Grant Simon. He served in the Navy and was a plant engineer at 3M in Hartford City for 20 years, retiring in 1984. Jim was a fun loving man who loved to tease and play jokes. A jack-of-all-trades, he could fix anything and enjoyed woodworking. Surviving are son, James (Tammi) D. Simon, of Akron, Ohio; daughters, Deb (Dave) Elzroth, of Fairmount, Ind., and Rita (Jim) R. Dague, of Pittsburg, Pa.; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and his West Highland Terrier companion, "Misty." He was preceded in death by his sister, Frances Simon. Arrangements are being handled by Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street in Fairmount. At his request there will be no services and his body will be cremated. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the Blackford County Animal Shelter in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**Sam Widmeyer**, 67, devoted father to Ben (Beth) Widmeyer and beloved grandfather to Zoe Widmeyer, lost his battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed by his brothers, Dave (Beverly) and Mick Widmeyer; sisters, Nancy Dugan, Sally Owens, Toni (Chuck) Stocksdales and Debbie Golden. Loved for his playful spirit and sense of humor, he will be fondly remembered by his nephews, Willie Widmeyer and Lance Owens; nieces, Abby Houtman, Samantha Lingeman, Kelly Nicholls, Megan Stocksdales, and Haley and Carly Widmeyer; and his five great nieces and nephews. Sam attended Public School 84, Castle Heights Military Academy and graduated in 1965 from Broad Ripple High School. He worked with his brothers in their father's home improvement business in Elwood, Ind., eventually moving to Marion where for 20 years he owned Widmeyer and Dugan Remodeling. Before retiring to Florida, to be closer to his son, daughter-in-law and adored granddaughter, he owned Indiana Sam's Classic Cars. In Florida, he owned Sam's Pub before falling ill with cancer. His lifetime love was classic cars. Teasing and practical jokes were his favorite hobbies. His zest for life allowed him to make friends easily and he truly enjoyed spending time with those he loved. Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 with the memorial service immediately following at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 100 West 86th Street in Indianapolis. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements have been entrusted to A.R.N. Funeral & Cremation Services. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.arnmortuary.com](http://www.arnmortuary.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 14, 2015

**MARION — Warren L. Draper**, age 91, passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at Colonial Oaks in Marion. Arrangements are pending at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren.

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**James Junior Smith**, 80, Marion, died at 9 p.m., on Friday, April 10, 2015 in his residence. He was born in Jamestown, TN to the late James A. and Doshia B. (Reagan) Smith. James was previously in the National Guard, and worked as a stock chaser at General Motors for 43 years. He was a member of the Clarkrange Masonic Lodge in TN for more than 50 years. James enjoyed fishing, hunting, and playing cards, but most of all, he thrived on his love for his daughter and his grandchildren. He loved to take his grandchildren fishing, and for ice cream and enjoyed attending their sporting events. He was always near to his family, and will be deeply missed by them all. He is survived by his daughter, Sheila (Evan) Smith Hovermale, Marion; grandchildren, Brittany (Robert) Anderegg, Bethany Hovermale, Olivia Hovermale, and Evan James Hovermale; siblings, Willie (Ella) Smith, Elsie (late Howard) Brown, and Grace (late Clayton) Norris; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, as well as special step-daughter, Tonia Philbeaum. Along with his parents, James was preceded in death by his brothers, Curly and Charles, and sisters, Alice, Opal, Elmie, May and Geneva. Services for James will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952 with Bishop Ken Wilson officiating. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Donald Eugene Bowers Sr.**, age 71, of Huntington, died at 3:09 p.m. Tuesday (April 14, 2015) at his home. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday (April 17, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday

(April 18, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Dianna Teusch officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Memorial contributions may be made to Vicki Bowers, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Donnie was born on April 1, 1944, in Huntington, the son of Hayden O. and Clara A. (Parrett) Bowers. He married Vicki L. Bear on May 21, 1966, in Huntington. He retired from the Huntington City Street Department in 2002 after 35 years of service. He was an avid bowler and loved to work on automobiles. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Vicki L. Bowers of Huntington; three daughters, Tammy S. Bowers of Roanoke and Lori A. (Thomas) Obenour and Brandi J. (Aaron) Raddenbach, both of Huntington; three sons, Donald E. (a.k.a. Spud) Bowers Jr. of Huntington, Scott W. Bowers of Andrews and Michael H. (Sessie) Bowers of Huntington; sister, Roxanna Shumate of Huntington; three brothers, Norman Bowers, Larry Bowers and Gary Bowers, all of Huntington; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Evelyn Raber, Velene Gibler and Juanita Holley; and three brothers, Richard Bowers Sr., Jackie Bowers Sr. and Hayden Bowers Sr. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donald Eugene Bowers Sr.

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**Patrick Bryan Farr**, age 52, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015, at home. Patrick was born on April 17, 1962, in Marion, Indiana, the son of James and Rebecca (Lines) Farr. Patrick loved to sing Karaoke, yardwork and gardening, listening to music and anything technology related, especially computers. Survivors include: his parents, James and Rebecca Farr of Marion, Indiana; son, Jarred (Rachel) Farr of Marion, Indiana; daughter, Ashley (Devin) Mitchell of Marion, Indiana; two brothers, Timothy Farr of Marion, Indiana, and Aaron (Jasmine) Farr of Gas City, Indiana; sister, Lori (Jerry) Bishir of Marion, Indiana; grandchildren, Trevor Raih, Britton Farr, Emily Farr and Malik Harris; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amanda Farr; granddaughter, Amaia Mitchell; and grandmothers, Katherine Farr and Mary Alice Lines. Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 16, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Memorial Services will be held immediately following the viewing at Bethel Worship Center, 1715 E. 38th Street, Marion, Indiana. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

GRANT COUNTY — **Warren L. Draper**, 91, of Grant County, formerly of Van Buren, passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall, 108 S. Second St., Van Buren, on Thursday, April 16, 2015, from 2-8 p.m. A service to celebrate Warren's life will be at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, viewing will be one hour before the service. Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries - Glancy Funeral Homes. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Donna M. Hall**, 74, of Frankfort, died at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at her home, following a lengthy illness. She was born Dec. 9, 1940, in Frankfort, to Gerald and Sarah (Varner) Bewsey. She married Larry G. Hall on June 28, 1963 at the First Christian Church in Frankfort and he survives. Donna was a 1959 graduate of Frankfort High School and a lifelong Frankfort resident. She worked at Peter Paul for 5 years. Then after the birth of their first son, Tim, she was a stay at home mom. She enjoyed working with ceramics and was an avid college basketball fan. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: Tim (Wyndi) Hall and Brian (Cathy) Hall, both of rural Frankfort; a brother: Gerald (Mary Lou) Bewsey of Ottawa, Ohio; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a great grandson: Mason Stillwell. Visitation will be noon to the start of services at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 19, at Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Clinton County Cancer Society. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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**Warren L. Draper**, 91, of Grant Co., IN., formerly of Van Buren, IN., passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center in Marion, IN., with his family around him. He was born on Tuesday, April 8, 1924, to Warren Wm. & Chloe (Dailey) Draper in Amboy, IN. He married Wanda Mae Reneer on Saturday, December 14, 1946; she passed away on October 2, 2014. Warren was a graduate of Somerset High School, Somerset, IN. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served from Oct. 27, 1942 to Jan. 2, 1946. He was a member of the Van Buren Volunteer Fire Dept and formerly served as Chief. He was a past member of the Van Buren American Legion Post #368 and a member of the Van Buren United Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees and sang in the choir. After 30 years of Service, Warren retired from Dana Corp. in Marion. His favorite pastime was fishing and he enjoyed nature, all wildlife; especially birds. Warren took many mission trips to Kentucky and Four Corners, New Mexico. He traveled to all 50 states, many more than once. Loving survivors include: Daughter – Linda Holmes, Gas City, Daughter – Sandra K. (Glenn) Robbins, Hartford City, Grandsons – Shane Holmes, Gas City, Chad (Brandy Richardson) Holmes, Gas City, Brian (Kylie) Edwards, Kokomo, Keith Larkin, Marion, Justin Larkin, Washington State, Clint (Stephanie) Robbins, Honolulu, Granddaughters – Brandi (Caleb) Sheets, Marion, Shannon (Jeremy) Brees, Muncie, Carrie (Chad) Williams, Indianapolis, Cortney (Jason Villareal) Robbins, Fort Wayne, Great Grandsons – Mathew Holmes, Fort Wayne, Brendan Holmes, Marion, Montana Brees, Muncie, Ceth Williams, Indianapolis, Chad Evan Williams, Indianapolis, Holden Robbins, Fort Wayne, Jackson Villareal, Fort Wayne, Tristan Robbins of Honolulu, Great Granddaughters – McCaela Boyatt, Hartford City, Lorena Williams, Indianapolis, Serena Williams, Indianapolis, Jessica (Marques Holmes) Williams, Marion, Rylee Sheets, Fort Knox, KY, Emma Sheets, Marion, Maddy Sheets, Marion, Alli Holmes, Gas City, Alaina Edwards, Kokomo, Teagan Robbins, Honolulu, Great Great Granddaughters – Cali and Grace Holmes. He was preceded in death by his: Parents – Warren WM

& Chloe (Dailey) Draper, Wife – Wanda Mae (Reneer) Draper, Daughter – Geneva Larkin, Great Grandson – Mason Brees, Brother – J.C. Draper and Sisters – Reathel Brechbiel and Naomi McKay. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall 108 South 2nd St. Van Buren on Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Warren's life will be at Van Buren United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, viewing will be held one hour before the service. Rev. Mark Sanders will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren. The US Navy will conduct graveside honors. Preferred memorials: Center Chapel Missions Trip Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. Online condolences may be made at Obituaries – Glancy Funeral Homes. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**Michael Dean Haskell** died suddenly of a heart attack on April 11, 2015. A graduate of Purdue, he was Director of PNC Capital Markets Group. Devoted to his family, son of the late Russell Dean Haskell, his survivors include his wife, Susan (Schornstein) Haskell; son, Matthew Haskell; parents, Bertie Darlene Weagley, Fred Weagley and Cheryl Haskell; and brother, Brad Haskell. Memorial service was held Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 3 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, 6501 N Meridian St. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Indianapolis JCC or a charity of choice. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**Donald W. Dreyer**, age 89, of Huntington, died at 4:09 p.m. Monday (April 13, 2015) at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Friday (April 17, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will immediately follow at 1 p.m. Friday with Pastor Chris Stahlman and Rev. Bruce Wrightsman officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Servia, Indiana. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donald W. Dreyer. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**Esther V. Knox**, 97, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015 in Miller's Merry Manor, Hartford City. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 in Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City with Pastor Mike Fanning officiating. Burial will follow in Gardens of Memory, Muncie. Friends may call at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 20. Memorials may be made to Cancer Support for Blackford County, Blackford County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 327, Hartford City, IN 47348 or Little Red Door, 2311 W. Jackson St., Muncie, IN 47303. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**WARREN — Marcia Sutton Bonifield**, 85, of Bedford, IN, formerly of Warren, IN., passed away at 8:55 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015 at Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford, IN. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. A service to celebrate Marcia's life will follow at 3 p.m. with Rev. Howard Cress officiating. Interment will follow in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren at a later date. Preferred memorials: Lilly Bear's Rescue P.O. Box 275 Warren, IN 46792 or Warren Fire Department PO BOX 373 Warren IN 46792 Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**Leo C. Broyles**, age 96, of Fairmount, Ind., passed away after a brief illness. He was born and raised on a farm in Delaware County. He moved with his parents to Fairmount in 1924 and was a lifelong resident. He was a student of electrical and mechanical devices while growing up. He graduated Fairmount High School in 1937 and went on to work at Owens-Illinois glass factory in Gas City where he worked alongside his father, Charlie. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941, where he served a variety of functions. As a NCO, he was a member of the cadre that formed the noted Fourth Armored Division. Bivouacking in -20 degree temperatures was a lingering memory of Pine Camp, N.Y. When the Fourth was sent to Europe, he was reassigned for a time to a replacement depot in Pennsylvania where he met his future wife, Helen. He was then transferred to Fort Knox, Ky. where, as a First Lieutenant, he was a rifle instructor, taught classes in "booby-trap" avoidance and was assigned to the Equipment Review Board. He was qualified as a tank unit commander and trained as a maintenance office for tracked vehicles. His overseas assignment as a Captain was commanding a maintenance company for the 536th Amphibious Tractor Battalion on Okinawa. He married Helen after the war and they returned to Fairmount. He continued work at the Owens-Illinois glass factory and retired from there after 43 years. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a Major. He built his own house with only the help of Bob Zike, a local carpenter. He enjoyed planting trees, especially oak. He stayed busy and worked hard. He built things to last. He will be missed deeply by his family. In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by his three sons, Charles, James and David Broyles. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, Indiana, 46928. Graveside service with military honors will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Leo's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015](#)

**Donald W. Dreyer**, age 89, of Huntington, died at 4:09 p.m. Monday (April 13, 2015) at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Visitation will be from noon-1 p.m. Friday (April 17, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will immediately follow at 1 p.m. Friday with Pastor Chris Stahlman and Rev. Bruce Wrightsman officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Servia. Don was born on July 23, 1925, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of W.F. and Lucille (Evans) Dreyer. He graduated from Faragut High School in Faragut, Iowa, in 1942 and served in the United States Air Force. He married Wanda Morford on Aug. 9, 1946, in Omaha, Neb. Don founded Huntington Asphalt and owned the business for 20 years; he also farmed in Warren

Township. He attended South Whitley United Methodist Church and was a collector of toy tractors. He was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts and enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Wanda L. Dreyer of Huntington; daughter Gail L. (Carroll) Kelley of McCordsville; son Steve D. (Roberta) Dreyer of Fort Wayne; son-in-law Ron Sharpe of Huntington; sister Ann (Jim) O'Hara of Shenandoah, Iowa; two brothers, Fred Dreyer and Bill (Shirley) Dreyer, both of Shenandoah, Iowa; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandsons; and two great-granddaughters. He is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Susan Sharpe and Linda Sue Dreyer; and sister Carol Matthews. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donald W. Dreyer. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Jerald G. Beavens**, 81, of Frankfort, died at 11:55 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at his home. He was born Dec. 16, 1933, in Dearborn, Mo., to the late John Morgan and Ethel L. (Atkinson) Beavens. He married Janice R. Magart on Nov. 15, 1958 at the Karo Church in Carroll County and she preceded him in death on Aug. 22, 2014. Mr. Beavens attended Frankfort High School and was a lifelong Frankfort resident. He was a sergeant first class in the National Guard. Mr. Beavens worked at Ing-Rich for 28 years, then Frankfort Parks Department for 14 years, retiring in 1999. He was of the Methodist faith. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by a son: Eric (Amber) Beavens of Dayton; a daughter: Angela (Tim) Newhart of Chalmers; two brothers: Stanley (JoAnn) Beavens of Auburndale, Fla. and John Beavens of Mammoth Springs, Ark.; eight grandchildren: Todd, Kendra, Jessica, Raelyn, Abbie, Amanda, Allee and Riley; and two great-grandchildren: Kennedy and Payton. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son: Paul Beavens; and a sister: Donna Beavens. Inurnment will be in Green Lawn Mausoleum. A private family service will be held. Memorial donations may be made to the Southern Care Hospice, Home Instead or American Heart Association. Goodwin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Charles W. Romero**, age 68, died Monday, April 13, 2015, at his Fairmount, residence. He was born in Winslow, Arizona the son of the late George Romero and the late Dorothy (Johnson) Coddington. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1964. Charles served in the Marines during the Vietnam War reaching the rank of Sergeant and receiving a Purple Heart. He retired in June of 2012 from the Marion General Motors Plant where he worked as a crib attendant, in shipping, and other departments for a total for 44 1/2 years. He was a member of the Fairmount American Legion Post 313 and the Jonesboro American Legion Post 95. He loved being with his family especially his grandchildren and enjoyed woodworking and mowing. He is survived by his wife Lana (Winans) Romero. They were married on October 27, 1998. Also surviving are three Sons: Harold (Martina) Smith, Marion, IN, Brian (Angie) Smith, New Iberia, LA, Shane (Jennifer) Smith, Onstead, MI, two sisters: Patricia (Jere) McKee and Janice (Bob) Golden, Oxford, IN, one brother: Kenny (Jill) Coddington, Flora, IN, 13 grandchildren: Jonice (Cortez) Mayberry, Harold Wayne (Destiny) Smith II, Araya Johnson, Trevaes (Lela) Smith, Tyrell Smith, Brittani (Garrett) Comeaux, Tyler Smith, Nicholas Smith, Cameron Smith, Gage Smith, Peyton Smith, Carter Smith and Emma Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Buna Johnson. Arrangements are entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, IN where the family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. There will be a Legion Walk thru at 6 PM. Funeral service will also be at Fairmount Chapel at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, with Chaplain Darrell Smith officiating. Interment and military rites will be immediately following at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

**Marvin E. Lilla Jr.**, at the age of 56, peacefully passed away on April 13, 2015 In Peru. He was born on Aug. 24, 1958 in Waukegan, Illinois to Lorraine and the late Marvin E. Lilla Sr. Marvin was a graduate of Wauconda High School in 1976. He married Patricia J. Malm in Wauconda, Illinois in 1986. He was a fire fighter at Glenview Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois and then moved to Peru, continuing his fire-fighting at Grissom Air Force Base. After retirement he formed his own cleaning business, Nitro Cleaners. Marvin is survived by: his wife of 28 years, Patricia J.; his children Kelsey and Megan Lilla of Fort Wayne. He is also survived by his mother, Lorraine Lilla, Mesa, Arizona; his sister, Vickie (Dennis) Chmielewski of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; his nephews Ken Chmielewski and Tim (Jennifer) Chmielewski, Suffolk, Virginia; brothers-in-law Jeff (Barb) Malm, Jasper, Arkansas and Daniel (Joy) Malm in Bartlett, Illinois. Marvin is preceded in death by his father, Marvin Lilla Sr., and his in-law's Edward and Phyllis Malm. He was an active member of the community of Peru. From coaching soccer to softball, then girl's track and field. He was a member of the Peru Lion's Club. A memorial is being held in honor of Marvin's life from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Hartford City - **Russell Brian Trees**, 55, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, Muncie. Funeral service will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18 in Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City with Rev. Bobby Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Matthews Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to the time of the service. Memorials may be directed to the family for funeral expenses. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com). Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Raymond Clarence Poston**, 69, of Marion, died on April 15, 2015, at 2:21 p.m. in his home surrounded by his family. Funeral arrangements are pending with Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN 46933. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Thomas C. Cullen**, 65, of Frankfort, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 16, 1949, in Lacrosse, Wis., to Robert J. and Marguerite Dugan Cullen; his parents preceded him in death. Tom

graduated Frankfort Senior High School in 1968. He then served in the United States Navy during Vietnam War. Throughout his life, Tom worked for Indiana Packers, P.R. Mallory, General Foods, and LEP Special Fasteners. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the American Legion Post 12, and former member of the Knights of Columbus. Tom enjoyed camping and being with his grandchildren. Surviving are his children: Shane Cullen of the Philippine Islands, Shadd (Jennifer) Cullen of Noblesville and Shea Cullen of Pittsburg, Penn.; three grandchildren: Noah Cullen, Claire Cullen, and Pahari Cullen; sisters: Sheila Cullen of Key West, Fla., Bridget Harrison of Frankfort and Erin (Terry) Raber of Sedalia; and one brother: John (Jean) Cullen of Frankfort. Visitation for Tom will be 11 a.m. until the start of services at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort, with celebrant Chad Douglass officiating. Inurnment will be 1 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Bunnell Cemetery with military honors. Memorials in Tom's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).

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**Charles "Chuck" E. Klein**, 67, Peru, received his heavenly reward at his home on Saturday, April 11, 2015. Chuck is survived by: his wife of 17 years, Cynthia (Cindy) Siler-Klein; stepchildren James (Treyla) Elliott, of Elkart, Sean Elliott, of Galveston, and Amanda Elliott-Golden, of Morganville, New Jersey; a sister, Patricia (Pat) Wines, Indianapolis; and a brother Dick (Mary) Klein, of Tipton. Ten grandchildren and several nephews, nieces and cousins also survive. He is preceded in death by his parents Karl and Leland (Roach) Klein. Chuck was born in Kokomo on Nov. 27, 1948 and attended Kokomo High School. He had always wanted to be a Marine and enlisted in the US Marines Corp. and completed Special Forces training in 1967. Chuck completed two tours of Vietnam receiving one Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, a Vietnam Recognition Medal and several other awards. Chuck served his Country proudly and received an honorable discharge April 7, 1972. In his younger days Chuck was a rodeo bronc and bull rider and also was involved in sprint cars. Chuck also enjoyed Cowboy Mounted Shooters along with trail riding with Cindy. Chuck retired from the City of Kokomo as a HMO operator in March 2010. There will be a 'Celebration of Life' at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill.

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**Mary Louise Thompson**, 78 of Marion, Indiana; departed this earth on April 12, 2015, surrounded by family. Mary was born April 3, 1937 in Greenville, Mississippi, to the late Alice Daniels and L.A. Warren; she moved from Saginaw, Michigan to Marion, Indiana where she met and later married Robert L. Thompson. She was the first African American woman to be hired at General Tire in Marion; where she was employed for 20 years before retiring in 1982. She was also a member of the Christ Temple Apostolic Pentecostal Church. She is survived by her two sons, Charles E. Dorsey and Juan T. Thompson both of Marion, IN, one daughter Gwendolyn Y. Riley, Indianapolis, IN; two sister Melba Liggins and Charity Harvey both of East Orange, NJ; eight grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 4 great great-grandchildren a nephew, Spiritual family and friends. Mrs. Thompson was preceded in death by her husband Robert L. Thompson, son James E. Miller, mother Alice Daniels, father L. A. Warren and her dad William L. Cooksey. Funeral will be at Christ Temple Apostolic Pentecostal Church Saturday April 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. Calling hours will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Church. District Elder David H. Birchett officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services. Floyd Oldham, 86, Peru passed away on Monday April 13, 2015 at St Vincines Indianapolis. Floyd was born Oct. 17, 1928 in Peru to Clarence and Kathrine Oldham. While stationed in Japan he met and married Eiko (Helen) Sakuria .on Feb. 17, 1951. They have one son Robert Oldham (Mesquite, Texas). Floyd is survived by: his wife Eiko: son Robert and daughter-in-law Paula (Mesquite,Texas); grandson Scott Oldham (Garland,Texas); one brother Donald (Peru); three sisters - Ruth (Peru), Becky Oldham (Florida) and Mary Curry and brother-in-law Danny Curry (Indianapolis); two stepbrothers - Boyd and Kenneth Ribble. Family and friends may call from 4 - 6 p.m. on Monday April 20, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Parr A. Reed**, age 58, of Gas City, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015, in his home. Parr was born on May 9, 1956, the son of the late Jim and Betty (Selby) Reed. Parr was a 1974 graduate of Mississinewa High School and a 1978 graduate of Marion College. He then earned his Master's degree at Ball State University. He was a Principal, Teacher and Administrator at Mississinewa Community Schools for 30 years. He enjoyed golfing, basketball, and riding his motorcycle. Parr loved music, hot rods, spending time with his grandchildren and was very proud of his four children. He enjoyed collecting and building guns and knives and loved to play poker every Thursday night with his boys. He was also an artist in sketches and his garden. Parr was a member of the Elks Country Club. Survivors include: son, James (Allison Sloan) Reed of Gas City, Indiana; three daughters, Mona (Devin) Tyler of Indianapolis, Indiana, Hannah (Nick Jones) Reed of Gas City, Indiana, and Cera (Bob Pittman) Reed of Marion, Indiana; brother, Jon (Joy) Reed of Gas City, Indiana; four sisters, Regina Lamb of Gas City, Indiana, Mary Jane (Sam) Stephens of Texas, Holly Beth (Jim) Weir of Upland, Indiana, and Trudy (Gary) Owen of Yorktown, Indiana; grandchildren, Jaiden and Preston; one granddaughter on the way; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015, at New Hope Baptist Church, 800 E. South "C" Street, Gas City, Indiana, with the Pastor Howard Clayton officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 16, in the church prior to funeral services. Memorial contributions can be made to United Way of Grant County, 205 S. Washington Street, P.O. Box 61, Marion, Indiana 46952. Arrangements entrusted to Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).

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**Jerry L. Ogden**, age 75 died April 15, 2015 in his Swayzee home. Arrangements are pending at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Jon Michael "Mike" Pefley**, 66, Marion, passed away peacefully in his home at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015. He was born in Wabash, Indiana, to the late Homer and Amagene (Fogel) Pefley. He married Terri Cooper on November 11, 1995, and she survives. There will be a Celebration of Mike's life on Saturday, April 18, 2015, from 12-4 p.m., at The Gardens of Matter Park. Arrangements were entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [ifccares.com](http://ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Kathy Lynn (Zeller) Hoge**, 56, of Peru passed away Jan. 7, 2015. She passed peacefully in her home of heart failure. She was born April 27, 1958 in Defiance Ohio to Larry and Betty Zeller As a teenager she moved to the Peru area with her family\_ She graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1977. She is survived by her daughter Kyleen at home, former husband Jay Hoge , her parents Larry and Betty Zeller of Dayton Ohio, sister Kim Zeller ( Vicki) of Logansport, brothers Larry Jr of rural Miami County and Kyle of South Bend. One niece Kristine Van Baalen (Travis) and great nephew Mason Van Baalen of Peru also survive. She loved flower gardening and being a mother. Memorial Service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor: Rose Sorenson officiating. Love offerings may be made to the Kathy L Hoge family, through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Donald Eugene Bowers Sr.**, age 71, of Huntington, died at 3:09 p.m. Tuesday (April 14, 2015) at his home. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday (April 17, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday (April 18, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Memorial contributions may be made to Vicki Bowers, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Charles W. Romero**, age 68, died Monday, April 13, 2015, at his Fairmount, residence. He was born in Winslow, Arizona the son of the late George Romero and the late Dorothy (Johnson) Coddington. He graduated from Lafayette High School in 1964. Charles served in the Marines during the Vietnam War reaching the rank of Sergeant and receiving a Purple Heart. He retired in June of 2012 from the Marion General Motors Plant where he worked as a crib attendant, in shipping, and other departments for a total for 44 1/2 years. He was a member of the Fairmount American Legion Post 313 and the Jonesboro American Legion Post 95. He loved being with his family especially his grandchildren and enjoyed woodworking and mowing. He is survived by his wife Lana (Winans) Romero. They were married on October 27, 1998. Also surviving are three Sons: Harold (Martina) Smith, Marion, IN, Brian (Angie) Smith, New Iberia, LA, Shane (Jennifer) Smith, Onstead, MI, two sisters: Patricia (Jere) McKee and Janice (Bob) Golden, Oxford, IN, one brother: Kenny (Jill) Coddington, Flora, IN, 13 grandchildren: Jonice (Cortez) Mayberry, Harold Wayne (Destiny) Smith II, Araya Johnson, Trevaes (Lela) Smith, Tyrell Smith, Brittani (Garrett) Comeaux, Tyler Smith, Nicholas Smith, Cameron Smith, Gage Smith, Peyton Smith, Carter Smith and Emma Smith. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Buna Johnson. Arrangements are entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, IN where the family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015. There will be a Legion Walk thru at 6 PM. Funeral service will also be at Fairmount Chapel at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, with Chaplain Darrell Smith officiating. Interment and military rites will be immediately following at Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Michael G. "Mickey" Lewis**, 73, of Kokomo, died at 1:22 a.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 in Peru. He was born March 7, 1942, in Frankfort, to Victor R. and Cleota (Tackett) Lewis. Mickey was a 1960 graduate of Frankfort High School. He had lived in Frankfort and Kokomo. He retired from Chrysler in Kokomo after 30 years, as a tool & die maker. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served from April 11, 1961 to April 9, 1965. Mickey was a member of the UAW, Fellowship of Hope Club and a friend of Bill W. for 25 years. He is survived by two sisters: Arlene Lewis of Apache Junction, Ariz. and Vicky Lewis of Federal Way, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a daughter: Lisa Lewis in 2007. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until the start of services at 2 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Fellowship of Hope, 1301 N. Webster, Kokomo, IN 46901. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 16, 2015

ALEXANDRIA, IN — **Floyd M. Hickerson**, 74, passed away on April 14, 2015 at Community Hospital in Anderson following a brief illness. Services paying tribute to Floyd's life and legacy will take place on Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria. Pastor Mark Diemer will officiate. Interment with military honors will follow in Park View Cemetery in Alexandria. Friends may call at the Owens Funeral Home after 11 am on Saturday prior to the services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Heart Association through the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 17, 2015

**Sue Carol Crouch**, age 74, went to be with her Lord, Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born May 1, 1940 in Leslie County, Kentucky to Henry and Gladys Downey. They then moved to Hamilton, Ohio. Sue graduated from Seven Mile High School, Seven Mile, Ohio. She worked at Pease Woodwork in Hamilton, Ohio. Two years later, her family moved to Owingsville, Kentucky where she met the love of her life, Jim Crouch. They were married December 9, 1962. Jim and Sue pastored Trinity Chapel in Converse before moving back to Owingsville. They started a new church, Northside Church of God in Owingsville. Sue was the

treasurer and secretary and was also past Ladies Leader. Preceding her in death were her parents, a sister, Brenda, son, Jamie and in-laws, Bob and Mary Crouch. Sue loved the Lord, her family and her church family. She was a shining example of a minister's wife. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Jim Crouch, Owingsville, Kentucky; two daughters, Trisha (Tom) White and Amy (Chris) Crouch, both of Owingsville; step-son, Tim Crouch of Gas City; sisters, Alberta Banks and Sherri Coan of Marion, and Jennifer Smull of Gas City; 7 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, one step great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. Richardson Funeral Home, Owingsville, Kentucky handled arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 17, 2015

**Jerry L. Ogden, 75, passed away in his Swayzee home on April 15, 2015, Jerry was born in Miami, Florida on July 14, 1939. He was one of three sons born to the late William and Eva (Beedle) Ogden. Jerry graduated from Clay High School in Greencove Springs, Florida. On August 31, 1957 he married Myrna L. Dooley. Mrs. Ogden survives. Jerry worked for RCA and retired after 44 years of service. He was a 28-year member of the Masonic Rite and he was a Shriner. He was a dedicated and loving husband and father and always shared his big smile with everyone. Jerry is survived by 4 children-Jerrilee (Tom) Kelly and Nancy (Rick) Austin, both of Marion; Tony Ogden and Kathleen Ogden, both of Swayzee; 4 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Ogden and John Ogden. The memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, April 18, 2015 in the Swayzee Church of the Nazarene, 2560 S. 800 W., Swayzee, Indiana. Masonic services will be held on April 21, 2015 in the Converse Masonic Temple. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 17, 2015**

**Raymond Clarence Poston, 69, Marion, died at 2:21 p.m. in his residence on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, with his family by his side. He was born in Rowan County, Kentucky, to the late Orville and Doris (Netherly) Poston. Survivors include sisters, Lula Mae Loftis, Gas City, and Judy Ann (Frank) Sinclair, Marion; brother, Russell (Tina) Poston, Marion; many nieces and nephews; and his ResCare family: Aundrea, Raina, Avis, Sarah, Liz, and Celeste. Preceding Raymond in death were brother, George Russell Poston; and sister, Sandy Pattison. Visitation will be Monday, April 20, 2015, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Funeral Services will begin at 1 p.m. with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Summitt, Indiana, at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to ResCare, 1800 Kem Rd., Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 17, 2015**

**Harold Delee Rennaker, Jr., 52, Marion, died on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Marion to the late Harold and Dorothy "Dot" (Niverson) Rennaker, Sr. Harold graduated from Mississinewa High School and is a U.S. Air Force veteran. He had a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology and previously worked at United Technologies in Huntington. He was an avid sports fan, especially liking the Colts and the Cincinnati Reds. He enjoyed watching crime dramas on the television, and spending time with his family. His grandchildren were the center of his world. He is survived by his daughters, Megan (Braxton Wylie) Stone, Fairmount and Heather (Ruben) Lugo, San Antonio, TX; son, Harold (Erin) Rennaker III, Wabash; siblings, Dorinda McKenzie, Jimmy Rennaker, Steven Rennaker, and Martha Rennaker, and grandchildren, Brayden Wylie, Noah Wylie, Isaac Wiley, and Ellie Rennaker. Harold was preceded in death by his parents and niece, Paula Woods. There will be a celebration of life service for Harold held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).  
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**Sidney J. Rickman, 95, died on April 16, 2015. Funeral Services pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 17, 2015**

**Sidney J. Rickman, 95, Marion, died at 5 a.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Transylvania Co., NC to the late Andrew and Flora (Powell) Rickman. Services for Sidney will be held at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952 with Pastor Tim McClellan officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Lakeview Christian School, or Indiana Wesleyan University. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**Patricia Ellen Armstrong, 77, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 at her home in Matthews, Indiana. Arrangements are pending at Gant Funeral Home, Gaston Chapel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015**

Hartford City — **Beth Ann Jeffries, 59, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Bridgewater Centre, Hartford City. The funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 in Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City with Pastor Dustin Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Hartford City Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday. Memorials may be made to the Family or the Trinity United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.watersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watersfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**Evelyn E. Hillyer Mitchell, 97, of Marion died on April 16, 2015. Funeral Services pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**Georgette C. Roth**, 72, of Fort Wayne passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015, in Fort Wayne. Georgette was born in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Canada on Sept. 2, 1942, the daughter of the late Robert and Annie (Beaulieu) Boucher. She was proud of her U.S. citizenship which she obtained 1991. Georgette had worked at Lincoln Life Insurance. She was a homemaker who enjoyed raising her children and being involved in their activities, loved to go dancing, a 26 year breast cancer survivor and was a volunteer at Lutheran Hospital. She was a member of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Surviving are her husband Phil, daughter Denise (Silvano) Casanova, sons Charles (Rhonda) Scher and Eric (Kelly) Scher; daughter-in-law Cathy Scher, 8 grandchildren and siblings, Rachel Levasseur, Georges Boucher and Jacqueline Levasque. She was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Scher Jr., and Christopher Scher, a step-son, Eric Roth and two brothers, Rival and Jacques Boucher. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St., Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015, at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne Street. Burial at Lindenwood Cemetery. Preferred memorials are to St. Anne Home or the Alzheimer's Association. [www.klaehnfahlmelton.com](http://www.klaehnfahlmelton.com)  
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**Hanley "Hank" Edwin Hartz**, 67, of Alvaton, Kentucky entered into rest Tuesday, April 14, 2015. A native of Peru, he was the son of the late Charles Nellims and Ruth Bowman Hartz. He is preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Michael Hartz; and a sister, Suzanne Hartz. Hank is survived by his wife of 44 years, Sharon Lee Hartz; four sons, Nathan Hartz (Jennifer) and Ryan Hartz (Kelly Hanlon) both of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Tim Hartz (Ashley) and Aaron Hartz both of Bowling Green, Kentucky; brother, James Hartz (Linda) of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Keenan, Indiana, Isaac, Oliver and Lincoln Hartz; and sister-in-law, Marilyn Hartz; Hank is also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews. Hank was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and served in the U.S. Army as a Captain. He was a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and retired from Department of Forest Service while working as principal teacher at Great Onyx Job Corps Center. A funeral mass will be Monday, April 20, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with burial to follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will begin Monday from 9 - 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit in the Pentecost room. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Habitat for Humanity at P.O. Box 1115, Bowling Green, KY 42102. Online condolences may be made at [www.jckirbyandson.com](http://www.jckirbyandson.com) - Arrangements have been entrusted to J.C. Kirby & Son, Lovers Lane Chapel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015

**Donald W. Dreyer**, 89, of Huntington, died at 4:09 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Chris Stahlman and Rev. Bruce Wrightsman officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in Servia, Ind. Pallbearers were Steve Dreyer, Jason Shearer, Justin Sharpe, Eric Kelley, Bill Spanel, Jamie Canterbury, Steve Sickafoose, and Rex Law. Honorary pallbearers were Ron Sharpe and Carroll Kelley. Don was born on July 23, 1925 in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of W.F. and Lucille (Evans) Dreyer. He graduated from Faragut High School in Faragut, Iowa in 1942 and served in the United States Air Force. He married Wanda Morford on Aug. 9, 1946 in Omaha, Nebraska. Don founded Huntington Asphalt and owned the business for 20 years; he also farmed in Warren Township. He attended South Whitley United Methodist Church and was a collector of toy tractors. He was a fan of the Indianapolis Colts and enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Wanda L. Dreyer of Huntington; daughter Gail L. (Carroll) Kelley of McCordsville, Ind.; son Steve D. (Roberta) Dreyer of Fort Wayne; son-in-law Ron Sharpe of Huntington; sister Ann (Jim) O'Hara of Shenandoah, Iowa; two brothers, Fred Dreyer and Bill (Shirley) Dreyer, both of Shenandoah, Iowa; eight grandchildren, fifteen great grandsons, and two great granddaughters. He is preceded in death by his parents, two daughters, Susan Sharpe and Linda Sue Dreyer, and sister, Carol Matthews. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donald W. Dreyer. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015

**Naomi Kile**, 94, of Kokomo passed away at 8:42 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015 at her home in Galveston. She was born Nov. 12, 1920 in Miami County to Della and Carl Fox. She married Charles D. Kile March 22, 1947 and he preceded her in death Jan. 9, 2009. Naomi was a registered nurse and served her country in the Army Air Corp in World War II. She later worked in the Emergency Room at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo and at Stellite. She was a member of Bennett's Switch United Methodist Church near Galveston and the Deer Creek Do-ettes. Surviving family include her children, Richard Kile, Bunker Hill, and Shirley Gluys, Noblesville; grandchildren, Chad (Jessica) Kile, Gilbert, Arizona; Keith (Ruthanna ) Kile, Bunker Hill; Kevin (Kristen) Kile, Kokomo; Heather (Kyle) Derickson, Elmhurst, Illinois; Brian (Maria) Gluys, Columbus, Ohio, 11 great grandchildren and one sister, Barbara Parker, Florida. Naomi was preceded in death by her parents, husband and five siblings. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Pastor Norm Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Galveston Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 - 7 p.m. Monday, April 20. Memorial contributions may be given to Bennett's Switch United Methodist Church or Disabled Veterans Organization. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015

**Mary Jane Kemmerer**, 77, of Rossville, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015, at IU Health Arnett Hospital in Lafayette. She was born May 1, 1938, in Frankfort, to Rule and Florance Smith Hufford. On Oct. 23, 1955, she married John Kemmerer Jr.; he survives. Mary attended schools in Indianapolis. She worked at P.R. Mallory and in 1979, started working on the production line at Donaldson's before her retirement. Mary was family orientated and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Mary is survived by two sons: John Kemmerer of Rossville, and Jerry (Renè) Kemmerer of rural Frankfort; three daughters: Debra Kemmerer and Cheryl Kemmerer, both of Rossville, and Brenda (Paul) Rogers of Frankfort; two sisters: Donna Kline of Indianapolis and Camile Cline of Franklin; three brothers: Richard Hufford of North Carolina, Vernon "Buddy" Hufford of Louisiana, and Joe (Darlene) Hufford of Frankfort; nine grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. Mary is preceded in death by her parents and one

sister: Carolyn Plummer. Visitation for Mary will be 4 p.m. until the start of services at 6 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Genda Funeral Home Mulberry Chapel. Pastor Mike Crawford will officiate. Memorials in Mary's name may be made to American Diabetes Association, Clinton County Humane Society, or Abilities Services. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).  
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**Paul Edward Scott**, born January 11, 1955 in Trenton Tennessee to Hattie Mae Johnson and Ivie Scott Sr. Paul Edward Scott retired from Atlas Foundry in 2013. Paul was a hardworking, honest and loving man. Paul Edward Scott was called home to rest on April 13, 2015, he was preceded in death by his father Ivie Scott Sr. and his mom Ethel Broomfield Scott. Paul Edward Scott leaves to cherish his precious memories, his mother Hattie Mae Johnson, his wife Sylvia Love, (2) sons Paul Edward Stepany of Marion Indiana and Tyra (Donna) Moore of Indianapolis Indiana (2) daughters Nickitra Garrett of Indianapolis Indiana and Tiara Vinson of Marion, Indiana, (7) brothers George (Diane) Johnson of Easton Pennsylvania, Ronnie Johnson of Easton Pennsylvania, Randall(Elizabeth) Scott, Ivie Scott Jr. Tony Broomfield and Andrew Broomfield of Marion, Indiana, (5) sisters Jammie (Darryl) Waddy of Atlanta, Georgia, Charlene (Lawrence) Strickland and Shirley Johnson of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Sally Johnson of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and Maryanne Johnson of Hartford Connecticut. 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a host of many other relatives and friends. Funeral Service will be Monday April 20, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Calling hours will be Monday April 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Church. Pastor Willie F. Love will be officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services 526 South McClure Marion Indiana.  
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**Carolyn R. Turner**, 69, of Huntington, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 8:50 p.m. at Millers Merry Manor nursing home. Ms. Turner was born on September 15, 1945, in Marion, to Walter and Goldie Baker Street. Carolyn graduated High School in 1963. She retired from Weatherhead-Dana in Columbia City. She is survived by two sons, Carl Wayne (Amy) Turner, Huntington, and Curtis (Brenda) Turner, Huntington. Also surviving is her sister Christine Asher, Huntington, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant sister, Marilyn Street, and one grandson, Jay M. Huff. Calling will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cornerstone Alliance Church, 5833 E. Huntington County Road 900 North, Roanoke. A funeral service will follow viewing at the Cornerstone Alliance Church at 11 a.m. with Reverend Darrell Weigelt officiating. A graveside service is at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, at Riverside Cemetery, Andrews. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).  
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**Robert L. 'Bob' Timmons**, 80, of Frankfort, died at 10 p.m. Thursday, April 16 at Mulberry Health and Retirement Community. He was born Aug. 31, 1934, in Frankfort, to the late Dee R. and Eldena (Cohee) Timmons. He married Josephine Snouwaert on June 10, 1961 in Lafayette and she survives. Bob was a 1952 graduate of Frankfort High School and a lifelong Clinton County resident. He served in the National Guard for 12 years. Bob worked at Mallory Controls as a tool and die maker for 42 years, retiring in 2002. His memberships include, Colfax Christian Church, a 50 year member of the Frankfort Masonic Lodge Clinton 54, where he was Worshipful Master and a member of the Frankfort York Rite, Clinton County 4H Council where he served as President and had a strong belief in the 4H values, member of Colfax Lions Club, Washington Township Advisory Board, Frankfort Moose Lodge No. 7 and was Honorary Chapter Farmer from Clinton Prairie FFA. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons: Mark (June) Timmons of Frankfort, Bernard (Jackie) Timmons of Mulberry and Ed (Holly) Timmons of Lafayette; and two grandsons: Chad Timmons of Lafayette and Matthew Timmons of Frankfort. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Goodwin Funeral Home, with a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Colfax Christian Church, envelopes will be available. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).  
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**Doris L. Duckwall**, 82, Fairmount, died Friday, April 17, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor. Arrangements are pending at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street, Fairmount, Indiana.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 18, 2015

Warren, IN — **Myron Brunner Gearheart**, 96, of Jackson Twp., Wells County, IN., passed away at 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. He was born on Monday, June 3, 1918, in Howard County, IN. Family and friends may gather at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Myron's life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015; viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Jones Cemetery in Warren. Preferred memorials may be made to: Asbury Chapel United Methodist Church 1175 East 600 North Hartford City, IN 47348 or McNatt United Methodist Church 8343 South - 1000 West - 90 Montpelier, IN 47359. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

Portland — **Susan K. Minch**, 68, of Portland, IN, passed away at 5 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2015 at her residence in Portland, IN. She was born on Saturday, February 22, 1947, in Warsaw, IN. Family and friends may gather at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home 100 N Washington Street Geneva, IN on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. A service to celebrate Susan's life will be at

Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Interment will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, IN. Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

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**Inez "Maro" Whinery**, 94, of Huntington County, IN., passed away at 6:48 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. Arrangements are pending with Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, IN.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

**Evelyn Hillyer Mitchell**, 97, Marion, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in her residence. She was born in Muncie to the late George A. and Elizabeth (Kraner) Hillyer. She married Russell W. Mitchell on April 29, 1939; he preceded her in death on September 12, 1985. Evelyn graduated from Marion High School in 1936. She retired from Midwest Paper Company in 1972 after several years of service. Evelyn was a long time member of St. Paul Catholic Church and had served in the Rosary Society. She was a member of the Elks County Club in Marion and was also a supporter of the Hostess House. She loved games, especially card games. She was an avid reader and enjoyed reading mysteries and watching them on television. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Elaine Corbett, Marion, Rhonda (Donald) Scheer, Rochester Hills, MI, and Lydia (Andy) Church, Wayne, NJ; honorary children, Dao and Hong Pham, Marion; 14 grandchildren, Phong (Van) Pham, Thai (Alana) Pham, Alicia (Jeff) Wofford, Loc (Thu) Pham, Kevin (Kristi) Scheer, Tigon (Jeff) Dausman, Elizabeth (James) Hill, Mary (Tim) Noble, Joyce (Matt) Simpkins, Laura (Pelar) Eshaki, Sergei Church, Ray Church, Katie Church and Lexie Church; 38 great grandchildren; brother, Robert (Jerrie) Hillyer; step-sister, Waneta (Ron) Wade, several nieces, nephews, and friends, and her three cats, Marco, Manie, and Annie. Along with her parents and loving husband, Evelyn was preceded in death by her sister, Vi Biscomb. Services for Evelyn will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1031 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952 with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant Co. Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave. Marion, IN 46953 or St. Paul Catholic School, 1031 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Heart to Heart Hospice, as well as Evelyn's home health aides, Brenda Jackson, Amy Simpkins and Terri Hawthorne. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

ALEXANDRIA, IN — **Jean Hawkins Brattain McComas**, 93, passed away at Community Hospital in Anderson on Friday, April 17, 2015 following an extended illness. Services will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria. Pastor Randy Murphy will officiate. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery in Anderson. Friends may call after 11 a.m. on Tuesday prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alzheimer's Foundation through the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

**Connie D. Roe**, 65, Gas City, passed away at 11:36 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, in the arms of her loving daughters. She was born in Marion, Indiana, and was a lifelong resident of Gas City. She was a 1967 graduate of Mississinewa High School, and she earned her Associates Degree in Electronics from IVTC in 1995. Connie was an IBEW Union member. She was an Electronic Specialist for RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics for 31 years until her retirement in 2005. Connie enjoyed fishing and was a fan of the Chicago Cubs. She also loved spending time with her family. She was known for her kind-hearted nature and willingness to help anyone in need. She is survived by her daughters, Julie (Hugh) Anderson, Nashville, TN, Kimberly Garner, Portland, TN; 3 grandsons, Case Garner, Cole Garner, and Reece Anderson; parents, Roger (Mildred) Kearns, Gas City; brother, Ted (Paula) Kearns, Jonesboro; sister, Tammy (Dee) Kearns, Indianapolis; and close friend, Paul Garrett. Friends may gather in her memory from 3-6 p.m. at her residence following a private service held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, on Tuesday, April 21, 2015. The family extends special appreciation to Family LifeCare Hospice for their loving care of Connie. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

**Sidney J. Rickman**, 95, Marion, died at 5 a.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Transylvania Co., NC to the late Andrew and Flora (Powell) Rickman. He married Mamie E. Dooley on June 13, 1943; she survives. Sidney is a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked at Smith Corona for 38 years. In addition to his wife, Mamie, he is survived by his children, Charlotte M. (Kenneth) Detro, Marion, John S. (Barbetta Burman) Rickman, Marion, and Carolyn L. Lines, Marion; brother, Donald (Sandra) Rickman, Ashville, NC; sister, Helen L. Tweed, Weaverville, NC, 9 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren, as well as 18 great-great grandchildren. Sidney was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Claude Rickman, Carroll Rickman, Harold Rickman, and Charles E. Rickman; sister, Edna M. Lyle; son-in-law, Bob Lines, and grandson, Robert Edwin "Bobby" Detro. Services for Sidney will be held at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952 with Pastor Tim McClellan officiating. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2015, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Lakeview Christian School, or Indiana Wesleyan University. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**Patricia Ellen Armstrong**, 77, passed away Thursday, April 16, 2015 at her home in Matthews, Indiana. Patricia was born August 11, 1937 in Muncie, Indiana to the late Cleo and Edna Bennett. She graduated from Gaston High School in 1956. She retired from

Mursix in Muncie. Patricia attended Center Chapel Church in Marion. She enjoyed the outdoors and the lakes. She also enjoyed attending rummage sales. Her life revolved around her family and the precious time she spent with her grandchildren. Patricia is survived by six children, Rickie Bennett of St. Petersburg, FL, Brian Armstrong (wife Chris) of Muncie, Vickie Oliver (husband James) of Gaston, Monica Roberts of Gaston, Sue Oliver (husband Michael) of Matthews, and Lisa Armstrong of Gaston; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Patricia was preceded in death by a son, George Armstrong Jr.; a grand-son, Andrew Losh; and a son-in-law, Keith Roberts. A funeral service to celebrate Patricia's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Gant Funeral Home, Gaston Chapel, 109 W. Elm St., Gaston, IN. Burial will follow in Thompson Cemetery, west of Gaston. Friends and family may gather to share and remember from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at Gant Funeral Home, Gaston Chapel. Memorial contributions may be given to the Little Red Door, 2311 W. Jackson St. Muncie, IN 47303. Share your condolences with the family at [www.gantfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gantfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

**Leonard Coats**, 67, passed away at 5:42pm Friday, April 17, 2015 in I.U. Medical Center, Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 19, 2015

**Esther "Bea" Blake**, 85, of Huntington, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015

**Gladys M. Tharp**, 92, of Huntington, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Gary Dilley and the Rev. Paul Hirschy officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to service. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Huntington County or College Park Church in Huntington, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750. Gladys was born on March 14, 1923 in Huntington, the daughter of Charles and Irene (Notter) Gemmer. She was a 1940 graduate of Lafayette Center High School. She married William J. "Jack" Tharp on May 9, 1942 in Roanoke, and he preceded her in death on July 20, 2012. Gladys was a homemaker and worked at Coil Industries as well as Wabash Magnetic, both in Huntington. She was also a cook for Huntington schools. She was a member of Union Church and she loved to bake and crochet. Survivors include her daughter, Irene Westfall of Huntington; her son, Walter E. (Janette) Tharp of Huntington; one sister, Phyllis Gruber of Cheyenne, Wyo.; one brother, Ralph Gemmer of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Geraldine Clancy, and one brother, Arden Gemmer. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Gladys M. Tharp. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015

**Billy Eugene Carroll**, 82, of Peru, died at 12:40 p.m., Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 5, 1932 in Uniontown, Kentucky to Benjamin and Bertha (Hendricks) Carroll. Bill first married Pearl Mae Justice in June 1956, he then married Pat Grogg on December 15, 1979. She died Nov. 26, 2010. Bill then married Kay Ellen Conn Smith on March 18, 2012 in Peru. He worked in the maintenance department at Container Corp. in Wabash retiring in 1995, and also worked at Midwest Poultry 10 years retiring in 2007. Bill was a veteran serving in both the US Army and Air Force. He was an active member of the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church. Bill had a passion for mission work, and went on five mission trips to Honduras and 1 to Africa. He was an inventor and organizer and loved his projects. Bill was a member of the Wabash American Legion Post 15 and was a former member of the Wabash Eagles Lodge where he served as Past-President. He loved airplanes and air shows and had a great sense of humor. Bill never saw a stranger and loved to visit with people. He is survived by his wife, Kay Ellen Conn Smith, seven children - Rick (Debbie) Carroll of Syracuse, Tina (Mark) Speicher of Middlebury, Anita (Scott) Shepherd of Avilla, Kim (Brian) Shaneyfelt of Wabash, Michael (Kelly) Smith of Cedar Park, Texas, Michelle (Mark) Waite of Peru, and Margaret Smith of Austin, Texas; 16 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and his sister, Edna Rosenberger of Benton, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Eddie Carroll, and eight brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, 129 Southwood Drive, Wabash, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Peoria Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash. Preferred memorial is Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church Building Fund. The memorial guest book for Bill may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015

**David William Paquette**, 58, of Cicero, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at his home. He was born on Feb. 9, 1957 to Ronald and Jeannette (Bleile) Paquette in Fort Lewis, Washington. His parents precede him in death. David proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He worked in water treatment for The Rocky Mountain National State Park and for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Lake Powell, Utah, where he held the highest clearance in quality air and water service in National Parks. He is survived by his daughter, Faith (Rick) Hall of Zionsville; grandchildren, Austin and Brooke Hall; and siblings, Ron Paquette and Marge Stoddard. David's care has been entrusted to Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes in Noblesville.  
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**Myron Brunner Gearheart**, 96, of Jackson Twp., Wells County, passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Family and friends gathered to share and remember at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N Matilda St., Warren on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Myron's life will be at Glancy H. Brown & Son Funeral

Home at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015; viewing will be held one hour prior to the service. Myron's son, Dr. Robert Dygert Gearheart will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Jones Cemetery in rural Warren. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).  
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**Donald Eugene Bowers Sr.**, 71, of Huntington, died at 3:09 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at his home. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Dianna Teusch officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Pallbearers were Aaron Raddenbach, Dakota Raddenbach, Michael Bowers Jr., Billy Bear Jr., Bill Spanel, Tim Brockhaus and Rod Brockhaus. Honorary Pallbearers were Dalton Raddenbach, Devin Raddenbach, Dillon Bowers and Scotty Bowers Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to Vicki Bowers, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750. Donnie was born on April 1, 1944 in Huntington, the son of Hayden O. and Clara A. (Parrett) Bowers. He married Vicki L. Bear on May 21, 1966 in Huntington. He retired from the Huntington City Street Department in 2002 after 35 years of service. He was an avid bowler and loved to work on automobiles. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Vicki L. Bowers of Huntington; three daughters, Tammy S. Bowers, of Roanoke, Lori A. (Thomas) Obenour and Brandi J. (Aaron) Raddenbach, both of Huntington; three sons, Donald E. (a.k.a. Spud) Bowers Jr., of Huntington, Scott W. Bowers, of Andrews, and Michael H. (Sessie) Bowers, of Huntington; sister, Roxanna Shumate of Huntington; three brothers, Norman Bowers, Larry Bowers and Gary Bowers, all of Huntington; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Evelyn Raber, Velene Gibler and Juanita Holley, and three brothers, Richard Bowers Sr., Jackie Bowers Sr. and Hayden Bowers Sr. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donald Eugene Bowers Sr.  
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**Max M. Thompson**, 85, of Rossville, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015, at Milner Community Health Care. He was born April 29, 1929, in Owen Township, Clinton County, to John E. and Neva M. Benedict Thompson. On Jan. 31, 1953, he married Mary Evelyn Hart; she survives. Max graduated from Rossville High School in 1947. He then served in the United States Army with the 393rd Field Artillery during the Vietnam War and in Germany from September 1951 to September 1953. Max worked at the Chevrolet garage in Rossville for 10 years. He was an insurance adjuster and underwriter for Farmers Mutual Insurance, Blackhawk Insurance and then Rockford Mutual Insurance; he retired after 28 years. The family returned to Rossville in 1995. He was a 70 year member of the Rossville United Methodist Church, a 50 year member of Masonic Lodge No-. 318 (past master), Eastern Star No. 437 (past patron), American Legion No. 342 (past commander), and Scottish Rite. Max was also one of the original starters of the Angel Hill Golf Course in Rossville. He enjoyed fishing in Wisconsin and Florida. In addition to his wife, Max is survived by one son: David Thompson of West Des Moines, Iowa. He is preceded in death by his parents and one daughter: Diane S. Thompson. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Genda Funeral Home Rossville Chapel with Masonic service at 7 p.m. Eastern Star service will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 22 at the funeral home, followed by funeral services. Burial will follow in Fair Haven in Mulberry. Memorials in Max's name may be made to Rossville United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015

**Constance L. Moore**, 80, of Huntington, died at 9 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015

**Melvin "Jr." Dellinger**, 91, of Mulberry, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015 at IU Health Arnett Hospital in Lafayette. He was born July 29, 1923, in South Bend, to Melvin I. and Mabel Heimbach Dellinger. On June 26, 1949, he married Joanne Peters in Mulberry; she survives. Melvin graduated from Michigantown High School in 1941. He then served in the United States Navy during World War II. After 34 years, he retired as a foreman in the maintenance department at Purdue University. Melvin was a member of the Mulberry United Methodist Church where he was also a trustee for 30 years, life member of the Mulberry Masonic Lodge No. 618, American Legion, Elks, and VFW, and a member of the USS Shangri-la Reunion Assn CV38 and the Moose. Melvin as an avid bowler. In addition to his wife, Melvin is survived by one son: Jeffrey Dellinger of Mulberry; a granddaughter: Ashley Dellinger; and several nieces and nephews. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: James, Orlin and Grant. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 22 at Genda Funeral Home Mulberry Chapel with a Masonic service at 1 p.m. and the funeral immediately after the Masonic service. Pastor Mike Crawford will officiate. Entombment will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery in Frankfort. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com).  
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**Ressa Lou Gornto**, 78, of McEwen, Tennessee, died Saturday, April 18, 2015 at her home. Mrs. Gornto attended the Pinehill Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary in Dickson. She is survived by: a son, Robert Gornto (Donna) of Texas; two daughters, Christine Hooper of McEwen and Cynthia Deck of Dickson; three sisters, Anetta Savage (Jack) of California, Betty Russell (Clarence) of North Carolina, and Mary Gillispie (Sam) of Texas; five grandchildren, Rena Escue (Carlin), Allen Sennett (Jewel), Katrina Roach (Sean), Michael Sennett (Laurissa), and R.J. Gornto; seven great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Morley C. and Maude Miller Walker; her husband: Robert Page Gornto; a daughter: Terri Sennett; two brothers: Calvin Walker and Harley "Peanut" Walker; and two sisters, Doris Vallandingham and Dwana Mays. Funeral Services for Mrs. Gornto will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Flowers-Leedy & Allen Funeral Home in Peru.

Interment will follow in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Peru. Friends may call from 3 - 6 p.m. Tuesday. Love offerings may be made through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 20, 2015](#)

**Doris Lavon Duckwall** died on April 17, 2015 in Marion after an extended illness. She was born on Feb. 2, 1933 in the family home on Selby Street in Marion. She attended Van Buren High School. On Oct. 2, 1949, she married her first husband, Lewis Malcolm Curfman. She worked for several years as RCA in the Data and Reliability department. She then returned to school and received a degree in nursing and became a surgical nurse at Marion General Hospital. She married Larry Joe Duckwall on Nov. 8, 1985. He preceded her in death on Feb. 12, 1992. She was an active member of the AmVets Post 5 and a member of the AmVets Ladies' Auxiliary. She is survived by her son, Joe Curfman, Fairmount, Ind., sisters, Helen (Allen) Sinclair, English, Ind., Nancy (Jim) Harris, Marion, and JoEllen (Harry) LeFeber, Marion; family friend, Madeline Smith; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements are entrusted to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street in Fairmount. Interment will be at Marion National Cemetery in a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fairmount Public Library, P.O. Box 27, Fairmount, IN 46928. Online memorial contributions may be made at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com).  
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**Frank H. Schadler**, 86, of Marion, died at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Wesleyan Health Care Center. He was born in Mt. Healthy, Ohio to the late Frank and Tessa (Haverland) Schadler. On July 1, 1960, he married Shirley Gifford; she preceded him in death on March 21, 2010. Frank graduated from Hamilton Catholic High School in 1947. He worked at General Motors as a tool and die specialist for 37 years, retiring in 1993. Frank attended Hanfield United Methodist Church, volunteered at Marion General Hospital, was a stage hand for the Easter Pageant and a Cub Scouts softball coach. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and playing pool with his wife, watching his grandchildren at sporting events, building gas powered model airplanes, and as a younger man, he also enjoyed hunting. He is survived by his children, Karen (Dave) Pinkston, Novi, Mich., Michael (Brenda) Schadler, Marion, David (Teri) Schadler, Springfield, Mo., and Cynthia (Michael) Hohman, Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, Kent and Kevin Bragg, Scott Shaffer, Brooke Hundt, Justin Schadler, Brytni Schadler, Ashley Dedrick, Aaron Hohman and Megan Hohman; 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Frank and Tessa, and wife, Shirley, Frank was preceded in death by his sisters, Ruth Simmons, Cecilia Wekerman and Helen Foley. Services for Frank will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion with Pastor Tim Helm officiating. Final resting place will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015](#)

**MATTHEWS — John Edward Johnson**, 85, went home to his Lord on Saturday evening with family by his side at IU Ball Memorial following a brief illness. He was born in Marion on Aug. 29, 1929, the son of the late Rolland M. and Lola M. (Whybrew) Johnson. John Edward was a 1947 graduate of Gaston High School and attended Purdue University Ag Short Course in 1948. He married Carol Maxine Brown on April 10, 1949 at Prairie Grove Church in Gaston. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2003. Love of farming was his passion. He owned and operated the family farm in Delaware County where he was a lifelong resident. He was an active member of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Matthews since 1948, where he served as the church clerk and deacon for many years. He was also a member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau, Indiana Farmers Union and the 4-H council. Survivors include his son, Lewis "Ed" (Julie Eileen) Johnson, Gaston; two daughters, Shirley Thacker, Gaston, and Linda Johnson, Kokomo; a sister, Ruth Ina Kesinger, Hartford City; grandchildren, Michelle (Randy) Cunningham, Marc (Kresta) Johnson, Kim (Matt) McGary, Kris (John) Nauman, Susan (Scott) Ledbetter and Chris Maxson; great-grandchildren, Derek Cunningham, Gaven Johnson, Griffen Johnson, AJ Nauman, Abbi Ledbetter, Brock Nauman and Colin Maxson; one great-great-grandson, Jaxson Cunningham; brothers-in-law, Don Wolfgang, Raymond Brown and Jim Brown; sister-in-law, Ann Seppelt; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Kenneth Shane Ledbetter, and a great-great-grandson, Gaige Robert Cunningham. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St. in Upland, Ind. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Jones-Smith Funeral Home with Elder Glen Funk, Elder Bill Blackburn and Elder Mike Chastain officiating. Interment will be at Matthews Cemetery in Matthews, Ind. Memorials may be made to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Shirley Thacker, 8661 W. 1300 N. Gaston, IN 47342, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN, 46240. Online condolences may be made at [www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015](#)

**FORT WAYNE — Donald M. Perry**, 90, of Fort Wayne, passed away early Tuesday morning, April 21, 2015, at Heritage Pointe in Warren. Arrangements are pending with Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren.  
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**Connie L. Moore**, age 80, of North Manchester and formerly of Huntington, died at 9 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. Connie was born on Jan. 7, 1935 in Huntington, the daughter of David M. and Sylvia (Campbell) Kaufman. A gathering of family and friends will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive in Huntington. A memorial service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. on Friday at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Father Michael McKinley officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015](#)

**James Mitchell Lowe Jr.**, 91, of Bruceton, Tennessee formerly of Peru, passed away April 18, 2015 in Bruceton, Tennessee. Born March 4, 1924 in Huntingdon, Tennessee to James Mitchell and Claris Lowe, he married Wanda Morgan on June 16, 1950 in Detroit Michigan. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division and was awarded Purple Heart. He retired from Square D. Corporation. Lowe was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a son, James M. Lowe III and three sisters. He is survived by daughter Patricia (John) Sasso, Peru; daughter Pamela Lowe (Dennis Nara) of Arvada, Colorado; son Steven Lowe and daughter-in-law, Debra Verlinden Lowe; grandchildren - Elizabeth Sasso, Kvernaland, Norway; Bradley Mitchell Lowe, Lafayette; Samantha Nara and Ian Nara of Arvada, Colorado; and nieces and nephews. A military rites graveside service conducted by the Miami County Military Rites team will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery Peru, with Pastor Catherine Koziatsek officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Salvation Army. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

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**John W. Doyle**, age 78, of Marion, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion.

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**Evelyn Hillyer Mitchell**, 97, Marion, passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2015, in her residence. She was born in Muncie to the late George A. and Elizabeth (Kraner) Hillyer. She married Russell W. Mitchell on April 29, 1939; he preceded her in death on September 12, 1985. Evelyn graduated from Marion High School in 1936. She retired from Midwest Paper Company in 1972 after several years of service. Evelyn was a long time member of St. Paul Catholic Church and had served in the Rosary Society. She was a member of the Elks County Club in Marion and was also a supporter of the Hostess House. She loved games, especially card games. She was an avid reader and enjoyed reading mysteries and watching them on television. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Elaine Corbett, Marion, Rhonda (Donald) Scheer, Rochester Hills, MI, and Lydia (Andy) Church, Wayne, NJ; honorary children, Dao and Hong Pham, Marion; 14 grandchildren, Phong (Van) Pham, Thai (Alana) Pham, Alicia (Jeff) Wofford, Loc (Thu) Pham, Kevin (Kristi) Scheer, Tigon (Jeff) Dausman, Elizabeth (James) Hill, Mary (Tim) Noble, Joyce (Matt) Simpkins, Laura (Pelar) Esshaki, Sergei Church, Ray Church, Katie Church and Lexie Church; 38 great grandchildren; brother, Robert (Jerrie) Hillyer; step-sister, Waneta (Ron) Wade, several nieces, nephews, and friends, and her three cats, Marco, Manie, and Annie. Along with her parents and loving husband, Evelyn was preceded in death by her sister, Vi Biscomb. Services for Evelyn will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1031 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952 with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant Co. Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave. Marion, IN 46953 or St. Paul Catholic School, 1031 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Heart to Heart Hospice, as well as Evelyn's home health aides, Brenda Jackson, Amy Simpkins and Terri Hawthorne. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Jason Alan Mullenix, Sr.**, age 35, of Marion, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Marion General Hospital in Marion. Jason was born on Feb. 13, 1980 in Marion, the son of the late Randall Mullenix and Brenda (Seitzinger) Perry. His mother survives. Jason enjoyed doing models, gaming, small engine repair and spending time with his family and kids. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Brenda (Lionel) Perry, of Gas City, Ind.; fiancé, Tammy Timmons, of Marion; two sons, Jason Alan Mullenix, Jr. and Wyatt Mullenix, both of Marion; daughter, DaLainey Timmons, of Marion; brother, Shaun (Ashley) Mullenix, of Marion; step-brother, John Perry; sister, Jessica Scott, of Marion; aunts and uncles, Mike and Margo Mullenix, Randy and Sue Crump, David and Larae Mullenix, Tana Craun, Rose Eib, Janet Cornett and Chuck Seitzinger; many nieces and nephews; cousin, Mike Canal; and good friends, Bill Soards, Richard Fear, Brian Cox and David Bodkins. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion. Burial will immediately follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 at the funeral home prior to the services. Memorial contributions can be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Marjorie Alice (Boyles) Favors** joined her Lord and Savior and the many loved ones who entered the Kingdom of Heaven before her on April 20, 2015 leaving behind her loving family. Marjorie was born on Feb. 2, 1940 to Omer and Marie Boyles in Henry County. She married Wilburn "Jr" Favors on June 2, 1964. She was a retired homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, embroidery, and telling embarrassing stories about the past. She is survived by her daughter Sarah Workman and husband Kris of Peru; five grandchildren, Bradley Robinson, Bekkah Robinson, Jakob Robinson, Austin Workman, Jacob Workman all of Peru; three brothers, James Boyles and wife Glenna of Indianapolis, Ray Boyles and wife Joyce, Jesse Boyles and wife Rose Mary of New Castle; as well as eight nieces - Rose Sorenson, Linda Timberman, Betty Alvey, Pamela Easterday, Elisabeth Gouker, Angie McGriff, Amanda Boyles and Kayla Eskew; two nephews, Aaron Boyles and Chris Boyles. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and eight siblings, Rose Boyles, Mary Fleenor, Carol Boyles, John Boyles, Robert Chester Boyles, Pearl Kay Boyles, William Boyles and stillborn infant Boyles. Services will be held at Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home in Peru on Thursday April 23, 2015. Visitation will be from 2 - 6 p.m. with a memorial service to immediately follow. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Debra Jean Burnett**, 54, of Peru, passed away on April 20, 2015 in Peru. Debra was born April 9, 1961 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Debra was preceded in death by her father, Claude Burnett, her mother, Mary Bentley, and her brothers Darrell and Gene (Jr.) Burnett. Debra was survived by her companion of many years James (Bracken) Ridenour of Denver; her loving son, Joshua and his wife Dara Adams; two grandchildren Tiersa and Izayah Adams of Madison; her two loving daughters, Shannon and Ray Hall and three

granddaughters, Nikki, Raven (Sissy) and Roxy Hall all of Marion; Sabrina Ricketts and three granddaughters, Sabra, Dezzy, and Saraya Ricketts of Marion; two wonderful sisters, Felicia and her husband Scott Hedrick of Peru, and Tina and her husband Jeff Emmons of Kokomo; two brothers: Lee and his wife Dawn Bentley of Peru and Robert (Bobby) Bentley of Peru. She also had seven nieces and nephews and eight great nieces and nephews. Debbie was a sweet, fun loving woman with a heart of gold. Spending time with family was her number one priority in life. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

Memorial Service will be held Thursday April 23, 2015 from 2 - 6 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru.

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**Dennis Dean Yoder** passed away at 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 2015 at his residence with his loving family at his side. Dennis was born in Marion, the son of Larry D and Ruth K (Winters) Yoder, and graduated from Peru High School in 1961. He married Karen S (Cindy) Dixon on Jan. 11, 1964. Dennis was employed as a locomotive engineer for 41 years. He retired from the CSX in 2003 and served as the local chairman for the B of LE from 1972-2003. He was a member of the Peru Mannerchor and a lifetime member of the Peru Moose Lodge. Dennis is survived by his wife Cindy, his parents, Ruth and Larry Yoder of Peru, his loving children Lori Anne and Paul Frye and Jeffrey D. Yoder and Diane Pfeifer Yoder. Also surviving are his granddaughter Kristine Van Baalen (Travis) and four step-grandchildren Sierra, Savannah, Adrienne, and Erin Frye; two great-grandchildren Mason Dean Van Baalen and Rielynn M Frye. Also surviving are his sister Katherine (Jack) Clark, sister-in-law Nancy Dawalt, a brother-in-law Harry E Dixon of Kokomo, and his constant companion of seven years-a border collie -the infamous Bailey. A very special thank you to his nieces and nephews - the Dawalts, Clarks, Yoders, and Dixons for all the loving care and support throughout his illness. We love you all. Preceding Dennis in death was his younger brother, Lance D of Veedersburg. With the deepest appreciation, his family would like to thank Dr. Lynnette Hazelbaker, Dr. Annette Moore, the Oncology Staff at Howard Community Hospital, St. Joseph Hospice, and Julie Maggard, RN, for all the special care during his illness. He was so caring to all that knew him and so very helpful when he was needed. Visitation for Dennis will be from 2 - 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with the funeral service at 6 p.m. officiated by Reverend Birden of Saint Joe Hospice. Preferred contributions to the Community Oncology and Hematology Center in Kokomo, would be appreciated. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Esther "Bea" Blake**, age 85, of Huntington, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday (April 20, 2015) at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday (April 23, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Minister Scott Reece officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Bea was born on Jan. 31, 1930, in Monument City, the daughter of Charles Coldren and Sylvia Grace (Searles) Kern. She graduated from Monument City High School in Polk Township and married Charles L. Blake on Feb. 12, 1955, in Washington. He preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 1995. Bea was a homemaker for 14 years and worked at Caswell Runyon in Huntington. She worked at General Engineering in Andrews for several years as a seamstress and later she worked at Majestic in Huntington, from where she retired after 27 years. She was devoted to family and friends and enjoyed baking and cooking for them. She also loved gardening and flowers. Bea volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Debra E. (Steve) Sheppard of Defiance, Ohio, and C. Dianne (Don) Zoch of Huntington; one son, Chuck Blake of Huntington; two sisters, Jeanette Black of Fort Wayne and Nancy J. (Bill) Reed of Huntington; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Belle McKinney; and two brothers, Paul Kern and Dale Kern. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileyllove.com](http://www.baileyllove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Esther "Bea" Blake.

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**Leonard E. Coats**, 67, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. Leonard was born in Marion on March 31, 1948 to Leroy and Mildred (Douglas) Coats. Leonard was a graduate of Marion High School, Class of 1966. He entered the U.S. Army after graduation. He married Ann R. Thomas on June 15, 1974. He loved to visit coffee shops, tell bad jokes and hunt. He was an avid Harley-Davidson rider; often riding with the Freedom Riders. He was a former member of the AmVets. He is survived by his wife, Ann R. Coats; daughter, Rachel (Robert II) Dorton, North Manchester; son, Leonard, Jr. (Jessie Arnold) Coats, Fort Wayne; son, John Coats, (Chrissy Riley), Marion; brothers, LeRoy Jr. (Doris) Coats, Charleston, S.C., Kenneth (Kathy) Coats, Port Richey, Fla., Raymond (Judy) Coats, Marion; sisters, Millie (Bruce) Likes, Raleigh, N.C., Linda Tidmore, Gas City, Ind.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents; brother, Eli Coats; sisters, Margaret Hamilton, Jeannie Wierich, Janie Owings, Violet Sloderbeck, Vernia Fanning and Virginia Maddox. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street in Marion. Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1 p.m. with Dr. Thomas Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery with Military Honors. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street in Marion.

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**Neil L. Wolfgang**, age 65, of Marion, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2015 at his home. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion.

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**Gladys M. Tharp**, age 92, of Huntington, died at 1:20 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Gladys was born on March 14, 1923 in Huntington, the daughter of Charles and Irene (Notter) Gemmer. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive in Huntington. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Gary Dilley and Rev. Paul Hirschy officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to service. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Huntington County or College Park Church in Huntington, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).  
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**Connie L. Moore**, age 80, of North Manchester, formerly of Huntington, died at 9 p.m. Sunday (April 19, 2015) at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. A gathering of family and friends will be from noon-1 p.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. A memorial service will immediately follow at 1 p.m. Friday at Bailey-Love Mortuary. Burial will be at a later date. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Connie L. Moore.  
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**Randy A. Cunningham** 49, of Frankfort, died April 20, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Arrangements and services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home.  
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**Jeffrey G. Robbins**, 57, of Frankfort, died Monday, April 20, 2015, at his home. No service will be held at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Genda Funeral Home.  
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HARTFORD CITY — **Clara Francis Kennedy**, 99, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at Bridgewater Health & Rehabilitation Centre. She was born in Morris, Ill. on Nov. 29, 1915 to John Martin Lex and Viola (Skinner) Lex-Matson. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street in Hartford City with Rev. Dustin Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier, Ind. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015 and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 North Walnut Street, Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com).  
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**Dana E. Looker** passed away on Friday April 17, 2015 in Lexington, Ky. after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on Aug. 4, 1940 in Marion. Dana was a long time owner of Lucas Equine Equipment, Inc. in Cynthiana, Ky. and leaves many dear friends and colleagues. Dana touched many lives and will be missed for his dedication to hard work, lively sense of humor and generous, giving nature. Dana was preceded in death by his parents, Dana A. and Delores E. Looker, of Marion. He leaves to cherish his memory daughters, Nan Looker, Lexington Ky., and Tracy Looker, Muncie Ind.; sister, Mary Lou (Richard) Grose, Wabash Ind.; and several loving nieces and nephews. A celebration of life visitation will be held on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner North Chapel, 1341 Baldwin Avenue in Marion. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 26 at Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. State Rd. 13 in Wabash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dana's memory to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or your local Hospice affiliate.  
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**Richard L. McKinney, Sr.**, 68, fought a brave battle and lost it to cancer; he was a fighter until the end. He was born in Washington, Pa. to the living Carl (Norma) McKinney and late Harriet (Croiser) McKinney. He married the love of his life, Jane McKinney; she survives. Richard worked in the glass business at Ball and St. Gobain Containers for over 40 years. He loved football and was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He loved life and was always up for a ride in the country. He will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Richard is survived by his wife, Jane; father, Carl; children, DeAnn (Dan) LoBozzo and Richard L. McKinney, Jr.; step-children, George (Erin) Burke and Andrew (Kindra) Garrabrant; and grandkids, Danielle LoBozzo, Dominic LoBozzo and Jerry Lee Garrabrant. In addition to his mother, Harriet, Richard was preceded in death by his step-brother, Irvin Thompson. There will be no services, as per Richard's request. Memorial contributions may be made to Family Life Hospice of Marion. Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. in Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Evelyn Gail Bookout**, 68, of Hartford City, died at 3:13 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born in Marion to the late Orville and Mavis (Kugler) Powell. She married James Clinton Bookout; he survives. Evelyn was a homemaker, but previously worked as an LPN at Wesleyan Health Care Center. Her life was dedicated to taking care of her family, as well as her dogs. She is survived by her mother, Mavis; husband, James; children, John Dickison, Joseph Dickison, James (Bambi) Dickison and Sarah (Matthew) Eller; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul (Charlene) Powell and Larry (late Theresa) Powell; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Along with her father, Orville, Evelyn was preceded in death by her daughter, Debbie Griffith, and brother, Mark Powell. Services for Evelyn were held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. in Marion. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation was from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Anna E. Brass**, age 89, of Fairmount, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center, Marion, Indiana. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

WARREN — **Inez Maro Whinery**, 94, of Warren, went home to be with the Lord April 18, 2015 at 6:48 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren. Visitation is 1-3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at Applegate Chapel, Heritage Pointe, Warren, with funeral service at 3:15 p.m. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Rosalea (Byall) Myers** of New Port Richey, FL., formerly of Hartford City passed away April 20, 2015. Arrangements are pending at Walker Glancy Funeral Home Montpelier, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Randy Allen Cunningham**, 49, of Frankfort, passed away Monday April 20, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis after a battle with lung cancer. He was born Sept. 15, 1965 in Frankfort to Billy and Rose (Elkins) Cunningham. On Oct. 31, 1987 he married Teresa Ann (Hale) Brittain and she survives. Randy graduated from Frankfort High School in 1985. He worked in maintenance at Zachary Confections for 27 years. Randy was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was a very hard worker and loved carpentry work. He loved playing Rummy on Friday nights with his wife and best friend Richard Crockett. God now has his best builder in Heaven. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents: Billy and Rose Cunningham of Frankfort; a daughter: Priscilla (John) Worth of Frankfort; two sisters: Sherry Hensley of Flora and Elaine Cunningham of Frankfort; a brother: Larry Cunningham of Frankfort; and four grandchildren: Mallorie, Ashley, Tyler and Jon Worth. He was preceded in death by two brothers: David and Kenny Cunningham. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25 at the funeral home. Kevin Alber will officiate. Burial will be Scotland Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made Clinton County Cancer Fund and Clinton County Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Jason Alan Mullenix, Sr.**, age 35, of Marion, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Marion General Hospital in Marion. Jason was born on Feb. 13, 1980 in Marion, the son of the late Randall Mullenix and Brenda (Seitzinger) Perry. His mother survives. Jason enjoyed doing models, gaming, small engine repair and spending time with his family and kids. Survivors include his mother and step-father, Brenda (Lionel) Perry, of Gas City, Ind.; fiancé, Tammy Timmons, of Marion; two sons, Jason Alan Mullenix, Jr. and Wyatt Mullenix, both of Marion; daughter, DaLainey Timmons, of Marion; brother, Shaun (Ashley) Mullenix, of Marion; step-brother, John Perry; sister, Jessica Scott, of Marion; aunts and uncles, Mike and Margo Mullenix, Randy and Sue Crump, David and Larae Mullenix, Tana Craun, Rose Eib, Janet Cornett and Chuck Seitzinger; many nieces and nephews; cousin, Mike Canal; and good friends, Bill Soards, Richard Fear, Brian Cox and David Bodkins. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road in Marion. Burial will immediately follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 at the funeral home prior to the services. Memorial contributions can be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Joseph "Joe" Edgar Fincher, Jr.**, 79, Macy, Indiana, passed away at 7:35 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born Oct. 17, 1935, in Roann, he was the son of Joseph Edgar, Sr., and Ruth A. Webb Fincher. On July 2, 1955, at the Perrysburg Baptist Church, he was married to Patsy L. Calloway, and she survives. Joe was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico, and the National Rifle Association. He was Past-President of the Indiana Professional Photographers, Advisory Board Member of The International Professional Photographers Guild, and had earned the Craftsman and Certified Professional Degrees of the Professional Photographers of America. He was a professional photographer in Miami County for 50 years, and he was the owner/operator of Fincher Photos in Peru for 34 years. An active supporter of the 4-H program, Joe was the Photography Superintendent for over 25 years in Miami County and taught photography workshops to 4-H members in Miami and other counties as well as judging in many different counties. Surviving with his wife are four children, Joseph "Ed" Fincher III and wife Donna; David Fincher and wife Donna, Rochester; Paul Fincher and wife Sheryl, Pasco, Washington; and Shelli Fincher, Peru; grandchildren, Lynette (Tom) Mollett, Michael (Angie) Fincher, Jason (Lindsay) Fincher, all of Rochester; Sam Murphy, Indianapolis; Sara (Rey) Garza, St. Louis; Stephanie (Chris) Hughes, Hermiston, Oregon; Forest (Lynn) Fincher, Pasco, Washington; and Jessi and Billi Fisher, Peru; great-grandchildren, Tommy and Timmy Mollett, Rochester; Alexis Hicks, Argos; Payton, Cory, Masen, Chase, Gavin, and Kinley Fincher, Rochester; Owen and Brille Fincher, Pasco, Washington; Maddison, Maxton, and Michael Hughes, Hermiston, Oregon; and Rosemary Garza, St. Louis; sisters, Marilyn Storey and husband David, Lois Baich; and brother, Lowell Fincher; special friends, Jim and Rae Panther. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, William Baich, and sister-in-law, Suzan Fincher. Memorial contributions may be made to New Life United Methodist Church or the National Rifle Association. A church service celebrating the life of Joe Fincher will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 at New Life United Methodist Church with Pastor Sam Polito officiating, followed by a time of visitation in the church fellowship hall until 3 p.m. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
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MATTHEWS- **John Edward Johnson**, 85, went home to his Lord on Saturday evening with family by his side at IU Ball Memorial following a brief illness. He was born in Marion on Aug. 29, 1929, the son of the late Rolland M. and Lola M. (Whybrew) Johnson.

John Edward was a 1947 graduate of Gaston High School and attended Purdue University Ag Short Course in 1948. He married Carol Maxine Brown on April 10, 1949 at Prairie Grove Church in Gaston. She preceded him in death on June 15, 2003. Love of farming was his passion. He owned and operated the family farm in Delaware County where he was a lifelong resident. He was an active member of the Harmony Primitive Baptist Church in Matthews since 1948, where he served as the church clerk and deacon for many years. He was also a member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau, Indiana Farmers Union and the 4-H council. Survivors include his son, Lewis "Ed" (Julie Eileen) Johnson, Gaston; two daughters, Shirley Thacker, Gaston, and Linda Johnson, Kokomo; a sister, Ruth Ina Kesinger, Hartford City; grandchildren, Michelle (Randy) Cunningham, Marc (Kresta) Johnson, Kim (Matt) McGary, Kris (John) Nauman, Susan (Scott) Ledbetter and Chris Maxson; great-grandchildren, Derek Cunningham, Gaven Johnson, Griffen Johnson, AJ Nauman, Abbi Ledbetter, Brock Nauman and Colin Maxson; one great-great-grandson, Jaxson Cunningham; brothers-in-law, Don Wolfgang, Raymond Brown and Jim Brown; sister-in-law, Ann Seppelt; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Kenneth Shane Ledbetter, and a great-great-grandson, Gaige Robert Cunningham. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St. in Upland, Ind. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Jones-Smith Funeral Home with Elder Glen Funk, Elder Bill Blackburn and Elder Mike Chastain officiating. Interment will be at Matthews Cemetery in Matthews, Ind. Memorials may be made to Harmony Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Shirley Thacker, 8661 W. 1300 N. Gaston, IN 47342, or to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN, 46240. Online condolences may be made at [www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

GENEVA — **Rose Marie Bryan**, 61, of Geneva, IN, passed away at 3:29 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN. Family and friends may gather at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home 100 N Washington Street Geneva on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 1 to 5 p.m. and from 9 to 10 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church Portland Monday, April 27, 2015. A service to celebrate her life will be at Asbury United Methodist Church Portland, IN, at 10 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015. Interment will follow in the Alberson Cemetery in Geneva. Preferred memorials: Adams Co. Community Foundation APLS Geneva Book Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**James "Jim" R. Shircliff**, 72, of Peru passed away at 5 p.m. on April 21, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Jim was born in Bardstown, Kentucky on Dec. 7, 1942. He retired from Wabash Alloys in 2004, after 42 years of service. Alongside his wife, Nancy, he was a devoted family man who will be greatly missed, and never forgotten. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Eunice Shircliff (Bardstown, Kentucky), a sister Barbara Mattingly (Elizabethtown, Kentucky), and a daughter Tracy Meehan (Cummings, Georgia). He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Peru), and his children: Bill and Shelley Shircliff (Peru), Leila and Mike Brandt (Wabash), Scot and Kim Shircliff (Peru), Mark and Dee Shircliff (Carmel), Selene Anderson (Peoria, Arizona), Sheila and Chris Fry (Kokomo), and Mike and Vicki Shircliff (Carmel). Also, two nephews: Richard and Cathy Clark (Elizabethtown, Kentucky), and Doug and Monica Clark (Elizabethtown, Kentucky); 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive. Friends may call on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru. Funeral service will be held at 12 p.m., with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will follow at the Mount Home Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
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HARTFORD CITY — **Mary Lou Perry-Mikkelsen**, 88, passed away at 7:31 p.m. Sunday, April 19, 2015 at IU Health Blackford Community Hospital. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 North Walnut Street, Hartford City, IN 47348 with Pastor Dustin Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory, Muncie, IN. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 North High Street, Hartford City and from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 North Walnut Street, Hartford City, IN 47348. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Michael J. Hayes**, 69, passed away on Sunday, April 19 2015 at Reid Hospital. He was born in North Hampton, England on July 11, 1945 to Harry and Margaret Hayes and had lived here for the last 39 years. Mike was a retired U.S. Army Major, and had served in combat in Vietnam, and was part of an occupational security force in Korea. He was awarded a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with 3 oak leaf clusters, and a combat infantry badge. He also had worked at Belden and Green Acres. He was a member of the Central United Methodist Church, had been active in the local junior achievement program, and had also coached soccer. Survivors include his wife of 49 years Martha Hayes; children Melissa (Bryan) Crail of Richmond, Matthew (Sarah) Hayes of Lafayette, Colorado, and Megan (Andrew) Larson of Columbus, Indiana; grandchildren Hannah and Emma Crail, Josie and Eli Hayes, Avery, Adler, and Michael Larson; sister-in-law Nancy (Martin) Brown; brother-in-law Richard (Leslie) Scott; several nieces and nephews. Services for Michael will be held on Friday, April 24 2015 at 11:30 a.m. in Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary. Reverend Charlie Black will officiate. Burial will follow on Monday, April 27 2015 at 3 p.m. in the VA cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Friends may call on Friday from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Mike's name to The Wounded Warrior Project (Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675). Visit [www.riggle-waltermann.com](http://www.riggle-waltermann.com).  
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**Neil L. Wolfgang**, age 65, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015, in his home surrounded by his family. Neil was born on January 30, 1950, in Grant County, Indiana, the son of the late Kenneth and Ruthalene (Needler) Wolfgang. He married Becky Bragg on September 26, 1970, and she survives. Neil earned his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics at Purdue. He was a Marine veteran and worked as a petroleum manager for Country Mark, formerly Farm Bureau Co-op in Allen County until his retirement. He loved to golf, mow and fiddle around with his John Deere tractor. He was past president of the Propane Gas Association. Neil loved his grandkids, loved watching sports, loved helping his kids and was a "Jack of all trades". Survivors include: wife, Becky Wolfgang of Marion, Indiana; two sons, Craig (Annette) Wolfgang of Arcadia, Indiana and Aaron (Jill) Wolfgang of Fishers, Indiana; daughter, Angie (John) Daly of Downers Grove, Illinois; two brothers, Keith (Kris) Wolfgang of Swayzee, Indiana and Mark Wolfgang of Van Buren, Indiana; and grandchildren, Ben, Jocelyn, Andenet, Jonah, Claire, Caroline, Catherine, Jack, Evan, Lukas and Anna. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Julene Wolfgang. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2015, at Grace Community Church, 1910 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, Indiana with Reverend Tom Mansbarger officiating. Cremation will follow funeral services. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. The family requests that friends and family come in casual dress attire. Memorial contributions can be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Tower Suites, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Sarah "Julia" Castle (Medows)**, 81, died on April 21, 2015. Funeral Services pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN 46952.  
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**Sandra Kay Stambaugh Norris**, 60 of Peru, passed away at 9:08 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in Marion on July 14, 1954 the daughter of Jack and Marilyn Eltzroth Stambaugh. Sandra was a loving mother, homemaker and a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. She was an avid bingo player and thoroughly enjoyed crafts and crocheting. Sandra is survived by daughters Elizabeth Davis and her husband James of Peru and Jennifer Shake and her husband Troy of Huntington; her mother, Marilyn Stambaugh of Peru; a brother Kim Stambaugh of Peru and grandchildren Brendon Haynes, Garret Haynes, Tyler Adams, Jordan Shake and Taylor Shake. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Dennis Stambaugh. A service celebrating the life of Sandra Kay Norris will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.  
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**Ruth K. Rains**, of Montpelier, IN. passed away on April 20, 2015 at Bridewater Centre. Arrangements are pending at Walker Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**ROANOKE — James "Jim" "J.O." Wolf**, 80, of Roanoke, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at 1:40 p.m. at Norwoods Health and Rehabilitation, Huntington. He attended Roanoke High School and was founder and owner of J.O. Wolf Tool & Die Inc. for 31 years. He belonged to Seminary United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge #195 in Roanoke, Floral Chapter O.E.S. #75 in Huntington, Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, Mizpah Antique Power Club, Flying Shriners and Ageless Iron Tractor Club of Roanoke. He loved life and family; enjoyed working in the yard; aviation, including building his own ultralite; restoring tractors; and was an auto racing fan. He enjoyed spending winters in Florida as he disliked cold weather. Jim was born Oct. 4, 1934, in Union Township, the son of Ellis and Evelyn (Wilson) Wolf. On June 27, 1954, he married Janelle Weist in Huntington and she passed away Aug. 9, 1969. On Dec. 31, 1972, he married Shirley Myers in Huntington and she survives in Roanoke. Also surviving are two sons, James E. (Marla) Wolf of Huntington and Keith L. (Dawn) Miller of Huntington; daughter Julie A. (Tom) Stanley of Modesto, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Leslie Parker, James (Jessica) Wolf, BreAnne (Derek) Dyer, Stephanie Bassett, John Stanley, Ellen (Jim) Nunley, Karissa Miller, Calvin Miller and Tyler Keefer; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jeanne (Dan) Larkey of Warren. In addition to his parents and first wife Janelle, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcia Miller. Visitation will be Friday, April 24, from 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. Masonic service provided by Roanoke Masonic Lodge #195. The funeral service will be Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 a.m. at Roanoke Memorial Chapel of Deal-Rice Funeral Homes with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Jim Tormey will be officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery, Roanoke. Memorials may be made to Seminary United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home c/o Roanoke Memorial Chapel, 240 Crestwood Drive, Roanoke, IN 46783. Online condolences may be made at [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com).  
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**Gayle "Dianne" Rice**, 74, of Frankfort, went to be with the Lord unexpectedly at 6:18 a.m. April 22, 2015 at Mulberry Health and Retirement Community. She was born Nov. 28, 1940 in Clinton County, to the late Franklin C. and Hannah Kathleen (Smith) Camp. She married James R. Rice Sr. on May 7, 1965 in Frankfort and he preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1981. Mrs. Rice was a 1959 graduate of Jackson Township High School and received her LPN from Ivy Tech. She lived in Clinton County her entire life. She worked as a QMA, then an LPN at Clinton House in Frankfort and Sycamore Village in Kokomo, retiring in 1997. She was a member of the Christian Life Church, formerly the Apostolic Bible Church and was very active in her church. She enjoyed crochet, cross stitch, knitting and reading. She is survived by a daughter: Nina Su Rice of Frankfort; a son: James R. Rice Jr. of Frankfort; three brothers: Lyle S. (Julie) Camp of Frankfort, Ted (Sandy) Camp of Tipton County and Larry (Josalee) Camp of Russiaville; and two sisters: Kathy E. Camp and Jenny (Mike) Harris, both of Frankfort. In addition to her husband, She was preceded in death by twin

children; and her sister: Lela Jo Camp in November 2010. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 2015 at the Christian Life Church, 850 Delphi Ave., Frankfort. Her going home service will begin at 4 p.m. at the Christian Life Church. Goodwin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Clinton County Cancer Fund or the Christian Life Church Children Ministries. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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**Dana E. Looker** passed away on Friday April 17, 2015 in Lexington, Ky. after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on Aug. 4, 1940 in Marion. Dana was a long time owner of Lucas Equine Equipment, Inc. in Cynthiana, Ky. and leaves many dear friends and colleagues. Dana touched many lives and will be missed for his dedication to hard work, lively sense of humor and generous, giving nature. Dana was preceded in death by his parents, Dana A. and Delores E. Looker, of Marion. He leaves to cherish his memory daughters, Nan Looker, Lexington Ky., and Tracy Looker, Muncie Ind.; sister, Mary Lou (Richard) Grose, Wabash Ind.; and several loving nieces and nephews. A celebration of life visitation will be held on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner North Chapel, 1341 Baldwin Avenue in Marion. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 26 at Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. State Rd. 13 in Wabash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dana's memory to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or your local Hospice affiliate.

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FORT WAYNE — **Daniel Jeran**, 81, went to be with his heavenly Father on Monday, April 20, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Jeran was born July 28, 1933 in Upland, California a son of Daniel and Ilona (Vereb) Jeran. He married Miriam Allen on August 26, 1955 in Dallas Center, Iowa. She survives. He is also mourned by his sons, D. Curtis Jeran of Tunis, Tunisia; Michael A. Jeran, Kansas City, Missouri; Jonathan M. Jeran (Jill) Fort Wayne, Indiana; and his daughter, Donna Jeran Wilcox (Allen) of San Antonio, Texas. Other survivors include his seven grandchildren: his brother, Jerry Jeran, and a sister, Adel Jeran. Dr. Jeran earned his bachelor's degree in 1955 from Upland College, Upland, California, received his masters degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa in 1959 and completed his Doctorate of Education in 1973 from The University of Nebraska. As a young man he taught elementary school in Des Moines, Iowa and Colorado Springs, Colorado where he became a principal. In 1976 he joined the faculty at Azusa University, Azusa, California. He became chair of the education department at Taylor University in 1980 and in 1991 joined the faculty at Anderson University from which he retired. Dr. Jeran was inducted into the 2007 Hall of Fame by the Association of Teacher Educators, Indiana. He served as President and Executive Secretary of the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He also served on 16 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Board of Examiner teams as chair or assistant chair. He was appointed by then governor Evan Bayh to Indiana Education Certification and Licensing Commission 1989-1991. While at Taylor University, Dan was instrumental in organizing the Christian College Teacher Education Coordinating Council for the purpose of providing cross cultural training for those students who have selected an overseas student teaching placement. Visitation and funeral services will be Thursday, April 23, 2015 at South Meridian Church of God, 2402 Meridian Street, Anderson, IN 46016. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. with the funeral service beginning at 2 p.m. Pastor Ed Hyatt will officiate the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Interaction International, PO Box 863, Wheaton, IL or Children of Promise, 1201 East 5th Street, Suite 10, Anderson, IN 46018. Arrangements by Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne. [www.northerindianafuneralcare.com](http://www.northerindianafuneralcare.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Robert J. Werking**, 85, Marion, received his heavenly reward when he met his Lord and Savior at 5:22 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center in Marion, Indiana. Robert was born in Richmond, Indiana, to the late Robert M. and Ermyl Marie (Rhoades) Werking. He married Ruth Marie Davis on July 22, 1951, and she survives. Robert was a 1948 graduate of New Lisbon High School. His joy for learning led him to Spring Arbor College, where he attended two years. He transferred to Hillsdale College and received his Bachelors Degree. He went on to earn his Masters degree from Syracuse University in 1963. Then, to complete his education, Robert earned his Doctorate from Indiana University. Robert was a professor at Indiana Wesleyan University from 1964-1994, and he also served as IWU's Head of the Science Division from 1973-1992. Robert is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was a member of Fellow of American Scientific Association and College Wesleyan Church. His endeavors were not limited to the classroom. He loved to collect rocks and travel across the U.S., as well as to Europe. Robert also had a heart for the Indians of South Dakota, where he helped build a school on the Indian Reservation. In addition to his loving wife of 63 years, survivors include his son, Paul Michael (Beth) Werking, Rockford, Minnesota; daughter, Carolyn Marie (Keith) Vincent, Marion; brothers, Charles John (Phyllis) Werking, Straughn, Indiana, Daniel Alvin (Patricia) Werking, Santa Claus, Indiana, and Byron Mark Werking, Hagerstown, Indiana; grandchildren, Laura Elaine (Brian) Grissom, David Elliott Werking, Adam Corey (Tamra) Vincent, James Richard Vincent, III, and Cory Mansfield; great-grandchildren, Alex and Sarah Grissom, Elisa Werking, Landon Mansfield, and Eleanor Vincent. Robert was also preceded in death by his sister, Joanna Marie (Bill) Manis. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 4-8 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, Indiana. A service to celebrate Robert's life will be on Friday, April 24, 2015, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Dan Van Cise officiating. Burial will be at South Mound Cemetery, 505 Bundy Ave., New Castle, Indiana 47362. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Esther "Bea" Blake**, age 85, of Huntington, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday (April 20, 2015) at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Visitation will be from 3 – 7 p.m. Thursday (April 23, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Minister Scott Reece officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to service. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Donald M. Perry**, 90, of Fort Wayne, IN., passed away early Tuesday morning, April 21, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. Arrangements are pending with Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, IN.  
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**Dana E. Looker** passed away on Friday April 17, 2015 in Lexington, Ky. after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born on Aug. 4, 1940 in Marion. Dana was a long time owner of Lucas Equine Equipment, Inc. in Cynthiana, Ky. and leaves many dear friends and colleagues. Dana touched many lives and will be missed for his dedication to hard work, lively sense of humor and generous, giving nature. Dana was preceded in death by his parents, Dana A. and Delores E. Looker, of Marion. He leaves to cherish his memory daughters, Nan Looker, Lexington Ky., and Tracy Looker, Muncie Ind.; sister, Mary Lou (Richard) Grose, Wabash Ind.; and several loving nieces and nephews. A celebration of life visitation will be held on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner North Chapel, 1341 Baldwin Avenue in Marion. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 26 at Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S. State Rd. 13 in Wabash. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dana's memory to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or your local Hospice affiliate.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Idona Lou Morgan Wildoner**, age 75, of Marion passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in her home. Idona was born September 9, 1939, in Marion, Indiana, the daughter of the late Louis William Edward Bolen and the late Mary Idona (Whitesell) Bolen. She married Jack E. Morgan, Sr., and he preceded her in death on June 29, 2004. On November 18, 2011, she married Francis Wildoner and he made her so happy the last four years of her life. Idona was a homemaker and a member of Grace Freewill Baptist Church. Survivors include: husband, Francis Wildoner of Marion, Indiana; children, Paul (Tammy) Johnson of Greenville, Tennessee, Roger (Karen) Johnson of Greenville, Tennessee, Jack (Barbara) Morgan, Jr. of Fowlerton, Indiana, Michael Lee (Debbie) Johnson of Greenville, Tennessee, Rick (Melanie) Morgan of Marion, Indiana, Mary (Dennis) Cox of Elizabethtown, Tennessee, Edwin (Trixy) Morgan of Marion, Indiana, and Paul (Rose) Haskett of Van Buren, Indiana; 25 grandchildren & 25 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Utsler, and two grandchildren, Joshua Hudson and Timothy Utsler. Funeral Services will be held at noon on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, with Reverend Charles Sluss officiating. Burial will be in Estates of Serenity, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Tower Suites, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Harry Brown**, 86, of Hartford City, IN passed away at 8:58 p.m. on Tuesday April 21, 2015 at Lutheran Life Village, Kendallville, IN. Arrangements are pending at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, IN.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Neil L. Wolfgang**, age 65, passed away Monday, April 20, 2015, in his home surrounded by his family. Neil was born on January 30, 1950, in Grant County, Indiana, the son of the late Kenneth and Ruthalene (Needler) Wolfgang. He married Becky Bragg on September 26, 1970, and she survives. Neil earned his Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics at Purdue. He was a Marine veteran and worked as a petroleum manager for Country Mark, formerly Farm Bureau Co-op in Allen County until his retirement. He loved to golf, mow and fiddle around with his John Deere tractor. He was past president of the Propane Gas Association. Neil loved his grandkids, loved watching sports, loved helping his kids and was a "Jack of all trades". Survivors include: wife, Becky Wolfgang of Marion, Indiana; two sons, Craig (Annette) Wolfgang of Arcadia, Indiana and Aaron (Jill) Wolfgang of Fishers, Indiana; daughter, Angie (John) Daly of Downers Grove, Illinois; two brothers, Keith (Kris) Wolfgang of Swayzee, Indiana and Mark Wolfgang of Van Buren, Indiana; and grandchildren, Ben, Jocelyn, Andenet, Jonah, Claire, Caroline, Catherine, Jack, Evan, Lukas and Anna. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Julene Wolfgang. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2015, at Grace Community Church, 1910 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, Indiana with Reverend Tom Mansbarger officiating. Cremation will follow funeral services. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. The family requests that friends and family come in casual dress attire. Memorial contributions can be made to Cancer Services of Grant County, 305 S. Norton Avenue, Tower Suites, Marion, Indiana 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Marjorie A. Stevens**, 84, of Van Buren, IN., passed away at 7:49 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Marion, IN. Arrangements are pending with Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home, Van Buren, IN.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Edith J. Cline**, 88, of Frankfort, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Wesley Manor. She was born Jan. 25, 1927, in South Wales, Great Britain, to John Daniel and Ellen May (Salvidge) James. On Dec. 18, 1946, she was married to John Franklin Cline Jr. in Lebanon. He preceded her in death July 5, 2000. At the age of 14, Edith left school and went to work in a grocery store as a cashier. On December 12, 1946, she came to the United States of America on the Queen Elizabeth. The great grandkids insisted that she came over on the Titanic, and always teased her "Why didn't you save Jack". She had come to the United States to marry her husband and live with his parents. While in Lebanon, Edith had worked at Glove-Boss Manufacturing Company for a little more than three years. She then went to work for Thorntown Textile and worked there from 1960 – 1980. She also worked at 3D Department Store. She was a devoted

wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She took great pride in her family and enjoyed knitting, mowing and playing cards at the Senior Citizens Center. Edith had been a member of the First Community Church of Lebanon since 1961. She also enjoyed volunteering two hours each week at Boone County Senior Services. She is survived by two children: Robert J. (Tricia) Cline, of Frankfort and Cynthia Jean (Paul) England, of Melbourne, Fla.; a stepdaughter: Carol Ann Frazier, of Fort Gay, W.V.; four grandchildren: Miriam Sheets, Aaron (companion Sheila Young) Cline, Christine (Terry) Welch, Adrienne (Robert) Jessie; 11 great-grandchildren: Kaleigh, Olivia, Jessica, Cherico, Marissa, Michael, Mason, Emilyn, Brailyn, Reece and Riley; and a brother: Philip James of Wales, Great Britain. In addition to her husband and parents, Edith was preceded in death by a brother: William John James; a step-daughter: Sandra Cline; and a step-son: Larry Cline. Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until the start of services at 11 a.m. Friday, April 24 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Entombment will follow services at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown. Memorials may be made to the Wesley Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, 1555 N. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041. Online condolences may be made at [myersmortuary.com](http://myersmortuary.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**John W. Doyle**, age 78, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2015, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, Bluffton, Indiana. John was born December 6, 1936 in Loveland, Ohio. He married Mary June Meyers and she preceded him in death on September 23, 1996. John was a veteran of the National Guard. He worked in maintenance at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, Indiana for more than 40 years. He enjoyed wood-working, fishing, hunting, working on the farm, all carpentry work and just working with his hands. He loved his great-grandbabies, they were his life. Survivors include: three daughters, Louise (Dave) Parfitt of the Netherlands, Lori (Steve) Poor of Wabash, Indiana, and Vicky (Dennis) Chopson of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; step-daughter, Joyce Lawrence of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; step-son, John Wayne LaMeau of LaFontaine, Indiana; grandchildren, Brenda Chopson, Barbie Langston, Joshua Poor, David Chopson, and Matthew Poor; several step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Raelynn Pebernatt, Temperence Langston and Piper June Long. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Larry W. Doyle and George LaMeau; and granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Poor. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, with Pastor Mark Davis officiating. Burial will immediately follow funeral services in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Robert W. "Bob" Whitehead**, age 83, of Fairmount, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Indiana. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana 46952.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

NEW YORK — **Melvin Schreiber** of Manhasset, NY, and Delray Beach, FL, passed away on April 13, 2015 after a long but courageous battle with cancer, heart, and pulmonary diseases. He was 85. Mel was a retired partner of Moses & Schreiber, LLP, CPA's in Lake Success, NY, with which he was affiliated for 53 years. A lifelong New Yorker, he was a graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx and NYU where he received both an undergraduate degree in accounting and a Masters Degree in Taxation. He is survived by his loving widow, Lynn (Rawitz) Schreiber, his children, Attorney Jeffrey Schreiber, formerly of Marion and the senior member of The Schreiber Law Firm, Jill (and Loren) Kleinman, and Gary (and Hillary) Schreiber, his grandchildren, Dr. Dawn (and Dr. Dan) Amoroso, Cari (and Jeffrey) Katz, Jason Kleinman, Brooke Schreiber, Matthew Schreiber, his sister Gladys Meyrowitz, nephews, cousins, and friends, clients, and colleagues all over the U.S. Donations may be made to Dr. Offitt at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 633 Third Avenue, 28th floor, New York, NY 10017 Attn: Jane Weyl.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

WARREN — **Inez Maro Whinery**, 94, of Warren, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord April 18, 2015 at 6:48 a.m. at Heritage Pointe, Warren. Visitation is 1-3 p.m., Saturday, April 25, at Applegate Chapel, Heritage Pointe, Warren, with funeral service at 3:15 p.m. with Rev. Galen Lowery officiating. Burial will be at Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster. Preferred memorials may be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association or Salvation Army in care of Glancy H. Brown & Son, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, IN 46792.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Leonard E. Coats**, 67, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. Leonard was born in Marion on March 31, 1948 to Leroy and Mildred (Douglas) Coats. Leonard was a graduate of Marion High School, Class of 1966. He entered the U.S. Army after graduation. He married Ann R. Thomas on June 15, 1974. He loved to visit coffee shops, tell bad jokes and hunt. He was an avid Harley-Davidson rider; often riding with the Freedom Riders. He was a former member of the AmVets. He is survived by his wife, Ann R. Coats; daughter, Rachel (Robert II) Dorton, North Manchester; son, Leonard, Jr. (Jessie Arnold) Coats, Fort Wayne; son, John Coats, (Chrissy Riley), Marion; brothers, LeRoy Jr. (Doris) Coats, Charleston, S.C., Kenneth (Kathy) Coats, Port Richey, Fla., Raymond (Judy) Coats, Marion; sisters, Millie (Bruce) Likes, Raleigh, N.C., Linda Tidmore, Gas City, Ind.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents; brother, Eli Coats; sisters, Margaret Hamilton, Jeannie Wierich, Janie Owings, Violet Sloderbeck, Vernia Fanning and Virginia Maddox. Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street in Marion. Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1 p.m. with Dr. Thomas Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery with Military Honors. Online condolences may be made at [www.owenweilertduncan.com](http://www.owenweilertduncan.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Homes, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street in Marion.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

HARTFORD CITY — **Harry D. Brown**, 86, of Hartford City, passed away at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville due to an illness. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 2-6 p.m. and on Sunday, April 26, 2015, from 1-3 p.m. A service to celebrate Harry's life will be at Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2015. Interment will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Gladys M. Tharp**, age 92, of Huntington, died at 1:20 p.m. Saturday (April 18, 2015) at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Thursday (April 23, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Gary Dilley and Rev. Paul Hirschy officiating. There was one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial was in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Pallbearers were Joe Clancy, Tom Clancy, Pete Clancy, Larry Shellenbarger, Matt LeMar and Geoffre Trimble. Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Services of Huntington County or College Park Church in Huntington, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Gladys was born on March 14, 1923, in Huntington, the daughter of Charles and Irene (Notter) Gemmer. She was a 1940 graduate of Lafayette Center High School. She married William J. "Jack" Tharp on May 9, 1942, in Roanoke, and he preceded her in death on July 20, 2012. Gladys was a homemaker and worked at Coil Industries as well as Wabash Magnetic, both in Huntington. She was also a cook for Huntington schools. She was a member of Union Church and she loved to bake and crochet. Survivors include her daughter Irene Westfall of Huntington; her son Walter E. (Janette) Tharp of Huntington; one sister, Phyllis Gruber of Cheyenne Wyo; one brother, Ralph Gemmer of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Geraldine Clancy; and one brother, Arden Gemmer. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Gladys M. Tharp.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

ALEXANDRIA, IN — **Donald A. Nabb**, 85, passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Community Hospital in Anderson following an extended illness. Services honoring Don's life will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in the Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria. Interment will follow in Park View Cemetery in Alexandria. Friends may call at the Owens Funeral Home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alexandria Emergency Ambulance Fund through the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 23, 2015

**Rosalea (Byall) Myers**, 86, passed away Monday, April 20th, at 1 a.m. Services will be held at Dobie's Funeral Home in New Port Richey on Friday, April 24th between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Gulfside Hospice of New Port Richey, Florida. Donation envelopes will be available at Friday's services. There will be a viewing held at the Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, Indiana on Wednesday, April 29th between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. followed by graveside services at Asbury Chapel in Wells County, Indiana.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Rosalie Noe Anderson**, 44, of Jefferson City, Mo., died April 5, 2015. She was born Oct. 30, 1967, to Tom and Eva Noe, of Clarks Hill. She married Martin Anderson, who survives. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children: Tommy Padgett and Breana Padgett Kwasigroh; two step-sons: Victor and Matthew Anderson; and one brother: Ben Noe of Clarks Hill. Visitation is 2-4 p.m. May 2 at Clarks Hill Christian Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Thomas W. "Tim" Hale**, age 95, formerly of Marion, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015, in his home in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Thomas was born May 3, 1919, in Marion, Indiana, the son of the late Thomas W. and Hazel (Williams) Hale. He married Olive M. Stevens on March 29, 1941, and she preceded him in death on October 29, 2011. Tim was an Army veteran and worked as a machine operator at Anaconda for 30 years until his retirement in April 1982. He was a member of Christland United Methodist Church; the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign War; and the Issac Walton League. Survivors include: daughter, Virginia (Joseph) Luiz of Dartmouth, Massachusetts; and grandson, Kevin Luiz of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Burial will follow funeral services in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Indiana. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, April 27, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Christina Lee Pressley**, 31, Marion, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN. She was born in Wabash, Indiana to Ronald Smith II and Jeanette (Brown) Hiatt and was a graduate of Marion High School and attended Ivy Tech. She married Henry Pressley on March 22, 2010. He survives. Christina was employed at Café Valley and was a CNA with Premier Home Health Care. Christina loved spending time and playing with her children. She enjoyed reading and singing. She also enjoyed nature and traveling with her family. Christina was a very loving person and had a huge heart. She had planned on finishing her education and aspired to work in pediatrics, specifically, with special needs children and in the NICU department of the hospital. In addition to her parents, Christina is survived by her husband, Henry; children, Amara Pressley, Ny'Eima Pressley, Ellissiah Pressley; brother, Ronald (Candice) Smith; brothers-in-law, Duffy Rankins and Tavares (Melissa Hall) Rankins; mother and father-in-law, Larry and Carol Rankins; step-sisters, Kaila (Justin McDonald) Hiatt and Kerri (Jason) Sikes; cousin, Britney (Jeffrey) Williams;

several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Christina was preceded in death by her step-brother, Levi Smith and step-father, Anthony Hiatt. Unfortunately, there will be no services for Christina. Arrangements handled by Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).  
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Sara "Julia" Castle (Medows),** 81, Marion, passed away at 6:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in her home. She was born in Birmingham, AL to the late W.E. and Dolly (Clary) Hobson. She married Ben E. Medows on September 12, 1953; he preceded her in death. She then married Howard Castle on October 1, 2011; he survives. A graduate of Tuscaloosa High School and Marion College, Julia went on to receive a master's degree from Ball State University. She was both a teacher and a realtor, having worked for Marion Community Schools for 34 years in elementary education, and for Ketcham/Goff Realty for 25 years. She was a member of College Wesleyan Church and its choir for 65 years, a member of Marion Realtors, as well as Tri Kappa, and volunteered for the American Cancer Society and the Salvation Army. Julia was an avid gardener, who loved nature and bird watching. Many were blessed by her generous spirit and her exceptional gift of hospitality. Julia is survived by her husband, Howard; children, Shirley Pence, Lafayette, IN, Carol (David) Leitzel, Hamilton, IN, Marcia (Jerry) Shepherd, Marion, IN, Cindy (Chase) Ketcham, Marion, IN, Jo (Kurt) Kincanon, Lafayette, IN, and Kevin Castle, Noblesville, IN; grandchildren, Laura Pence, Stephanie (Nick) Rambo, Taylor (Lauren) Pence, Andrea (Brent) Carpenter, Sara (Zach) Shetterley, Andrew (Whitney) Leitzel, Alisha Leitzel, Aaron (Jathniel) Shepherd, Scott Shepherd, Mark (Lauren) Shepherd, Jordan (Allison) Shepherd, Neil (Jessica) Ketcham, Andrew (Leanne) Ketcham, Jillian Ketcham, Katy Kincanon, Kristen Kincanon, Kelsey Kincanon, Kyle Castle, and Shea (Kelly) Castle; great grandchildren, Gavin Sprunger, Colin Rambo, Benjamin, Emma, and Matthew Carpenter, Lillian and Evelyn Shetterley, and Oliver, Sam and Virginia Shepherd; mother-in-law, Mildred Medows, Marion, IN and sister-in-law, Faith Hobson, Tuscaloosa, AL. In addition to her parents and first husband, Julia was preceded in death by seven siblings, Virginia Herman, Eber Hobson, Stella Wallace, Wallace Hobson, Mary Polzin, Willie Ree Donaldson, and Cynthia Clement; granddaughter, Diane Pence, and great grandchildren, Leia Carpenter and Oak Shepherd. Services for Julia will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015 at College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th St. Marion, IN 46953, with Pastor Judy Huffman Crossman officiating. Her final resting place will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Kristy Rowe, Kathy Fite, and Family Life Care Hospice for the extraordinary and loving care they gave to Julia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hobson-Medows Scholarship Fund at Indiana Wesleyan University. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Ayten Ozyadra Rogowski,** 77, of Frankfort, died Thursday, April 23, 2015 peacefully surrounded by her family on April 23, 2015. Ayten was born on March 22, 1938 in Izmir, Turkey, to the late Hilmi and Hatteji Ozyadra. She married Donald Carl Rogowski, who preceded her in death. She worked as an account executive at WILO/SHINE 99 Radio. Ayten had a long career in broadcasting, starting in Louisville, Kentucky in 1974 and ending in September 2014 in Frankfort. Among the radio stations she worked, WILO/SHINE 99, WWKI, Kokomo, WXVW, Jeffersonville, WSTM, Louisville, KY. Ayten had previously been awarded Business Professional Woman of the Year. Ayten had also served on the St. Vincent Frankfort Foundation Board, the Mental Health Association in Clinton County and many other community and charitable organizations. She is survived by her children: Melody (Steve) Stiles of Indianapolis, Peri (Stephanie) Rogowski of Martinsville, Donald K.(partner, Mike Dembinski) Rogowski of St. Petersburg, Fla.; granddaughter Mandy (Jerry) Leonards; great-grandchildren: Isabella and Madelyn Leonards; two sisters: Meliha Ozyadra of Izmir, Turkey and Ayfer Bilgin of Istanbul; three nieces and two nephews residing in Turkey and Belgium; and many cousins throughout Europe. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister: Seniha Sari, of Istanbul. A Celebration of Life event will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday April 26 at Arborwood, 100 Golf Preserve Lane, Frankfort, with a short program at 2:30 p.m. Arrangements entrusted with Indiana Memorial. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**NEW YORK — Melvin Schreiber** of Manhasset, NY, and Delray Beach, FL, passed away on April 13, 2015 after a long but courageous battle with cancer, heart, and pulmonary diseases. He was 85. Mel was a retired partner of Moses & Schreiber, LLP, CPA's in Lake Success, NY, with which he was affiliated for 53 years. A lifelong New Yorker, he was a graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx and NYU where he received both an undergraduate degree in accounting and a Masters Degree in Taxation. He is survived by his loving widow, Lynn (Rawitz) Schreiber, his children, Attorney Jeffrey (and fiancé Rachel Homer) Schreiber, formerly of Marion and the senior member of The Schreiber Law Firm, Jill (and Loren) Kleinman, and Gary (and Hillary) Schreiber, his grandchildren, Dr. Dawn (and Dr. Dan) Amoroso, Cari (and Jeffrey) Katz, Jason Kleinman, Brooke Schreiber, Matthew Schreiber, his sister Gladys Meyrowitz, nephews, cousins, and friends, clients, and colleagues all over the U.S. Donations may be made to Dr. Offitt at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 633 Third Avenue, 28th floor, New York, NY 10017 Attn: Jane Weyl.  
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**Mrs. Nancy Marie Saltsman Waters,** 74, of Chocowinity, N.C., passed away Tuesday April 21, 2015 at her home. She was born May 11, 1940, in Frankfort, to the late James and Nancy Iola Scott Saltsman. On Nov. 1, 1962 she married Howard Ray Waters, who survives. She was a 1958 graduate of Frankfort High School and attended Roanoke Bible College. She served as a civil servant with the United States Coast Guard in Washington, D.C. and retired as a Customer Service Manager with Walmart after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Church of Christ Eastwood and attended Elizabeth Chapel Church of Christ. Funeral services were Saturday, April 25 at Elizabeth Chapel Church of Christ, and was officiated by Kent Gurganus and Tim Tyner. Her sons and grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial followed in the Weston Family Cemetery. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday May 16

at the Church of Christ Eastwood in Wabash and will be conducted by Tim Tyner. Flowers are welcome or memorials made to Elizabeth Chapel Church of Christ, 1998 Herring Run Rd., Blounts Creek, NC 27814 or Church of Christ Eastwood, P.O. Box 181, 80 E. Hill St., Wabash, IN 46992. You may address condolences and view the video tribute by visiting [paulfuneralhome.com](http://paulfuneralhome.com). Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington is honored to serve the Waters family.  
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**Robert W. "Bob" Whitehead**, age 83, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Indiana. Robert was born May 15, 1931, in Elwood, Indiana, the son of the late Glen and Mae (Holmes) Whitehead. He married Marilyn Maley, and she survives. Bob was an Air Force Veteran and a self-employed farmer. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a past member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association). He enjoyed flying airplanes and had rebuilt a full size airplane. Survivors include: wife, Marilyn Whitehead of Fairmount, Indiana; two sons, Brian (Susan) Whitehead of Fairmount, Indiana, and Jeremy (Angela) Whitehead of Dallas, Georgia; grandchildren, Carly (Aaron) Vogel, Blake Whitehead, Emily Monroe, Alyson (John) Perry, and Kate Uebelhack; and great-granddaughter, Grace Womack. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lorraine Monroe and brother, James Whitehead. Funeral Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana with Alan Jones officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 25, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America, 15 S. Franklin Street, New Ulm, MN 56073; or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in care of: [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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**HARTFORD CITY — Harry D. Brown**, 86, of Hartford City, IN, passed away at 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Lutheran Life Village in Kendallville, due to an illness. Family and friends may gather at Glancy- H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren, IN. Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A service to celebrate Harry's life will be at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home 203 N Matilda St. Warren, IN. at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 2015 with the Pastor Jeff Wolhuter officiating. Interment will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy – H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 24, 2015

**Linda M. McMahan**, 74 of Marion died Thursday April 23, 2015 at IU Ball Memorial Hospital Muncie, Indiana. Arrangements are pending are College Park Chapel, Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, IN.  
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**MONTPELIER — Ruth K. Rains**, 87, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 7:03 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2015 at Bridgewater Centre in Hartford City. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. Saturday April 25, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. A service to celebrate Ruth's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home Saturday April 25, 2015 at 3 p.m. Interment will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Preferred memorials: Alzheimer's Association 6324 Constitution Drive Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or Millard-Brown American Legion Post 112 W. Green St. Montpelier, IN 47359. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.  
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**Linda M. McMahan**, age 74 of Marion, died on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at IUH Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. She was born in Marion on November 6, 1940 to the late Glenn and Hazel Edwards Bocock. Linda graduated from Swayzee High School in 1958. On April 21, 1972, Linda married the love of her life Roger L. McMahan in Watseka, Ill., who survives in Marion. She retired from RCA and later Thompson in 1999, after thirty-five years of service. At RCA, she was known as a crossword-puzzle wizard and for her beautiful cross stitch. She enjoyed a second thirteen year long career at Webb's Hallmark, leaving in 2013. Linda was an avid collector, particularly Harbor Lights Lighthouses, Precious Moments figurines, and anything Barbie. Traveling was also a favorite pastime, visiting Hawaii and attending the Daytona 500 with her husband for many years. Most of all, Linda enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, typically on the porch surrounded by her flowers. In addition to her husband of forty-three years, Roger, she is survived by two daughters, Lisa Southerland, of Marion, and Beth Redden, of Ft. Wayne; grandson, Sean M. Redden, serving in the U.S. Navy; granddaughter, Caity Southerland, of Marion; nieces, Janice Gibson, of Indianapolis, and Jennifer Simpson, of Winchester, Calif.; and her beloved puppy, Mitzi. In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her brother, Joe Bocock; son-in-laws, Scott Southerland and John Redden. Arrangements are being entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, Indiana 46953. A memorial service to honor Linda's life is being planned for a future date. Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ft. Wayne or to the charity of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**Thomas W. "Tim" Hale**, age 95, formerly of Marion, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015, in his home in Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Thomas was born May 3, 1919, in Marion, Indiana, the son of the late Thomas W. and Hazel (Williams) Hale. He married Olive M. Stevens on March 29, 1941, and she preceded him in death on October 29, 2011. Tim was an Army veteran and worked as a machine operator at Anaconda for 30 years until his retirement in April 1982. He was a member of Christland United Methodist Church; the American Legion; Veterans of Foreign War; and the Issac Walton League. Survivors include: daughter, Virginia (Joseph) Luiz of Dartmouth, Massachusetts; and grandson, Kevin Luiz of Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Funeral Services will

be held at 1 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. Burial will follow funeral services in Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Indiana. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, April 27, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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**VAN BUREN - Marjorie A. Stevens**, 84, of Van Buren, IN, passed away at 7:49 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Marion, IN. She was born on Saturday, December 20, 1930, in West Virginia. She married Myron Stevens on Saturday, February 19, 1949 in Marion, IN; he passed away on January 29, 1994. Marjorie was a 1949 graduate of Marion High School. She retired in 2004 as a manager of the Fashion Bug in Marion, after many years of service. Marjorie enjoyed playing euchre, bingo and completing crossword puzzles. Loving survivors include: Three Daughters - Susan Welker, Van Buren, IN., Judy (Tom) Culbertson, Alexandria, IN., Debbie (Clark) Hainen, Tarpon Springs, FL., Sister - Donna Ditton, Marion, IN., Sister - Rose Ellen Hairell, Union, MI., Grandchildren - Steve (Diane) Welker, Jeremy (Alyson) Welker, Holli (George) Burns, Amanda Culbertson, Braden (Jessica) Hainen, Lauren Hainen and 7 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her: Mother - Mary M. (Clifton) Stanley, Father - Lute Stanley, Husband - Myron Stevens, Brother - Gene Stanley, Brother - Charles Stanley and Sister - Maxine Tomlinson. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home 201 N Main Street Van Buren on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A service to celebrate Marjorie's life will be at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015; viewing will be held one hour before the service. Josh Elliott will be officiating. Burial will follow in the Van Buren Cemetery in Van Buren. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**Sara "Julia" Castle (Medows)**, 81, Marion, passed away at 6:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in her home. She was born in Birmingham, AL to the late W.E. and Dolly (Clary) Hobson. She married Ben E. Medows on September 12, 1953; he preceded her in death. She then married Howard Castle on October 1, 2011; he survives. A graduate of Tuscaloosa High School and Marion College, Julia went on to receive a master's degree from Ball State University. She was both a teacher and a realtor, having worked for Marion Community Schools for 34 years in elementary education, and for Ketcham/Goff Realty for 25 years. She was a member of College Wesleyan Church and its choir for 65 years, a member of Marion Realtors, as well as Tri Kappa, and volunteered for the American Cancer Society and the Salvation Army. Julia was an avid gardener, who loved nature and bird watching. Many were blessed by her generous spirit and her exceptional gift of hospitality. Julia is survived by her husband, Howard; children, Shirley Pence, Lafayette, IN, Carol (David) Leitzel, Hamilton, IN, Marcia (Jerry) Shepherd, Marion, IN, Cindy (Chase) Ketcham, Marion, IN, Jo (Kurt) Kincanon, Lafayette, IN, and Kevin Castle, Noblesville, IN; grandchildren, Laura Pence, Stephanie (Nick) Rambo, Taylor (Lauren) Pence, Andrea (Brent) Carpenter, Sara (Zach) Shetterley, Andrew (Whitney) Leitzel, Alisha Leitzel, Aaron (Jathniel) Shepherd, Scott Shepherd, Mark (Lauren) Shepherd, Jordan (Allison) Shepherd, Neil (Jessica) Ketcham, Andrew (Leanne) Ketcham, Jillian Ketcham, Katy Kincanon, Kristen Kincanon, Kelsey Kincanon, Kyle Castle, and Shea (Kelly) Castle; great grandchildren, Gavin Sprunger, Colin Rambo, Benjamin, Emma, and Matthew Carpenter, Lillian and Evelyn Shetterley, and Oliver, Sam and Virginia Shepherd; mother-in-law, Mildred Medows, Marion, IN and sister-in-law, Faith Hobson, Tuscaloosa, AL. In addition to her parents and first husband, Julia was preceded in death by seven siblings, Virginia Herman, Eber Hobson, Stella Wallace, Wallace Hobson, Mary Polzin, Willie Ree Donaldson, and Cynthia Clement; granddaughter, Diane Pence, and great grandchildren, Leia Carpenter and Oak Shepherd. Services for Julia will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015 at College Wesleyan Church, 200 E. 38th St. Marion, IN 46953, with Pastor Judy Huffman Crossman officiating. Her final resting place will be in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Kristy Rowe, Kathy Fite, and Family Life Care Hospice for the extraordinary and loving care they gave to Julia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hobson-Medows Scholarship Fund at Indiana Wesleyan University. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**Thomas E. Ross Jr.**, 87, of Wabash, Indiana passed away at 12:25 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester, Indiana. A graveside service will take place at a later date at Matlock Cemetery in Wabash County, Indiana. Preferred memorials are directed to Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana 46992. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com) - McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 is entrusted with arrangements. Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**Esther "Bea" Blake**, age 85, of Huntington, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday (April 20, 2015) at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Minister Scott Reece officiating. There was one hour of visitation prior to service. Burial was in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Pallbearers were Herb J. Black, Bob McKinney, Dylan Retherford, Jordan Retherford, Jake Wyatt and David Retherford. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Bea was born on Jan. 31, 1930, in Monument City, the daughter of Charles Coldren and Sylvia Grace (Searles) Kern. She graduated from Monument City High School in Polk Township and married Charles L. Blake on Feb. 12, 1955, in Washington. He preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 1995. Bea was a homemaker for 14 years and worked at Caswell Runyon in Huntington. She worked at General Engineering in Andrews for several years as a seamstress and later she worked at Majestic in Huntington, wherefrom she retired after 27 years. She was devoted to family and friends and enjoyed baking and cooking for them. She also loved gardening and flowers. Bea volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Debra E. (Steve) Sheppard of

Defiance, Ohio, and C. Dianne (Don) Zoch of Huntington; one son, Chuck Blake of Huntington; two sisters, Jeanette Black of Fort Wayne and Nancy J. (Bill) Reed of Huntington; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Dennis Blake; one sister, Belle McKinney; and two brothers, Paul Kern and Dale Kern. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Esther "Bea" Blake.  
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ROANOKE — **Betty Jane Byall**, age 88, of Roanoke, died at 3:47 p.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at The Hearth at Sycamore Village in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday (April 27, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, with a rosary service at 5 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday (April 28, 2015) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 641 N. Main St., Roanoke, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Roanoke at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Betty was born Aug. 5, 1926, in Whitley County, the daughter of William B. and Blanche P. (Gephart) Hine. She married Harry L. Byall on Sept. 18, 1943, in Roanoke, and he preceded her in death on June 10, 1992. Betty worked at Triad-Utrad in Huntington for 20 years, retiring as supervisor in 1988. She also worked at the Roanoke Memorial Chapel for ten years as a greeter. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Roanoke, where she sang in the choir, served as a Eucharistic minister and cooked for many senior and funeral dinners. She was also president of the Rosary Society and was a member of the American Legion Post #160 Ladies Auxiliary in Roanoke. Survivors include three sons, Phillip L. Byall of Fort Wayne, Mark A. (Connie) Byall of Huntington and Steven L. (Angie) Byall of Huntington; 10 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sons, Richard D. Byall and David L. Byall. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Betty J. Byall.  
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**Robert W. "Bob" Whitehead**, age 83, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Indiana. Robert was born May 15, 1931, in Elwood, Indiana, the son of the late Glen and Mae (Holmes) Whitehead. He married Marilyn Maley, and she survives. Bob was an Air Force Veteran and a self-employed farmer. He was a member of the Church of Christ and a past member of the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association). He enjoyed flying airplanes and had rebuilt a full size airplane. Survivors include: wife, Marilyn Whitehead of Fairmount, Indiana; two sons, Brian (Susan) Whitehead of Fairmount, Indiana, and Jeremy (Angela) Whitehead of Dallas, Georgia; grandchildren, Carly (Aaron) Vogel, Blake Whitehead, Emily Monroe, Alyson (John) Perry, and Kate Uebelhack; and great-granddaughter, Grace Womack. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lorraine Monroe and brother, James Whitehead. Funeral Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana with Alan Jones officiating. Burial will follow funeral services in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery, Marion, Indiana. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 25, in the funeral home prior to funeral services. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lung Cancer Foundation of America, 15 S. Franklin Street, New Ulm, MN 56073; or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in care of: [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org). Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).  
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An amazing man has left this earth. On Wednesday, April 22, **Fiatala Salamo** joined his beloved grandmother, Tina Petaia, parents, Fuimaono and Fa'amelea Petaia, his brothers, Taofi and Apiauta and many dear friends and family who left before him. Fiatala was born in Western Samoa on June 16, 1953. At the age of 21, he came to the United States when a beautiful Peace Corps volunteer won his heart. Fiatala (Tala) was a vibrant member of the Marion community. He was a deacon at Temple Congregational Church and an insurance agent who was well respected and known to be fair and trustworthy. Fiatala was also an avid golfer who loved the company of family and friends. Fiatala's greatest joy has been being a grandfather, and anyone who has spoken to him in recent years will have heard all about his five amazing grandchildren. Perhaps best known for his musical voice, great laugh and huge heart, Fiatala was deeply loved. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 40 years Susan Salamo, daughter Serafina Salamo (Von), son Fiatala Robert Salamo (Rachel), grandchildren Leilanu Jackson, Lautusi Jackson, Laumanuia Jackson, Fiatala Ronald Salamo and Arthur Nafatasi Salamo. Also surviving are his sisters Manino Salamo, Alofa Qualls, Tuaoitau Pupi, Sepora Christian, Ole Tominiko and Pele Smith, as well as his brothers, Mualia and Fe'i Salamo and countless beloved friends. A memorial service will be held on Sunday April 26 at 3 p.m. at Temple Congregational United Church of Christ, 1006 North Western Street in Marion followed by shared memories in the fellowship hall. His remains will join those of his family members in Samoa. Arrangements by Northern Indiana Funeral Care of Fort Wayne. [www.northernindianafuneralcare.com](http://www.northernindianafuneralcare.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 25, 2015

**Albert R. Faunce**, age 76 and formerly of Marion, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2015 at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Elwood. He was born September 5, 1938 in Richmond, the son of Frank and Leota (Elliott) Faunce. He was employed for over 35 years at PSI Dental Company as a sales representative, and he was formerly the head football coach at Marion High School and assistant football coach at Ball State University. He had an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University, and received a Master's degree from Ball State University. He married Cynthia A. (Kochman) on February 2, 2003. Albert loved working with electronics, computers, research, and reading. More than anything, he cherished his family. Albert's family includes his wife, Cynthia A. Faunce of Anderson; 3 children, Jay (Suzanne) Faunce of Altamonte Springs, FL, Susie (Michael) Goldstein of Phoenix, AZ, and Randy (Cindy) Faunce of Indianapolis; twin brother, Frank Faunce of Peachtree City, GA; sister, Mary Lou (Robert) Torres of San Jose, CA; 2 step-daughters, Sherry Hyman and Lori (Ron) VanDormotten; 6 grandchildren, Kyle, Evan, Ashley, Allison, Wendy, and

Erica; 3 step-grandchildren, Amanda, Lain, Cole; 2 step great-grandchildren, Braden and Ripley; and several nieces and nephews. Albert was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Madison County Humane Society, 2219 Crystal Street, Anderson, IN 46012. Arrangements have been entrusted to Copher-Fesler-May Funeral Home in Elwood, and online condolences may be made at [www.copherfeslermay.com](http://www.copherfeslermay.com).  
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**Robert "Bob" Van Sickel**, 80 of Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away Saturday April 11, 2015 after a brief illness. Bob graduated from Ann Arbor High School in 1952 and University of Michigan in 1957. He worked for Convair, City of Riverside, Zenith (where he obtained a patent for simplified extended stereo), Chrysler Proving Grounds, and Bendix Electro-optics before starting his own company, Dexter Scientific based in Dexter, MI. There he pioneered the adaptation of night vision technology to laser research. Bob was also an avid farmer. He owned and operated a beef farm in Dexter, Michigan and later a hay and beef farm in Winchester. He is survived by his brother: Charles of Asheville, N.C.; a sister: Janet Mullally of Hamburg, Mich.; four children and five grandchildren. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ninabelle Van Sickel, and his younger brother, Jay, all of Ann Arbor Michigan.  
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**Clarence D. Teegarden, Sr.**, 84, Marion, died at 12:14 a.m., on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Jonesboro, IN to the late James M. and Jenny L. (McCormick) Teegarden. He married Mary L. Emry on December 5, 1950; she preceded him in death on May 11, 1998. He later married Alberta Veler; who also preceded him in death. He then married Mamie L. Leonard on April 20, 2006; she survives. Clarence is a U.S. Navy veteran, and worked at Dana Corp. for 30 years. He was a member of Twin City Lion's Club, and an usher at Grace Community Church. He enjoyed racing cars at Anderson Speedway, fishing, gardening, yard work, and riding his motorcycle. He is survived by wife, Mamie; children, Charles L. Teegarden of North Grove and Linda (Bob) Lowe of Gas City; step sons, David Fogleson of Marion, Ray Roark of Bristol, TN; grandchildren, Jimmy Ervin, Shelby Lowe, Ray Lowe, Aaliyah Lowe, Billy Joe Stanley, Betty Jo Rose, Charlie Teegarden, Marty Keefer, and Tina Harless; step grandson, Rodney Roark; several great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; brother, James Teegarden; and a half-sister, Edith White. In addition to his parents and two wives, Clarence was preceded in death by his son, Clarence Teegarden, Jr., sister, Ellen Eakins, and brothers, Ralph, Herbert, and Everett Teegarden. Services for Clarence will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April, 28, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St. Gas City, IN 46933. Rev. Dr. Tom Mansbarger will officiate. Burial will follow in Grant Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2015, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, IN 46952. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 26, 2015

**Evan Keith Sparks**, 86, Marion, died at 9:15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. He was born in Ontario, Canada. A graveside service for Evan will be held at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 26, 2015

**Betty Jane Byall**, age 88, of Roanoke, died at 3:47 p.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at The Hearth at Sycamore Village in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday (April 27, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, with a rosary service at 5 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. Tuesday (April 28, 2015) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 641 North Main Street, Roanoke, Indiana, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Roanoke at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 26, 2015

**Linda M. McMahan**, age 74 of Marion, died on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at IUH Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. She was born in Marion on November 6, 1940 to the late Glenn and Hazel Edwards Bocock. Linda graduated from Swayzee High School in 1958. On April 21, 1972, Linda married the love of her life Roger L. McMahan in Watseka, Ill., who survives in Marion. She retired from RCA and later Thompson in 1999, after thirty-five years of service. At RCA, she was known as a crossword-puzzle wizard and for her beautiful cross stitch. She enjoyed a second thirteen year long career at Webb's Hallmark, leaving in 2013. Linda was an avid collector, particularly Harbor Lights Lighthouses, Precious Moments figurines, and anything Barbie. Traveling was also a favorite pastime, visiting Hawaii and attending the Daytona 500 with her husband for many years. Most of all, Linda enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, typically on the porch surrounded by her flowers. In addition to her husband of forty-three years, Roger, she is survived by two daughters, Lisa Southerland, of Marion, and Beth Redden, of Ft. Wayne; grandson, Sean M. Redden, serving in the U.S. Navy; granddaughter, Caity Southerland, of Marion; nieces, Janice Gibson, of Indianapolis, and Jennifer Simpson, of Winchester, Calif.; best friend Carolyn Neely-Bennett; and her beloved puppy, Mitzi. In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her brother, Joe Bocock; son-in-laws, Scott Southerland and John Redden. The family would like to thank Dr. Michael J. Williamson; the staff of Ball Memorial Infusion Center; and the nursing staff of Ball Memorial Oncology for their devoted care of Linda and her loved ones. Arrangements are being entrusted to the College Park Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 4601 S. Western Ave., Marion, Indiana 46953. A memorial service to honor Linda's life is being planned for a future date. Contributions in Linda's memory may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ft. Wayne or to the charity of the donor's choice, in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com](http://www.ArmesHuntFuneralHome.com).  
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**Kenneth Wade Billups**, 72, Marion, died at 1:45 p.m., Saturday, April 18, 2015, in his residence. He was born in Marion, Indiana to the late Henry and Mary (Whitfield) Billups. He is a veteran of the United States Army and transferred to the United States Marine Corps, from which he retired as a Staff Sergeant. Kenneth is survived by his daughters, Mia Smith, Vallejo, CA, Terry Matthews Hayward, CA, M. Nicole Billups, Oakland, CA and Mary Katherine Billups, Buford, GA; 9 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter, and 2 sisters, Alberta Ray and Judith Ann Miller. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his brother, Ivan Billups and sister, Helen Marie Bowie. Funeral Services for Kenneth will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Military Honors will follow. Family and friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, April 26, 2015

**James E. Smith**, 76, of Huntington, died at 3 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday May at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Paul Hirschy officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Lion's Eye Bank, Huntington County Baseball, or American Heart Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, Ind., 46750. Jim was born on June 25, 1938 in Huntington County, the son of Fred W. and Annetta G. (Bartrom) Smith. He graduated from Bippus High School in 1956 and married Brema J. Altman on June 28, 1959 at Huntington. Jim worked at Schacht Rubber Company for five years, Memcor for 11 years, Curtin Productions for five years, and retired from Hiner Transport as general manager after 27 years. He was a member of Huntington Church of the Brethren, where he was past chairman of Stewards Commission and served on various other committees. He was a member of Huntington Jaycees, in which he held chairmanships at both the state and local level and was Director of the Year in 1970. Jim was Past President of Huntington Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Industrial Management Council, South Side Business Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Huntington County Rural Sewer District, and Bel Air Association. He also served on United Way and as a member of both FOP and Indiana Motor Truck Association. He was a member of Moose Lodge 837 in Huntington. He participated in YMCA Indian Guides and was a board member for Huntington County Baseball for many years. He coached Kim League, Pony League, and Little League for 18 years. Jim was an avid golfer, and it could possibly be said that he was the biggest IU fan in Huntington County. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Brema J. Smith of Huntington; two sons, Parke E. (Beth Ann) Smith of Leesburg and Price A. (Connie) Smith of Huntington; one brother, Jon W. (Christine) Smith of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Peggy Stahl and Jean (Don) Johnson, both of Huntington; five grandchildren, Nathan Moore, Nicole (Jason) Lang, Alan (Erin) Moore, Desiree Hartwig, and Tristan Criss; and eight great grandchildren, Harrison Moore, Emmelin Moore, Cooper Moore, Kate Moore, Ryan Lang, Pippa Lang, Dayton Hartwig, and Zara Chiocchio. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jan A. Smith. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of James E. Smith. James Jay Blair, 65 of Vestavia, Alabama passed away on April 4, 2015. He was a member of the Church of the Highlands and past member of Brookwood Baptist Church. He was a true sportsman, and was involved in several different organizations, such as the Alabama Clay Busters and the National Association of Sporting Clays. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen "Keen" Blair; daughters, Lindsey Blair Woods (Aaron) and Natalie Blair Bogle (Nic); parents, Ruth and James Blair; sister, Joleen Sutton (Gary); grandchildren, Zoe Woods, Nathaniel Woods, and Callie Bogle; mother-in-law, Gladys Ashcraft; sisters-in-law, Margaret Hajek (Bob) and Jody Johnson (Leonard); brother-in-law, Bryce Ashcraft (Monica); several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at Church of the Highlands in the theatre, with visitation from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Church of the Highlands or Brookwood Baptist Church. Jefferson Memorial Trussville directing. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**Mary L. Denham**, 73, of Frankfort, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St. Vincent Frankfort Hospital. She was born on Nov. 11, 1941 in Rose Hill, Va., to Robert and Lillie (Northcutt) Bales. Mary married Fred G. Denham on March 21, 1975 in the Woodside Christian Church in Frankfort and he survives. She had formerly worked at P.R. Mallory Company for 8 years and Peter Paul Cadbury for 17 years. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter; Melissa Ross Carey of Frankfort; two sons: Tim (Denise) Denham of Lafayette and Tom Denham of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; two sisters: Christeen Taylor and Gladys (Roy) Taylor, both of Frankfort; a brother: Grover (Mary) Bales of New Haven, Conn.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a brother: Patton Bales; and a sister: Barbara Bales. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until start of services at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at the Archer Weston Funeral and Cremation Center. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made in Mary's honor to Clinton County Cancer Fund with envelopes available at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [archerweston.com](http://archerweston.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**Jacqueline "Jackie" Clair**, 78, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at her home in Fort Wayne. Born in Marion, Jackie graduated from Parkview Methodist School of Nursing in 1959. She worked as a RN with Parkview Hospital for 37 years, retiring on Dec. 30, 1998. Jackie was a member of the Chapel and was active in Women's Bible Study Fellowship for many years. Her caring and loving personality touched the lives of many and gained her many close friends throughout her life. Jackie was preceded in death by her parents Wilbur and Mildred Clair. The services will be private. Burial will be in Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee, Ind. Memorials may be made to the Heritage Mission in Huntertown, IN. D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is handling arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**Patricia M. (Large) Frye Coleman**, 78, of Frankfort, died at 3:39 p.m. April 26, 2015 at her home. She was born March 23, 1937, in Whitestown, to the late John and Dorothy (Darter) Large. She married Glen Franklin Frye and he preceded her in death. She then married Gale Lynn Coleman on Dec. 30, 1981 in Frankfort and he preceded her in death on March 5, 2004. Patricia retired from National Seal (Federal Mogul) after 30 years. She was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary and the Ladies of the Moose. She is survived by three sons: Jeff Frye of Frankfort, Allan (Laura) Frye of Rossville and Michael Frye of Indianapolis; two daughters: Glenda (Rick) Harper and Misty (Gordan) Brock, both of Frankfort; a brother: Johnny (Darla) Large of Frankfort; a sister: Karla (Ralph) Sizemore of Frankfort; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, Patricia was preceded in death by a son: Terry G. Frye; a granddaughter; and two brothers: Paul and Vernon Large. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until services at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the Frankfort VFW. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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**Dorotha M. Reed**, 92, of Wisconsin, formerly of Huntington, died at 6:20 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 at Regency Manor in Kenosha, Wis. Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington is handling local arrangements. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**Joyce M. Sheets**, 82, of Frankfort, died at 7:35 a.m. April 25, 2015 at her home. She was born Dec. 18, 1932 in Lebanon, Tenn., to Jeffery Davis and Ida (Preston) Nipper. She married Melvin L. Sheets on June 22, 1957 in Plainfield, and he survives. Mrs. Sheets was a homemaker and had lived in Frankfort since 1955. She formerly attended Faith Family Ministries and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Joyce was an avid basketball and baseball fan. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons: Ricky R. Sheets and Derrick Sheets, both of Frankfort; a sister: Maxine Leithton of Florida; a brother: Neal Nipper of Russiaville; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter: Erin. Visitation will 9 a.m. to the beginning of services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 28 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Clinton County Cancer Fund. Online condolences may be left at [Goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://Goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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**Dale Alfred Doty** was called to his heavenly home surrounded by his family, on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at his home in Kokomo. Dale was born July 1, 1939 to Alfred Nelson Doty and Beatrice Doty in Ovid, Michigan. In 1960, Dale married Cora Sue Wood and together they had a son David Allen. After 23 years of marriage and many years of illness, Cora Sue died in 1983. On St. Patrick's Day the following year, Dale was introduced to his present wife, Joyce Morris Reed and they were married in September of 1984. Dale worked for and retired from the Chessie and CSX Railroads, after 42 years as a clerk and dispatcher. The day after he retired, Dale and Joyce bought a RV and traveled the country for many years. Dale was an Elder of the Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida and the Faith Presbyterian Church in Kokomo. He was a devoted father and husband and was said to have "the patience of Job" by many friends. He was also known for his kindness and his great sense of humor. Dale is survived by his wife of 30 years Joyce, his son David Doty (Sherri) of Logansport; his step-daughters Ginger Hughes (Neil) Peru, and Tamila Emerick (Keith), Kokomo; his step sons Jeffery Reed (Lora), Peru, and David Reed, Logansport, and his step-daughter/daughter-in law, Sherri Doty (David), Logansport. He leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Shayla Doty, Vincennes, and Derek Doty, Logansport; Taylor Reed, Lakewood, Washington; Megan Reed, Peru; Allison Reed, West Lafayette; Jeremi Gosney (Shayna) Lakewood, Washington; Jonathan Gosney, Kokomo; Kyle Reed, Peru; Lyndsey Reed, Logansport; Brandon Reed (Kesha), Clovis, New Mexico; seven great grandchildren, a brother James Scott Doty (Linda) of Leigh Acres, Florida and a sister, Margaret Helen Lincoln, Hemet, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Cora Sue and a brother Raymond. A service celebrating the life of Dale A. Doty will be held at noon Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street in Peru, with Pastor Jeff Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. till noon Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Faith Presbyterian Church, Kokomo. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**Mary Teresa (Grace) Ayers**, 93, of Frankfort, died at 4:03 p.m. April 25, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Community. Arrangements and services are pending at Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 27, 2015

**William L. "Pete" Bontrager**, 88, of rural Kokomo, passed away at 6:30 a.m., Friday, April 24, 2015 at Century Villa Healthcare, Greentown. He was born in Howard County on Sept. 19, 1926, the son of Milo and Savilla Hochstedler Bontrager. Pete married Miriam L. Sommers on Dec. 8, 1945 and she survives. A man of faith and integrity, Pete was an active member of the Howard Miami Mennonite Church. He was a retired truck driver and Miami County farmer. Surviving in addition to his wife Miriam are: a son, M. Dean Bontrager and his wife Margi of Kokomo; daughters, Barbara Musselman and her husband George of Denver, Joyce Troyer and her husband Herbert of Fishers, and Claris Yoder and her husband Lance of Indianapolis; a brother Emanuel Bontrager of Greentown; grandchildren, Michael (Paige) Bontrager, Jeffrey (Megan) Bontrager, Carmen (Brent) Hooper, Anne (Jeffery) Weaver, Julie (Donald) Sanders, Lindsay (Eric) Starr, Blair Yoder and his fiancé Stephanie Boldon and Jake Musselman; and great grandchildren William Bontrager, Mallory Bontrager, Whitney Bontrager Brady Hooper, Reid Hooper, Audrey Hooper, James Weaver and two great grandchildren on their way. He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson Matthew Musselman and great granddaughter Emma Hooper. A service celebrating the life of William "Pete" Bontrager will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday April 30, 2015 at the Howard Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 S., Kokomo, with Pastor Ben Schlegel officiating. Burial will be in the Mast Cemetery.

Family and friends will gather from 4- 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Howard Miami Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Howard Miami Mennonite Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
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**Audrey J. Hull**, 88, of Huntington, passed away Monday April 27, 2015, at 8:45 p.m. at Norwood Healthcare and Rehabilitation. Mrs. Hull was born July 21, 1927, in Bippus to George (Henry) and Sadie (Reeg) Brodbeck. Her parents preceded her in death. Audrey married Max J. Hull Oct. 8, 1949, in Bippus. Max preceded her in death on June 9, 1990. Audrey graduated from Bippus High School. She was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and served as church treasurer for several years. Audrey worked as a secretary at Kitchen Maid Cabinets and later retired as a school bus driver for the Huntington County Community School Corporation. Mrs. Hull was a member of the Huntington County Historical Society, a volunteer at the Historical Forks of the Wabash and bowled in the Ladies Bowling League for many years. She was a charter member of the Variety Club. Mrs. Hull is survived by a daughter, Kim Jo Hull of Huntington; a nephew, Kent (Kaylynn) Brodbeck of Huntington; and a niece, Ann (Del) Woods-Dickson of National City, Calif.; as well as three great-nieces; nephew; six great-great-nieces and nephews; and six great- great-great-nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Wade Brodbeck, and one sister, Geneva Woods. Calling hours will be Wednesday, April 29, 2015, from 6-8 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Funeral services will be Thursday April 30, 2015, at 10 a.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home with Reverend Richard Bunell officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Bethel United Methodist Endowment Fund in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with the arrangements. On line condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).  
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**Larry D. Wyatt**, 62 of Gas City, Ind., died on Sunday morning at Marion General Hospital after a brief illness. Larry was a kind person always willing to help someone else and never knew how to ask anyone for help. Larry was born on Oct. 20, 1952 in Hartford City, Ind. and was the son of the late Wayne W. Wyatt and the late Wanda June (Nix) Wyatt-Robinson. He married Darlene Cooley, April 29, 1991 in Fowlerton, Ind. and she survives. Larry graduated from Blackford High School in 1972 and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired from American Electric Power after 36 years of service. He was a giving person involved in the Gas City Masonic Lodge #645, attended Marion First Church of the Nazarene, was a former member of the Fairmount Lions Club and was a former Cub and Boy Scout leader. He was also a former assistant cross country coach for Mississinewa Schools, as well as a former soccer, softball and T-ball coach. Larry used to play in the American Electric Power Basketball League. A 5k runner, he ran his last 5k on July 4, 2014 and placed first for his age group. He was a talented builder, he could do anything. Larry loved the Indianapolis Colts and Purdue football. Along with his wife, Larry is survived by his children, David (wife, Channel) Wyatt, Marion, Matthew (wife, Jennifer) Wyatt, Marion, daughter, Season Wyatt, West Lafayette, Ind., Dr. Noel (wife, Catina) Ratliff, Marion, Nicholas (wife, Megan) Crawfordsville, Ind.; siblings, Carolyn (husband, Jerry) Bell, Portland, Ind., Roger (wife, Marianne) Wyatt, Anderson, Ind., Randy (wife, Kim) Wyatt, Kingsport, Tenn., Nita Jones, Hartford City, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Jonathan, Marcus, Andrew Ratliff, Kyle and Courtney Ratliff, Carter and Maci Wyatt, Will White, Aliza, Kai-lynn and Aubry Wyatt and his beloved Pekingese dogs, Snickers and Carmella. Services for Larry are entrusted to Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 415 S. Main St. in Fairmount, Ind. where the family will receive friends on Wednesday April 29, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. with Masonic services by Gas City Masonic Lodge # 645 at 8 p.m. Funeral services for Larry will on Thursday April 30, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services with Pastor Greg Clark officiating. Interment will be at Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion with military honors by the United States Army and the Kokomo VFW Post. Memorial contributions are to the Marion Police Department K-9 Unit in care of the funeral home. You may leave your online memories at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Mark Allen Rickner**, 46, of rural Wabash, Ind., died at 4:20 p.m. on Saturday April 25, 2015. He was born on Oct. 31, 1968 in Fort Wayne, Ind. to John and Ruth (Payne) Rickner. Mark was a 1987 graduate of Chapel Heights Academy in Marion, received two Associate degrees and was working on his Bachelor degree at Ivy Tech and Indiana University, Kokomo. He married Jennifer Dyson in Wabash, Ind. on October 10, 1987. He was a millwright at the Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant. Mark was a member of the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash where he was an Elder and taught Sunday School. He was also a member of the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.). Mark was a community group leader and loved to teach others. He was a man of God that lived to serve the Lord in everything he said and did. He enjoyed reading, studying the Bible, fishing, was a gun enthusiast and enjoyed riding and traveling on his Harley Davidson motorcycle with his wife and kids. Mark was a patient and loving father and devoted husband who showed his love to his family daily. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Rickner, of Wabash; father and step-mother John (Sue) Rickner, of Marion; four children, Elizabeth (Benjamin) McKnight, of Wabash, Michael Rickner, of Noblesville, Ind., Christopher (Mackenzie) Rickner, of Bloomington, Ind., and Kaitlyn Rickner, of Wabash; brothers and sister, Andrew (Joy) Rickner, Sara (Scott) Haines and Daniel Rickner, all of Marion; and his in-laws, Eugene and Jill Dyson, of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth Rickner. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. St. Rd. 15 in Wabash. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service 1241 Manchester Ave. in Wabash and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Preferred memorial is Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. The memorial guest book for Mark may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
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**Jo Anne "Jody" Davis**, 84, of Bloomington, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2015 at I.U. Bloomington Health Hospital surrounded by her loved ones. Jody was born on April 22, 1930 in Muncie, to Robert James and Martha Iona Root Miller. She graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1947. She went on to get her degree in teaching and eventually her Master's degree in education from Ball State University. She was a teacher of first grade and special education for over 30 years in the Frankfort Indiana Community School Corporation before retiring and moving to Bloomington to be closer to her children and grandchildren. In her retirement Jody enjoyed tutoring Korean students in English, taking art lessons, reading an amazing amount of books and keeping up with all the workings of the world but her favorite pastime was spending time with her children and grandchildren who she adored. She was so loved by all those who knew her. The friends of her children soon became her friends as well. Even at the age of 84 she was devoted to helping any of her loved ones who needed it and she was masterful at achieving her goal. There are no words to express how much she will be missed by all those who were lucky enough to know Jody and call her their friend. May that twinkle in her eye never dim in our hearts. She is survived by her children: Robert Buren Davis, Andrew Alan Davis, Sharlee Anne Davis and Joseph Martin Davis, all of Bloomington; beloved grandchildren: Rebecca Dee Davis, Alicia Jean Davis, Chelsea Anne Davis, Kasey Michelle Davis and Joshua Sequoia Davis; a brother: Donald Keith; a sister-in-law: Thelma Rae Miller of Carmel; and several nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to The Foundation Fighting Blindness, P.O. box 17279, Baltimore MD, 21298-9581 or [www.fightblindness.org](http://www.fightblindness.org). Condolence may be sent to the family at [allenfuneralhome.org](http://allenfuneralhome.org)  
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**Anna E. Brass**, age 89, of Fairmount, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center in Marion. Anna was born on Aug. 29, 1925 in Marion, the daughter of the late Ertie Ellyson. She married Forrest Aaron Brass on March 29, 1942 and he preceded her in death. Anna was a homemaker and a member of Roseburg Church of God. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids. Survivors include her son, William "Mokey" (Mary) Brass, of Fairmount; sister, Mary (Paul) Edwards, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren, Christina (Gary) Winslow, of Florida, William Brass Jr., of Ft. Hood, Texas, Jessica Brass, of Brownstown, Ind., and Vincent JA (Amanda) Brass, of Italy; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and four sisters. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home with Reverend William Fulda officiating. Burial will follow funeral services at the Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Betty Riggs Barton**, of Marion and formerly of Keystone: passed away on Sunday April 26, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Hartford City, Ind. Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W Windsor St. in Montpelier, Ind.  
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**Z. Jeanette Erwin**, 86, of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 3:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Morgan County, Ky. to the late William L. and Lottie M. (Lewis) Collins. She was married to Paul Sargent, and he preceded her in death. She married John W. Erwin in November 1975, and he also preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2003. Jeanette worked in the Electronics Division at RCA in Marion for 25 years until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of IBEW as well as Eastview Wesleyan Church. Jeanette was an avid Colts fan. She enjoyed reading and playing Cornhole, as well as going to garage sales. She had many pets over the years and loved them all. Most of all, Jeanette was devoted to her family and built her life around loving them and her Lord and Savior. Jeanette is survived by her children, Judi (Bruce) Harvey, Tom Sargent, Rick (Tracey) Sargent, Lynn (Lisa) Sargent, Jeannine Van Vorst, John (Becky) Erwin, Jim (Cathy) Erwin, Judy (Kenny) Branham; grandchildren, Lorie, Dennis, Tim, Andy, Melissa, Rob, Brad, David, Ben, Peggy, Wendy, Chris, Lauren, Andrew, Kristin, Jonathon, Sara and T.J.; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Charlie Collins; and many nieces, nephews and friends. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St. in Gas City, Ind. Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Eastview Wesleyan Church, 414 N. 10th Street in Gas City with Pastor Mark Atkinson officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Marion. Memorial contributions may be made to Eastview Wesleyan Church, 414 N. 10th St. in Gas City, Ind. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**HARTFORD CITY — Mark Allen Brown, 56**, passed away unexpectedly at 3:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at his residence in Greenwood, Ind. He grew up on 300 East in Hartford City. He was born in Marion on Dec. 29, 1958 to Robert Norman Brown "Tom" and Helen L. (Winterrowd) Brown. Mark graduated from Blackford High School in 1977, he was well known for playing basketball and baseball in school. He attended Columbus State University in Columbus, Ga. for one year. He was the former owner and operator of Marickie Global Transportation in Indianapolis and he sold the company to Buchanan Hauling of Fort Wayne several years ago. He was well respected in the trucking industry for his knowledge and integrity. He grew up attending the Eaton Church of God in Eaton, Ind. He was a member of the Hartford City AMVETS and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #741 in Columbus, Ind. Mark will be sadly missed by his mother, Helen L. Brown, of Hartford City; companion of 11 years, Penny S. Byrd, of Greenwood; son, Dathan M. (wife, Frances B.) Brown, of Greenwood; grandson, Lucas M. Brown; and sister, Marcia E. (husband, Stephen J.) Blakenship, of Georgetown, Ohio. He is preceded in death by his father and brother, Michael Norman Brown. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Eaton Church of God, 700 East Harris Street in Eaton, Ind. with CH (CPT) Bryan T. Wright officiating. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. in Hartford City and from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Eaton Church of God. Mark will be cremated. Memorials may

be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com).  
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**Winifred D. "Winnie" Davis**, 92, formerly of Fairmount: died on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Westside Village Healthcare Center in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 415 S. Main Street in Fairmount, Ind. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**WARREN — Donald M. Perry**, 90, of Huntington County, passed away at 4:05 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, at Heritage Pointe in Warren. A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be at the Heritage Pointe Applegate chapel at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 2, 2015. Greeting time will start at 11 a.m. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Alvin E. "Bunk" Jones**: died at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor. Arrangements are pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Virginia "Shorty" McClure**, 41, of Huntington and formerly of Walters, Okla., passed away Sunday, April 26, 2015, at 11:13 p.m. at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. Visitation will be Saturday, May 2, from 2-4 p.m. preceding the 4 p.m. funeral service at Deal-Rice Funeral Home- Huntington Chapel. Online condolences to [dealricefuneralhomes.com](http://dealricefuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**James E. Smith**, age 76, of Huntington, died at 3 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Jim was born on June 25, 1938 in Huntington County, the son of Fred W. and Annetta G. (Bartrom) Smith. Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive in Huntington, Ind. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Paul Hirschy officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Lion's Club Eye Bank, Huntington County Baseball or American Heart Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Neil Allen Shafer**, 44, of Mitchell, Ind., died on April 25, 2015 at his home after a recent illness. He was born on Feb. 27, 1971 in Anderson to Steven L. and Peggy Shafer. He was their only son. He graduated from Highland High School in 1989. He married Marybeth Penry in 1990. He has two daughters, Reanna and Jessi Shafer. He loved his children, his family, his parents, his sisters and nieces and nephews. He had some really good friends, some of which he grew up with. He loved them and they loved him. He was very tender hearted with a beautiful soul. He will be deeply missed by his family. He was the best son and brother that anyone could ask for. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing in his boat, hunting, frogging and ice fishing. He was a wonderful cook. He thoroughly enjoyed cooking, eating and sharing what he cooked with others. He was a loyal son, grandson, brother, husband and father. He was a very dependable, hard worker. He worked for GM for 20 years. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service on Wednesday at the Cresthaven Funeral Home in Bedford, Ind. Services will be on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Cresthaven Memorial Garden. There will be a celebration of his life on Friday, May 1, 2015 at East 38th Free Will Baptist Church in Anderson. Services will start at 10 a.m. with a dinner right after. This is in addition to the services being held in Mitchell. Please join us in celebrating Neil's life. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service handled the arrangements. Post online condolences at [www.rozelle-johnson.com](http://www.rozelle-johnson.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Christopher Lee Johnson**, 48, of Wabash, Ind., died at his home at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 20 2015. He was born on June 30, 1966 in Wabash to the late Gillen Ding Johnson Jr. and Virginia Gayle (Jacobs) Johnson. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue in Wabash with Todd Masters officiating. Burial will follow in the Lagro Cemetery in Lagro, Ind. Visitation for family and friends will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are directed to American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

**Mary Teresa (Grace) Ayers**, 93, of Frankfort, died at 4:03 p.m. Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Community. She was born June 29, 1921 in Frankfort, to William and Elnora (Russell) Grace. She married Roy L. "Taxi" Ayers on June 29, 1941 and he preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 2015. Mrs. Ayers was a 1939 graduate of Frankfort High School. She was a homemaker and a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was active in the Alter & Rosary Society and Ladies of Charity. She was also a member of the Fireman Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary. She is survived by four sons: Roy Lawrence 'Larry' (Jackie) Ayers of Frankfort, Paul (Cheryl) Ayers of Carmel, James (Dorothy) Ayers of Idaho and Richard (Cyd) Ayers of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters: Teresa Cronkhite of Frankfort and Margaret (Curtis) Lock of Jefferson; 22 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother:

William Grace. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 1 at Goodwin Funeral Home, with a Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 600 St. Mary's Ave., Frankfort, with the Rev. Chris Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Green Lawn Cemetery. In appreciation to the Wesley Manor employees who took such fine care of Mary and Taxi, the Ayers family request that memorial donations be made to the Wesley Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, 1555 N. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041 or visit <https://www.wesleymanor.org/support-our-mission/make-a-donation/> and select Good Samaritan Fund. Also donations may be made to the Ladies of Charity at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 600 S. Mary's Ave., Frankfort. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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Evan Keith Sparks, 86, Marion, died at 9:15 p.m., on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. He was born in Ontario, Canada. A graveside service for Evan will be held at 2 p.m., on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**William "Bill" Maurice Racer** passed away on Saturday April 25, 2015 in Lafayette, Ind. with his daughter by his side. Bill was born in Montpelier, Ind. on Aug. 29, 1938 to Maurice (Jack) and Erie J. Pursifull Racer. Friends and Family may share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. in Montpelier on Thursday April 30, 2015 from 4 until 8 p.m. Services for Bill will be on Friday May 1, 2015 at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. with Bob Bothast officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 28, 2015

ALEXANDRIA — **Joan (Swift) Ice**, 84, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Keystone Woods in Anderson following an extended illness. She was born on June 20, 1930 in Alexandria to Clifford and Lois (Miller) Swift. Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Park View Cemetery in Alexandria with Pastor Jerry Young officiating. Friends are invited to call from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. on Thursday at the Noffze Funeral Home, 501 North Harrison Street in Alexandria prior to the services. Online condolences may be made at [owensmemorialservices.com](http://owensmemorialservices.com).

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**Henry Spriggs**, 79, passed away at 9 a.m. April 28 at his home in Peru. Born on June 23, 1935 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Roosevelt Spriggs, deceased, and Grace M. (Spears), also deceased. He married Deloris Justice on March 27, 1963. She survives. A veteran, Henry served in the US Marines during the Korean War, from 1953-1956. He was also a Life Member of Peru VFW Post # 2067. Henry was a truck driver and foundry worker by occupation. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren, Logansport. In addition to his wife, Henry is survived by: his sons - Henry Spriggs Jr., Peru, Jeffrey Spriggs, Peru, Michael (Lora) Spriggs, Kokomo, and Steven (Nikkie) Spriggs, Peru; his daughters - Pamela Galbreath, Peru, Teresa (Brad) Boyd, Logansport, Susie (Daniel) Stutzman, Peru, and Gloria (James) King, Peru; his brothers - Franklin (Mary) Spriggs, Cicero, Illinois, and John (Carol) Spriggs, North Manchester; his sister, Jeanette (Willie) Shepherd, Pierceton; 21 grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Henry was preceded in death by one brother and six sisters. Friends and family may call from 3 - 7 p.m., Thursday, April 30 at McKee Mortuary 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services are 2 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at McKee Mortuary, with Pastor Aron Gross officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to [mckeemortuary.com](http://mckeemortuary.com)

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**Alvin E. "Bunk" Jones**, 92, Marion, died at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Miller's Merry Manor, in Marion. He was born in Hartford City, IN to the late James R. and Leona Mae (Hall) Jones. He married Lorraine F. Baker on November 5, 2011; she survives. Alvin is a US Army Veteran and had served in the European Theatre during WWII. He worked at Stewarts Furniture in Fairmount, as well as Essex Wire and Cable. Alvin was most recently a member of Good Shepherd Church in Marion. In earlier years, Alvin enjoyed fishing, going to concerts, hunting, and spending time with his family. He was an avid music listener, especially gospel, country, and old rock and roll. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; children, Fran (Mark) Williams, Fort Wayne, and Tim (Linda) Jones, Kokomo; daughter-in-law, Dottie (Bernie) Bingham; sisters, Mary Besser and Myrtle Peterson; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and friends, and his bird, Andy. Alvin was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty (Adams) Jones; son, George; brothers, Charles and James; sisters, Sally and Norma, and his dog, Dutch. Services for Alvin will be held at 1 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953. Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m., prior to the service, at the chapel. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).

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**Craig Joseph Alford**, 29, Marion, died at 7:06 a.m., on Sunday, April 26, 2015 in Marion General Hospital. He was born in Marion to Larry Alford and the late Diane Laypoole. Craig graduated from Marion High School in 2004 and worked at Butterworth Industries. Previously, he worked at East of Chicago Pizza. He adored his nieces, and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially around the holidays, and loved playing board games after holiday meals. He liked bonfires, cookouts, playing video games, and playing the guitar with his dad. He had a contagious laugh, and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his father, Larry; sister, Ashley (Shawn) Kabrich, Marion; nieces, Addysen and Alayna Kabrich; aunts and uncles, Connie (Willie) Blair, Tony Laypoole, and

Terri Alford, all of Marion, and Cathy (Chuck) Millen, Bluffton; several cousins, Andy Laypoole, Caitlyn Blair, and Lee Ann and Michael Millen, and grandparents, Greta Davenport and Joe (Connie) Alford. In addition to his mother, Craig was preceded in death by his grandfather, Harold Davenport and great aunt, Carol Knipp. Services for Craig will be held at 10 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952, with Pastor Tim Chamber officiating. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Ronald A. Feller**, 66, of Amboy, passed away at 7:36 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was born in Kokomo, on Nov. 6, 1948 the son of Ralph and Margaret Wilson Feller. Ron married Dene Cotner in Wichita Falls, Texas on June 8, 1968 and she survives. Ron was a 1967 graduate of Caston High School and attended of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was employed by Delco Electronics in Kokomo for 32 years and he retired in 2004. Ron was a US Air Force Veteran and his military decoration include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award. Ron was a member of the Amboy American Legion and the Valley Archery Club of Greentown. Surviving in addition to his wife, Dene, is his son, Brian Feller of Kokomo; granddaughters, Abigail Feller and Destine Feller; a sister, Susan Bryant and her husband Tim of Rochester, a sister-in-law, Page Ish Feller of Prairieville, Louisiana and nephews Patrick Feller, Andrew Feller, Beau Feller, Ben Bryant and Scott Bryant. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son R. Alan Feller, Jr. and a brother, Ralph "Buck" Feller. Graveside Services for Ronald A. Feller will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy, with Brother Ronny Yard officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your nearest Food Pantry in Ron's name. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Leland C. Gibson**, 53, of Frankfort, died at 9:55 a.m. Monday April 27, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, following a lengthy illness. He was born May 21, 1961, in Frankfort, to Robert and Nancy (Smith) Gibson. He married Dorothy Glass on July 30, 1994 in Frankfort and she survives. Leland attended Clinton Prairie High School. A farmer, he worked for Steve Rothenberger and Matt Neal. Leland was an avid poker player, collected toy tractors and pocket knives, enjoyed fishing, hunting, basketball and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother: Nancy Gibson of Frankfort; two sons: Lee (Rachel) Gibson of Lebanon and Brandon Clements of Frankfort; three daughters: Jackie 'Nikki' (Matt) Reed and Tristan (Tim) Stofer, both of Lebanon, and Vanessa Clements of Frankfort; four brothers: Darryle (Deanna) Gibson of Flora, Robbie (Joy) Gibson of Delphi, Alan (Jackie) Gibson of Frankfort and twin brother Larry (Sharon) Gibson of Jefferson; three sisters: Barbara (Archie) Bayless of Alabama, Joan Goode of Lebanon and Sandy (Teddy Dean) Gibson of Frankfort; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father; a son: Travis Gibson; a daughter: Jessica Gibson; a grandson: Preston Clements; two sisters: Cathy and Ruth Ann; and a brother: Stewart. Visitation will be 10 a.m. to services beginning at noon Friday, May 1 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Bud Moody and Bob Bogue will officiate. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Gibson family to assist with final expenses. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Mark Cline**, 46, of Marion died on April 27, 2015. Funeral services are pending at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St, Marion, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**E. Eugene "Gene" Estle**, 91, Marion was born in Dayton, OH to Nellie and Albert Estle. He lived with his grandparents, Alice and William McCollum in KY for 13 years, moving to Marion in 1936. In 1941, he graduated from Marion High School and from Indiana Business College after 1 year at Ball State University. Gene served in the Army Air Force, flying B-17's for 3 years, as a radio operator mechanic and was shot down over Germany, being held a prisoner of war for 14 months. Before and after the war, Gene played softball for Hawkins Mailers and Marion Draper Dodgers. He is the last remaining Draper Dodger of 1948, who won the State and Midwestern Regional Championship. He played in several baseball and softball teams. In later years, his favorite pastime was playing and watching golf. He traveled on several golf vacations with his wife. He loved traveling to Branson with his friends, and watching all sports on TV, especially his favorite teams, IU, as well as The Yankees and The Colts. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10, Knights of Columbus, and AM. Ex P.O.W. He received the Purple Heart, Air Medal, E.T.O. Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rosemary (Carvelli) Estle; daughters, Deborah Hutchens, Marion, Lisa (David) Compton, Sweetser, and Rhonda Harder, Yountville, CA; 7 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, all of which he loved dearly. Gene was preceded in death by his parents. Services for Gene will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2015 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952, with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation to honor his services. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Lillian M. Sundermann**, 91, of Huntington, passed away at 4:08 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Lillian was a 1940 graduate of Huntington High School. She was owner/operator/president and bookkeeper of Lillsun Manufacturing from 1951 until her retirement. Lillian was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Roanoke where she enjoyed playing the organ for several years and played for 14 years for Huntington County Chorus. She taught organ lessons for several years. Lillian was born on May 23, 1923, in Huntington, the daughter of Leroy and Edna (Merriman) Holley. She was united in marriage to Herman

Sundermann on Oct. 28, 1941, in Huntington. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 2001. Survivors include a son, William (Rita) Sunderman of Huntington; a daughter, Sharon (Michael) Ulrich of Huntington; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Holley, and a half-brother, Ronald Spencer. Visitation will be Friday, May 1, 2015, from 4-8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. Funeral service will be Saturday, May 2, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 3416 E. Huntington County Road 900 North, Roanoke, with Pastor Shayne Jonker officiating. Interment will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Memorial donations can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Mrs. Sundermann's online guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Allen E. Huston**, 76, Jonesboro, died at 4:15 a.m., on Sunday, April 26, 2015, after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Marion, to the late Howard E. and Jessie F. (Poor) Huston. He married Marilyn Mullenix on February 5, 1984; she survives. Allen graduated from Marion High School, and is a U.S. Army veteran. He worked at Foster Forbes for 38 years, retiring in 2000. He loved sports: playing golf, bowling, watching NASCAR, and collecting baseball and basketball cards. He also enjoyed to go fishing. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; step-mother, Dorothy Huston; children, Jason (Janelle) Huston, Converse, Scott (April) Huston, Marion, David Bragg, Jonesboro, Angela (Kim Smith) Cutler, Jonesboro, April Bragg, Marion, and Donna Bragg, Marion; 17 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; brothers, Larry (Katherine) Huston, Marion, Denny Huston, Marion, Doug (Debbie) Huston, Marion, and Ron Pressler, Wabash; sister, Kathy (Richard) Herring, Marion, as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Allen was preceded in death by his son, Devin Huston and brother, Gary Huston. Services for Allen will be held at 1 p.m., on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. Marion, IN 46953. Visitation will be from 11-1 p.m., prior to the service, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home, to cover expenses. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Clayton L (Jim). Alfred**, 82, passed away quietly at home April 23, 2015. Born Feb. 26, 1933 in Three Rivers, Michigan, he was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Erna Alfred. He is survived by his three sons, Walter (Cheryl), James (Claudia), Michael (Tammy), daughter Helen Bean (Dennis) and grandchildren Lauren, Andrew, Samantha, Ian, Brad (Samatha) , Zach and great granddaughter Alexis. He was a patriot with a strong belief in duty, honor and country. He was a career military man who was a Korean War veteran and served both in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. A libertarian's libertarian, he stood behind his convictions and was an outspoken activist for those causes he felt were important. He was also a steadfast friend to those in need. An avid cyclist, he could often be seen riding along the back roads of Cass and Miami counties, as well as through the neighborhoods of Peru. He will be missed. A visitation in remembrance of Jim will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru, between 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 1. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity you deem worthy of your support. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Pastor Rodney Walton Dennis**, 68, of Sheridan, passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at his home. He was born on May 30, 1946 to Robert and Doris (Chamberlin) Dennis in Henry County, Indiana. Rodney proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of Indiana University, Earlham College, and Christian Theological Seminary. For 45 years, he was a pastor of Friends churches, including Hortonville Friends, Honey Creek - New Providence Friends in New Providence, IA, Dayspring Friends in Yorktown, Courtland Avenue Friends in Kokomo, Knightstown Friends, and Bethel Friends in Jonesboro, from where he retired. Pastor Rodney was a member of Westfield Friends Church, and taught previously at IvyTech in Richmond, Kokomo, and Marion. He was very creative, played the drums, was a dedicated family man, and spent his life serving the Lord. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Judy Kay Dennis; father, Robert W. Dennis; son, Cordy (Kristi) Dennis; daughter, Rosalie (Dale) Baker; brothers, Randall (Susan) Dennis, DeWayne (Anita) Dennis, and Russell A. (Sharon) Dennis; and four grandchildren, Chase, Lily, Caden, and Karli. In addition to his mother, Pastor Rodney was preceded in death by his twin sister, Rosalie Dennis. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015, at Westfield Friends Church, 324 S Union Street, in Westfield, with Pastors Steve Pedigo and Doug Shoemaker officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Family Service Association's Veterans' Home, 618 South Main Street, Kokomo, IN 46901. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Services for **Herb Miller** will be at the Marion Airport May 2 with a fly-by, led by Ray Johnson at 12 and a luncheon to follow, Pastor Matthew Trexler will officiate services at 2, ending with the flying of Herb's radio controlled airplane. One of Herb's greatest accomplishments was obtaining his private pilot license. He enjoyed spending time at the airport piloting his own plane, flying with friends, volunteering at the fly-in or just visiting. Please join Herb's wife Rosetta, daughters Vickie Miller and Tammi Graft, his grandchildren Sean, Jessica and Bryce Graft with their families in celebrating Herb's life. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Betty J. Riggs Barton**, 91, of Marion, passed away at 9:25 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Hartford City, Ind. Betty was born on Sunday, Nov. 11, 1923 in Keystone (Wells Co), Ind. Betty graduated from Chester Center High School. She attended St. Paul Catholic Church in Marion. Betty worked for RCA in Marion. Survivors include her sister, Barbara (Eugene) Woolard, Hartford City; sister-in-laws, Jean Riggs, Poneto Ind., and Carolyn Davis, Marion; and several nieces and nephews. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Paul Lavere and Nellie (Speece) Riggs; her husband, Michael L Barton; brothers, Paul D. Riggs,

Richard "Dick" Riggs and Robert Riggs. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St. in Montpelier on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. A service to celebrate Betty's life will be held at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 with the Father David Newton officiating. Interment will follow at Estates of Serenity in Marion. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Cleo "Kay" Litteral**, of Montpelier, IN, age 71, passed away at 6:42 p.m., April 27, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, IN. Arrangements are pending at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, IN.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

WARREN — **Donald M. Perry**, 90, of Huntington County, IN, passed away at 4:05 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN. A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be at the Heritage Pointe Applegate chapel at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 2, 2015. His daughter, Deborah Dolak, will provide the music for the service. Greeting time will start at 11 a.m. Preferred memorial donations in Don's name may be made to: the League for the Blind and Disabled, Inc., 5821 South Anthony Boulevard, Fort Wayne, IN 46816 or Hospice. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, Warren, IN.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Z. Jeanette Erwin**, 86, of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 3:20 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. She was born in Morgan County, Ky. to the late William L. and Lottie M. (Lewis) Collins. She was married to Paul Sargent, and he preceded her in death. She married John W. Erwin in November 1975, and he also preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2003. Jeanette worked in the Electronics Division at RCA in Marion for 25 years until her retirement in 1985. She was a member of IBEW as well as Eastview Wesleyan Church. Jeanette was an avid Colts fan. She enjoyed reading and playing Cornhole, as well as going to garage sales. She had many pets over the years and loved them all. Most of all, Jeanette was devoted to her family and built her life around loving them and her Lord and Savior. Jeanette is survived by her children, Judi (Bruce) Harvey, Tom Sargent, Rick (Tracey) Sargent, Lynn (Lisa) Sargent, Jeannine Van Vorst, John (Becky) Erwin, Jim (Cathy) Erwin, Judy (Kenny) Branham; grandchildren, Lorie, Dennis, Tim, Andy, Melissa, Rob, Brad, David, Ben, Peggy, Wendy, Chris, Lauren, Andrew, Kristin, Jonathon, Sara and T.J.; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother, Charlie Collins; and many nieces, nephews and friends. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St. in Gas City, Ind. Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Eastview Wesleyan Church, 414 N. 10th Street in Gas City with Pastor Mark Atkinson officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Marion. Memorial contributions may be made to Eastview Wesleyan Church, 414 N. 10th St. in Gas City, Ind. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

**Anna E. Brass**, age 89, of Fairmount, Ind., passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Colonial Oaks Health Care Center in Marion. Anna was born on Aug. 29, 1925 in Marion, the daughter of the late Ertie Ellyson. She married Forrest Aaron Brass on March 29, 1942 and he preceded her in death. Anna was a homemaker and a member of Roseburg Church of God. She enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids. Survivors include her son, William "Mokey" (Mary) Brass, of Fairmount; sister, Mary (Paul) Edwards, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren, Christina (Gary) Winslow, of Florida, William Brass Jr., of Ft. Hood, Texas, Jessica Brass, of Brownstown, Ind., and Vincent JA (Amanda) Brass, of Italy; 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. She was also preceded in death by six brothers and four sisters. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2015 at Raven-Choate Funeral Home with Reverend William Fulda officiating. Burial will follow funeral services at the Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 29, 2015

ROANOKE — **Betty Jane Byall**, age 88, of Roanoke, died at 3:47 p.m. Friday (April 24, 2015) at The Hearth at Sycamore Village in Fort Wayne. A rosary service was at 5 p.m. Monday (April 27, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary in Huntington. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 9 a.m. Tuesday (April 28, 2015) at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 641 N. Main St., Roanoke, with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Roanoke at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Betty was born on Aug. 5, 1926, in Whitley County, the daughter of William B. and Blanche P. (Gephart) Hine. She married Harry L. Byall on Sept. 18, 1943, in Roanoke, and he preceded her in death on June 10, 1992. Betty worked at Triad-Utrad in Huntington for 20 years, retiring as supervisor in 1988. She also worked at the Roanoke Memorial Chapel for 10 years as a greeter. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Roanoke, where she sang in the choir, served as a Eucharistic minister and cooked for many senior and funeral dinners. She was also president of the Rosary Society and was a member of the American Legion Post #160 Ladies Auxiliary in Roanoke. Survivors include three sons, Phillip L. Byall of Fort Wayne, Mark A. (Connie) Byall of Huntington and Steven L. (Angie) Byall of Huntington; 10 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sons, Richard D. Byall and David L. Byall. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Betty J. Byall.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Winifred "Winnie" D. Davis**, 92, formerly of Fairmount, IN died on Monday, April 27, 2015, at Westside Village Healthcare Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Born Thursday, March 15, 1923 in Roseburg, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Curtis William Dailey

and Delean (Kelley) Dailey. Winifred graduated from Summitville High School in 1941. Winifred and Chas H. Davis were married on Mar 12, 1955. He preceded her in death on December 21, 1970. She was employed by RCA for 30 years in production. She was a member of Fairmount Friends Church, Fairmount Mutual Home Extension Club, and the Fairmount Fun Club. Winnie enjoyed playing cards and loved her brother and his family. Winifred is survived by her brother, C. Merrill (Betty Joan Chism) Dailey of Speedway, IN. Nephew; Matthew C. Dailey, Indianapolis, IN. Great Nephew and Niece; Ryan Merrill Dailey and Lauren Ann Dailey both of Indianapolis, IN. Step-Daughter; Dixie (Ron) Russell, Fairmount, IN. Step-Son; Martin Lee Davis, Greenfield, IN. Step Grandchildren; Marvin (Terri Lynn) Peters Fairmount, IN; Trisha Scott, Gas City, IN; Sherri (Jeff) Dodd, Ruskin, FL; Kristy Davis, Greenfield, IN; Charles Martin Davis, Indianapolis, IN; 8 Step-Great-Grandchildren and 2 Special Step-nieces, Beth (Frank) Liestenfelt and Marcie (Robert) Kendall both of Marion, IN. Arrangements are entrusted to Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services 415 S. Main St. Fairmount, Indiana where a funeral service will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday at Fairmount Chapel with the Pastor Brock Meyer officiating. Interment will be in Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at Fairmount Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fairmount Friends Church Fellowship Room and Kitchen in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com](http://www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

PHOENIX, Ariz. — **Eleanor Marie Buckman**, 94, Phoenix, Ariz., died at 6:14 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2015. She was born in Willis, Kan., to the late O.G. and late Marian (Wilson) Wilson. She married Lester Buckman on June 28, 1944. He predeceased her. Eleanor earned a master's degree and worked as a teacher with Huntington School Corporation for 16 years, retiring in 1982. For the last seven years, she lived in Glencroft Retirement Center in Glendale, Ariz. Eleanor loved attending church and serving the Lord, singing, reading and playing games, social activities and was an avid sports fan, but above all, she loved spending time with her family. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Buckman of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandchildren, Chris (fiancé, Alesha) Buckman of Iowa City, Iowa, Jon (Misty) Buckman of Burlington, Iowa, and Casey (Jason) Rider of Phoenix, Ariz.; step-grandchildren Misti Snow and Ken Snow III; 12 great-grandchildren; and brother, John Wilson. In addition to her parents and husband, Eleanor was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Buckman; sisters, Clara Jean, and brothers, Beverly and Charles. Services for Eleanor will be at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Pastor Russ Smith officiating. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Audrey J. Hull**, 88, Huntington, IN passed away Monday April 27, 2015 at 8:45 p.m. at Norwood Healthcare and Rehabilitation. Calling hours will be Wednesday April 29, 2015 from 6 -8 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St; Huntington, IN. Funeral Services will be Thursday April 30, 2015 at 10 a.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Bethel United Methodist Endowment Fund in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home 715 N. Jefferson St. Huntington, IN. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, IN. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Lance G. Storm**, 75, of Frankfort, died Thursday, April 30, 2015 at St. Vincent Seton Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born July 17, 1939 in Mattoon, Ill., to the late Marvin W. and Dolores Storm. He married Margot Krämer on July 7, 1965 in Frankfort and she survives. Lance was a 1957 Frankfort High School graduate and attended Purdue University. He lived most of his life in Clinton County. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a nuclear weapons specialist and served for 3 years. He met his wife Margot in Germany. Lance worked at Allison Engine in Indianapolis from 1966-1997. He was a member of the Moose Lodge. Lance enjoyed showing his 1931 Model A Ford throughout the state. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters: Bridget Ailor of Frankfort and Kim (Max) Snyder of Lafayette; a son: Shane (Edie) Storm of Arlington, Wash.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Amber Leigh Storm in 1986; and a brother: Joel Storm. Visitation will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, May 4 at Goodwin Funeral Home, with a memorial service beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the TPA Park Aviary. Online condolences may be made at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

ALEXANDRIA, IN — **Leslie S. "Les" Thompson**, 76, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Community Hospital in Anderson following a brief illness. Private family services will take place followed by cremation. The cremated remains of Les and also his wife Kathaleen will be inurned in the Garden of Serenity Columbarium at Park View Cemetery in Alexandria at the convenience of the family. Family and friends are invited to a dinner gathering to honor and celebrate Les's life Monday, May 4, 2015 at the Alexandria Eagles Lodge, 217 West Cleveland Street (State Road 28) at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to Alternatives of Madison County Inc., 600 West 10th Street, Anderson, IN 46011. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Mark Cline**, 46, of Marion died on April 27, 2015. Funeral services are pending at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Lillian M. Sundermann**, 91 of Huntington passed away at 4:08 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 3416 E. 900 N., Roanoke, Indiana with Pastor Shayne Jonker officiating. Interment will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington. Memorial donations can be made out to Faith Lutheran Church in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**E. Eugene "Gene" Estle**, 91, Marion was born in Dayton, OH to Nellie and Albert Estle. He lived with his grandparents, Alice and William McCollum in KY for 13 years, moving to Marion in 1936. In 1941, he graduated from Marion High School and from Indiana Business College after 1 year at Ball State University. Gene served in the Army Air Force, flying B-17's for 3 years, as a radio operator mechanic and was shot down over Germany, being held a prisoner of war for 14 months. Before and after the war, Gene played softball for Hawkins Mailers and Marion Draper Dodgers. He is the last remaining Draper Dodger of 1948, who won the State and Midwestern Regional Championship. He played in several baseball and softball teams. In later years, his favorite pastime was playing and watching golf. He traveled on several golf vacations with his wife. He loved traveling to Branson with his friends, and watching all sports on TV, especially his favorite teams, IU, as well as The Yankees and The Colts. He was a member of the American Legion Post 10, Knights of Columbus, and AM. Ex P.O.W. He received the Purple Heart, Air Medal, E.T.O. Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rosemary (Carvelli) Estle; daughters, Deborah Hutchens, Marion, Lisa (David) Compton, Sweetser, and Rhonda Harder, Yountville, CA; 7 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren, all of which he loved dearly. Gene was preceded in death by his parents. Services for Gene will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 1, 2015 at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1009 W. Kem Rd. Marion, IN 46952, with Father Richard Weisenberger officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Following the visitation, there will be prayer vigil at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation to honor his services. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Frank A. Sutton**, 79, formerly of Peru passed away at 3:29 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care Center, Marion. He was born in Peru on July 24, 1935 the son of Charles O. and Ethel M. Hight Sutton. Frank married Caroline Sue Hinton on June 7, 1964 and she survives. Frank was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall of Peru. He was a 1954 graduate of Peru High School, a US Air Force Veteran and a retired security guard at Subaru. In addition to his wife Caroline he is survived by a brother Alan Sutton and his wife Judy of Peru, and nieces and nephews, Steve Malon, Noblesville, Ann Brown, Peru, Linda Jackson, Ft. Wayne, Kristi Eddy, Peru, Charles Sutton, Peru, and Lisa Eckelbarger, Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Linda Sutton Kett and Margaret Sutton Malon Gebhart. A memorial service celebrating the life of Frank A. Sutton will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday May 3, 2015 at the Kingdom Hall, 108 E. Spring Street, Peru, with Elder James Finch officiating. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Jehovah's Wittiness Hall. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Pansy R. Spears**, 93, of Frankfort, died Saturday, May 2, 2015 in Rossville. Arrangements and Services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Gregory D. Starnes** passed away at 12:58 p.m. April 26, 2015, at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born July 31, 1957 to James A. Starnes and Wanda (Beasley) Starnes in Illinois. Gregory married Maria E. Perdue on March 3, 2006, she survives. He was employed at Bulldog Battery in Wabash, Indiana. Along with his wife, Maria; he is survived by two brothers, Bill Starnes and Gordon Starnes, both of Illinois, two sisters, Rhonda Starnes and Gayla Craig. No services will be held. McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 was entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Doris C. Riesen**, 87, of Keystone, IN, passed away at 4:28 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Persimmon Ridge Rehabilitation Center in Portland, IN. Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home 100 N Washington Street Geneva Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. A service to celebrate Doris's life will follow at 3 p.m. Interment will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Berne at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Polly (Betty) McQuinn**, 69, passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 10:06 a.m. Polly was born in Kentucky on March 22, 1946 to Fannie and Harges McQuinn. Polly is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Lillie Mae Harp, Janice Sue McQuinn and her brother Ray Willis. Polly is survived by: her two children, Chad and Brandon McQuinn; her four grandchildren, Lucille, Jacob, James, and Jefferson McQuinn; her sisters - Irene Joseph, Jean Wireman, Hattie Nelson, Mary McCoy, and Christine McQuinn; along with her brothers, James, Ralph, and Keith McQuinn; and including lifelong friends, Patty Blackman and Shirley Farris. She was retired from Square D where she worked most of her life. Steadfast worker, loving mother, and generous friend, Polly was a strong woman who was beloved by everyone she knew. She will be missed dearly. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy funeral home on Monday, May 4

from 1 - 5 p.m. with the funeral immediately after. There will be a private burial for family at Mount Hope cemetery in Peru on Tuesday, with Pastor Bill Bussard officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Arthur "Art" David Leslie**, 64, Rochester, passed away April 26, 2015 in the VA Hospital in Marion, after an extended illness. Born Dec. 30, 1950 in Mishawaka, he was the son of Russell R. and Martha M. Leslie. Art graduated from Hauser High School in Hope in 1970 after his family relocated from South Bend in 1966. He attended Christ the King Elementary School in South Bend, IN before they moved. After graduation, Art joined the Air Force in 1970 and served until 1977. While in the Air force, Art was stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Japan, Keesler AFB, Mississippi, and Malstrom AFB, Montana. Art was an avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman, he especially loved spending many hours in the woods looking for mushrooms. He loved collecting knives, guns, and fishing tackle. He especially enjoyed hunting rabbits with his beloved beagles: Pepper, Harley, and Copper. He is survived by his mother Martha Leslie who resides with his sister Julia Sonafrank and companion Jim Ireland, Denver; brothers Thomas (Delia) Leslie, Kirbyville, Missouri and Bruce Leslie, Pine, Arizona; and sister Dolores "Dee" (David) Greer, Denver; brother-in-law Mark Carrothers (Brenda), Kirklin; nephews Darryl Pugh, Craig Pugh, Tommy Leslie, Jonathon Carrothers, Nick Carrothers, and Brent Leslie; nieces Kelly Russo, Racheal Leslie, April (Leslie) Deal, Leslie (Greer) Hendrix and Lisa (Greer) Turnpaugh; great nephews Connor Pugh, Skylar Deal, Alexander Deal, Declan Carrothers, Timothy Hoffman, Dawson Pugh, Trace Pugh, Warren Russo, Lane Russo and Aiden Leslie; and great nieces Jessica Hoffman, Elizabeth Hoffman, Baleigh Hendrix, Evelyn Hendrix, Joclyn Carrothers, Quinn Carrothers, Lily Leslie and Josie Leslie. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Leslie, sister JoAnn Carrothers, brother-in-law Joseph Sonafrank and niece Laura Greer. Honoring Art's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral services. Family and friends are invited to attend Military Graveside Rites presented by the Miami County Military Rites Team at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Marion National Cemetery, where Art will be laid to rest. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

Montpelier — **Cleo "Kay" Litteral**, 71, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 6:42 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN. Family and friends may gather at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier Friday, May 1, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. A service to celebrate Kay's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier at 4 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015. Interment will follow in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier. Preferred memorials: American Red Cross 325 E. Washington St. Muncie, IN 47305. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Alvin E. "Bunk" Jones**, 92, Marion, died at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 25, 2015, in Miller's Merry Manor, in Marion. He was born in Hartford City, IN to the late James R. and Leona Mae (Hall) Jones. He married Lorraine F. White Jones on November 5, 2001; she survives. Alvin is a US Army Veteran and had served in the European Theatre during WWII. He worked at Stewarts Furniture in Fairmount, as well as Essex Wire and Cable. Alvin was a 15-year member of Good Shepherd Church in Marion. In earlier years, Alvin enjoyed fishing, going to concerts, hunting, and spending time with his family. He was an avid music listener, especially gospel, country, and old rock and roll. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; children, Fran (Mark) Williams, Fort Wayne, and Tim (Linda) Jones, Kokomo; daughter-in-law, Dottie (Bernie) Bingham; sisters, Mary Besser and Myrtle Peterson; 20 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and friends, and his bird, Andy. Alvin was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty (Adams) Jones; son, George; brothers, Charles and James; sisters, Sally and Norma; and his dog, Dutch. Services for Alvin will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953. Pastor Ethel Neese will be officiating. Visitation will be from 12-1 p.m., prior to the service, at the chapel. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Ronald R. Peery**, 89, Gas City, died at 2:34 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, in Wesleyan Healthcare Center, Marion. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Ruth Maxine "Patty" King**, 89, of Robinson, IL, died at 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Heritage Health in Robinson. She was born May 14, 1925 in Grant County, IN, the daughter of Tony Spence & Gertrude Holloway. Patty married Harold Edwin King on December 27, 1949, and he preceded her in death on October 24, 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Ralph Spence; her sister, Catherine Leona Spence; and her son-in-law, Marshall Guyer. She is survived by her children, Cathy Guyer (Hutsonville, IL), Mark King (Robinson, IL), and Cynthia King (Hutsonville, IL); her grandson, Jared & Deb Guyer (Norman, OK); her great-grandson, Marshall Guyer (Norman, OK); two brothers, Nolan & Norma Jean Spence (Brookfield, FL), Larry & Rose Spence (Muncie, IN); her sister, Josephine Walker (Marion, IN); as well as several nieces and nephews. Patty lived a very fulfilling life. She graduated with a BS in Education from Indiana Wesleyan University and went on to teach 2nd Grade in Marion, IN and to substitute teach in Hutsonville, IL. Her true calling, however, was in the ministry, and served as a missionary in Cuba for two years, in Honduras for eleven years, on the Mexican border for nine years, and also served as an assistant pastor for Friends Church for a time and found purpose in teaching Sunday school for many years. A time of visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the Goodwine Funeral Home in Robinson, with funeral services following at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in the Hutsonville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the World Gospel Mission, with envelopes available at the funeral home. For more information, or to share a memory or condolence online, please visit [www.goodwinefuneralhomes.com](http://www.goodwinefuneralhomes.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 30, 2015

**Bruce Allen Stults**, 66, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in Portland. Arrangements are pending at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City, IN 47348. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 1, 2015

**Brace E. "Brady" Correll**, 89, Peru, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday April 29, 2015 at his residence surrounded by loved ones. He was born on July 31, 1925 in Peru, to Merle and Dessie (Zehner) Correll, who preceded him in death. Brady married Phyllis Ann Krisher on July 15, 1955 and she preceded him in death on Aug. 4, 2014. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary together in their eternal home. Brady is survived by two children, Marilyn (Michael) Rouch of Denver, and Diana (Michael) Wolfe of Macy. He was a beloved Papaw and is survived by seven grandchildren: Jason (Angela) Rouch, Amber Wolfe, Matthew (Hannah) Rauch, Brandi (Lawrence) Turner, Christian Wolfe, Bryan (Alison) Rouch, and Brandon Rouch; and eight great-grandchildren Keith Rouch, Brady Turner, Hannah Grismore, Ashley Rouch, Reece Grismore, Toby Turner, Audrey Turner, and Lillian Rouch. He was one of seven children and was preceded in death by brothers, Donald Correll, Orlie "Bud" Correll, and Bruce Correll and sisters, Freda Awker, Ruby Cox and Ruth "Babe" Radel. Brady earned his living as a maintenance man and worked for American Standard in Kokomo for 28 years until the plant closed and he took his first retirement. He went on to work at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru until his official retirement. He didn't let that slow him down and spent time after his official retirement delivering parts for Napa Auto Parts and driving cars for Bob Schwartz Ford as long as he was able. Brady was the last surviving charter member of the Peru First Church of the Nazarene and served the church selflessly for many years. Over the years he led the singing, took attendance, served on the church board, played guitar and sang in the choir among many other roles and acts of service. He had great passion for the church, his family, friends and neighbors and would start each morning by praying for each one by name. Brady touched many lives in his family, church and community and will be greatly missed. Services will be officiated by Pastor Tony Winter of Huntington, and Pastor Floyd Laabs of Peru. Friends and family can pay respects at Peru First Church of the Nazarene, 331 W 6th St. Peru, Indiana, 46970, from 4 - 7 p.m. on Monday May 4, 2015. His funeral service will be held on Tuesday May 5, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Peru First Church of the Nazarene, with calling one hour before. A graveside service will follow at Westlaw Cemetery, Denver. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 1, 2015

**Dorothy A. (Smith) Surface**, 94, of Lafayette, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at her residence. Born March 18, 1921 in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Jesse O. and Lillian (Sterrett) Smith. Her marriage of 63 years was to Homer "Dutch" Surface on October 26, 1940 in Owensboro, KY. He preceded her in death on June 14, 2004. Dorothy was an assistant to the engineer of the drafting department with General Telephone for over 28 years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the First Christian Church and Cinderella Doll Club. Dorothy was a wonderful seamstress and a great cook for her family and friends. She loved playing bridge for over 60 years. Dorothy and her husband enjoyed ballroom dancing and attended sporting events of her children and grandchildren. Surviving are her children, Carolyn Dykhuizen (husband; Don), Mark Surface (wife: Jill), both of New Castle, and Barb Scheumann (husband: Tom) of Lafayette; and a sister, Betty J. Burks (husband: Charlie) of Logansport. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Amy Strickland (husband; Verna), Matthew Surface (wife: Charity), and Sarah McManus; also 8 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death with her parents and husband are three brothers, Jesse Omar "Jupe" Smith Jr., Harlan D. Smith, and Harry Neal Smith; and a grandson, Joe Dykhuizen. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Hippensteel Funeral Home with visitation one-hour prior. Celebrant Denis Horn officiating. Burial to follow in Spring Vale Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice or to the Wounded Warrior Project. Hippensteel Funeral Home is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 1, 2015

**Jaleen (Jill) A. McKaig**, 85, of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, passed away April 26, 2015 in the care of Arkansas Hospice at St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs. She was born December 2, 1929 to Lelan and Hazel Rogers in Fulton, New York. Jill was a lively, loving wife and mother who enjoyed music, bridge, travel and the Green Bay Packers. She was an active member of Christ of the Hills Methodist Church where she loved singing in the choir. Jill was preceded in death by Sam (Samuel Isaac McKaig), her husband of 43 years. She is survived by sons Tim (Tess), Tom (Yvonne) and Sam, daughter Nancy (Larry) Case and five grandchildren, Kelley, Katherine, Alyson, Jonathan and Madeline. Jill and Sam met at and graduated from Michigan State University. They settled in Marion, Indiana where they raised their family and were involved in several community activities. Upon Sam's retirement in 1989, they moved to Hot Springs Village. A memorial service was held on April 30 at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to: Christ of the Hills Methodist Church, 700 Balearic Road, HSV, AR 71909 or Arkansas Hospice, 300 Werner Street, 5 West, Hot Springs, AR 71913. Guests may register at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 1, 2015

**A. Eugene "Gene" Ahlfeld**, 90, of rural Wabash, died at 4:59 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born July 8, 1924 in Roann, to Ernest W. and Helen A. (Leibo) Ahlfeld. Gene was a 1942 graduate of Roann High School. He married A. Lorraine Comer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru, on Feb. 14, 1948. He was an active farmer and enjoyed every minute of it. Gene was a charter member of the Wabash Zion Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. He co-founded the Roann Little League program. He enjoyed tractor pulling, where in 1949 he won the first Indiana State Tractor Pulling contest driving a Ford tractor. He also enjoyed fishing, watching Indiana University sports, following his grandchildren's activities, playing cards with friends, and going out to eat. He was a Wabash County commissioner from 1980-84 and drove a school bus for Metropolitan School District several years. He is survived by: his wife, Lorraine Ahlfeld of Wabash; three sons, Ken (Terri)

Ahlfeld and Kraig (Linda) Ahlfeld, both of Wabash, and Dr. Steven (Helen) Ahlfeld of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren, Matthew (Emily) Ahlfeld of Noblesville, Dr. Shawn (Stacy) Ahlfeld of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, Natalie (Erik) Pieczkowski of Hinsdale, Illinois, Nicole (Kip) Chase of Shanghai, China, Jennifer (Mike) O'Neil of Kansas City, Kansas, Toni (Troy) McKillip and Shelly (Brian) Myers, both of Wabash, Adam (Katherine) Ahlfeld and Christopher Ahlfeld, both of Indianapolis; 17 great grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Zentz of Sebring, Florida, and Ruth Alber of Bloomington; and his brother, James (Pat) Ahlfeld of Dry Ridge, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Robert Ahlfeld, and one sister, Martha Moon. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash, with Pastor Jeremy Yeadon officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 4: - 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are Roann Covered Bridge Association or Wabash Zion Lutheran Church. The memorial guest book for Gene may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 1, 2015

**Bettye J. (Taylor) Howard**, 90, Marion, passed away at 7:30 a.m., on Friday, May 01, 2015, in Colonial Oaks Health Care. She was born in Elwood, IN to the late Arley and Mary (Koplin) Taylor. On July 6, 1962, she married Wylie L. Howard; he survives. Bettye retired from Gen Corp. She enjoyed spending time with her dogs, playing games with her grandchildren, and fixing meals for her family. She is survived by her husband, Wylie; daughter, Melinda Stone, Gainesville, GA; step-daughter, Carol (Ron) McClure, Shelby Township, MI; grandchildren, Aaron, Jacob, David, Ben, Greg, Steve, Heidi, Tim, Brad, Amber and April, and 13 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Bettye was preceded in death by her step-son, Gary J. Howard. Services for Bettye will be held at 3 p.m., on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m., prior to the service, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St. #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Samuel F. Paul**, 91, a lifetime Clinton County resident, died Friday, May 1, 2015 in Fort Wayne. Arrangements and Services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**ALEXANDRIA, IN- Garnet L. (Gaither) Huse**, 100, entered into the arms of Jesus on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Community Northview Care Center in Anderson following an extended illness. Services honoring Garnet's life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Owens Funeral Home, 412 North Harrison Street, Alexandria. Interment will follow in Vinson Memorial Park at Summitville. Friends are invited to call at the Owens Funeral Home after noon Tuesday prior to the services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Alexandria First Baptist Church through the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Donald Richard Moseley**, 91, Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 11:24 p.m., May 1, 2015. He was born Sept. 14, 1923 in Peru to C. Edwin Moseley and Edith (Wilson) Moseley. He graduated from Peru High School in 1941 and married Violet Mae Love on April 23, 1944 in Chili She passed away on Oct. 24, 2004. Don was a member of First Christian Church since 1944. In his 71 years there, he served as an elder for 33 years and a deacon for 10 years. He was a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rites, Order of Eastern Star, and a long time member of Farm Bureau. He retired from farming in 1970 and began an 18 year career with Square D, retiring April 1, 1988. He is survived by his son Jim and wife Kathy Moseley; grandsons Jeff Moseley and wife Jennifer Ashley, Neil Moseley and wife Tashney, Brandon Moseley and wife Jennifer Nicole, Kyle Moseley and wife Emily; granddaughters Jennifer Diane Simons and fiancé Duane Keiser, Bethany Ratts and husband Jason, Amanda Thomas and husband Jeremy; 20 great grandchildren Tanner, Tucker, Hunter, Parker, Madison, Ashley, Cooper, Gracie, Eli, Addisyn, Josiah, Collins, Tayten, Hollis, and Hensley Moseley; and Landon and Maggie Ratts; and Mason, Connor, and Jenna Thomas; and a sister, Eileen Burkhart. He was preceded in death by his wife, Violet M. (Love) Moseley; his parents, C. Edwin and Edith (Wilson) Moseley; and two brothers, Harold and Ed Moseley, and one sister, Caroline (Moseley) Sullivan. Special appreciation is given for the loving and compassionate care given to him over the past years by Pam Hiles. He is remembered for his willingness to share with and teach all who visited him, and his faith and belief in God's plan for their lives. Don and visitor both learned and benefited from the sharing. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday May 5 at Flowers-Leedy funeral home. Funeral service is Wednesday May 6 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Masonic service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery following Wednesday's funeral service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami Hospice, 400 Ash Street, Suite B, Wabash, IN 46992 or First Christian Church, Peru, IN. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Eleanor Marie Buckman**, 94, Phoenix, AZ, died at 6:14 pm, Friday, April 24, 2015. She was born in Willis, Kansas to the late O.G. and late Marian (Wilson) Wilson. She married Lester Buckman on June 28, 1944. He predeceased her. Eleanor earned a master's degree, and worked as a teacher with Huntington School Corporation for 16 years, retiring in 1982. For the last seven years, she lived in Glencroft Retirement Center in Glendale, AZ. Eleanor loved attending church and serving the Lord, singing, reading and playing games, social activities, and was an avid sports fan, but above all, she loved spending time with her family. She is survived by her daughter, Mary Buckman, Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, Chris (fiancé, Alesha) Buckman, Iowa City, IA; Jon (Misty) Buckman, Burlington, IA, and Casey (Jason) Rider, Phoenix, AZ; step-grandchildren, Misti Snow and Ken Snow, III; 12 great grandchildren, and brother, John Wilson. In addition to her parents, and husband, Eleanor was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Buckman; sisters, Clara Jean, and brothers, Beverly and Charles. Services for Eleanor will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952, with Pastor Russ Smith

officiating. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, prior to the service, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Mark R. Glass Sr.**, 50, of Frankfort, died Friday, May 1, 2015 in Indianapolis. Arrangements and Services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Catherine "Casey" M. Stahl**, 98, of Huntington, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 4:55 a.m. at the Heritage of Huntington, Huntington. Mrs. Stahl was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Huntington, to Joseph and Carolyn (Fisher) Kasper. Her parents preceded her in death. She married Benjamin L. Stahl on Dec. 28, 1946. He preceded her in death on April 2, 2000. Catherine graduated from Huntington High School in 1935. She worked as a secretary at Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington County Community School Corporation and First National Bank. She later retired from IMCO. She was a member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Huntington, Widows of Prayer, served as a Eucharistic minister and sang in the funeral choir. She was also a member of the Current Events Club. Catherine is survived by one son, Robert (Lynette) Stahl of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Susan (and late husband, Larry) North of Roanoke, Mary Ellen (Roger) Hanna of Huntington and Margaret (Tom) North of Roanoke; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Stahl was preceded in death by three brothers, Stanley Kasper, Carl Kasper and William Kasper; one sister, Mary Nicholson; and two grandsons, Chris Franks and Tim North. Calling hours will be Monday, May 4, 2015, from 3-7 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Additional calling hours will be Tuesday, May 5, 2015, prior to the Mass from 9-10 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's First Community Church Cemetery, Huntington. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials can be made to Widows of Prayer or SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Catherine "Casey" M. Stahl**, 98, of Huntington, IN, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 4:55 a.m. at the Heritage of Huntington, Huntington, IN. Calling hours will be Monday, May 4, 2015, from 3 to 7 p.m. at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN. Additional calling hours will be Tuesday, May 5, 2015, prior to the Mass from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, IN, with Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap officiating. Burial will be at St. Peter's First Community Church Cemetery, Huntington, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Dorothea M. Reed**, age 92, recently living in Kenosha, Wis., formerly of Fort Myers, Fla. and Huntington, passed peacefully in her sleep at 5:20 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015, at Regency Manor in Kenosha, Wis. A celebration of life service will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will immediately follow at 11 a.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Clint Cottrell officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Alliance or Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, Fla., in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Dottie was born on May 12, 1922, in Princeton, Ky., the daughter of Luther and Carrie (Chambliss) Morgan. She was a Mezzo Soprano Soloist and graduated in 1940 from Butler High School in Princeton, Ky. She married Clyde D. Reed on Jan. 31, 1942, in Louisville, Ky., who preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1993. Dottie retired from the Village of Mount Prospect as a secretary in the finance department after 14 years of service. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntington, a member of the Eastern Star, Daughter of the Nile and an active member and Deacon of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers. One of her favorite memories was when she harmonized from the Methodist Hymnal while Donna played the piano. She was cared for in final illness by her grandchildren and families. Dottie was a dear friend to many, loved and adored by all who knew her. Survivors include two daughters, Donna (the late Edward) Henriksen (Burnie) Humphrey of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Louise (Richard) Sivik of Verona, N.J.; two grandchildren, Brian (Karin) Henriksen and Michelle (Greg) Gates; four great grandchildren, Leah, Kelsie, Kyle and Andrew. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Thelma Morgan and grandson David Henriksen. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Dorothea M. Reed. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Letha Lucrisha Cox**, 74, passed away May, 1, 2015 at Continue Care Hospital in Corbin, KY

Letha Lucrisha Siler was born August 18, 1940 in Balkan, KY to Marshall and Jane (Miracle) Siler. She graduated from Bell County (KY) High School in 1957. On July 11, 1959, she was married to Mitchell Cox and remained married to him for forty-nine years until his death in 2008. Mitchell and Lucrisha moved to Marion, IN where Lu worked for Hanks Supermarket, Marion High School, the City of Marion and Maidenburg and Associates. In 1964, "Mom" gave birth to their only child, Mark Anthony. In 1990, Mark and his wife Bonnie (Backs) became the parents of "Granny's" first grandchild, Adam Mitchell. Four years later, Zachary Richard became her second grandchild. "Granny" absolutely adored her grandsons. She enjoyed working anacrostic word puzzles, produced several cross-stitched pieces and enjoyed working around her home. After her husband's death, Letha relocated to Corbin, KY. "Baby" is survived by all seven of her siblings: Bobbie Jean (Wilfred "Bud") Crowe, Vivian "Bill" (James) McNeill, Ginger Siler (John Cox), Tom (Phyllis) Siler, Rick (Vivian) Siler, Steve (Phyllis Siler) and Calvin Siler. She is also survived by her son, his wife, her two

grandchildren and several loving nieces and nephews. Visitation will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2015, from 6 to 8 p.m. at O'Neil-Lawson Funeral Home in Corbin, KY. The funeral will be held at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Monday, May 4, 2015 at noon, followed by a celebration of life dinner at the church. A family graveside burial service will take place at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, IN. O'Neil-Lawson Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements. [www.oneilfh.com](http://www.oneilfh.com).  
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**Jack L. Harvey Jr.**, 70, went to be with The Lord Wednesday, April 29, 2015. Born in Huntington, Jack was a U.S. Navy Vietnam veteran who enjoyed fishing and had been an ordained minister and evangelist. He was a retired professional painter who never met a stranger and lived life to the fullest. Surviving are his wife, Mary Harvey of Fort Wayne; children, Rochelle (Jeff) Whitson of Temecula, Calif., Marcie Conner of Fort Wayne, Renee (Christopher) Peddie of Stevensville, Mich., Kenyth (Maggie) Tittman of New Haven, Calyb (Heather) Tittman of Fort Wayne and Jaclyn (Jeff) Jones of Warsaw; mother, Marjorie Harvey of Hemet, Calif.; sisters, Karen Harvey of Hemet, Calif., and Ruth Harvey of Murrietta, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Jack was preceded in death by his father, Jack L. Harvey Sr. Service is 2 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Rd. Calling 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the family c/o Mary Harvey. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.domccombandsons.com](http://www.domccombandsons.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**UPLAND — Thomas R. Banter**, 75, died Thursday evening, April 30, 2015, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by family. He was born in Wells County, the son of the late Robert and Helen (Howard) Banter Todd. In 1957, he graduated from Jefferson Township High School. On January 25, 1959, Tom married Nancy Cole, in Matthews. She survives. He worked for AEP as a Meter Supervisor for 41 years. He was active in scouting for 47 years, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Sagamore Council, servings as Pack Leader, Scout Leader, Troop Committee Chairman, Order of the Arrow, Eagle Scout Mentor, and the proud grandfather of two Eagle Scouts. He had the privilege of attending Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, sharing the joy of the experience with his sons and grandsons. Tom, having lived in Monroe Township most of his life, was also a long time member of the Upland Lions Club, where he had formerly served as President. He was a life-long member of Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, where he served in many ways and was acting chairman of the Board of Trustees. In his retirement, he found a passion for woodworking and created many cherished keepsakes for family and friends. In addition to his wife of 56 years, Nancy Banter, survivors include his children, Joyce (Jimmy) Davis, Matthews, Rex (Nancy) Banter, Upland, Karen Banter, Noblesville, and Garry (Paige) Banter, Jacksonville, Illinois; grandchildren, Crystal Davis, Ashley (Tyler) Cabanaw, Heather Banter, Candy (Billy) Ewart, Thomas Banter, and Bradley Banter; and a great grandson, Greyson Cabanaw; siblings, Harry (Cheryl) Banter, Marion, Mary Helen (Tom) Warner, Swayzee, and John (Evelyn) Todd, Upland; and an aunt Jo Banter, Warren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Delores. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4 from 2-8 p.m. at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, IN. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, IN with Rev. Al Soultz officiating. Interment will be at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland, Indiana. Memorials may be made to Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, 1335 S. Jadden Road, Marion, Indiana, 46989, or to the Upland Boy Scout Troop # 427, 476 S. Main St., Upland, Indiana, 46989. Online condolences may be made at [www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com).  
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Michael G. Siler, 69, of Huntington, passed away Thursday morning, April 30, 2015, at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis. There will be no visitation or funeral service at this time. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. To sign Mr. Siler's online guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Max D. Renbarger**, 94, Marion, died on May 1, 2015, 7:22 a.m., at his residence. The family will receive visitors on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 4-8 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, Indiana. A celebration of Max's life will be on Thursday, May 7, 2015, 10 a.m., at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 2015 N. 300 W., Marion, with Pastor Rob Barton officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mt. Olive United Methodist Church or to Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**Debra Jo Mellendorf**, 55, Marion, died at 3:58 p.m., on Monday, April 27, 2015. She was born in Marion to the late William and Phyllis (Stuttle) Mellendorf. Services for Debra will be held at 2 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953 - Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., prior to the service, at the chapel. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, May 3, 2015

**MONTPELIER - Dennis L. Clouse**, 72, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 12:18 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015. Family and friends may gather at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 2 to 7:30 p.m. A service will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier, IN at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Preferred memorials: Montpelier Masonic Lodge #600, Grace Community Church 5513E St. Rd. 18 Montpelier IN 47359, Sons Of The American Legion Post #156, Montpelier, IN. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, May 3, 2015

**Burlie Prater**, 70, died at 11:02 p.m., on Friday, April 24, 2015, in Marion General Hospital. He was born to Jackson and Lula Prater on October 21, 1944 in Hueysville, KY. He married Siannis England on July 21, 1966; she survives. Services for Burlie will be held

at 11 a.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015 at Grant Memorial Park Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St. Marion, IN 46953. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., prior to the service, at the chapel. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, May 3, 2015

**Betty L. Joy**, age 81, of Marion passed away Friday, May 1, 2015, in Miller's Merry Manor. Betty was born May 5, 1933, in Huntington, Indiana, the daughter of the late Lorn L. Clements and Edna (Heit) Clements. Betty worked at RCA for 33 years until her retirement. Betty attended Banquo Christian Church. She loved animals and had a "green thumb". She loved her flower gardens. Survivors include: son, Richard (Margaret "Ann") Joy of Marion, Indiana; daughter, Diana (Michael) Kerlin of VanBuren, Indiana; sister, Alice Clements of Illinois; five grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Lorn C. Joy; three brothers; and two sisters. Funeral Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, with Reverend Tom Mansbarger officiating. Cremation will follow funeral services. Friends may call from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave, Marion, Indiana 46953 or Alzheimer's Association, 50 E 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).

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**HARTFORD CITY - Bruce Allen Stults**, 65, passed away unexpectedly at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2015 in Portland. Bruce will be cremated and a Memorial Service will be scheduled and announced at a later date at the Elks Lodge, 3104 N. Walnut St., Hartford City, IN. Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Sunday, May 3, 2015

**Dorotha M. Reed**, age 92, recently living in Kenosha, Wisconsin, formerly of Fort Myers, Florida and Huntington, Indiana, passed peacefully in her sleep at 5:20 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2015, at Regency Manor in Kenosha, Wisconsin. A celebration of life service will be from 10 - 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919. Visitation will be from 9 - 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral Services will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. at Bailey-Love. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Alliance or Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers, Florida, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

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**Ronald R. Peery**, 89, Gas City, died at 2:34 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, in Wesleyan Healthcare Center in Marion, Indiana. He was born in Marion to the late Charles and Gladys (Craig) Peery. He married Patricia Ann Miller on July 6, 1946, and she survives. Following high school graduation, Ronald enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as Radarman 3rd Class during WWII in the Pacific Theatre, on the USS Patterson and USS Shenandoah. He received the Asiatic Pacific Victory Medal with 6 Stars, an American Area Medal, and a Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Stars. Following his military service, Ronald worked as a tool and die maker at GM for 30 years until his retirement in 1986. He was a past Master Mason in Gas City. Ronald loved to fly and was a private pilot. He also enjoyed birdwatching and traveling with his wife and children. In addition to his wife of 68 years, survivors include his daughter, Linda (Earl) Younker, Punta Gorda, Florida; son, Jeff (Dixie) Peery, Gas City; grandchildren, Michele, Shane, Jill, Nicole, and Amy; 5 great-grandchildren; brother, Charles Peery, Hudson, Florida; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Also preceding him in death were 2 brothers and 3 sisters. Private funeral services will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St., Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [ifccares.com](http://ifccares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, May 3, 2015

**Brenda Ann Butler**, 44, died at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis on Friday, May 1, 2015, at 8:19 a.m., surrounded by her family. Brenda was the daughter of Barney A. and Annamae Marie (Needler) Butler, Sr. Brenda was a 1989 graduate of Madison-Grant High School. She received her Associates Degree from Ivy Tech. She worked as a receptionist in the Pediatric Rehab Unit at IU Ball Memorial Hospital for 5 years. Brenda was also a Medical Assistant, Licensed Pharmacy Tech, and Certified Insurance and Coding Specialist. Some hobbies Brenda enjoyed were crocheting, knitting, doing crafts, watching old TV shows, and playing video games. She loved her dogs and hanging out with her friends. Survivors include her mother, Annamae Marie Butler, Van Buren; brother, Barney Butler, Jr., Van Buren; aunts, Betty Fakes and Glenna Clay, both of Marion; uncle, Leonard Needler, Converse; several cousins; and her dogs, Honey, Holly, Punkin, Lucky, Sugar, and Scarlett. Brenda was preceded in death by her father, Barney Butler, Sr.. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 4-8 p.m., at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Services will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 1 p.m., at the funeral home with Pastor Don Smothers officiating. Burial will be at Park Cemetery in Fairmount. Memorials may be made to Marion-Grant County Humane Society, 505 S. Miller Ave., Marion, Indiana 46953. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).

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**UPLAND - Thomas R. Banter**, 75, died Thursday evening, April 30, 2015, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by family. He was born in Wells County, the son of the late Robert and Helen (Howard) Banter Todd. In 1957, he graduated from Jefferson Township High School. On January 25, 1959, Tom married Nancy Cole, in Matthews. She survives. He worked for AEP as a Meter Supervisor for 41 years. He was active in scouting for 47 years, including Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Sagamore

Council, servings as Pack Leader, Scout Leader, Troop Committee Chairman, Order of the Arrow, Eagle Scout Mentor, and the proud grandfather of two Eagle Scouts. He had the privilege of attending Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, sharing the joy of the experience with his sons and grandsons. Tom, having lived in Monroe Township most of his life, was also a long time member of the Upland Lions Club, where he had formerly served as President. He was a life-long member of Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, where he served in many ways and was acting chairman of the Board of Trustees. In his retirement, he found a passion for woodworking and created many cherished keepsakes for family and friends. In addition to his wife of 56 years, Nancy Banter, survivors include his children, Joyce (Jimmy) Davis, Matthews, Rex (Nancy) Banter, Upland, Karen Banter, Noblesville, and Garry (Paige) Banter, Jacksonville, Illinois; grandchildren, Crystal Davis, Ashley (Tyler) Cabanaw, Heather Banter, Candy (Billy) Ewart, Thomas Banter, and Bradley Banter; and a great grandson, Greyson Cabanaw; siblings, Harry (Cheryl) Banter, Marion, Mary Helen (Tom) Warner, Swayzee, and John (Evelyn) Todd, Upland; two uncles, Dick (Peggie) Howard, and Herb (Geri) Howard, both of Upland; and an aunt Jo Banter, Warren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sister, Delores. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4 from 2-8 p.m. at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, IN. The funeral service will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Jones-Smith Funeral Home, 259 N. Main St., Upland, IN with Rev. Al Soultz officiating. Interment will be at Jefferson Cemetery in Upland, Indiana. Memorials may be made to Oak Chapel United Methodist Church, 1335 S. Jadden Road, Marion, Indiana, 46989, or to the Upland Boy Scout Troop # 427, 476 S. Main St., Upland, Indiana, 46989. Online condolences may be made at [www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.jones-smithfuneralhome.com).  
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**James E. Smith**, age 76, of Huntington, died at 3 a.m. Monday (April 27, 2015) at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday (May 1, 2015) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Paul Hirschy officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory in Huntington County. Pallbearers were Eric Stahl, Sam Johnson, Mike Johnson, Chris Smith, Troy Cozad, Brad Biehl, Nathan Moore, Alan Moore and Tristan Criss. Honorary pallbearers were John Allman, Bill Byrd, Gary Gearhart, Homer Hiner, Jay Jellison, R.L. Smith and Don Warner. Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington Lion's Club Eye Bank, Huntington County Baseball or American Heart Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Jim was born on June 25, 1938, in Huntington County, the son of Fred W. and Annetta G. (Bartrom) Smith. He graduated from Bippus High School in 1956 and married Brema J. Altman on June 28, 1959, at Huntington. Jim worked at Schacht Rubber Company for five years, Memcor for 11 years, Curtin Productions for five years and retired from Hiner Transport as general manager after 27 years. He was a member of Huntington Church of the Brethren, where he was past chairman of Stewards Commission and served on various other committees. He was a member of Huntington Jaycees, in which he held chairmanships at both the state and local level and was Director of the Year in 1970. Jim was Past President of Huntington Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Industrial Management Council, South Side Business Association, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Huntington County Rural Sewer District and Bel Air Association. He also served on United Way and as a member of both FOP and Indiana Motor Truck Association. He was a member of Moose Lodge #837 in Huntington. He participated in YMCA Indian Guides and was a board member on Huntington County Baseball for many years. He coached Kim League, Pony League and Little League for 18 years. Jim was an avid golfer, and it could possibly be said that he was the biggest IU fan in Huntington County. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Brema J. Smith of Huntington; two sons, Parke E. (Beth Ann) Smith of Leesburg and Price A. (Connie) Smith of Huntington; one brother, Jon W. (Christine) Smith of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Peggy Stahl and Jean (Don) Johnson, both of Huntington; five grandchildren, Nathan Moore, Nicole (Jason) Lang, Alan (Erin) Moore, Desiree Hartwig and Tristan Criss; and eight great-grandchildren, Harrison Moore, Emmelin Moore, Cooper Moore, Kate Moore, Ryan Lang, Pippa Lang, Dayton Hartwig and Zara Chioocchio. He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jan A. Smith. Friends may share an online tribute on the guestbook at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com). Those unable to attend may view the service on the Bailey-Love Mortuary channel at [www.livestream.com](http://www.livestream.com). Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of James E. Smith. Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, May 4, 2015

**Nancy Congleton Kinsler** 88, of Frankfort, died at 11:05 p.m. May 2, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Community. Arrangements and services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home.  
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**Pansy R. Spears**, 93, of Frankfort, died at 11:18 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Milner's Retirement Center. She was born Feb. 5, 1922 in Burkesville, Ky. to the late Dollie and Amanda Elizabeth Thacker and her grandfather, Nickols Thacker helped raise her. She married Frank Vaughn and he passed away. She then married Wade F. Spears in 1948 and he preceded her in death in 1986. Mrs. Spears attended school in Kentucky. She was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. She had worked at several different places in Frankfort and retired from National Cigar after 42 1/2 years. Mrs. Spears enjoyed gardening and the outdoors; she loved family dinners and her grandchildren. She is survived by two sons: Gene (Linda) Vaughn of Delphi and Stanley (Sherry) Vaughn of Greenwood; a daughter: Judy Meckelhoff of Rantoul, Ill.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her two husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister: Lovey Smith; a brother: Jesse Wade Thacker; and a son-in-law: Robert Meckelhoff. Visitation will be 2 p.m. until the start of services at 4 p.m. Friday, May 8 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 4, 2015

**Mark R. Glass**, 50, of Frankfort, died at 4:11 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 18, 1964 in Frankfort, to Marvin R. Glass and Edna Jones. He married Kathy J. Sanders on May 15, 1993 in Scircleville and she survives. Mark attended Frankfort Schools and was a lifelong Frankfort resident. He worked for Perlee Construction for 14 years, farmed, was a

self-employed handy man, jack-of-all-trades and was everyone's "go to guy." He was a member of the Frankfort Eagles, Boy Scouts of America Troop & Pack 316. Mark was a NASCAR fan, Hot Wheels collector and customized Hot Wheels, was an outdoorsman, and enjoyed fishing and camping. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter: Amanda Payne (companion Tony Smith) of Frankfort; a son: Mark (Katrina) Glass II of Frankfort; five grandchildren: Bruce Smith, Kyra Smith, Brenna Glass, JoJo Smith and Tyler Glass; six brothers: Rodney Jones of Frankfort, Richard Glass of Kirklin, Sammy Jones of Indianapolis, and Wesley, Todd and Eddie; and a sister: Laura Glass. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Nikki Payne. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bunnell Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Camp Cullom. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 4, 2015

**Samuel F. Paul**, 91, of Frankfort, died May 1, 2015 at Bethlehem Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 26, 1923 in Hillisburg, to Fred Hite Paul and Edythe (Lewis) Paul. He married Sarah Jane Ross on April 24, 1946 in Frankfort and she survives. Mr. Paul was a 1941 graduate of Scircleville High School and attended Purdue University and University of Oklahoma. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during WWII. Sam was owner of Paul Coal & Oil Company. His memberships include; St. Matthew United Methodist Church where he was a member for over 50 years, member and past governor of the Frankfort Moose Lodge No. 7, V.F.W., American Legion, Clinton Masonic Lodge No. 54, Clinton Chapter No. 60 OES, member and past president of the Clinton County Amateur Radio Club, life member of Lambda Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. He was a Clinton County councilman for 6 years, Clinton County assessor for 16 years, and a Frankfort City councilman. Sam was also a Level II Assessor-Appraiser for the State of Indiana. He should also be remembered for helping his father build a steam locomotive, the largest toy in town, which was used in various parades around the area. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son: Fred R. (Sharyl) Paul of Fort Wayne; a brother: Richard L. (Evelyn) Paul of Florida; four grandchildren: Kelly Ann, Kris, Kyle and Kenny; and one great-granddaughter: Ashlynn. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 7 with a Masonic Memorial service at 7 p.m. at Goodwin Funeral Home. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 8 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Whiteman Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make a memorial donation to the Clinton County Cancer Fund, 241 S. Broadway St. Frankfort, IN 46041. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 4, 2015

**Edna Grace Biesecker**, 96, of Frankfort, died at 6:17 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Center. Arrangements and services are pending with Goodwin Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 4, 2015

The funeral service for **Lillian M. Sundermann** was at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Shayne Jonker officiating. Pallbearers were Kenneth Gardner, Dave Sunderman, Don Sunderman, Bill Sunderman and Michael Ulrich. Interment was at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 4, 2015

**Billy Joe Smith**, 77, Swayzee, died at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015, in his home. He was born in Grant County to the late Luther and A. Lillian (Lamb) Smith. He married Betty Lou Stambaugh, and she preceded him April 30, 2009. Billy Joe was a graduate of Swayzee High School. He served in the Army as an Army Commander Sgt. Major. He was active in the VFW, military reserves, and AMVETS. Billy Joe also worked as a foreman at Dana Corp. and retired in 1986. Billy Joe was an avid fisherman, golfer, and hunter. He was inducted into the bowling Hall of Fame, was a private pilot, and was a member of the Dana Camping Club. Survivors include daughter, Sherry Cook, Marion; grandchildren, Jesse (Kim Boruff) Hall, Sweetser, Ashley Hughes and Joshalynn Yeater, both of Marion; great-grandchildren, Asharia, Sebastian, and Benjamin Hall; nephews, Curtis Binnion, Columbus, Indiana, James L. Binnion, Avon Park, Florida, Ernest Brashear, Fort Wayne, Elvis L. Binnion, Swayzee, and Timothy Brashear, Stuart, Florida; and sister, Doris Eileen Anderson. Also preceding him in death were daughter, Rhonda Hughes; sister, Judith A. Brashear; and nieces, Vicky Lynn Binnion-Warren and Carey Leigh Binnion-Templin. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee. Funeral Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2015, at the funeral home, with Pastor Chet Martin officiating. Burial will be at Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**GOSHEN - Ruth A. Craig** died Sunday, April 26, 2015, at Greencroft Goshen Healthcare, following a long illness of Alzheimer's-like dementia. She had been cared for and attended to by Greencroft's loving and competent staff since March 2012. She was born May 3, 1931, in West Liberty, Ohio, to Stephen S. and Mamie (Byler) Hostetler. She attended Goshen College and was trained as an elementary school teacher and taught for a time in Ohio. On June 14, 1958, she married Rev. Richard M. Craig in the Presbyterian Church, West Liberty. He survives along with three children, J. Christopher Craig of Chatham, N.J., Caroline E. Craig of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Peter D. Craig (Liza Terry) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; two granddaughters, Eryn and Vivienne Craig; three sisters; and a brother, Ella Mae (Lowell) Kauffman, Nellie (Richard) Lindemer, Paul (Linda) Hostetler, all of West Liberty, and Rose Smith of Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Earl Hostetler; and three sisters, Norma Hostetler, Eileen Botkin and Pauline Towles. She was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola. Ruth was a loving mother and pastor's wife, gentle in spirit, loved and respected by all who knew and served with her. She had a passion for good music and a fine singing voice, soloing with many choirs and musical groups. She also enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, fishing and boating. Friends may call Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. memorial at The Meeting House at Greencroft Healthcare, 1904 S. 15th St., Goshen. Pastor Thomas E. Smith, Chapel of the Lakes, and Greencroft Chaplain Randy Roth will conduct the service. A graveside committal service will take place on Monday, May 11, at 11 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery in West Liberty, Ohio. Preferred

memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Greencroft Communities Foundation or the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes. Online condolences may be shared at [www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Margaret M. "Meg" Michaelson**, 54, of Huntington, passed away at 7:37 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital. Meg was a 1979 graduate of Huntington North High School. She was a graduate of South Eastern Academy. She worked as a desk clerk at the L&K Hotel and Holiday Inn and also as a realtor for Scher Realty. She was a cosmetologist for Great Expectations in the North Park mall in Marion. She was a member of the Joy Pleasers Clown Ministry. She was an accomplished musician, playing the piano and drums; she enjoyed all types of music, especially gospel. Meg loved flowers and gardening, she was a loving and devoted Christian. Meg was born on April 13, 1961, in Bluffton, a daughter of Marvin and Betty (Sodon) Michaelson. Survivors include a brother, Marvin "Butch" Michaelson of Huntington; two sisters, Janis L. Michaelson of Huntington and Laurel (Don) Walter of Pennville; two nephews; three nieces; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents Marvin and Betty Michaelson. Visitation will be Thursday, May 7, 2015, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington. Funeral service will be Thursday, May 7, 2015, at noon following visitation at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating. Interment will be at the Monument City Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial donations can be made out to Right to Life in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Margaret's on-line guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com).  
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**Madison De La Rosa**, 3, of Frankfort, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015 in an auto accident. She was born June 24, 2011 in Frankfort, to Christobal "Chris" De La Rosa and Kari Ann Lashbrook, of Frankfort. In addition to her parents, Madison is survived by four sisters: Caitlin, Gabriela, Cara and Emily; two brothers: Christian Jacob and Caleb Aaron; maternal grandparents: Beth (Newbold) and Donnie Albaugh and Chuck and Debbie Lashbrook; her maternal great-grandmothers: Beanie Newbold and Mary Lashbrook; her paternal grandmother: Gabriela De La Rosa; and aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather: Ruben De La Rosa Jr. Visitation for Madison will be 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday, May 8, at Buttin Cemetery, with Pastor Barbara Kinsler officiating. Memorials in Madison's name may be made to Mooseheart. Online condolences may be directed to [gendafuneralhome.com](http://gendafuneralhome.com). Heaven received a special gift when Madison arrived with song and dance. Her determination will long be remembered and passed on. Happiness she leaves to all who were touched by her and blessed by her presence. Madison will always be barefoot and free.  
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**MONTPELIER — Dennis L. Clouse**, 72, of Montpelier, passed away at 12:18 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2015 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center in Bluffton. Family and friends may gather to share and remember from 2-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home 109 W Windsor St Montpelier. A service to celebrate Dennis's life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W Windsor St Montpelier, with Pastor Jeremy Stults officiating. Preferred memorials: Montpelier Masonic Lodge #600, Grace Community Church 5513E St. Rd. 18 Montpelier IN 47359, Sons Of The American Legion Post #156, Montpelier, IN - Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Carla Ann Ballenger**, 71, passed away at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. Arrangements are pending at Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City, IN 47348.  
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**Max D. Renbarger**, 94, Marion, died May 1, 2015, 7:22 a.m., at his residence. He was born in Pleasant Township to the late Warren H. and Hazel C. (Henry) Renbarger. He married his loving wife, Mary Virginia Spencer, in 1950, and she survives. Max was a 1938 graduate of Sweetser High School. He was an Army veteran, serving in WWII in the Pacific theater from 1942 until the end of the war. He was stationed in New Caledonia; Guadalcanal; Russell Island; Sarmi, New Guinea; Sansapor, New Guinea; and Palawan, Philippines. After returning from the war, he established his own farming operation in northwest Grant County, retiring in 1985. He was a member of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, LaFontaine Masonic Lodge, NRA, and American Legion Post 10. Also surviving Max are son, Randall W. (Janet) Renbarger, Marion; daughter, Karma S. (Steven) Freeman, Lizton; sister-in-law, Mary Renbarger, St. Marys, Ohio; grandchildren, Kristen N. Freeman and Ryan T. Freeman, both of Lizton, Andrew W. (Chelsea Gritton) Renbarger and Danielle M. (Wade) Petro, both of Marion; and 1 great-grandchild expected in late August. Max was also preceded in death by his brother, Romaine Renbarger, in 1982. The family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. A celebration of Max's life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church, 2015 N. 300 W., Marion, with Pastor Rob Barton officiating. Burial will be in LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mt. Olive United Methodist Church or to Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**AVON - Ruthanna (Beall) Way**, age 97, of Avon, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015. Ruthanna was born December 11, 1917, in Banquo, Indiana, the daughter of the late Frank Beall and the late Nellie (Gearhart) Beall. She married William E. Way, and he preceded her in death on January 10, 1996. Ruthanna was a member of Sweetser United Methodist Church and she was a past member of Eastern Star, Swayzee Chapter 345. She worked at Meshingomesia Boy Scouts Camp Crossland for five years. She was a 1935 graduate of Sweetser High School and attended Indiana Business College. Ruthanna

was most proud of her four children for them getting their education and graduating from Purdue University, School of Pharmacy. Survivors include: three sons, William Z. (Karen) Way, of Avon, Thomas C. (Cynthia) Way, of Greenfield, Jon A. (Doris) Way, of Marion, daughter, Rebecca Ann (Wayne) Thompson of Clovis, California; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William E. Way; two sisters, V. Eileen Galbreath, Frances F. Erb; and brother Cecil Beall. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, with Reverend Mick Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove, Sweetser Indiana. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. The Family would like to extend a special thank you to Brownsburg Health Care, Home Instead, and Hospice. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sweetser United Methodist Church 413 Main Street, Sweetser, Indiana or donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com).

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**Nancy Congleton Kinsler**, 88, of Frankfort, died at 11:05 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Community. She and Don are now, together forever, in Heaven. She was born Sept. 4, 1926 in Frankfort, to Mark and Lula (Gray) Congleton. She married Don Kinsler on July 28, 1946 in Frankfort and he preceded her in death on Dec. 3, 2014. Nancy was a 1944 graduate of Jackson Township School, attended Purdue University for 2 years and was a lifelong Clinton County resident. She was a bridal consultant and buyer for Ellis Jewelry from 1970-1990. Nancy was a member of the St. Mathew United Methodist Church and a former 4-H Leader. Nancy was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1981. Since that time, she organized and directed the Clinton County Parkinson's Support Group and participated in movement disorders research projects through Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. She enjoyed card club that met once a month since 1945 and knitting afghans for her eight grandchildren. She is survived by one daughter: Connie (Art) Knoflick of Bellingham, Wash.; two sons: Gary (Sandy) Kinsler and Dennis (Teresa) Kinsler, both of Frankfort; two sisters: Mary Ann Carter of Sacramento, Calif., and Jane Ellen Quick of Lebanon; six grandchildren: Courtney (Mike) Rominger of Frankfort, Clayton (Amy) Kinsler of Mechanicsburg, Carly (Justin) Ecenbarger of Mulberry, Colleen Knoflick and Sean (Heather) Knoflick, both of Bellingham, Wash., Chad (Jaima) Kinsler of Westfield, Jeremy (Julie) Kinsler of Granger and Blaine (Jordan) Kinsler of Carmel; and 14 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Diana Sue Congleton and a brother William Congleton. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2015 at Goodwin Funeral Home. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9 at St. Mathews United Methodist Church. Justin Fisher will officiate. Family burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations may be made out to Rush University Medical Center: Parkinson Disease Program, c/o Ms. Teresa Chmura, 1725 W. Harrison St., Suite 755, Chicago, IL 60612. There is a special arrangement with the Parkinson's Disease Foundation that all donor contributions up to \$300,000 are matched dollar-for-dollar by the Foundation, allowing contributors to double the impact of their gifts by donating directly to our program. These funds are utilized to enhance patient programs, organize educational events, and facilitate research efforts to improve the lives of patients and families facing Parkinson's disease. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com).

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Services for **Catherine "Casey" M. Stahl** were Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, IN 46750, with Father Sebastian Twinomugabi presiding. Pallbearers were Ian Stahl, Mike Stahl, Luke North, Matt North, Ben North, Brian North, Ryan North and Logan North. Honorary pallbearers were Josh North and Jason Franks. Burial was at St. Peter's Community Church Cemetery, Huntington. McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, was in charge of services and arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com).

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**Christopher Noel Liddick**, 41, of Marion, passed away Thursday, April 30, 2015, in Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 W Kem Road, Marion.

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**Marsha L. Rathel (Hayes)**, 71, went home to be with the Lord on May 1, 2015. Marsha was born Sept. 16, 1943 to the late Gerald Hayes and Mary Alice Heritage. Marsha was a graduate of Alexandria Monroe High School and spent most of her adult years in Marion. Marsha was preceded in death by her daughter, Andrea Rathel. Marsha is survived by daughter La Donna Eldred, of Nevada; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Sharon Jackson; and three brothers, Steve Heaton, Tom Heaton and Patrick Heaton. Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be shared at [www.stillingerfamily.com](http://www.stillingerfamily.com).

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**Edna Grace Davison Biesecker**, 96, of Frankfort, died at 6:17 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2015 at Wesley Manor Health and Retirement Community. She was born April 12, 1919 in Stockwell, to Harry Garfield and Ida Augusta (Reene) Davison. She married Ellsworth Biesecker on June 16, 1940 and he survives. Grace was a 1937 graduate of Jefferson High School in Washington Township. She was a farmwife and longtime member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where she was an elder and a Sunday school teacher, member and past president of the Clinton County Extension Homemakers and served as a Pink Lady. She was known for her culinary (especially her pies) and sewing abilities. She and her husband, Ellsworth, delivered meals on wheels. They loved to travel the world and hosted tours for Rural Route Tours. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters: Ronna Lee Biesecker of Tucson, Ariz. and Janice Ann (Johnnie) Vaught of Greenwood; two sons: Gregory (Gerlinde) Biesecker of Boulder, Colo. and Thomas Biesecker of Akron, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three sisters: Esther Mae Zollers, Evelyn Davison and Josephine Davison; and four brothers: Eugene, Garfield, Robert and John Davison.

Visitation is from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, May 7 with the service following at 2 p.m. at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 352 W. Clinton St., Frankfort. Paul Copeland will officiate. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the First Evangelical Church. Goodwin Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [goodwinfuneralhome.com](http://goodwinfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Branigan Lee Bahney**, 19, of Akron and formerly of Warsaw, passed away Saturday afternoon, May 2, 2015, in an automobile accident in Fulton County. Branigan was born Oct. 14, 1995 in Peru, the son of A'shel (Bahney) Santana and Fernando Paredes. He was employed at Pike Lumber Company, Akron. Branigan graduated from Tippecanoe Valley High School in 2014. He participated in the Drama Club and played football. He was a member of the Indiana Army National Guard (Unit 113 Engineer). He was also a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church, Mentone, where he played the bass guitar and was a youth leader. He is survived by: his mother A'shel Santana and step-father Ismael Santana, Warsaw; his twin sister, Victoria Rosas and husband Carlos, Warsaw; sister - Marisha Bahney, Warsaw; brother, Isaiah Bahney, Warsaw; his maternal grandmother Shelly Bahney and companion David Kuhn, Mentone; two uncles - Justin and wife Mandy Gearhart and Josh and wife Nikki Bahney, Macy; three aunts - Lia and husband Jose Rosas, Akron, Jessica Bahney, Akron, and BethAnn, Wabash; one nephew, Ayven Rosas, Warsaw; several cousins and his dog Darius. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Gary Bahney; his maternal great grandparents, Max and Mary Jane Gearhart, and his paternal great grandparent, Bob and Bonnie Bahney. Services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday May 8, 2015 at Mentone United Methodist Church, Mentone, with Rev. Amber Karkosky- Litten officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Family and friends may call from 3 - 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron. Memorial Contributions may be made to: Mentone United Methodist Church - Youth Fund. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Reba (Sloan) Simpson**, 85, of Peru, passed away peacefully at Blair Ridge Monday, May 4, 2015. She was born on Sept. 17, 1929 to Elmer and Rebecca (Johnson) Sloan in Kettle Island, Kentucky. She married Thomas "Pap" F. Simpson on June 19, 1980 in Nashville, Tennessee who preceded her in death. Reba enjoyed spending time with her beloved dog, Baby, as well as family and friends. She enjoyed making crafts, listening to country music, and collecting angels. Reba is survived by her brother Junior (Cat) Sloan of Peru; special nephew Carl (Tonya) Philpot of Peru; stepson Frank (Debbie) Simpson of Shelbyville, Kentucky; stepdaughter Cathy Rogers of Mt. Eden, Kentucky; as well as several nieces, nephews, step grandchildren, and step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband as well as her son Eugene Johnson; brothers Fred Sloan (twin), Chester Sloan, Harold (Peewee) Sloan; sisters Edna Harvey, Dora Cravens, Frances (Treet) Philpot; stepchildren Wink Simpson, Jerry Simpson, Harold Simpson, Linda Temple, Willie Mae Parker; and great nephew Carl James (C.J.) Philpot. A service celebrating the life of Reba Simpson will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday May 7, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru Indiana with Pastor Robert Engel officiating. Burial will be in the Reyburn Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**Joseph "Joey" D. Gregg**, passed away unexpectedly on April 30, 2015. A lifelong Yorktown resident, Joe's sincerity and infectious personality made him such a lovable person. Joe was a proud 1995 graduate of Yorktown High School. Family and friends may call during a celebration of life ceremony to be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at the Mouse Music Hall, 9101 W. Smith St. Yorktown. No flowers are requested, rather in honor of Joey's name, please make memorial donations to: Yorktown Junior Athletic Assn. PO Box 18 Yorktown, IN 47396 Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, Indiana. Online Condolences may be made to the family at Obituaries, Glancy Funeral Homes The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**AVON — Ruthanna (Beall) Way**, age 97, of Avon, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2015. Ruthanna was born December 11, 1917, in Banquo, Indiana, the daughter of the late Frank Beall and the late Nellie (Gearhart) Beall. She married William E. Way, and he preceded her in death on January 10, 1996. Ruthanna was a member of Sweetser United Methodist Church and she was a past member of Eastern Star, Swayzee Chapter 345. She worked at Meshingomesia Boy Scouts Camp Crossland for five years. She was a 1935 graduate of Sweetser High School and attended Indiana Business College. Ruthanna was most proud of her four children for them getting their education and graduating from Purdue University, School of Pharmacy. Survivors include: three sons, William Z. (Karen) Way, of Avon, Thomas C. (Cynthia) Way, of Greenfield, Jon A. (Doris) Way, of Marion, daughter, Rebecca Ann (Wayne) Thompson of Clovis, California; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William E. Way; two sisters, V. Eileen Galbreath, Frances F. Erb; and brother Cecil Beall. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, with Reverend Mick Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove, Sweetser Indiana. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at Raven-Choate Funeral Home, 1202 Kem Road, Marion. The Family would like to extend a special thank you to Brownsburg Health Care, Home Instead, and Hospice. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sweetser United Methodist Church 413 Main Street, Sweetser, Indiana or donor's choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.ravenchoate.com](http://www.ravenchoate.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Bobby DeWayne Correll**, 51, of Arkansas, passed away on October 22, 2014. Bobby was born in Wabash, IN on July 18, 1963 to Ina (Liam) Lucas and Richard (Susanna) Correll. Survivors include his daughter, Miranda (Robby) Townsend and grandson Chevy, father, step-brothers and step-sisters. Memorial services will be held at Garden of Memory Cemetery at 11 a.m. on May 9, 2015. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

ALEXANDRIA - Richard C. "Rick" Embry, 69, passed away on Monday, May 4, 2015 at Community Hospital in Anderson following an extended illness. Services honoring Rick's life and legacy will take place at noon on Thursday, May 7, 2014 in the Noffze Funeral Home, 501 North Harrison Street, Alexandria with Pastor Randy Weaver officiating. Cremation will follow the services. Friends are invited to call at funeral home after 10 a.m. on Thursday prior to the services. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Stepping Stones of Madison County through the funeral home.  
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**Larry R. Chambers**, 77, passed away March 19 in Summerfield, FL, from complications due to Parkinson's Disease. He was born December 17, 1937, the son of Virgil B. and Delores V. (Foreman) Chambers. Chambers was employed for more than 30 years at Share Corporation. He retired in 1999 and moved to Summerfield, FL. where he resided until his passing. He was a lifetime member of the Church of God affiliated with Anderson University. Chambers was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Marilyn Riggs, a brother, Marvin A Chambers, and a stepson, Danny Courter. Chambers was survived by his wife, Margaret (Damewood) Chambers, brother, Randy (Mike) Chambers; two daughters, Debbi (Jeff) Secrest of Marion and Steffi (Doug) Jensen of Kokomo; five sons, Robert (Lisa) Chambers of Marion, Jared (Gina) Chambers of Marion, Larry (Bart) Chambers, Jason Chambers, and Adam Chambers; stepson, Randy (Liz) Courter of Greentown; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of his life will be held May 9 at 11 a.m. at the First Church of God, 450 West 50th Street, Marion, IN. Pastor Jonathan Secrest will be officiating.  
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**Margaret M. "Meg" Michaelson**, 54 passed away at 7:37 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral service will be held Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 12 p.m. following visitation at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Doug Sharrard officiating. Interment will be at the Monument City Cemetery in Huntington County. Memorial donations can be made out to Right to Life in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford Street, Huntington, IN 46750. To sign Margaret's on-line guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Helen Frances Dessing**, 72, Marion, passed away at 11:08 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, in Lutheran Hospital. She was born in Salt Lick, KY to the late Oscar and Eula (Purvis) Shrout. On January 2, 1962, she married Frank M. Dessing; he preceded her in death on February 11, 2008. Helen graduated from Swayzee High School in 1960. She co-owned and operated Dessing Insurance Agency for 20 years. She enjoyed working at St. Martin's Mission every Saturday, enjoyed traveling, and loved walking, especially in the mall. She attended Grace Community Church and was a member of Swayzee Girls. Helen was the kindest, most loving woman; she never met a stranger, and cared for everyone. She is survived by her step-daughter, Dianna Dessing, Marion; step-son, Rodney (Eileen) Goddard, England; sisters, Iantha (Irvin) Becraft, Marion and Loretta (Paul) Witt, Marion; brother, Luther (Irene) Shrout, Matthews; 8 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren, and her beloved dog, Baby. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents and husband, Helen was preceded in death by her siblings, Juanita Hatton and Lonnie Shrout. Services for Helen will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Entombment will follow in Grant Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors from 4-8 p.m., on Friday, May 8, 2015, at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**Norma G. Ferguson**, 86, Marion, passed away at 6:22 p.m., on Monday, May 4, 2015, in Wesleyan Health and Rehab Center. She was born in Marion to the late Paul and Gertrude (Holley) Spaulding. On January 24, 1948, she married Charles "Pepper" Ferguson; he preceded her in death on April 8, 1984. Norma attended Marion High School and worked at RCA Electronics for 37 years, and GE for 2 years. She was very family oriented, and loved family get-togethers: lunch on Friday at her sister Evelyn's house, and prior to that, it was Saturday Breakfast at her parents' house. She was a member of the Euchre Club, Poker Club, RCA Sympathy Club and bowled for several years in leagues on Thursday nights, at Crest Lanes. She attended Cowboy Church with her siblings at Grace Community Church, and enjoyed her Vegas trips. She is survived by her son, Ernie (Janet) Ferguson, Marion; daughter, Shannon (Jamie) Clariett, Marion; sister, Marcella (Pete Harris) Harstine, Marion; brothers, Raymond "Bud" (Joan) Spaulding, Marion and Wayne (Mary) Spaulding, Jonesboro; grandchildren, Shelley (Rick) Rauch, Noblesville, Tammy (Mark) Fagan, Marion, Jalen Clariett, Marion and Justin Clariett, Marion; great-grandchildren, Karsen and Maddie Rauch and Jackson "J.D." Fagan; great-great granddaughter, Ava Clariett, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Norma was preceded in death by her daughter, Vickie Ferguson; sisters, Virginia (Bud) Eib, Vivian (Vic) Pherson, and Evalyne (Delbert) Furnish, and brother, Robert Harold Spaulding. Services for Norma will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 8, 2015 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave. Marion, IN 46952. Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com).  
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**Alice L Brooks**, 78, passed away peaceful surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 3:10 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. Alice was born to Gilbert and Myrtle Haynes on Feb. 21, 1937 in Madrid, Nebraska. Alice married the love of her life, John D "Johnny" Brooks on July 3, 1954, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1999. Alice and Johnny were married 45 years and had six children. They are, Diana Cunningham of Kokomo, John D. (Beth) Brooks Jr. of Deltona, Florida, Victoria (Bryce) Padgett of Perry, Georgia, Tammy Parker of Hickman Kentucky, Sandra Merrell of Clanton, Alabama, and James (Kay) Brooks of Peru. Alice had a

big family, grandchildren are: Tonya (Eldridge) Bartholomew, Tina (Eldridge) Archer, Tisha (Eldridge) Larkin, Rich Eldridge, Ryan Eldridge, Jessica Cunningham, Jacob Cunningham, Joshua Brooks, Natasha Breaux, Danny Rabe, Michael Rabe, Greg Rabe, Karie Padgett, Brittane Bernal, Loren Padgett, Aric Padgett, Joe Duty, Jeremy Duty, Jarod Duty, Phillip Merrell, Matthew Merrell, Nathaniel Merrell, Eric Whitehead, Natosha Brooks. She had 42 great grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren. She was the fourth of seven children, Glena, Opal, Donald, Jeannie, Pete, and Linda. Alice graduated from Weiser High School in Weiser, Idaho in 1954. She was a caregiver and homemaker her entire life. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy funeral home on Friday May 8, from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. with services following from 1-2 p.m. Burial will be at Ever Rest Cemetary. Services for Alice will be officiated by Edward Uyesugi. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**HARTFORD CITY – Carla Ann Ballenger**, 71, passed away at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home. She was born in Hartford City on September 22, 1943 to Robert Lee Corder and Margaret Louise (Baker) Blackburn. Carla graduated from Hartford City High School in 1960. She married Samuel "Sam" E. Ballenger on September 30, 1965 in Muncie. Carla volunteered for many years at Southside School. She will be sadly missed by her husband, Samuel "Sam" E. Ballenger of Hartford City; daughters, Samantha L. Ballenger (companion, Dick Daugherty) of Hartford City; Dane K. Raymont of Hartford City; son, Eric E. (wife, Amanda) Ballenger of Muncie; grandchildren, Jennifer Heath and Nicholas Danser; great-grandchildren, Zeppelin O'Neill, Grayson Heath, Ollie Heath and Nora Heath. She is preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Eli Raymont, sisters, Diane Corder and Delilah Corder. Carla will be cremated. Memorial Service will be 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 at Girl Scout House, 625 N. Mill St., Hartford City, IN. Memorial Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Girl Scout House. Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St. Hartford City is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5041. Online condolences may be sent to [www.keplingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.keplingerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Billy Joe Smith**, 77, Swayzee, died at 9:40 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015, in his home. He was born in Grant County to the late Luther and A. Lillian (Lamb) Smith. He married Betty Lou Stambaugh, and she preceded him April 30, 2009. Billy Joe was a graduate of Swayzee High School. He served in the Army as an Army Commander Sgt. Major. He was active in the VFW, military reserves, and AMVETS. Billy Joe also worked as a foreman at Dana Corp. and retired in 1986. Billy Joe was an avid fisherman, golfer, and hunter. He was inducted into the bowling Hall of Fame, was a private pilot, and was a member of the Dana Camping Club. Survivors include daughter, Sherry Cook, Marion; grandchildren, Jesse (Kim Boruff) Hall, Sweetser, Ashley Hughes and Joshalynn Yeater, both of Marion; great-grandchildren, Asharia, Sebastian, and Benjamin Hall; nephews, Curtis Binnion, Columbus, Indiana, James L. Binnion, Avon Park, Florida, Ernest Brashear, Fort Wayne, Elvis L. Binnion, Swayzee, and Timothy Brashear, Stuart, Florida; and sister, Doris Eileen Anderson. Also preceding him in death were daughter, Rhonda Hughes; sister, Judith A. Brashear; and nieces, Vicky Lynn Binnion-Warren and Carey Leigh Binnion-Templin. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2015, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee. Funeral Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, 2015, at the funeral home, with Pastor Chet Martin officiating. Burial will be at Thrailkill Cemetery in Swayzee. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**John R. Ogan Sr.**, 61, of Wabash, passed away at his home April 28, 2015. He was born in Wabash on July 6, 1953 to Robert Glenn Ogan and Mary Jane Thompson. John was preceded in death by his wife Marcia (Ulshafer) Ogan, and is survived by his children John Ogan and Jennifer Blum, and four grandchildren. He also has three brothers, Howard (Steve) Ogan, Larry Ogan, Carl Tyson and Sisters Linda Fisher, and Carol, also surviving. John enjoyed outdoor activities including camping, fishing, and riding his motorcycle. He loved to cook and sing karaoke, and was a hardworking and loving provider for his family. He retired from Paperworks Industries in Wabash. Services are to be held at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home in Peru on Saturday, May 9. The viewing is at 9 a.m. with funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Mark Wayne Cline**, 46, Marion, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2015. He was born in Marion to Jack and the late Mary (Green) Cline. Mark worked at the V.A. Hospital in Marion. He was funny, and had a great sense of humor, and was very helpful and kindhearted to others. He put others first, and his daughters were the most important thing to him; he loved his entire family dearly. Mark loved sports, particularly the Cubs, and collected their memorabilia. He enjoyed fishing and taking walks, strawberry shakes, king size chocolate bars, listening to music, and Chevelles, as well as visiting Arizona. He is survived by his father, Jack; daughters, Jenna (Greg Beck, Jr.) Cline, Muncie, and Meredith Cline, Marion; sister, Staci (Mike) Carrico, Marion; nieces, Cara Cline and Amanda Carrico; his "big guy," Izaiah; special friend, Jenell Manuszak, and beloved cat, Bad Boy. He will be missed by many friends. In addition to his mother, Mary, Mark was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Clela Cline. A memorial gathering will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 5-7 p.m., at The Family Life Center, 304 N. Miller Ave. Marion, IN 4692. Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 2901 S. Washington St. Marion, IN 46953. Online condolences may be made at [www.ifccares.com](http://www.ifccares.com). Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, May 6, 2015

**Mary Alice Cox**, 88, of rural Peru, died at 5:35 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born May 14, 1926 in Miami County to Herbert and Harriet (Bird) Harvey. Mary Alice was a graduate of Chili High School. She married Jud M. Cox in Miami County on February 23, 1945; he died Sept. 23, 2010. She was a homemaker and a member of the Chili United Methodist Church and the Miami County Farm Bureau. She enjoyed going to farm sales and doing crafts. She is survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her brother John Harvey. Private graveside services

and burial will be in Paw Paw Cemetery, Miami County. Preferred memorial is Miami County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Mary Alice may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, May 7, 2015

**Helen Alberta Deisch Douglass**, 98, passed away quietly May 6, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor where she had resided since Sept 2014. Helen was born Nov. 12, 1916 to Rosco and Hazel (DeWitt) Deisch in Kokomo. Helen married Kenneth Douglass on Dec. 8, 1933, and he preceded her in death on May 25, 1996. Helen and Kenneth were married 63 years and had 9 children. They are Clinton (Murta) Douglass, Gladys (Kenny) Sampson, Dianna Householder, Alberta Roberts, Larry Dean (Kim) Douglass, Colleen (Terry) Opp. Helen was preceded in death by sons James, Melvin and Marvin and one granddaughter. She is survived by daughter-in-laws Kaye Douglass and Waynetta Douglass, 19 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 7 step-great-grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren, 3 step-great-great grandchildren. The viewing/services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 W.3rd St Peru, from 9-11 a.m. Monday May 11 with services at 11 a.m. Services will be officiated by J. Robert Clark. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, May 7, 2015

**Larry Lee Day**, 63, Peru, went home to be with the Lord on May 2, 2015. He was born July 20, 1951 in Macomb, Illinois to John Edward and Bonnie Leslie (Ashworth) Day. He graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1970. He married Pamela Jane Brown on December 6, 1980 in Warren. Larry entered the Air Force in January of 1972, and served as a KC-135 Crew Chief in the 305th Air Refueling Wing at Grissom AFB. While with the 305th, he was deployed to Europe to support NATO operations and to the Southeast Asia to serve in the Vietnam Conflict. Tech Sargent Day left Active Duty in 1976. Larry joined the newly formed 434th in 1978 and became an Air Reserve Technician. Larry retired from the Air Reserves after 33 years of service. He retired with the rank of Master Sargent. Larry was employed with Data Monitoring Services and continues to work with airplanes. He enjoyed boating, reading, playing with his dogs, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, and two daughters, Leslie J Day, Peru, and Katherine Day of Picton, New Zealand; a half-brother, John Day Jr. of Barstow, Florida; an aunt Delores Ashworth of Decatur, Illinois; three cousins, Janet Boomer of Decatur, Illinois; Jeff Ashworth of Decatur, Illinois; and Jim Ashworth of Sterling, Virginia; two brother-in-laws; three sister-in-laws; and several nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his seven grand puppies Chester, Harley, Toby, Shia, Dexter, Sally and Roxy. Larry was preceded in death by both parents, and his brother Craig Allen Day, uncle Harry Ashworth, and both paternal and maternal grandparents. He will be remembered as a loving husband, wonderful father and a dedicated serviceman to his country. The viewing will be held from 2-7 p.m. on Monday May 11, 2015 and funeral service will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Burial will be at the Peoria Cemetery following the service, with Pastor: Michael Brown officiating. A celebration of his life dinner will occur at the Parkview Methodist church in Peru, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Miami County Animal Shelter, 2202 W.Eel River Road Peru, IN. 46970 Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, May 7, 2015

**Robert "Bob" Richeson**, 65, of Huron, South Dakota, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015 at his home in South Dakota surrounded by family, after a long battle with cancer. Bob was born May 15, 1949 to Ralph and Elsie (Crisci) Richeson in Peru. He attended and graduated from Peru High School in 1967. He was in the Peru Amateur Circus for many years. In 1968 he married Sondra (Sam) Secord in Peru. In 1973 he married Darlene (Jinx) Myers in Peru and they moved to Colorado. In 1988 he married Elizabeth Ames in Coal Creek Canyon, Colorado. He worked as a lineman for 35 years, working for United Power in Colorado before he retired and moved with Elizabeth to South Dakota. He started a business called Woodchucks, tree trimming and painting houses. He made walking sticks and canes and enjoyed going to auctions, panning for gold, and puzzles of many types. He was an avid, coin collector. Bob was also a dedicated Denver Broncos fan. He left behind three daughters: Tatia (Phil) Hyde and their children Robbie and Shawn of Peru; Jodi (Kimber Bradshaw) Richeson and their children Jenaya and Jevon of Deer Park, Texas, and Ashley (Hunter Davis) Richeson and their daughter Dylan Davis of Coal Creek Canyon, Colorado. Also surviving were two brothers: Harry Richeson and his wife Linda and their children Michelle and Jason of Peru and Ralph Richeson of Palmdale, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Elizabeth and his son Robbie Richeson. A memorial service will be held for him at The Lord's Fellowship Church at 51 Jefferson Ave. (Bloomfield area) Peru on May 16 from 2-4 p.m. for those who were not able to attend his funeral in South Dakota. Please come and help us celebrate the life of a wonderful man, father, brother, grandfather, and friend. Pastor Robert Engle will be officiating. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, May 7, 2015

**Sharon E. Mylet**, 69, of Peru, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away on May 6, 2015. Born on June 20, 1945, in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late Ben and Helen Clouse. She is survived by her sons, Mark Mylet and Dan Mylet; grandchildren, Dakota Mylet, Marissa Perdue, Paige Mylet, Bailey Mylet and Ian Mylet. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday May 12, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. prior to service. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorial donations may be given to Riley Children's Hospital. For online condolences please visit [www.hockemeyermillerfh.com](http://www.hockemeyermillerfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 8, 2015

**Raymond L. Landes**, 65, of Findlay passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay. He was born in Peru, on May 9, 1949 to the late Lewis W. and Betty J. Landes. On April 3, 1980 he married his soulmate, Linda Corrigan and she survives along with son, Gregory Landes and daughter Stephanie (Jerry) Burris. Ray is also survived by his sister Sandra (Robert) Ellsworth, mother-in-law Charlotte Corrigan, niece Wendy (Phillip) Tersigni, great-niece Katelyn and aunt Mary Landes. Ray graduated with an Engineering Degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He joined Guardian Industries in 1984, retiring in 2005 as the V.P. of Engineering. In 1992, Ray received the distinction of Guardian Industries Employee of the Year. Following his

retirement, he pursued his lifelong dream of opening a restaurant in Findlay. Ray loved the employees and patrons of Fins Seafood & Grille and considered them all his extended family. He was filled with a passion for life. He loved laughing, telling stories, sharing food and drink with people, and traveling the world - especially visiting Hilton Head. He also enjoyed golfing and was a member of Findlay Country Club and Mohawk Country Club in Tiffin. Above all, he absolutely loved his family and his dog, Molly. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015 from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at later date in Maple Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ray Landes Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, 127 E. Main Cross St., Findlay, OH 45840. Condolences can be sent via [www.coldrencrates.com](http://www.coldrencrates.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 8, 2015

**Clinton Forest Douglass**, 78, passed away at home on May 7, 2015. Clint was born Nov. 24, 1936 in Miami County to Helen and Kenneth Douglass. Clint was first married to Shirley Winningham and had three children, Brandon (Jannice) from Peru, Bryan (Tammy) from Daleville and Anita from Lafontaine. Then he married Murta J. Black Douglass on May 2, 1965 in Mexico, In. Clint loved farming, working on tractors, being at the fairgrounds, being outside and being with his family. He is survived by Murta's four children Dan (Darla) Miller, Janet Miller, Marcia Phillips, Ralph (Dalena) Fershee. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He is also survived by brother Larry (Kim) Douglass, and four sisters: Gladys (Kenneth) Sampson, Dianna Householder, Alberta Roberts, Colleen (Terry) Opp, and several nieces and nephews. Clinton was preceded in death by both parents, brothers James, Melvin and Marvin. The viewing will be held at the Miami County Fair Grounds on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with funeral services on Thursday May 14, 2015 at 10 a.m. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 9, 2015

**Hazel C. S. Walker**, 93, of Peru, Indiana passed away Friday, May 8, 2015, at 2:10 a.m. at the Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru, In. She was born Aberdeen, Scotland on May 10, 1921, the daughter of Charles Stewart and Christian Barron Lamont. Hazel married Clifford Walker in Aberdeen, Scotland on Oct. 2, 1945, and he survives. Hazel is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She worked most of her adult life, and worked in the Peru School system for many years. Hazel worked as the secretary at Ridgeview School, secretary to Peru High School Athletic Director Bob Larson, and assistant librarian at Peru High School. Hazel has served as a Red Cross volunteer at the VA hospital in Marion for many years. During WWII she served as an Air Raid Warden in her native Aberdeen, Scotland. She enjoyed traveling and returned to her native Scotland many times to visit her numerous nieces and nephews. An avid animal lover, Hazel was particularly devoted to her cats. Surviving in addition to her husband Clifford is a daughter Christine May and her husband Kelly of Peru, In, a son Philip Walker and his wife Debbie of Peru, In, granddaughters Amy Christine Black and Samantha Abigail May and great grandchildren Matthew Dean Black and Hayden Nicole Black. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of Hazel C. Walker will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main Street, Peru, IN, with Pastor Stephen Quinlan officiating. Family and friends will gather from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, In. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 9, 2015

**Harriet A. Weaver**, 90, Peru, passed away at 5:23 p.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru surrounded by her family. Born Aug. 14, 1924, in Miami County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Ernest W. and Thelma Miller Keyes. On Jan. 26, 1947, at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, she was united in marriage to Ronald G. Weaver, and he preceded in death on Oct. 30, 2003. She was an active member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren where she served as church organist and pianist for many years. She was also active in her community serving Dukes Hospital as a Pink Lady, the Women's Fellowship at her church, and the Miami County Extension Homemakers. She graduated from International Business College and had worked at GE in Fort Wayne. Survivors include her three children, Linda Hebb and husband Lee, Pendleton, South Carolina; Terry Weaver and wife Brenda, Peru; and Louanne Johnloz and husband Gary, Huntington; five grandchildren, Monica Senk, Carla Weaver, Myles Weaver, Adam Fox, and Shelbi Warren; and 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Miriam Sites, Roann. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one grandson, Dean Weaver. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, Mexico, with Pastor Randal Dick officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Church of the Brethren. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 11, 2015

**Clinton Forest Douglass**, 78, passed away at his home on May 7, 2015. Clint was born November 24, 1936 in Miami County to Helen and Kenneth Douglass. Clint was first married to Shirley Winningham and had three children, Brandon (Jannice) from Peru, Bryan (Tammy) from Daleville and Anita from Lafontaine. Then he married Murta J. Black Douglass on May 2, 1965 in Mexico In. Clint loved farming, working on tractors, fishing, being at the fairgrounds, being outside and spending time with his family and friends. Clint worked for MarkHon Industries, from July 12, 1976 -1979. Clint also worked for the Miami County Highway Department where he retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife Murta Douglass and Murta's four children: Dan (Darla) Miller, Janet Miller, Marcia Phillips, Ralph (Dalena) Fershee. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his one brother Larry (Kim) Douglass and 4 sister Gladys (Kenneth) Sampson, Dianna Householders, Alberta Roberts, Colleen (Terry) Opp, and several nieces and nephews. Clint was preceded in death by both of his parents and brothers: James, Melvin, Marvin and one great grandson. The viewing will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds on Wednesday on May 13, 2015 from 4pm to 7 pm with funeral services on Thursday May 14, 2015 at 10:00am. Services will be officiated by Al Peck and Chris White. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 w. 3rd st. in Peru. Burial will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 11, 2015

**Shirley Ann Marsh**, 70, of Wabash, died at 5:45 am, Saturday, May 9, 2015 at her home. She was born Nov. 24, 1944 in Lawrence County, Kentucky to Frank and Susie (Murphy) Blessing. Shirley attended Manchester College one year. She married Clifford Allen Marsh in Wabash on Feb. 27, 1965. She worked 38 years at Dukes Hospital in Peru. Shirley was a member of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Wabash. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Allen Marsh of Wabash; two children, Robert A. (Connie) Marsh of Columbia City, and Sandra Marsh of Ohio; three grandsons, Scott Marsh, Elias Marsh and Josiah Marsh, all of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Frank Blessing Jr. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Terry Hinds officiating. Burial will be in Everrest Memorial Park, Logansport. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church. The memorial guest book for Shirley may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 11, 2015

**Sharon Ann Cofield**, 73, of Rotonda West, Florida, formerly of Monmouth, Illinois passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Englewood Health and Rehab Center in Englewood, Florida. She was born Sept. 15, 1941 in Peru, the daughter of Robert and Margarite (Bemenderfer) Engelage. She was raised and educated in Peru, graduating from high school there. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Michael; two sons, Philip (and Jera) Cofield of St. Charles, Missouri and Thomas (and Sarina) Cofield of Olympia, Washington; and three grandchildren, Daniel, Ashley, and Ryan. She was preceded in death by her son, Ronald Cofield on Jan. 14, 1976. Sharon and Michael moved to Florida 18 years ago from Monmouth. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Englewood. Sharon enjoyed knitting and cross stitching. Visitation will be 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2015 at Englewood Community Funeral Home in Englewood. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Englewood. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Friday, May 15, 2015 in St. Joseph Cemetery in Galesburg, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry. Hinchliff-Pearson-West Galesburg Chapel is handling Galesburg arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.inglewoodfh.com](http://www.inglewoodfh.com) or [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 11, 2015

**Claudette June (Correll) Miller**, 50, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 6:40 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Dec. 20, 1964 to Dean and Martha Correll in Peru. She was a graduate of North Miami High School (Class of 1983) and also attended Union Bible School where she sang with her choir group for two years and traveled the states, including Canada. Claudette is survived by her daughter Tayanita Miller (fiancé Mitchell) of Peru; sister Velvet Knauff (husband Elvin) of Denver; brother Kelvin Correll (wife Xiuhui) of Denver; sister Gail Aldredge (husband Larry) of Mexico. Nieces and nephews include: Nicholas, Eric, Laura, Adam, Amanda, Dean, Tiffany, and Daniel. Claudette is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Timothy. Claudette enjoyed baking, reading in her free time, spending time with her daughter, and earlier on in her life she enjoyed mushroom hunting frequently. A memorial service will be held at Zions Chapel in Peru, on Wednesday, May 13 from 12 - 2 p.m. with Pastor Rodney Correll officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to her daughter for the final expenses, through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements were entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**Estill Joseph** was born on June 8, 1944 in Hyden, Kentucky and passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Paris Health Care in Paris, Illinois. He was the son of the late Clemmie Joseph and the late Polly Jane Lewis, of Hyden, Kentucky. Estill was retired from Trelleborg Automotive in Peru, and was affiliated with Oliver United Methodist Church in Paris, Illinois. His hobby was his grandchildren and he could be seen at any and all of their activities and events. He was preceded in death by: a baby daughter, Darlene Renee Joseph; his parents, Clemmie Joseph and Polly Jane Lewis; his brothers, John Henry Joseph, Okey Joseph and Will Joseph; his sisters, Betty Pennington, Easter Joseph, Nancy Callahan, Lizzie Day, Judy Day, and Laura Boggs. He is survived by: his loving wife, Irene Joseph; his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Julayne Joseph; four grandchildren, Jake, Molly, Ike, and Grace Joseph, all of Paris, Illinois; his sister, Katie Reed of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; his brother, Herman Joseph of Hyden, Kentucky; and a host of other treasured relatives and friends. Visitation for Estill will be conducted on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with funeral services following at Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, with the Rev. Joe Irwin officiating. Burial will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. The following will serve as Pallbearers: Stephen Joseph, Jake Joseph, Ike Joseph, Chad McQuinn, Brandon McQuinn, and Ron Jones. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**Lewis Russell Hutcheson**, 87, of Somerset died at 12:35 p.m., Saturday May 9, 2015 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born Feb. 9, 1928 in Indianapolis, to Hubert and Mildred (Bolander) Hutcheson. Lewis served in the US Navy from 1948-1952 on the USS Wasp aircraft carrier. He married Virginia Ruth Gates, she preceded him in death. He worked for Penn Central and Norfolk-Southern Railroads, owned Hutch's Gun Shop in Fortville in 1964, owned a shoe shop in Wabash in the late 1970's, and sold shoes on the road. He attended Woodlawn United Methodist Church and was a member of the Fortville VFW. He enjoyed flea marketing, antiques, garage sales, hunting bargains, gunsmithing, camping, fishing, and watching old western films. He is survived by three children, Barbara Terrell of Fortville, Donna (Michael) Fouts of Somerset, and Donald Hutcheson of Wabash; five grandchildren, Danny (Nicole) Shetterley of Fortville, Amanda (Jeff) Hodges of Chesterfield, Virginia, Damin Long and Dawn (Grant) Kelley both of Wabash, and Sara (Brantley) See of Macy; eight great-grandchildren, Nick, Olivia, Emma, Kaylee, Jaxson, Noah, Rhagan, and Addison; two great-great grandchildren, Cameron and Nick; a sister, Glenna McFadden of Wisconsin; and significant other, Betty Walters of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services and burial will be 3 p.m., Thursday, May 14 at Gravel Lawn Cemetery Chapel, Fortville with Pastor Herb Hughs officiating. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 13 at

Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and from 2 - 3 p.m. Thursday at Fortville. Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Health Care and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Lewis may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**Debbie Walton** was born Nov. 8, 1957 in Shannon, Mississippi to the Late Billie and Corene Walton. She was residing in Marion at the time of her passing on Saturday May 9, 2015. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age by uniting with the Spring Hill Baptist Church, Nettleton, Mississippi. She is survived by her daughter Sara Walton, Peru, two grandchildren Kasen and Kamren, two brothers: Rommie Walton (Nancy), Peru and Glenn Walton, Logansport and three sisters: Nancy Walton, Peru, Kelly Gadd (Gregg, deceased), Marion and Jennifer Walton, Marion and a host of nieces and nephews. Debbie held degrees in Business Administration and Accounting and was employed with the Phoenix Data Corporation at the time of her passing. Debbie was an avid reader and enjoyed taking care of her numerous house plants. She loved spending time with friends and family as well as watching her grandsons' ball games. She was patient and kind, always willing to lend an ear and offer sound advice, in turn she was considered to be a respected confidant for the many people in her life and will be greatly missed. A private service will be held for Debbie at Gholar & Gholar Funeral Service in Marion on Friday May 15, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Flowers and condolences may also be sent to Gholar & Gholar Funeral Services 526 South McClure Street, Marion, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 13, 2015

**Betty Sue Jones Owen**, 72, of Peru, died on May 11, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Nov. 30, 1942 in Peru, she was the daughter of Woody and Fairy (Durham) Grimes. Betty wed Clarence E. Owen, of Wabash, in 1958. She was known for starting a successful business called, Betty's Yard Ornaments, which she ran for years. She was a major contributor and volunteer for We Care, a local community service provider, which helped families and children with clothes and toys at Christmas. Betty also loved working as a press operator at the Peru Tribune for many years. Betty is survived by her companion, James Hall; her brother Rick Grimes; her sister, Linda Gustin; her children, Terri (Kevin) Hooker, Dale Owen, Skipper Owen, Beth (Jeff) Seegert, Traci (Scotty) Mudd, and Mandi (Steve) Hartleroad; 10 grandchildren, Marianna, Madison, Isabella, Cody, Hannah, Jami, Kiernan, Corson, Tiffany (Ajay) Stanton, Steven (Joyce) Hooker; and three great-grandchildren, Brittany, Ajay Jr, and Ashleigh. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Lucille Lipham and Cindy Mallot, and her infant brother, Charles. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, IN 46970. Preferred memorial is Helping Hands at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 15, 2015

**Russell W. "Bill" See**, 73, of Andover, Illinois, died Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Cheyenne Wyoming Regional Medical Center, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Russell was born on July 6, 1941, in Denver, Indiana, the son of Robert C. and Caroline B. Moon See. He married Phyllis Taylor on Dec. 6, 1980 in Rock Island, Illinois. He drove a semi for over 50 years and retired from Dart Transport. Russell was a lifetime member of Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association. He enjoyed truck driving and being outdoors. He especially loved spending time with his family. Survivors include his loving wife, Phyllis See; daughter, Shannon See, Denver; stepdaughters, Sherri Taylor Casteel, Jonesville, SC; and Michele Taylor Ivey, Hilliard, FL; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; brother, Ronald See, Peru; sister, Jackie Fultz, Logansport. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Roberta; brother, Dave; stepdaughter, Kimberly Ann Taylor Thornburg. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at Kirk, Huggins & Esterdahl Funeral Home, Ltd., 1301 4th Street, Orion. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Western Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. An additional service celebrating the life of Bill See will also be held 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at Denver Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family one hour prior to the service at the church. McClain Funeral Home, Denver is handling arrangements in Indiana. The guestbook can be signed online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 16, 2015

**Carolyn R. Conrad**, 85, of Peru, passed away Sunday May 17, 2015 at 4 p.m. in Logansport Millers Merry Manor. Born Nov. 4, 1929 in Peru to the late Lawrence and Grace Washington Conner. On Dec. 5, 1948 near Mexico, she married Robert A. Conrad who preceded in death Oct. 11, 2008. Carolyn was a homemaker. She was a member of the Corinth Brethren Church and the Indiana Farm Bureau. Surviving is a daughter, Diana J. Conrad, Peru; two sons, John Robert Conrad, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota and Matthew Conrad and wife Pat, La Porte; brother, Lawrence Conner Jr. and wife Harriet, Mexico; sister, Janet Dalman, Holland, Michigan. One sister, Marilee Wildman, preceded in death. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015 in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Ben Phippen officiating. Burial will be in the Corinth Brethren Cemetery, near Twelve Mile. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 also in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Gideon's International or to the Corinth Brethren Church. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 18, 2015

**John C. Copp**, 78, of Peru, passed away at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2015, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born in Windfall, May 17, 1936 the son of William Paul and Jennie Grace Shultz Copp. John married Mary M. Thurston in Tipton on Oct. 31, 1953 and she survives. John was a graduate of Eastern High School and was employed by Marburger Foods for more than 40 years retiring in 2001 as the Dock Supervisor. John was a devout Christian whose faith guided him in every endeavor. He was an active member of the Church of Christ at Grissom serving in various capacities where needed. He was an example of purest of devotion, foremost to his wife and children. Surviving in addition to his wife Mary, are: sons J. Brad Copp and his wife Jennifer of Fountaintown, and Mark A. Copp and his wife Shannon of Peru; a daughter Robbie Zellar of Fountaintown; brothers Paul Copp and his wife Marjorie of Okeechobee, Florida, and Mac Copp and his wife Janet of Peru; sisters Alice O'Brien and her husband John of

Lincoln, California, Deronda Ferguson and her husband Loren of Lincoln, California and Vicki Egan and her husband John of San Bernadino, California; grandchildren Shannon Copp, Amie Gant and her husband Jeremy, Jesse Zellar, Andrew Wray, Brooke Chase and her husband Lance, Kurtis Copp and his wife Jamie, William Copp and his wife Jesseca, Adam Copp and Joshua Copp; and great grandchildren Kalel Scott, Kayden Scott, Matthew Gant, Justin Gant, Landon Chase, Isabella Chase and Benjamin Copp. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of John C. Copp will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at the Church of Christ at Grissom, with Minister John Damron officiating. Burial will be in New Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. till time of service on Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ at Grissom. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 18, 2015

DENVER - **James G. See**, 73, of 4101 East 850 North, Denver died Monday from injuries sustained in a tractor accident in his barn. According to a news release from Miami County Sheriff Tim Miller, at approximately 4:39 p.m., deputies from the Miami County Sheriff's Department responded to See's residence in response to a 911 call placed by the victim. See told Miami County Central Dispatch personnel that he had been ran over by a tractor at his residence. Emergency personnel responded to the scene and discovered See inside his barn with injuries. He was awake, alert, and able to speak with personnel at the scene, according to the report. See was airlifted to Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, from the scene. He passed away shortly thereafter as a result of internal injuries sustained during the accident. An investigation into the accident was conducted by Miami County Sheriffs Deputies. Evidence discovered during the investigation suggests that See was in the process of restoring an antique tractor at his residence when the accident occurred. See's upper body was apparently crushed by the tractors rear wheel as the tractor ran over him while the victim was working on the piece of equipment. See was able to call for help by using a cellular phone that was in his possession at the time of the accident. Agencies assisting at the scene included the Denver Fire Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Emergency Medical Personnel from Dukes Memorial Hospital.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 19, 2015

**Edith Kirk**, 88, of Carmel, passed away on May 17, 2015. Mrs. Kirk was the co-owner of John Kirk Furniture Galleries. She was a member of The King of Glory Lutheran Church, and was a devoted mother who loved to spend time with her large family. Edith will be dearly missed by all. Mrs. Kirk is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, John Kirk; sisters Ruth, Patti, Pricilla, and Sarah; children L. Thomas (Pat) Kirk, Linda (Tom) Webster, Kenny (Sharon) Kirk, Robert C. Kirk; sister-in-law, Charlotte McKinzie; grandchildren, Tami, John, Christopher, Angie, Robbie, Erick, Aaron, Ricky, and Nikki; and great-grandchildren, Kylee, Karsen, Robyn, Klaudia, Klara, Abby, McKenna, Charlie, Eli, Hudson, and Channing. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, May 21 in Leppert Mortuary - Smith Carmel Chapel, with calling there two hours prior to the time of the funeral. Burial will follow in Carmel Cemetery. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association: 50 E 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. All are invited to share memories by visiting: [www.leppertmortuary.com](http://www.leppertmortuary.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 19, 2015

**Patti Lilla**, at the age of 54 peacefully passed away on May 10, 2015 in Peru. She was born on Nov. 8, 1960 in Waukegan, Illinois to the late Phyllis and Edward Malm. Patti was a graduate of Waukegan High School. She married Marvin Lilla in Wauconda, Illinois in 1986. At the time she worked at a Wauconda Bank and her husband Marvin was a fire fighter at Glenview Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois and then they moved to Peru, continuing his fire-fighting at Grissom Air Force Base, retiring in 2010 and then formed his own cleaning business, Nitro Cleaners. Patti was survived by her children Kelsey and Megan Lilla of Fort Wayne. She was also survived by brother Jeff and wife (Barb) Malm, Jasper, Arkansas and bother Daniel and wife (Joy) Malm in Bartlett, Illinois. She also was survived by her mother-in-law, Lorraine Lilla, Mesa, Arizona; her sister-in-law , Vickie and husband (Dennis) Chmielewski of Buffalo Grove, Illinois; and her nephews Ken Chmielewski and Tim and wife (Jennifer) Chmielewski, Suffolk, Virginia. Patti was preceded in death by her husband Marvin, her father and mother Edward and Phyllis Malm. Patti was diagnosed in 1991, with Multiple Sclerosis and Breast Cancer in 2001; she was in remission with Breast Cancer when she then was re-diagnosed in 2013 when it had returned but in her lungs. Patti never gave up her fight against Breast Cancer or Multiple Sclerosis and because of this she inspired many people. She was an active member of the community of Peru. From coaching aerobic lessons at the YMCA to joining Curves in her later years. In her younger years she enjoyed running marathons with her two daughters and just last year she finished her first 5K, Making Strides (TEAM PATTI), with the help of her daughters. Patti was also a member of the Peru Lion's Club as well. Patti enjoyed helping others; she gathered items for "Operation Christmas Child" every year and was an active member at St. John's Lutheran Church. A memorial is being held in honor of Patti's life from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturday May 23, 2015, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 19, 2015

**David L. "Dave" "Dilly" Dillman**, Peru, passed away suddenly Monday morning, May 18, 2015, with family members present. He was born Nov. 24, 1947, in Peru. David was the third son of Glen and Ora Dillman and is survived by his brother John. David grew up regularly attending the Center Chapel Brethren Church with his family. He attended school at Chili and was graduated from North Miami High School in 1965. He went on to earn an associate degree from International Telephone and Telegraph Services in Electrical Engineering in 1970. This opened the door to a position in electrical manufacturing and supervision with the Square D in Peru. Dave's life growing up on a farm near Chili gave him a deep appreciation for rural Indiana and the community of friends that meant so much to him. He never tired of watching crops poke up through the ground in the spring and enjoyed watching them grow to maturity in the fall. A call from distant family members would inevitably be an invitation to listen to stories about the wonders of Miami County life. David had many interests. He always had time for a day at the lake fishing with a buddy or an early morning

squirrel hunt. To him a warm sunny day in the summer was a perfect excuse to call some friends and take off on his Harley to explore the back roads of northern Indiana. Many times someone would call asking for assistance with an electrical problem; David was off to see how he could help. And, there was always time to meet friends at the Peru Maennerchor for a competitive game of cards. There will be a viewing at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru Friday from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Immediately following will be a memorial service led by Pastor Dan Tucker. Dave will be laid to rest in the Paw Paw Methodist Church cemetery surrounded by the farms he loved and in the shadow of a country church. May his body rest in peace and his spirit rest in the hands of God. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 19, 2015

**Catherine "Katie" Hanes-Adams**, 86 of Warsaw, passed away at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 in Grace Village Healthcare Center, Winona Lake. On July 30, 1928, she was born in Miami County to Charles I. and Elma E. (Gray) Wray. She was united in marriage to Elmer Hanes on March 7, 1948 in Peru. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1999. She then was united in marriage to William Elwyn Adams on Nov. 11, 2000 in Atwood, who survives. Katie lived in the Atwood and Warsaw area since 1965. She worked as a hostess for Holiday, Inn, Warsaw. She was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Atwood and former member of Center Chapel Church, Erie. She is survived by her husband, William "Elwyn" Adams, Warsaw; three daughters, Marj (and spouse Terry) Harmon, Warsaw, Paula (and spouse Leon) Brown, Destin, Florida and Karen Hanes, Kokomo; two sons, Larry (and spouse Donna) Hanes, Warsaw and Rod (and spouse Sharon) Hanes, Peru; one sister, Charlene Hohman, Silver Lake; 12 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2015 in McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw with Pastors Tracy Reed and Mark Pogue officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Visitation hours will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko County Cancer Care Fund, C/o K21 Foundation, 2170 North Pointe Drive, Warsaw, Indiana 46582. To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to [mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 20, 2015

**James G. See**, 73, of Denver, passed away unexpectedly Monday, May 18, 2015 at 5: 44 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, as a result of an accident on his farm earlier that day. He was born in Peru on Oct. 22, 1941 the son of Gaylord and Pauline Fouts See. Jim married Eileen Cypherd at the First Baptist Church in Peru on Dec. 3, 1961 and she survives. Jim was a tool maker at Chrysler Corporation for 40 years and a member of both the UAW and the "Swat Team". He also farmed his family Homestead Farm of 300 acres for 44 years. Jim was a 1959 graduate of Chili High School. Jim was a man of great integrity, was a strong Christian man and loved his Lord. His whole life was centered around his family. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Peru and an Associate Member of the Christian Church of Holiday, Florida. He was an adult Sunday School Teacher for 40 plus years as well as serving as Deacon and other boards in his Church over the years. Jim and Eileen enjoyed traveling and camping with friends and family. He was able to enjoy 15 years of retirement and spent most of that time with his daughters and grandchildren. His hobbies were restoring trucks and tractors for each of his grandchildren. Surviving in addition to his wife Eileen are daughters Jane (Doyle) Hembree of Lagro, Debbie Costanzo of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and Betsy (Curt) Raffensperger of Wabash; grandchildren Kagen (Jessica) Raffensperger, Ryan Raffensperger, Jasmine Hembree, Kristen Raffensperger, Nathaniel Hembree, Johnathan Raffensperger and Kaitlyn Hembree; great grandchildren Mia Martin and Averie Raffensperger; siblings Danny (Virginia) See of Mexico, and Pat (Terry) Wagoner of Peru, and several nieces and nephews. His parents preceded him in death. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of James G. See will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the First Baptist Church, 53 E. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church funeral dinner fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, May 20, 2015

**Marguerite Effie Click**, 90, a resident of Blair Ridge, Peru, and formerly of Denver, passed away at 6:44 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Sept. 25, 1924, in Fulton County, she was the daughter of Walter and Mabel Woodcox Ball. On Dec. 29, 1942, at Bruce Lake, she was married to Robert G. Click, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2001. She was a member of the Denver Baptist Church and had worked for many years at Hart Shaffner Marx, Rochester. Marguerite loved fishing, cooking, spending time with her family, and filling her life with laughter and enjoyment. She is survived by two daughters, Janice Miriam Murphy, and her husband Dick, Denver; and Linda Kay Loveless and husband Gary, Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Tauscha Snyder, Gaston; Jennifer Spears, Carthage, New York; Amanda Thomas, Indianapolis; Tony Murphy, Denver; Michelle Murphy, Denver; Lisa Loveless, Seattle, Washington; and Brandon Loveless, Yorktown; nine great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Leona Skinner, Elkhart; and Colleen Miller, Plainfield. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Ball, Jr.; and one sister, Lucille J. Clifton. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at the Denver Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, in the Denver Baptist Church Sanctuary. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Baptist Church. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 25, 2015

**Herbert C. Wray**, 97, passed away on May 24, 2015. Born in Peru, he was the son of the late Homer and Ola (Whitzel) Wray. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. He was a partner and owner of Luginbill Wire and Die, where he also was a diamond die maker consultant, retiring in 1981. Herbert loved golfing and spending time with his family. He is survived by his children, Pamela (Larry) Springer of Fort Wayne and Dennis (Susan) Wray of Redmond, Oregon; grandchildren, Heidi Ann (Steve) Wilhoff of New Haven, Jay (Susan) Springer of Centerville, Tennessee, Jeremy Wray and Joshua Wray both of Redmond, Oregon;

great grandchildren, Jeffery (Jessica) Mobley, Jared Springer, Gregory (Emily) Mobley, Cameron Springer, Ian Springer, Ainsley Wilhoff, and Nathan Wilhoff; and great great grandchildren, Elija, Piper Bell, and Wesley Mobley. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Miriam in October, 2014; and sister, Miriam Benzinger. Funeral Service is 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne with calling one hour prior. Pastor Steve Ahlersmeyer officiating. Calling is 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to the church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice. To share online condolences go to [www.harperfuneralhome.com](http://www.harperfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 26, 2015

**Calvin (Cal) Junior Piatt**, 71, Peru, took his last breath at his daughters home Monday May 25, 2015 at 10:45 a.m. He was born Oct. 20, 1943 to Charlie Wilbur and Wilma Blanche (Stewart) Piatt. He married Jean Angle on July 5, 1970; she preceded him in death June 12, 2004. Calvin was a cab driver here in Peru then retired from Square D in 1995. He became an auctioneer in 1979. After work and on the weekends Calvin was a shade tree mechanic on cars, lawnmowers, anything with a motor. He also tried his hand at farming, then opened Jean's Cafe in Peru, followed by wholesaling cars in Denver. After he retired he would volunteer cook at the American Legion in Peru. In his younger years he enjoyed entertaining family and friends with. Polka dances, singing, playing the Harmonica and the spoons. He is survived by one sister, Martha E. Bowerman, Piqua, Ohio. his Daughter, Tammy (Ken) Hahn, Troy, Ohio and their sons; Levi Hahn and wife Brandi Piqua, Ohio and Luke Hahn (24) Troy, Ohio; his daughter Rebecca (Mark) Buckles North Pole, Alaska their sons Harvey Buckles, and Stephanie and a great- grandson Wyatt (4 mo), North Dakota and Jacob Buckles (17) North: Pole, Alaska; his daughter, Anita (Clayton). Patrick Peru, their sons Jordon Kraning (20) Peru, and Kasey Boggs (12), Peru, their daughter Shawna (Brian) Hall Sheriden great-grandsons Joshua (8), great granddaughters Aireanna (6) Zoey, Zayla (21 mo.). Calvin had many extra children and grandchildren in his extended family who will miss him as much as his own. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Shirley Gayle Piatt and Minnie Lee Maxwell; two brothers, Henry Piatt and an infant, and two granddaughters. Friends may visit Saturday May 30, 2015 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a service at 1 p.m. officiated by Pastor Rod Correll at Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W 3rd Street Peru. Instead of flowers the Family asks that love offerings be made to Flowers- Leedy. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, May 28, 2015

**James Patrick Harkin** peacefully passed away on May 27, 2015, at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. He was born on August 30, 1947, in Peru Indiana. Jim graduated from North Miami High School in 1965 then went on to attend Purdue University. He retired as Senior Industrial Engineer Manager in 1998 at Wabash Magnetics. Jim was preceded in death by his father Michael C. Harkin, his mother Evadine I. Hyman and nephew Ron Justice. He is survived by his wife Debby and three children: Kim, Kate and Mike; sisters Cheryl Herrell and Kristi J. Forshee; stepfather Donald Hyman; and many nieces and nephews. Jim was blessed with nine grandchildren: Julien, Isabella and Jimmy Popoff of Terre Haute; Aubrey, Avery, Alex and Jace Jones of Peru, and Jazmin and Jenna Harkin of Newark, Ohio. A diabetic since childhood, Jim was cautious and proud of his health. Struck with blindness in 1998, he slowed down physically but never in spirit. He joined the Dukes cardiac physical rehab group in 1999 and remained committed to his heart health and a great group of friends for 16 years. A loving, supportive father and devoted husband, he could often be found with a smile on his face, cup of coffee in hand and Debby right by his side. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org/Donate](http://www.diabetes.org/Donate). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 29, 2015

**John Victor (Vic) Hanson**, 89, peacefully passed away at home on Thursday, May 28. He was born on Oct. 3, 1925, to the late Thomas Jefferson Hanson and Nancy Carmi (Gable) Hanson in Tennessee. He was married to Willie Sue Staggs on Dec. 6, 1952, and preceded him death in on Feb. 26, 2010. Vic was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He served in the U.S. Navy for seven years and in the U.S. Air Force for 13 years. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. After retiring from the military in 1965, he worked at Chrysler for 20 years and retired in 1985. He loved playing with his grandchildren, working on cars, tending his vegetable garden, flower garden, playing cards, watching baseball and old Western movies. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bunker Hill. He is survived by his four children and their families: Tim and Vonda Hanson, Steve and Sandy Hanson, Cathy and Phil Stout, and Pam and Paul Drook. He was blessed with 12 grandchildren: Kenny and Rebekah Hanson, Christen Hanson, Keith and eRin Hanson, Nicholas and Jenny Hanson, Aaron Hanson, Rachel Stout, Andrea Stout, Nathan and Erin Drook, Noah Drook, Naomi Drook, Nehemiah Drook and Noelle Drook. He was also blessed with 11 great grandchildren: Madelyn, Kyler, Kaden, and Evelyn Hanson; Amara, Joslyn, Lorelei and Alder Hanson; and Joselyn, Logan and Leah Drook. Vic was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a great granddaughter Alyssa Drook, and his nine siblings: Steve Raymond Hanson, Hallie Elvira Hampton, Aron Mitchell Hanson, Mattie Lou Johnson, Exxa Lee Hanson, E.L. Hanson, Vernon Ray Hanson, Pauline Sewell, and Bonnie Dora Christine Newton. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S. Elm Street, Bunker Hill with Chaplain Don Miller officiating. The burial will be in the Springdale Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Kokomo Rescue Mission. A special thank you to all of the nurses and aides at Aperia Care and Northwoods Commons for all of the love and care they gave to Vic and his family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, May 29, 2015

**Donald Lewis (Benny) Benedict**, Jonesboro, at the age of 90 passed away May 27, 2015. Donald (Benny) was born Oct. 20, 1924 in Cass County, Indiana to Isacc L and Myrtle (McHenry) Benedict. He married Margaret M. Clark March 20, 1943, she survives. He lived around the Peru area until 1966 when they moved to Marion, and later to Jonesboro He retired after 30 years at Dana Corp, where he worked on the line and for the union, he also served as 3rd shift superintendent for 18 years and held the position of quality

control manager until he retired in 1985. He belonged to the Dana sympathy club for many years. Benny was an avid fisherman and spent lots of enjoyable hours on the Barbee Chain of Lakes. He is survived by his daughter Denise and husband Dawson Goodpaster, Marion; two granddaughters Cyndi (Danny) Reneau, Gas City and Kimberly (Gabriel) Hehe, Converse. Four great grandchildren, Mason and Gabrielle Hehe in addition to Peyton and Emily Reneau. Sister-in-law Martha Clark in addition to several neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Lloyd and two sisters, Goldie Losher and Isabel Fisher. Friends may call from 11 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. at At Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Monday June 1, 2015. Burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery Peru, with Pastor: Mick Simpkins officiating. Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, May 29, 2015

Mr. Robert Wayne Smith, 84, of Leiters Ford passed away at 8:40 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at Community Howard Regional Health of Kokomo. A celebration of the life of Robert Wayne Smith will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester with Pastor Nancy Foster officiating. Memorials may be made to Leiter's Ford United Methodist Church P.O. Box 126, Leiter's Ford, In, 46945. Electronic Expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**Theodore (Ted) Sopher** 81, went to be with the Lord Saturday May 30, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born November, 5, 1933 to Nelli Carr (Sopher) and Ezra Sopher of whom are both preceded in death. He is survived by his wife Ruth Sopher (Townsend). He and Ruth were married in 1987. He is also survived by Sharon and Mad( Eudy Of Peru, Marilyn Robbins of Peru, stepchildren; Vicki and Steve McCoy of Peru, Brenda Wolfe of Peru, Mary and Rick Auten of Peru, Robert Newby (Michelle) of Peru, Tina Calligos (Dancy) of Peru, a brother; Dick Sopher of Kokomo. Sopher was also preceded in death by a Sister Wanetta Dagan, two brothers James & Bob Sopher. His daughter Kathy Vance, & Son David Sopher. He was also preceded in death by his wife Gladys Sopher in 1978. He was in the National Guards from 1950 to 1953. Sopher was a very loving man. He was a trader, worked on lawn mowers and such. Had his own business hauling trash around Peru. He had 29 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. Funeral Services will be at Revival Center 307 Wampler, Peru, In. Pastor Chris Reed will be doing the services. Family & Friends may visit from 9 a.m. until time of service 10 a.m. Friday June, 5, 2015. Love offerings may be directed to Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**Norma Smith Blackman** of Peru and Denver Colorado, went home to Heaven on Jan. 16, 2015 in Denver at the age of 93. A long time Peru native, she was the daughter of Henri Gattoli and Dorothy Whitney Gattoli. She was the wife of retired Peru Police Officer Robert E. Smith, who passed away in 1977, and Burl H. Blackman, who also preceded her in death. Norma worked at AmeriTrust Bank and later as the secretary to the Miami County Commissioners. Active in numerous community and civic affairs, Norma served for many years on the board of the Peru Civic Center, volunteered for the Salvation Army, and delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. She loved being a teacher's aide and helping students learn at Peru Junior High School and she had a passion for playing bridge, especially in competitions. A lifelong member of the Peru Methodist Church and active in politics, she enjoyed discussing current issues and socializing with friends and family. Her family gatherings always included ice cream and the grandchildren looked forward to trick or treating at her house because she gave them ice cream instead of candy. Lovingly referred to as The Queen of Bling, Norma was known for her sparkling style and feisty personality as well as her good looks and warm smile. She loved people and everyone loved her, most of all her family, who will miss her terribly. She is survived by her devoted daughters Cheryl Smith (Mike) of Denver who cared for her the last three years and Nancy Sebastian (Doug) of Hammock Beach, FL, grandchildren Tami Speth (Philip) and Troy Tomson (Angela), great-grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren, and many, many friends and other family members. Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A service will be held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru, In.

"The love between a mother and daughter is forever." The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**Dennis Steven Herrell**, at the age of 70 peacefully passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at Aperia Care in Peru, Indiana. Denny was born February 14, 1945, at St. Joseph in Kokomo, In, to the late Everett and LaVon Herrell. Denny married Betty Oaks on June 27, 1964, at Peru, In, who survives. Along with his wife he is survived by son, Dennis Steven (Michelle) Herrell II and daughter, Stephanie Denise (Todd) Gardner, and grandchildren, Evan Herrell, Avery Herrell, Erin Herrell, Caroline Gardner, Samuel Gardner and Oliver Gardner, his sister, Michelle Littrell, several nephews, nieces and cousins. Along with his parents Denny is preceded in death by his sisters, Ruby (Richard) Krieg and Sandra Ellen Herrell, brother, John Stanford (Mary) Anderson and in-laws, Elmer and Daisy Oaks. Denny and Betty graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1963. Denny worked at Chrysler Transmission for 15 years in Kokomo, Indiana. He also owned Herrell's Hardware and Denny's Hoosier Mobile Home Court both in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Denny retired from Maconaquah School Corporation in 2012 where he was a school bus driver for 30 years. Denny was most proud of the respect and admiration he received as a school bus driver from the school corporation, parents and most of all the students. Denny's eagerness to aid those in need, to accommodate those who lacked and to help those that lingered contributed to his generosity toward friends and casual acquaintances. He was a family man and enjoyed being a Papaw to his six beloved grandchildren. Denny was an avid basketball and baseball fan. He played adult basketball for Chrysler Transmission teams and Miami County YMCA teams. He was an avid car collector having owned many vintage vehicles including a 1956 Chevrolet Belair for driving and showing. His most favorite personal vehicle transportation was his motorcycle. For several years he volunteered as a basketball coach for the Maconaquah Elementary Instructional Basketball Program. He also was a volunteer baseball manager for many years in the Bunker Hill Little League Organization. He enjoyed teaching the fundamentals of each sport to the students and was rewarded by watching them become successful athletic participants during their high school careers. The family would like to give special thanks and

appreciation for home caregivers from Senior Helpers, Logansport, Indiana, and Physio-Care, Kokomo, Indiana, along with supportive personnel from Aperion Care, Peru, Indiana. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015, from 5:00p to 8:00p at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Services will be Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 10:00a at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, Indiana. Burial services will be at Everest Memorial Gardens, Logansport, Indiana. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Organization through Allen Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**Donald R. Smith**, 77, of Huntington, passed away at 1:48 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at Parkview Huntington Hospital. Don enjoyed music and loved singing in church. Don was born on Jan. 7, 1938, in Huntington, a son of Robert C. and Ruth B. (Allison) Smith. Survivors include a sister, Ellen (Dave) Spencer of Huntington; two brothers, Michael (Debbie) Smith of Huntington and Kenneth (Ruth Newton) Smith of Huntington; a sister-in-law, Linda Smith of Huntington; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Willard "Bill" Smith; and a sister, Sharon Smith. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015, from 10-11 a.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel. Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 11 a.m. at the Myers Funeral Home Huntington Chapel with Pastor Diana Teusch officiating. Memorial donations can be made out to Crippled Children's Association or Riley Children's Hospital, both in care of Myers Funeral Home, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, IN 46750. Interment will be at the Pilgrims Rest Cemetery. To sign Mr. Smith's on-line guest registry visit [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**Naida Jeanne Guyer Ellars Webster**, 89, died May 30, 2015 in Peru, In. Bown January 13, 1926, she was the fourth of the ten children of Paul and Nira (Amos) Guyer. Jeanne was preceded in death by husbands Donald Ellars (married September 27, 1947) and Ernest Webster (married December 24, 1982) sister Helen Young, and brothers George, Henry Charles, Harvey and John Guyer. Survivors include her sister Sharon K. Wheeler, Bossier City, Louisiana, twin brothers Gerald Guyer, Peru, and Harold Guyer, Georgetown Texas; two daughters; a granddaughter; a grandon; and several nieces and nephews. No services are planned. Memorials may be made to a favorable charity. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 1, 2015

**W. Jay Windsor**, 64, of Wabash, died at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his home. He was born Aug. 28, 1950 in Wabash to James and Wilma Mae (Schrader) Windsor. Jay was a 1969 graduate of Wabash High School, and received an Associate Degree from Ivy Tech. He worked at Ford Meter Box for 30 years, retiring in 2005. He was a member of the Wabash American Legion. Jay enjoyed line dancing, traveling, and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Jay is survived by two children, Robert William (Vanessa) Windsor of Westfield, and Jennifer Ann (Erik) Schmoyer of Brownsburg, three grandchildren, Hadley Windsor and Reagan Windsor, both of Westfield, and Kaleb Schmoyer, of Brownsburg, and a granddaughter on the way, two brothers, Randy Windsor of Elkhart, and Bruce Windsor of Wabash, several nieces and nephews, great-niece Alexis Windsor, and great-nephew Jonathan Windsor, both of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Kay Windsor. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m., Friday, June 5 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave, Wabash. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family for Jay's grandchildren's college fund. The memorial guest book for Jay may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, June 3, 2015

**Theodore (Ted) Sopher**, 81, went to be with the Lord Saturday May 30, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 5, 1933 to Nelli Carr (Sopher) and Ezra Sopher of whom are both preceded in death. He is survived by his wife Ruth Sopher (Townsend). He and Ruth were married in 1987. He is also survived by Sharon and Mack Eudy of Peru; Marilyn Robbins of Peru; stepchildren Vicki and Steve McCoy of Peru, Brenda Wolfe of Peru, Mary and Rick Auten of Peru, Robert Newby (Micelle) of Peru, Tina Callirgos (Dancy) of Peru; a brother; Dick Sopher of Kokomo. Sopher was also preceded in death by a sister, Wanetta Dagan; two brothers James and Bob Sopher. His daughter Kathy Vance and son David Sopher. He was also preceded in death by his wife Gladys Sopher in 1978. He was in the National Guards from 1950 to 1953. Sopher was a very loving man. He was a trader, worked on lawn mowers and such. He had his own business hauling trash around Peru. He had 29 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. Funeral Services will be at Revival Center 307 Wampler, Peru, In. Pastor Chris Reed will be doing the services. Family and friends may visit from 9 a.m. until time of service 10 a.m. Friday June, 5, 2015. Love offerings may be directed to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Wednesday, June 3, 2015

**Mona Rea Mannies Holland**, 60, of Logansport went home to be with the Lord at 6 p.m. Friday May 29, 2015 at her residence. Mona was born April 16, 1955 in Peru to Harold "Red" and Thelma Arien (Rogers) Mannies. She was married to Bill Bellamy until 1985. She then married Robert Carl Holland in 1988; he is deceased. She is survived by Ramona Faye (Tristan) Whitecomb of Walton and Jerriid Gene (Candace) Ballamy of Logansport; grandkids Rebecca Lynn Cobble of Peru, Rachael Ranee' (Patrick) Arwood of Peru, Dana Nicole (Fabian) Acuna of Peru, David Nicholas Cobble of Peru, Christopher Ross Bellamy of Logansport and Rylee Elizabeth Bellamy of Logansport; great-grandkids Andrea Lynn Cobble of Peru, Kyndale Nicole Acuna of Peru, Aleah Ranee' Arwood of Peru and Hunter Jorden Arwood of Peru; sisters Rita Sue (Willard) Manns of Akron, Schery Lynn (Bruce) White of Peru, Mira Jean (Lorenzo) Leon of Akron, Velvet Vena (Dale) Bowser of Akron and Beth Ann (Donnie) Hopkins of Akron; brothers Montie Ross (Theresa) Mannies of Logansport, Matthew James (Jackie) Mannies of Logansport and Shanen Doah (Darla) Mannies of Logansport. Preceding her in death were Robert Carl Holland, Harold "Red" Mannies, Thelma Mannies and Becky Jo Mannies.

Family and friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. on Friday June 5, 2015, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Services will be held Saturday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 10 a.m. with Pastor Andrew Stanger officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, June 3, 2015

**Elizabeth A. "Betty" White**, 86, of Peru, passed away at 12:34 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at her residence. She was born in New Waverly on Oct. 17, 1928 the daughter of Harold E. and Blanche R. Zimmerman McKinley. Betty married Floyd E. White, Jr. on Aug. 9, 1953 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 2015. Betty was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Betty was a member of the Main Street Singers, and was a vocalist with several local groups, she also did two years with Ole Olson. She and her husband, Floyd owned and operated Chez Lyzanne in Peru from 1973 to 1992. Betty liked working in the dress shop, meeting people and thoroughly enjoyed music. Surviving are her daughters, Kimberly Buzbee and her husband Phillip of North Manchester, and Kristi Shawhan and her husband Rex of The Villages, Florida; grandchildren Adam (Traci) Buzbee, Anthony (Carissa) Buzbee, Brandon (Kourtney) Shawhan and Tiffany (Josh) Morgan and great-grandchildren Kyle Buzbee, Caden Buzbee, Bryan Buzbee, Shelby Buzbee, Caleb Buzbee and Parker Shawhan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Floyd, and a brother H. Robert McKinley. A service celebrating the life of Elizabeth A. "Betty" White will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2015 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 E., Amboy, with Pastors Steve Austin and Chaplain Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Thursday at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, June 3, 2015

**Larry Steven Kokta** (lovingly known as Papaw), age 60, was welcomed home by the Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Larry passed from Earth into Heaven surrounded by the family that loved him dearly. He was the husband and best friend of Pamela Kay (Shockey) Kokta. They were married on January 17, 1982 and shared 33 years as husband and wife. Larry and Pam had the type of love that comes only from the rare combination of having lived a life together that held much adversity, and yet held an even greater faith. Larry's greatest accomplishment wasn't a college degree or wealth or success as the world would define it. His legacy was selfless sacrifice to his wife Pam, his son Chris, his daughter-in-law Holly and his two precious grandsons Jake and Hayden. His last hours were a testimony to his Creator as he held fast to his faith in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ, despite his ongoing battle with pancreatic cancer. His concern was for the well-being of those who he left behind. Each day Larry referred to his own life as a miracle and was thankful for what the Lord had given him. He was a man who never gave up and made all those around him blessed for having known him. Larry loved nature, animals, fishing, gardening and doing projects with his son. But most of all he loved spending time with his wife and grandsons. Born in Kansas City, Missouri, on Dec. 13, 1954, Larry was the son of Tony and Maxine Kokta. He was preceded in death by sister Linda Gray, brother Eddie Addington, and brother Ronnie Poindexter. He is survived by his wife Pam, son Chris Blair (wife Holly), grandsons Jake Blair and Hayden Steven Blair, brothers-in-law David, Nick, Tony and Danny Shockey, brother-in-law Mike Gray, sisters-in-law Claudell Schofield, Candy Hardrick and Tracy Sullivan; nephews Shawn, Lauren, Marty, David Michael, Joe, Koi and Caleb; nieces Kassandra, Alisa and Rachel as well as many great nieces and nephews. A special thanks to his friends at Orion Safety Products in Peru for providing medical insurance, encouragement and personal gifts. The family would also like to thank the caring, committed staff of Dr. Alexander Starodub at the IU Goshen Cancer Center. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastors Larry and Carol Zumwalt officiating. Full interment will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m. on Monday, prior to the service. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 4, 2015

**Thelma C. Moog**, 86, of Columbia City, died Thursday morning, June 4, 2015 at her home. She was born May 20, 1929 in Peru, a daughter of Albert B. and Mary F. (Moore) Wolf. She graduated from Peru High School in December 1946 and married John R. Hartleroad. On May 18, 1973 she married John M. Moog. They lived at Shriner Lake for nearly 30 years and were frequent winter residents of Destin, Florida. Mr. Moog died April 8, 1993. She retired from Weatherhead, was active in the Emmaus community and volunteered at the Bowen Center. She was a member and volunteer of St. Matthews United Methodist Church until 2006 when she moved to Illinois. Surviving relatives include three children, Rev. John Richard (Judy) Hartleroad Jr. of Brentwood Tennessee, Patsy Ann (William) Batovsky of Glen Burnie, Maryland and Steven Alan (Denise) Hartleroad of Columbia City; three step children, Donna (Harry) Dagwell of Crestview, Florida, Carlyle (Ada) Moog of Columbia City and Robert Moog of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; a great granddaughter; 11 step grandchildren; many step great grandchildren and step great great grandchildren; and a brother, James Richard Wolf of Lafayette. Two sisters, Vivian Teegardin and Maryette Davenport, and a brother, Charles E. Wolf, preceded her in death. There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 1460 East 500 North, Columbia City. Preferred memorials are to American Cancer Society of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Condolences may be sent to [www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 4, 2015

**Mae B. Bryant** left this world to join her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 4th, 2015. Mae was born February 7th, 1930 in Whitley City, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Tommy and China Dugger. She was the middle child of two older sisters, one younger sister, and one younger brother, all of which preceded her in death. She married the late Dock J. Bryant on July 16th, 1947. Together they raised two outstanding children at their residence 57 W. Riverside Dr. Peru, IN. Church was a big part of Mae's life.

She was a faithful attendee, worshiper, and prayer warrior for the Family Fellowship Church of God. She was also well-known for her many years of service at Mr. B's Laundromat. She retired from there in 1996 and left behind many customers who became friends. After retirement, she spent her time gardening and tending to her flowers and experiencing the joys and highlights of her family that she loved so much. She is survived by her two children, Roy (Teresa) Bryant, and Darlene (Chris) Johnson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Roy Jr. (Hope) Bryant, Rodney (Tammi) Bryant, Robin (Terry) Newsome, Sarah (Jeremy) Winters, Courtney Johnson, and Landon Johnson. Also, she was blessed by her 13 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Family Fellowship Church of God at 360 Harrison Ave. in Peru, where she was a devoted member of the congregation. Burial will follow at the Rankin Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited and may call at the Flowers Leedy Funeral Home Monday June 8th from 4-7 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN – Saturday, June 6, 2015

**Wilma Louise See**, age 89, Chili, passed away at 1:13 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2015, at her son's residence in Logansport. Born February 11, 1926, in Miami County, she was the daughter of Howard Joseph and Lela Fern Musselman Wisler. On July 10, 1945, she married Earl Noel See, who survives. It was a marriage that lasted seventy years. Wilma was a graduate of Chili High School and owned and operated her own beauty salon in Chili, next to her residence. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are sons, Dennis (Barb) See, Peru, Jeff (Melanie) See, Logansport; grandchildren, Zachary (Shannon) See, Nicholas (Pirita) See, Megan (Bradley) Hoover, Whitney (Brad) Plank and Christopher Schoff; great grandchildren, Benjamin Hoover, Andrea Hoover, Zion See, Zola See, Isli See, Ellis See and Adalyn Plank. Also surviving are a brother- and sister-in-law, Larry and Janet See, Mexico, sisters-in-law, Peggy Kline, Mexico and Judy See, Mexico; several nieces and nephews. Preceding in death were a brother, Glen Wisler, brothers-in-law, Eugene Kline and Roy See, brothers- and sisters-in-law, Susie and Junior Newman, and Walter and Carolyn See. The funeral service was conducted Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at Kroeger Funeral Home, with Melinda Rogers officiating. Full interment followed in Chili Cemetery. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.kroegerfuneralhome.com](http://www.kroegerfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 6, 2015

**James C. Bell**, 79, of rural Roann, died at 6:29 p.m., Sunday, June 7, 2015 at his home, losing his battle with leukemia. He was born March 31, 1936 in Wabash County, Indiana to Bruce F. and Esther (Miller) Bell. Jim was a 1954 graduate of Chili High School. He married Anne Myers in Miami County on Dec. 1, 1957. He worked for Container Corporation, in Wabash, retiring after 49 years. He also worked part-time at Ford Theater, helping set up stages for shows, and enjoyed helping on the farms. He was a member of the Roann Christian Church. He enjoyed watching Indiana University Basketball, Chicago Cubs baseball, and going to the Indianapolis 500. Jim loved his children, granddaughters, and great-grandchildren, and always had a smile on his face. He is survived by his wife, Anne Bell of Roann; three children, Kevin (Mary) Bell of Delaware, Ohio, Greg Bell of Wabash, and Julie West of Roann; three granddaughters, Tina (Craig) Myers of Delaware, Maggie (Jordan) Winans of Peru, and Abby West of Roann; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his daughter, Beth Elise Bell. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips and Doug Friedersdorf officiating. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Thursday, June 11 at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Parkview Wabash Foundation - Attn: Oncology Dept. The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 8, 2015

**Norma (Ramirez) Baluyut**, 85, of Chicago, Illinois, a former resident of Peru, died June 3, 2015. Norma was born in Manila, Philippines. Norma was preceded in death by her husband Dr. Amando L. Baluyut in June 3, 1987. Calling will be Tuesday June 9, 2015 at Flanner and Buchanan-Zionsville 105 West Pine Street Zionsville, IN 46077 from 4 - 8 p.m. with additional calling on Wednesday June 10, 2015 at St Monica Catholic Church 6131 North Michigan Road Indianapolis, IN 46224 beginning at 10 a.m. followed by the Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Norma is survived by: her children, Arlene R. Baluyut, Arthur R. (Karen) Baluyut and Amy R. (Mike Cannon) Baluyut; and seven grandchildren. Entombment will be in Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences and a video tribute may be viewed at [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 8, 2015

**Ines C Hicks**, 76 of Peru, went home to be with the Lord on June 7 at 4:15 p.m.. She was born July 2, 1938 in Peru to Calvin and Gertrude (Johnson) See. She married Landin C Hicks on July 13, 1956 who survives. Along with her husband she is survived by sons Landin Micheal, Timothy Lee (Tina) Hicks and a daughter Sandra Darlene Baldwin all of Peru.; grandchildren Monque Marie Meives, Tiffanny Nicole Simons, Evan Richard Hicks, Britney (Dalen) Richards, Glen (Autumn) Baldwin, Jeremy Baldwin, Ivory (Derek) Lutz; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is survived by a sister Lilian Glaze of Oklahoma. Along with her parents Ines is preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. Ines retired from United Technologies Peru, In as a Quality Inspector. The family would like to give thanks and appreciation to Millers Merry Manor and Guardian Angel Hospice. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and service to follow at 11 a.m.; officiating will be Ray Maggart. Burial services will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 8, 2015

**Miriam L. Bontrager**, 89, of rural Kokomo, passed away at 3:10 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. She was born in Howard County on Feb. 20, 1926 the daughter of Noah and Esther Strebin Sommers. Miriam married William "Pete" Bontrager on Dec. 8, 1945 and he preceded her in death on April 24, 2015. Miriam was 1943 graduate of Clay Township High School, a homemaker and an active member of the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Surviving is a son M. Dean Bontrager and his wife Margi of Kokomo; daughters Barbara Musselman and her husband George of Denver, Joyce Troyer and her

husband Herbert of Fishers, and Claris Yoder and her husband Lance of Indianapolis; brothers Wayne Sommers of Goshen, and Bryon Sommers and his wife Viola of Kokomo; a sister Darlene Miller and her husband Wayne of Bunker Hill; grandchildren Michael (Paige) Bontrager, Jeffrey (Meghan) Bontrager, Carmen (Brent) Hooper, Anne (Jeffery) Weaver, Julie (Donald) Sanders, Lindsay (Eric) Starr, Blair Yoder and his fiancé Stephanie Boldon and Jake Musselman and great-grandchildren William Bontrager, Mallory Bontrager, Whitney Bontrager, Brady Hooper, Reid Hooper, Audrey Hooper, James Weaver, Nola Starr and Liam Sanders. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Pete, a grandson Matthew Musselman, a great-granddaughter Emma Hooper, a brother Darlton Sommers and a sister Lois Martin. A service celebrating the life of Miriam L. Bontrager will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 S., Kokomo, with Pastor Ben Schlegel officiating. Burial will be in the Mast Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Tuesday at the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. Arrangements have been made through Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 8, 2015

**Richard G. Fisher**, 82, of Peru, passed away at 11:25 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. He was born in Goshen on March 29, 1933 the son of George and Mildred Irene Rowe Fisher. Dick married Mary J. Wahlig at the Oakdale Baptist Church on Aug. 24, 1954 and she preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 2005. Dick was a member of the East Pointe Bible Church and retired from Dean Foods in Plymouth in 1998. He then became a school crossing guard at the Peru Community School System from 1998 to 2013. He is survived by a daughter Mildred Kuhn and her husband Ronnie of Peru, sons Mark Fisher of Peru and Richard Fisher, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colorado; a brother Raymond Fisher and his wife Marilyn of Peru; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary, a brother Ernie Fisher and a sister Norma Layman. A service celebrating the life of Richard G. Fisher will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2015 at the East Pointe Bible Church, 1540 E. Paw Paw Pike, Peru with Pastor Jim Butler officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**Betty Jane Quince Groat**, 94, was born Jan. 24, 1921, to Riley and Lillian Quince in Peru, and passed away May 20, 2015, Austin, Texas. She lived in Peru, where she married Charles Groat in 1941. They moved to Texas in 2001 to be near their children. After 62 years of marriage, Charlie died in August 2003. Betty was a homemaker, worked with her husband with family restaurant, often time's roadie and big supporter of Charles music band. Betty also loved to play golf with Charles and her girlfriends. She also enjoyed sewing and crochet. Betty was predeceased by her parents, Charles her husband, a sister and a brother and two grandchildren. She is survived by: her sister Pat Darwin in Noblesville; six children, Neah Marten (Ken) Del Valle, Texas, Tammy Peifer (Don) Tomball, Texas, Debi Abney Austin, Texas, Kirk "Corky" Groat (Lynn) Austin, Texas, Riley "Chip" Groat Austin, Texas, Marty Estes (Billy) Fruita, Colorado; 21 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Betty was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. Memorial Services will be on June 13, 2015, 11 a.m, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1500 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas, 78759. Memorial donations may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to [kgroat@austin.rr.com](mailto:kgroat@austin.rr.com) - A special thanks to Ken Messler and amazing staff of Riva Ridge Memory Care facility, Leander, TX. They made a home away from home for Betty and our family. Additionally thanking Shelly Baker and Christina with Resolutions Hospice Care, for the loving care they provided. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**Helen B. Sullivan**, 99, of Peru, IN, passed away at 12:42 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus. She was born in Miami County on June 28, 1915 the daughter of Oscar and Suzannah Overman Bradley. Helen married Nelson S. Sullivan in Kokomo on Aug. 26, 1935 and he preceded her in death on July 30, 1997. Helen was a member of the Pike Creek Church of the Brethren and the Dukes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She and her husband, Nelson, spent 25 winters in Palm Harbor, Florida where she enjoyed shuffling and long walks. An avid card player, she belonged to three euchre clubs. Helen enjoyed sewing, doing cross word puzzles and was a marvelous cook. She is survived by a daughter, Diann Sutton and her husband Dee of Peru, a son, Jim Sullivan and his wife Mary Ann of Peru; grandchildren Tammy (Mark) Robillard, Julie (Dennis) Carter, Sandy (Donald) Lindholm and Teresa Schwindt and great-grandchildren, Jon Mark Robillard, Tyler Robillard, Josh Carter, Chris Carter, Jenny Lindholm and Kelly Lindholm. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Nelson, a great-grandson, Matthew James Lindholm, brothers, J.D. Bradley, Bob Bradley and Jim Bradley and sisters Jean Panton and Phyllis Johnson. A service celebrating the life of Helen B. Sullivan will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Pastor Ed Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 6 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 9, 2015

**David Barton Comerford** passed away on June 9, 2015 at North Woods Village in Kokomo after an extended illness. David was born April 9, 1946. He was part of the first graduating class from Maconaquah High School in 1964. David worked for 27 years at Delco and later was a traveling LPN. David was preceded in death by his parents Charles (Bill) and Betty Jo Comerford. He is survived by his children Wendy Jo Holcutt, (Lloyd) Escondido, California; Sonya Whitacre (Robert), Noblesville and David W. S (Davenia), Kokomo; grandchildren Alec Smith, AR Smith, Grace Smith and Benjamin Whitacre; and two brothers Mike and Bob Comerford. The family wishes to express their appreciation to individuals at North Woods Village for his excellent care. There will be a Graveside Service Monday at 2 p.m. at Rankin Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 11, 2015

**Lily Rae Rockenbaugh**, 92, passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 3:05 p.m at Dukes Hospital surrounded by her loving family. "Rae" was born on April 8, 1923 in Rich Valley to George W. and Iris Ethel Keller White. The family moved to Kentucky, Wisconsin and Minnesota before moving back to Indiana. She was graduated from Linlawn High School in Wabash and was a member of the Erie United Methodist Church. On Oct 18, 1941 she married Sherll E Rockenbaugh and they enjoyed 59 years working the farm and traveling together before he passed in 1999. Her life is carried on by 46 adoring family members including: four sons; James (Mary) of Peru, Darl (Pam), of Peru, Robert (friend, Linda Knick) of East Helena, Montana, and John (Joyce) of Peru; 18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; two brothers, Beach Whitaker (Wabash) and Ralph Whitaker (Fort Wayne); two sisters, Linda Arrick (Wabash), Carol Sloan, (Tennessee). All were blessed to learn many valuable lessons from Rae during her 92 years. She had a passion for life that she always shared with others including her love of children, farming, mushroom hunting, traveling, sewing, playing cards, family gatherings and mostly her love of entertaining by playing her harmonica. Rae was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a son Thomas Lee Rockenbaugh who died July 30, 1942 age 8 days. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 16 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, service is on Wednesday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Rev Warrell Law officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Erie United Methodist Church through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, June 12, 2015](#)

**Gertrud A. Thurston** 90, of Peru passed away at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Widlenhagen, Germany on June 15, 1924 the daughter of Otto and Berta Schultz Lange. Gertrud married Dempsy Thurston in Berlin Germany on July 3, 1948 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 1997. Gertrud was a member of the First Church of Christ and a homemaker. She is survived by: a son Richard Thurston and his wife Darlene of Waterford, Michigan; daughters Berta Black and her husband Wayne of Peru, and Ellen Engelhardt and her husband Donald of Peru; a sister Sieglinde Kosbahn of Germany; a sister-in-law Mary Copp of Peru; a brother-in-law George Thurston and his wife Judy of Peru; special friends Rose Kinzie, Mariann Hawkins, Karen and Bill Carmichael and Kathy Pinatelli; grandchildren Jacob (Michelle) Thurston, Thomas Engelhardt and David (Jenna) Engelhardt; great grandchildren Isabella Thurston and Greyson Engelhardt; four step grandchildren and nine step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dempsy, two brothers, two sisters and one step grandson Aaron Black. A service celebrating the life of Gertrud A. Thurston will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the First Church of Christ, 2584 S. Business 31, Peru, with Preacher Shane Capps officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Park, Cass County. Family and friends will gather from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Memorial donations may be made to the First Church of Christ. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 13, 2015](#)

Larry and Radene "Denie" Ward wish to announce the passing of their mother **Mary Frances Ward**, who passed away at home on Saturday June 13, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. at the age of 89. Mary was born Sept. 12, 1925 to Dallas and Susie (Setty) Rathje of Peru. She married Harry "Bud" Ward on Oct. 2, 1943. He passed away Feb. 13, 1989. Besides her husband and parents, Mary was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond Rathje; a son John "Johnny" Ward; one daughter-in-law, Marilyn Ward; and a great niece, Christine Bonner. Mary leaves behind her two children; four grandchildren John C. "Jay" Ward and Mary L. Arme of Tennessee, Larry R. "Rich" Ward and (Wife Debbie), and Sherri J. Clement of Edwardsburg, Michigan; five great granddaughters, Jeanie Mitchell, Jessika Clement, Ashley, Lindsay, and Sarah Ward; four great grandsons Justin, Joel and Zachary Arme, and Drew Ward; two great great grandchildren, Evelyn and Levi Mitchell. She also leaves behind a sister, Melba Bonner of Kokomo; two nephews; two great nephews and one great niece, and a close family friend and adopted daughter Sally Yoder. Friends may call From noon till time of service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Daniels of Peoria Church officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 15, 2015](#)

**Goldie Ellen Green**, 78, of Lagro, died at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor West in Wabash. She was born May 29, 1937 in St. Marie, Illinois to Elmer and Sadie (Oliver) Murray. Goldie married Donald Green in St. Marie, on Aug. 29, 1953; he died May 9, 1997. She worked at Wabash Magnetics, Data-vue, and retired from Martin Yale in Wabash in 2003. She enjoyed collecting salt and pepper shakers, going to garage sales, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Goldie was known for her fried chicken and homemade fudge at Christmas time. She is survived by five children, Tim Green of North Manchester, John Green of Lagro, Shelley (Larry) Owen of Peru, Marie Green of Lagro, and Linda (Kerry) Steele of Wabash, 10 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 1 great great granddaughter, sisters and brother, Veva Ward of Huntington, Earl (Karen) Murray of Wabash, Mary (Joe) Custer of Wawaka, and Jean (Hobert) Isaacs of Lafayette. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Danny Green who died in 1997, two brothers, Joe and John Murray, sister, Louise Davidson, and great-grandson, Max Owen. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Andrews. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, and one hour prior to the service Thursday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Goldie may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 15, 2015](#)

**Michael K. McBride**, 52, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2015 at Ashton Creek Health and Rehab in Ft. Wayne after a courageous two and a half year battle with cancer. Born in Fort Wayne, Michael was an automotive technician with Gouty's Service Center for 27 years, retiring in 2013. He is a 1980 graduate of Maconaquah High School. Surviving are his daughter, Leslie (Bryce) Cline of Fort Wayne; son, Zachary McBride of Indianapolis; grandson, Flynn Cline; parents, Norman and Anita (Ashton) McBride of Bunker Hill;

brother, Ron (Patty) McBride of Waterloo, Iowa; sister, Tina Mosley of Peru; brother, Dan (Kellie) McBride of Greenfield; sister, Angie (Ryan) Butcher of Kokomo; nieces and nephews, Amber Mosley; Nathan McBride; Austin Butcher; and Evan Butcher. Memorial Service is 11 a.m., June 18, 2015, at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Avenue with memorial visitation one hour prior. Memorials may be made to the woundedwarriorproject.com. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.domccombandsons.com](http://www.domccombandsons.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 16, 2015

**Donald David Townsend** passed away June 12, 2015. Donnie was born Sept. 7, 1949 to James and Evelyn Sutton Townsend. He was married to Ardath Dilsaver on Aug. 30, 1968 and had two children: Donnie Jo of Terre Haute and Angela Townsend of Denver. He has three grandchildren: Nathan Hoffman, Jacob Pigg, and Hannah Binnion; and one great-granddaughter, Kinley Davenport, and his companion of three years, Bonnie Carter, of Peru. Donnie was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Frank and Joe and one sister Barbara. He is survived by his sisters-in-law Velma and Virginia Townsend; his sisters, Ruth Sopher and deceased husband Ted Sopher, Judy and husband Allen Sutton, Susie and husband Bill Stuart, Cathy and husband Carl Drake; and brother Jim and wife Angela Townsend all of Peru. Donnie loved to hunt, fish, play guitar and sing. He loved his grandchildren and enjoyed time spent with them. Friends may call at 10 a.m. Friday till time of service at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Levi Fisher and Chuck Cooley officiating. Burial will follow at Westlawn Cemetery in Denver. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 16, 2015

**Beulah Mae See**, 97, Macy, passed away at 11:20 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. Born April 6, 1918 in Miami County, she was the daughter of Robert Lincoln and Trula Fern Sanderson Moyer. On June 30, 1934, she was married to Everett L. "Wess" See, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1968. Beulah was a lifelong member of Olive Branch Church of God and was a graduate of Gilead High School. She enjoyed gardening and canning. A true community servant, Beulah took care of many people during their illnesses and when they needed extra help. Survivors include three children, Beverly L. Kinney and husband Gene L., Columbia City, Lawrence E. See and wife Sue, Macy, and Dennis L. See and wife Bethany, Macy; eight grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Woolsey; one grandson, Burnell See; and five siblings: Jesse, George, William, and Robert Moyer, and Mildred Snyder. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home. Burial will be in Ebenezer Cemetery, rural Macy. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday. Memorial contributions may be made to Olive Branch Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 18, 2015

**Velba L. Krieg** passed away on June 16, after a long battle with cancer. Velba was born in Peru on Sept. 21, 1956 to Ben and Mavis Rasmussen. She was married to Robert E. Krieg on Nov. 23, 1972. She has two sons, Ronald E. Krieg and Christopher N. Krieg, and one daughter, Kimberly S Ross, and her husband Nicholas W. Ross. She also had six grandkids that were her whole world; Breanna Foust, husband Jeremiah Foust, Britany Ross, Sha-Lynn Krieg, Bryar Krieg, Madison Krieg and Gracie Krieg. Velba loved her family and time spent with her grandkids. She loved get togethers and enjoyed cooking. She loved to go mushroom hunting, going to garage sales and running the flea markets and antiquing. Friends may call from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 20 at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Love offerings for the family may be made through the funeral home. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Chris Edgington will be officiating and a eulogy will be performed by Jim Perry. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 18, 2015

**Roger Dale Turpen**, 65, OF Peru, passed away at 9:33 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2015, at his residence, surrounded by his family. Born March 30, 1950, in Evansville, he was the son of Charles David and Maddie Opal Whitfield Turpen. On Jan. 22, 1991, in Peru, he was married to Mary Ann Tyler, and she survives. Roger was a US Marine Corps Veteran. He loved spending time with his family, riding motorcycles, and fishing. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Tina Louise Todd, Peru; and Crystal Dawn Clark and husband Chad, Denver; two grandchildren, Patrick Lane Gadberry, Peru; and Sam Eric Clark, Denver; and three siblings, Roy Turpen, Peru; Foster Turpen, Fulton; and Louis Turpen, Kokomo. Military Rites will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the funeral home to help with final expenses. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 22, 2015

**Neil Mort**, 57, of Leesburg, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at Parkview Regional Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 7, 1957, to Robert W. and Clara (Couturier) Mort in Mt. Clemens, MI. On December 8, 2000, Neil married Ann Edgerton. She survives. Neil was an agent of Hoosier Transit. He enjoyed flying RC model airplanes, riding motorcycles, boating, and playing pranks and jokes on those around him. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Neil was originally from Peru and spent his younger years growing up there. In high school he was part of Second City where he auditioned in front of Chevy Chase and Gilda Radner. Mr. Mort also taught Sunday School and drove the Joy Bus in Peru. Surviving are: his wife, Ann; daughters, Amber (Chad) Coulter, Audra (Allen) Reed, Lacey (Brandon Prochnow) Mort, Aimee (Jeremy) Gant; stepchildren, Brian (Gretchen) McEndarfer, Jodi (Matthew) Kayser; seven grandchildren, Krystin, Jalen, Brooklyn, Jordan, Marcy, Nick, Alexis; his stepdad, Ron Phillips; two step grandchildren, Aiden and Marlee; and three siblings, Sandi (Rick) Hartkopf of Nebraska, Tim (Michele) Mort of Texas, Steve (Renee) Mort of Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents. A funeral service will be held in Mr. Mort's honor Friday, June 26, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, Milford. Burial will be in Mock Cemetery, North Webster. There will be a time of visitation on Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The Heart Institute. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 23, 2015

**Doris Lee Walters**, 83, of Frankfort, passed away Monday, June 22, 2015, at Wesley Manor Retirement Community. She was born on June 12, 1932, in Miami County, to Charles and Goldie Lindesmith Eikenberry. She married K. Joe Sheridan on April 15, 1956, in Miami County, and they later divorced. On Nov. 29, 1968, she married Larry Walters in Windsor, Connecticut; he passed away on Nov. 19, 2009. Doris grew up in Miami County and graduated from Chili High School in 1950. She loved working with farm animals and gave many of them personal names. While married to Joe, she spent eight years as an Air Force wife at Lackland AFB and Bunker Hill (Grissom) AFB. They also had assignment at off-base locations in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, and Middletown, Pennsylvania. Doris lived in Massachusetts and Connecticut before moving back to Indiana in 1988. She owned and managed a small store, Robbie's, in Chester, Connecticut, for five years and was a cook and caterer at Essex Junction in Essex, Connecticut. She also enjoyed quilting, knitting, crossword puzzles, gardening, crypto, traveling, playing the clarinet in the Fun Time Band, and spending time with her friends at Manson Christian Church and Boyleston Baptist Church where she also enjoyed playing the piano and organ. Surviving are her children, Dorinda (Howard) Burrell of Frankfort, Syd (Pam) Sheridan of Michigan, Larry Walters Jr. of California, Kevin (Diane) Sheridan of Florida, Mark (Young) Walters of California, Gary Sheridan of Hawaii, Andy Walters of Rossville, and Jennifer (John) Vickary of Frankfort; one brother, Dallas (Eula Jean) Eikenberry of Peru; one sister, Laurabelle (Wayne) Cole of Peru; 33 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Doris is preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Georgia Eikenberry and Frances (Dave) Williams. Family and friends are welcome to gather at 11:30 a.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, for a graveside service on Thursday, June 25, 2015, with Pastor Bruce White officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorials in Doris' name may be made to Boyleston Baptist Church, 566 S Co Rd 500 E, Frankfort, IN, 46041. Arrangements are entrusted to Genda Funeral Home in Frankfort. Online condolences may be directed to [www.gendafuneralhome.com](http://www.gendafuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 23, 2015

**Stacie L. McCammon**, 51, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Fort Wayne. Born in Peru, Stacie will be remembered for her infectious smile, her love for cats, cooking, and hip-hop music. Stacie's true passion in life was her children and granddaughter, Graclynn Rose. Surviving are her daughter, Jessica (Mark Manes) Heseman of Fort Wayne; son, Joel (Julie) Heseman of Chicago, Illinois; granddaughter, Graclynn Rose; companion, Robert Rickord of Fort Wayne; father, Stephen G. McCammon of North Manchester; step-father, Steve Harris of Fort Wayne; sister, Stephanie (Donald) Owens of Mexico; and sister-in-law Julie McCammon of Ft. Wayne. Stacie was preceded in death by her mother, Charlotte C. McCammon; step-mother, Nancy J. McCammon; and brother, Shawn P. McCammon. Service is 6 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2015 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave with calling 2 hours prior. Memorials may be made to the family. To view the online obituary, go to [www.mccombandsons.com](http://www.mccombandsons.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 23, 2015

Former Lake Manitou resident, Mrs. **Rhea E. Dollens Pryor** passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2015 unexpectedly at Wynnfield Crossing where she had resided since 2013. Left to cherish Rhea's memory are: two daughters: Carol Ann Amend and husband Greg of Mason, Ohio, Pam Jones and husband Charles of Rochester; a son John "J.D" Pryor and partner Doug Werner of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and 10 grandchildren. A celebration of the life of Rhea E. Dollens Pryor will be held on Thursday, June 25 at 2 p.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester. Pastor Jim Clark will officiate. Friends may visit with her family from noon until the hour of the service. Burial will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband John. Online expressions of sympathy may be made to Rhea's family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 25, 2015

**Bob Caldwell** passed away at 96 years old on June 17, 2015. He was born in Detroit, Michigan and resided in Peru Indiana for the past 37 years. Second eldest of four siblings of Jacob and Laura (nee Clark) Caldwell. He leaves behind his loving wife Anna, children Bob, Dick, Janet, Nancy and Carol, stepsons John and Gary, ten grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He retired from his Pontiac/Cadillac/Buick/GMC dealership in 1998. Services will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Saturday, June 27 at 11 a.m. - 58 W 5th St, Peru. Friends and family may pay their last respects at the Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 25, 2015

**Jack S. Schram**, 81, of Columbia City, went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Born May 11, 1934 in Peru, he was the son of Walter and Maggie Mae (Maggie Martin) Schram. Jack graduated from Peru High School with the Class of 1952. He enlisted in the United States Marines in 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1956. He moved to the Columbia City area in 1958, working at GI Case in Churubusco as a timekeeper and Essex wire in Ligonier as a foreman. In 1964 Jack took a job as Personnel and Payroll Director for LML Corporation in Columbia City, which later became Riviera Cruiser. He eventually became foreman and superintendent of production before retiring in 1996. He also had worked for his father-in-law, Bob Cramer at North Side Body Shop. Jack was united in marriage to Virginia "Jenny" Cramer Herron on March 26, 1970. He had been a member of Columbia City First Church of God since 1971 and was affiliated with the Columbia City J.C.s; and the Columbia City Kiwanis Club, serving as president in 1988-1989. With the love of working with wood, he owned Country Woodcrafts and also started doing professional furniture refinishing for many local residents and area antique shops after retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Jenny Schram; children, Penny (Stanley) Mosher of Columbia City, Vicki Moore of Churubusco, Kenneth Herron of Auburn, Robert Herron of Decatur, Michael Schram of California and James Schram of Fort Wayne; brother, Russell (Martha) Schram of Fishers; sister, Shirley Gahs of Peru; brother-in-law, Richard (Cathy) Cramer of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one

great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Katy Schram Myers; brother-in-law, Lavaughn Gahs; daughter-in-law, Sharon Herron; grandson, Jessie Mosher; and granddaughter, Robin Herron. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes, a Life Story Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 26, 2015 at the funeral home with Pastor Johnny McCallister officiating. Jack will be buried at Christian Chapel Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be given in his memory to First Church of God. To read Jack's life story or to send his family condolences, visit [www.demoneygrimes.com](http://www.demoneygrimes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, June 25, 2015

**Charles Louis Snyder**, 87, passed away at Blair Ridge Health Campus Tuesday morning June 16, 2015 at 7:26 a.m. He was born on Sept. 9, 1927 in Peru, to Norman Lee Snyder and Georgia Ann (Landis) Snyder, whom had preceded him in death. He married Laura Wanda Juanita (McDaniel) Deaton in 1946. He then married Olive Virginia (Culp) Swihart in 1987 she survives. Also surviving are: three daughters - Christena (Deaton) Seifried, husband- Gary of Peru, Joyce (Deaton) McKinney, husband- Charles of Rochester, and Waneta (Deaton) Garbison, husband- Harvey of Monticello; and one son - Norman E. Snyder, wife- Pat of Kokomo. He also had three step-sons: Chris Cole, Roger Cole and Keith Cole; and two step-daughters- Paula (Cole) Brocious (deceased) and Debra Cole. Also surviving are: one brother, Jack Raymon Snyder, Peru; and one sister, Francis Lucille Snyder of Indianapolis. Surviving grandchildren are: Chris Winn, wife - Carol; Tabathia Turner - husband, Jack; Julie Truex, husband- Todd; Gary (Joey) Seifried, wife - Susie; Stacie Keith; Jodie Marburger, husband - Erik; Charles J. Hight, wife - Michele; Nancy Easterday, husband - Larry; Richard Glassburn, wife - Maryjo; and Wanda Woodhams, husband - Dave. Also surviving are several great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He loved his family and was a good father, husband and grandfather. He liked to fish and ice fish. He loved to take care of his garden. He loved telling stories of his war time. He was very proud to be a Vet, which he was a World War II Navy Veteran. He also enjoyed watching history, war stories and game shows. He liked listening to country music. He was a welder for most of his life. Preceding him in death are one step-son, Mike Cole, one brother, Robert Lee Snyder, one sister, Norma Eillene (Snyder) Smiley, two granddaughters, Laura Lea (Hight) Hillman and Holly Ann Glassburn. Memorial service will be held Tuesday June 30, 2015 at 1 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor: Floyd Laabs officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 11 a.m. until time of service at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military Service will be held at the funeral home by the Military Rites Team. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Legion Military Rites Team, or the American Cancer Society through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, June 28, 2015

**Virginia Annette (Gibson) Hyde**, at 36 years young, has passed on to the heavens above. She was a mother of three: Tristain, Levi, and Blake and was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Braxton T. Hyde; by her father Dockie R. Gibson and mother Patricia D. Gibson; her mother-in-law Shana Hyde (John Fincher); her sister-in-law Summer Hyde (Jesse); her grandmother-in-law Debbie Cline (Tom), and her great grandmother-in-law Betty Gochenour. She has five brothers, Richard Ray, Daniel Gibson, Jesse Riggs, Jessie Nice, and Amos Nice. She also has three sisters, Monica (Gibson) Finney, Samantha Ray, and Melissa (Nice) Shockey. Preceding her in death is Donna Jean Housley (biological mother) and nephew Jason Scott Gibson. Jenny was the most loving and generous person you would have the pleasure of knowing. She loved her pets as much as we loved her. Her kindness and smile will grace our hearts and memories forever. She will truly be missed and never forgotten. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday June 30 from 4 - 6 p.m. This will be held at the Zion Chapel, 915 South Broadway, Peru. All friends and family are welcome. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, June 28, 2015

**Ronny L. Todd**, born in Union City, Tennessee on Sept. 17, 1957, passed away in Peru, on the morning of June 24, 2015. He was 57 years of age. Ronny is survived by: his wife of 15 years Laurie Todd; his four brothers: Larry, Robert, Marty and Danny Todd; his four sons, Ronnie Todd, Jr., Bo Todd, Michael Elliot and Randall Sturgill; his five daughters, Seanna Lopez, Brenda Lawrence, Samantha Long, Thomasina Vides, Brandy Gaspar; and 30 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son Donny Sturgill. Arrangements Have been entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 29, 2015

**John Runyan**, 62, of Peru, passed away at 12:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was born in Peru on November 6, 1952, the son of Denzel and Virginia Swindler Runyan. John married Teresa Watkins on October 15, 1977 and she preceded him in death on October 26, 2010. Surviving are a son Michael Runyan and his wife Julie of Peru and a daughter Lindsey Francis and her husband Paul of West Lafayette, three grandchildren, Trevor Runyan, Haley Taylor and Evelyn Drake and a brother Robert Runyan and his wife Donna of Greentown. John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Teresa, and a brother Richard. A service celebrating the life of John Runyan will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main, Amboy with Dennis Harts Officiating. Family and friends will gather from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 29, 2015

**Charlotte Bennett Bohm**, 87, formerly of Peru, passed away at 1:45 a.m., Friday, June 26, 2015 at Tranquility Hospice, Austell, Georgia. She was born in Peru, on Jan. 5, 1928, the daughter of Elbert H. and Ethel Guillaume Smith. Charlotte married Earl Bennett in Peru on June 12, 1949 and he preceded her in death on March 7, 1982. She married Carl Bohm in 1990 and he preceded her in death in 2000. Charlotte was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, a graduate of Ball State University and a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority. She was employed as Truancy Officer for the Maconaquah School Corporation retiring in 1986. Family was very important to Charlotte. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She always made everyone she came into contact with feel extra special. Her gift was her ability to touch each person's life that she met through her selfless and caring personality. Charlotte never met a stranger, was always quick with a smile, loved to hug and offered words of wisdom and general

guidance to many throughout her lifetime. She is survived by her son Blair Bennett and his wife Kim of Powder Springs, Georgia; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands Earl Bennett and Carl Bohm; a daughter Amy Goodpaster, sisters Florence Montgomery and Ava Middlekauff and brothers Joseph, Arthur and Edward Smith. A service celebrating the life of Charlotte Bennett Bohm will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 3, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Steven Bluse officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. There will be a Psi Iota Xi Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 29, 2015

James Williamson Jr., 60 passed away at 2 a.m. Friday, June 26 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born April 1, 1955 in Adrian, Michigan to James Williamson and Orpha Bernice Filson-Williamson. He married Terease Gail Noble on May 30, 1997. He loved to go hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed gardening with his family. Friends and family meant a lot to him. Having them together was always special for him. He was a very easy-going person. If anything happened to him in life, his favorite saying was "I'm tougher than Tony the Tiger." He is survived by: his wife Terease Williamson; brother-in-law Kenneth Childers; three children, John Williamson, Brett Noble, Misty Dawn Stallard; and grandchildren, Paige, Tristan, Hayden, Wyatt, Jonalyn, Travis, Emily, Isabella, Maya, Bruce, and Robert; his mother Bernice Williamson; one brother Bradly Williamson and his wife Sabrina; three sisters Jane Townsend, Kathy Anthony and her husband Rick. Pam Hiles and her husband Ron; also, several nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his son James Williamson III, his father James Williamson, brother-in-law Wayne Townsend, and nephew Bradley Claude Willamson. Visitation is from 9 -11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1. Services following with Rev. Randy Smoot officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Flower-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will be at Ever Rest cemetery following service. There will be a dinner at the home of Larry Nolley after the service located at 2140 S 1100 E in Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, June 29, 2015

**Deborah E. Bowland**, 55, of Amboy, passed away at 7:45 a.m., Sunday, July 5, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Flint, Michigan on Feb. 17, 1960 the daughter of Richard and Patricia McDaniel Gaffney. Deborah married Randall Bowland on Aug. 27, 1983 and he survives. Deborah was a 1978 graduate of Maconaquah High School and a member of the Amboy UMC Pulse Ministry. She loved spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren. Surviving in addition to her husband, Randy, are her daughter Amber Bowland and Tim Highley of Converse and son Joshua Bowland and wife Kayla of Amboy; father Richard Gaffney of Flint, Michigan, mother Patricia Smith of North Grove; brothers Charlie Smith and Harry Smith, sisters Christine Saylors, Ronda Gaffney and Katie Gaffney and grandchildren, Leah Highley, Bralon Highley, Mackenzie Bowland, James Bowland and Blake Bowland. She was preceded in death by a brother, Mark Gaffney. A service celebrating the life of Deborah E. Bowland will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Amboy United Methodist Church, 202 E. Pennsylvania St., Amboy, with Pastor Roy McDaniel officiating. Burial will follow at Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 8 p.m., Wednesday at the Amboy United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online website at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 6, 2015

On July 7, 2015, precious **Kali Marie Reed** joined God in Heaven. She is survived by her father Joseph Reed, mother Kayla Reed, older sisters Emma and Kora, and younger brother Connor. Born May 15, 2013 little Kali didn't know the wonderful yet short journey she would make in this life to find the wealth of love God put ahead of her. She remains in the hearts of all her family, friends, and of those who were blessed with knowing this beautiful child of God who has risen up to join our beloved Father in Heaven. Services will be private. Services will be private. Donations are being accepted and may be sent to Williamsville Christian Church in person or at PO Box 233 Williamsville, IL 62693 (217-566-3381). Mott & Henning Funeral Home of Athens, Illinois is in charge of arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 09, 2015

**Harriet Staller**, 83, of Kokomo formerly of Peru passed away at 8:29 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at St. Vincent Kokomo Hospital. She was born on November 15, 1931 in Peru, to Thurman and Grace (Orpurt) Hann. On August 21, 1955, Harriet married Donald Staller and he passed away on August 8, 2002. Harriet was a 1949 Peru High School graduate and worked as a Teachers Aid and in food service for 23 years at Maconaquah High School. Survivors include her three children Steve (Shannon) Staller of Russiaville, Jeff Staller of Peru, Mike Staller of Lehigh Acres, Fla, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren; one sister Mary Million. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thurman and Grace Hann; husband Donald Staller; one brother Bill Hann; one grandchild Faith Staller. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday July 13, 2015 at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at [www.sroutandson.com](http://www.sroutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 11, 2015

**James (Jim) Elden Bailey**, 76, passed away in the afternoon of July 9, 2015. James was born on March 25, 1939 to Hobart and Gracie Bailey in the West Virginia coal mining region. James joined the Marines at age 17 with permission from his parents when he earned his GED. During his military years he was stationed in Hawaii when it became a state. He retired from GM in 1991 after worker just over 30 years. He loved growing vegetables in his yard as well as the sunflowers that were enjoyed by the many birds and squirrels he watched from his windows. James is survived by his daughter, Teresa Kay (Bailey) Hinkle; two sons, Timothy L. Bailey and Phillip D. Bailey-Cox, one grandson Noah J. Hinkle, and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn F. Bailey, on

son Elden D. Bailey, his parents, two brothers and one sister. Friends may call from noon until the service at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. with Pastor Virgil Baker officiating. Burial will take place in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 11, 2015 - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, July 12, 2015

**Sharon Lee (S. Lee) Liptrap** passed away on July 9, 2015 at 2:22 p.m. on the way home from Ft. Wayne. She was 65. S. Lee was born on Oct. 26, 1949 in Mount Vernon, Illinois. She was the daughter of Clarence and Ann C. (Pemberton) Liptrap, both deceased. She is survived by her caregiver of 28 years, Margie Stout of Peru. She was preceded in death by her dad, Clarence, and her mother, Ann Liptrap; as well as her grandparents. She liked to fish, hunt morels, do woodworking and play in her garden. Thanks is offered to the people at Dukes Hospital, Luthern Hospital and those at Guardian Angels Hospice for taking care of her. Also, her lawyer, Elizabeth Price for being there; and to friends Ricky and Jesse Briscoe and Ellen for their help. Appreciation is also extended to Flowers-Leedy and to the EMTs who assisted. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will follow. Burial will be at Bethel Memorial Cemetery in Mount Vernon, Illinois, where she will rest in eternity.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 13, 2015

**Robert L. Kennedy**, 73, of Peru, passed away at 7:24 a.m., Sunday, July 12, 2015 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born in Peru on Feb. 4, 1942, the son of Robert H. and Martha Schrader Kennedy. Bob married Carol Mohley at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Defiance County, Ohio on Feb. 6, 1967 and she survives. Bob was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School and a US Army Veteran. His military decorations include the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the Peru Maennerchor. Bob was a fire fighter with the Peru Fire Department for more than 21 years, retiring in 1989. Bob was a true craftsman and took great pleasure in making wooden crafts for family and friends. He thoroughly enjoyed his home in the country and being outdoors. Bob was a devoted husband, father and doting grandfather. Surviving in addition to his wife, Carol, is a daughter, Michelle Erbaugh and her husband Tod of Peru, a son Chad Kennedy and his wife Shannon of Columbus; his mother, Martha Kennedy of Peru; a sister, Beth Hendricks and her husband Rich of Peru; and grandchildren, Nathan Erbaugh, Jacob Erbaugh, Trevor Kennedy and Megan Kennedy. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Robert L. Kennedy will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th St., Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery with military honors provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru. There will be a Prayer Service at 8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online website at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 13, 2015

**Max E. Berger**, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. He was born on Sept. 28, 1931 to Lloyd and Dorothy (Horner) Berger in Peru. Max proudly served his country during the Korean War in the United States Army. He farmed all his life, was a member of Erie United Methodist Church in Peru, enjoyed NASCAR racing, and was an avid reader. He enjoyed walking, and loved traveling in his RV with his traveling friends who brought him great joy. Most of all, Max was a loving father to his daughters. His descendants include five daughters, Kimberly J. Jowitt and Celeste A. O'Neill (both deceased), Jennifer L. Boots, Dawn E. Morley, and Susan D. Good; and six grandchildren, Crystal Marr, Jayme Thompson, Lenny Foyer, Raymond Foyer, Richie Boots, and Sam Good. In addition to his parents and two daughters, Max was preceded in death by his wife of 23 years, Jayne E. Berger; and older brother, Clarence E. Berger. Services will be held at noon on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers, with visitation from 10 a.m. to the time of service. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to AMVETS, 4647 Forbes Blvd. Lanham, MD 20706. Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 13, 2015

**Kathryn I. Hartzler**, 82, of Akron, unexpectedly passed peacefully at 8:40 a.m., Monday, July 13, 2015 at her residence. She was born on April 27, 1933 in Marshall County, Indiana to Harold E. and Carrie Irene (McGriff) Walters. On June 17, 1951 in the Athens EUB Church she wed Stephen L. Hartzler. He survives. Kathryn raised her family while managing and working in the home and on the farm. After her family was raised, she managed the Fulton County License Branch and was a greeter at her son's funeral home. She moved from the Richland Center community to the Akron area while in grade school. She graduated in 1951 from Akron High School where she was a class officer and a high school cheerleader. Kathryn married her sweetheart right after high school, a union lasting 64 years. She enjoyed raising Hereford cattle with her husband. Having been a 10-year 4-H member she was a driving force to her children to follow and do the same. She started her political career as the Vice Precinct Committeeman in Fulton County. Kathryn always worked hard to get many good candidates elected, but never ran for an office herself. She was known in the county as well as the state for her republican politics serving as Vice Chairman and County Chairman for many years as well as Secretary of the Fifth District and being a Delegate to the Sagamore Convention in 1988. Although she had lost most of her sight she always stayed in the political loop. She was awarded two Sagamores of the Wabash and a Distinguished Hoosier by three different Governors. Kathryn and her husband have held season tickets at Tippecanoe Valley High School for the boy's basketball games since the schools inception as well as having season tickets for Notre Dame Women's Basketball for many years. Survivors are: her husband - Steve Hartzler - Akron; daughters - Stephenia Barkman - Rochester, and Melinda and husband Pete Pratt - Rochester; her son - Mark and wife Deb Hartzler - Akron; grandchildren - Melea Powell-Hoffer, Stephen Heinzmann, Stacey McGriff, Blaine Hartzler, and Ashley Heinzmann; stepgrandchildren - Stacy Barkman, Scott Barkman, Tara Wolfe, and Tabitha Floor and 19 great grandchildren. Her sister, Jean Ann Deaton of Bourbon and her brother, Lloyd and wife Linda Walters of Rochester, also survive. Kathryn was preceded in

death by: her parents - Harold E. and Carrie Irene Walters; an infant brother, Richard Walters; her brother - Herschel Walters; and a son-in-law - Jim Barkman. Services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 17, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester Street Akron, with Pastor Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery. Family and friends may visit from 2 - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron. Memorial Contributions to: Stephen and Kathryn Hartzler Memorial Scholarship entrusted at the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 14, 2015

**Karen Jeanne (Graf) Mustachio**, 68, of Chili, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:05 a.m. Born Nov. 7, 1946 in Miami County to the late Russell "Vern" and Erma (Johnson) Graf, Karen was a 1964 graduate of Peru High School. She was employed by the State of Maryland Government as an Administrative aide for the Department of Transportation and retired from the State of Indiana. Karen is survived by her sister, Madelyn (Graf) Putnam and her three brothers, Richard, Larry and Michael Graf. Per Karen's request there will be no public services and a graveside service will be private. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gundrum Funeral Home and Cass County Crematory. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 14, 2015

**Lisa Eckelbarger-Minns**, 48 passed away in her home on Tuesday, July 14 after a week-long hospitalization. She was born on July 17, 1966 in Peru, the daughter of Robert "Bob" and Kay Eckelbarger. Besides her parents, Lisa is survived by three children, Cody Minns (24) of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Wyatt Minns (17) of Peru, and a daughter, Samantha Minns (11), Peru. She also leaves a brother Rick Eckelbarger, and sisters, Kim Hoover, and Teri (Karl) Robison, all of Peru. Lisa was an aunt to four nieces, two nephews, three great-nieces and four great-nephews. A 1984 graduate of Maconaquah High School, Lisa later returned to Ivy Tech's School of Nursing to become certified as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 2006. She was employed with Humana At Home as a personal care manager who had great compassion for all her clients. She attended Peoria Church. Lisa enjoyed her children immensely. As a band and dance mom, she was always proud of their accomplishments and activities and loved to watch their performances. This past spring, she was blessed by her son Wyatt's graduation from Maconaquah High School and son Cody's graduation from the University of Wyoming with a master degree. Visitation will be held at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru from 4 - 8 p.m., Friday, July 17. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Eikenberry-Eddy, with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating, followed by burial in the Peoria Church Cemetery. Contributions to Lisa's minor children may be made to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eckelbarger in care of Peoria Church, 5575 E. 325 S., Peru, IN 46970. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 16, 2015

**Jack E. Weideman**, 78 of Peru, was a professional truck driver who had travelled across all 48 of the continental United States and Canada. He left on his final journey Saturday afternoon, July 18 at 3.p. m. this time heaven bound. He was born Jan. 22, 1937 in Denver to Carroll and Fern (Tull) Weideman. He joined the United States Air Force in 1956 and served until 1960 - most of the time spent in Paris, France. He married his best friend, Kay E. Floyd in Peru on April 10, 1965. She survives along with their daughters, Melissa (Larry) Mullinnix, Ellettsville; Tanya (Brian) Barger, Terre Haute, and Stacia (Boyd) Bonifant, Peru; grandchildren, Brianna (Ryan) Tenges, Kaitlin Bonifant, Rebecca Barger, Krista Mullinnix, Jaclyn Bonifant and Rachel Mullinnix; and great-grandchildren - Azeb Tenges and Hazel Tenges. He is also survived by sisters, Jane (Max) Fry and Martha Love and a brother, Robert (Marthagene) Weideman, a sister-in-law, Rosalie Weideman and numerous nieces and nephews who were all very special to him. Jack was a child of God, a member of Main St. United Methodist Church in Peru and loved his church family. He also was a member of Walton Masonic Lodge and Royal Center Eastern Star. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Warren, Harry, Ralph, and Bill and his sisters, June Hight, Primose Weideman, Clara Miller, Alice Long, Annabelle Heltsley and Esther Hodson. Jack loved life and everyone he met on his journey. He especially loved his family and was crazy about his two little great-granddaughters. He accomplished the only item on his bucket list when he and Kay traveled to Alaska in 2008. He had a special spot in his heart for all small children and had developed a ministry of giving a quarter to every small child he would see - in a restaurant - at the ice cream stand - at the grocery - anywhere he saw them. He also passed out Werther's coffee caramels to all the ladies who he met - in church - in the doctor's office - wherever they were. He won the heart of every waitress in every restaurant. He was a 15 year survivor of small cell lung cancer and was a laryngectomee who gave hope to many cancer patients. Family and friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be held Thursday, July 23 at 10 a.m. at Main St. United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main St., Peru. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Main St. United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 20, 2015

**Ken W. Grandstaff**, 78, of Roann died at 10:50 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born Feb. 22, 1937 in Peru to Lloyd and Alma (Ensley) Grandstaff. Ken was a 1955 graduate of Roann High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1959, attended I.U. School of Law one year, and graduated from Indiana College of Mortuary Science in 1961. He continued the operation of Grandstaff Funeral Home in Roann after the death of his father in 1959. He brought Steven Hentgen into partnership and together they purchased Hover-Miner Funeral Home in Wabash in 1975 and Garrett & Sloane Mortuary of Wabash and Bender Funeral Home of North Manchester in 1992. He was past president of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association and served on the Indiana State Board of Funeral Home and Cemetery Licensing. Mr. Grandstaff retired from funeral service in 2008, at which time his nephew, Chad Maple, joined the partnership. He was a civic-minded leader. He served on the Roann Library Board, was a charter member and organizer of the Roann Merchant's Association, ROLANCO and the Roann Condominium Association. He was a member of the Wabash Rotary, Elks Lodge, Hanna Masonic Lodge, and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine since 1975. He was a former president of the Wabash Chamber of Commerce, and a life member of the Board

of Directors of the Honeywell Foundation, Inc, actively serving 22 years. Ken was a life-long member of the Roann United Methodist Church and enjoyed spending time, whenever possible, at Lake Wawasee. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Grandstaff of Roann, two daughters, Julie Kay (Joseph) Kostka of Naperville, Illinois and Jean Marie (Douglas) Morehouse of Brookston, three grandchildren, Nathan Joseph Kostka of Naperville, and Jack Douglas Morehouse and Anna Marie Morehouse, both of Brookston; and his sister, Kay (Barry) Maple of Wabash. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Roann United Methodist Church, located at the corner of South Arnold and East Adams Streets in Roann, with Pastors Wayne Balmer and Kurt Snyder officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, Roann. Friends may call Wednesday, July 22, 2015, from 2 - 8 pm at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 South Chippewa Road, Roann. Preferred memorial are the following Roann organizations: The Roann Public Library, The Roann Covered Bridge Association, The Stockdale Mill Foundation, and The Roann Community

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 20, 2015

Infant **Nova Halo Annette**, 7 weeks, cherished daughter of India Shamaca Lesley, passed away on July 17, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. She was born May 28, 2015, in Peru, Indiana. Survivors include her mother, India, Macy, IN; grandparents, Maurice E. and Ami A. Hall Lesley, Macy; aunt, Hailey N. Carney and husband Madison, Macy; uncle, Seth R. Lesley, and wife Jessica; Peru; cousins, Keirsten and Brayden; and great-grandparents, Tim and Cindy Hall, Terre Haute; and Ed and Hazel Lesley, Mexico. There will be a time of visitation from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with the funeral service immediately following with Tim Hall and Lynn Brust officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 20, 2015

**Robert Franklin Bills**, 88, Bunker Hill, passed away peacefully at home at 3:08 p.m. on July 20, 2015. He was born on Dec. 7, 1926 in Caro, Michigan, to Leo and Edna (Southwick) Bills. He married Shirley (Kelley) Bills on Aug. 1, 1948 in Caro, Michigan. She survives him. Robert was drafted into the United States Army immediately upon graduation, and served as a Sergeant with the 10th Constabulary in Germany. Robert took a job as manager at Gambles Hardware for 17 years. He then became co-owner of Gunsell's Furniture Store in Caro, Michigan in 1967. He later sold the business and retired. He and Shirley moved to Bunker Hill, Indiana in 1985. He enjoyed camping, golfing, reading, and playing card games. He was a member of the Bunker Hill United Methodist Church and was a lifetime member of the Mount-Moriah Masonic Lodge #226 in Caro, Michigan. In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his daughters, Sherry (Edward) Albin, Peyton, Colorado and Beth (Ronald) Guth, Bunker Hill; grandchildren, Kimberly (Steven) Drake, Clovis, California; Amy (Matthew) Burton, Bunker Hill; and Lisa Guth, Ann Arbor, Michigan; great-granddaughters Brittany and Ashley Drake, Clovis, California; and great-great-grandson JJ Rocha, Clovis, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gary Bills; grandson, Kevin Guth; and great-granddaughter, Emma Burton. His love for God, his marriage, and his family will forever leave an impact on our lives. The wonderful memories we have shared, the way he cared for us all, and his constant support will be missed and always hold a very special place in our hearts. A celebration of Robert's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24 at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church in Bunker Hill with Pastor Evan Strong officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the church on Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church in Robert's honor. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, July 22, 2015

**Ronald Lee Pflueger**, 80, joined his Creator on July 19, 2015, Sunday at 11:45 a.m., which was always his favorite day of the week, surrounded by his loving family. Our family is celebrating with confidence, knowing he is at the right hand of Jesus, a place he lived every moment of his life. He left a legacy of faith and family. Ron was born October 11, 1934 in Kokomo to Ernest and Mildred (Gruwell) Pflueger. He was raised in Kokomo and attended Indiana University Bloomington. On March 20, 1970, he married Maria (Cuellar) Pflueger who survives him. Ron was highly dedicated to God and his family. His faith truly defined him, even to his last days. He would happily join in singing songs and hymns at any given moment. Throughout his adult life, Ron faithfully attended and served at Southside Christian Church and Calvary Temple in Peru. Ron had many different passions that ranged from hunting, fishing, IU basketball, golf, and time with friends and family. While Ron enjoyed all those things, none of them compared to the love and pride he had for his family. A blessed day for him was being surrounded by his Pflueger clan. Ron is survived by Maria Pflueger, Kokomo, and first wife, Patricia Ann Dick; daughters, Cindy (Pat) Golembieski, Tucson, Arizona, Pam (Dave) Mobley, Kokomo, Lisa Pflueger, Kokomo, Kim Pflueger, Jacksonville, Florida, and Jennifer (Ryan) Bontrager, Carmel.; grandchildren, Nikki and Alyssa, Tucson, Arizona, Casey, Courtney, Caitlin, Caden, Morgan, Maddie, Kokomo and Fishers, Ruby and Phineas, Carmel along with 15 great-grandchildren. Ron is also survived by his sister Connie (Paul) Christofanelli and their children Paul, Kerry and Barbara. So much support has been provided to Ron and his family for his care. We would like to show special appreciation to our gracious and special family caregiver, Gloria Pickering. "RL" was a successful businessman who had many opportunities to travel and see the world. He worked at Stellite, started Kokomo Tube Company as President, worked for Wisconsin Centrifugal in Waukesha and Chattanooga and retired in 2007. Ron was a beloved manager and leader, touching and forming many lives along the way. A celebration of life service will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015, at Crossroads Community Church, 4254 S. 00 EW., Kokomo, with Pastor Kevin Palmer officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 3 p.m. until time of service on Friday at the church. A burial and committal service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Crown Point Cemetery. There will be a dinner available after the service for a time of Ronnie storytelling with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Bridges Outreach, 208 N. Main St., Kokomo, IN 46901-4624. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. The family has requested casual dress for the visitation and service. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, July 22, 2015

**Stella Louise (McPherson) McMinn**, 89 of, Logansport, passed away Friday, July 17, 2015 in Lafayette. Born March 17, 1926 in Logansport, she was the daughter of Raymond and Flossie (Campbell) McPherson. On Sept. 12, 1944 in Peru, Indiana she married Bob McMinn who preceded her in death. She worked several years at the R.B.M. and then spent several more years working in the Cass County Assessor's Office. Stella was a member of Cross-Wind United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her family and spending time with her grandchildren. She has missed the love of her life for 13 long years and now they are together again. Surviving are: two sons, James Robert Jr. McMinn and wife Vivian; Mike McMinn and wife Nancy, both of Logansport; one daughter, Nancy Eylens, Lafayette; sister, Bettie Savini ; two sister in laws , Billie McPherson, of Logansport; Betty and husband Tom Kirk, Peru; seven grandchildren, James Robert "Rob" McMinn and wife Angie; Scott McMinn and wife Mandi; Jill McMinn, all of Logansport; Graham McMinn and wife Nikki, Lafayette; Tony Eylens, Lafayette; Mike McMinn and wife Sony, Lebanon; Michelle Johnson and husband Cory, Chicago; 19 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Holly Eylens, one brother, Carl McPherson and two sisters, Martha Boulden and Elizabeth Zellers. A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, 2015 in the Gundrum Funeral Home with entombment following in Ever-Rest Memorial Park cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Cass County Humane Society or to the Cross Wind United Methodist Church. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 23, 2015

**Mary A. Correll**, 92, of Logansport, formerly of Peru, went to be with her God Almighty at 1:15 p.m., Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Chase Center. Born on Jan. 12, 1923 in Peru, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Mary (Tribbett) Zimmerman. She married Elmer Ray Correll, Sr in 1945. Together they had six children. Survivors include daughters; Arlice McKinney of Peru, and Coetta Stratton of Missouri, sons; Aaron "Tom" Barnes of Georgia, Kevin "Terry Ray" Balsbaugh of Peru, step-sons; David Correll, and Stanely Correll both of Logansport, and Keith Correll of Florida, and brother; William "Billy" Zimmerman of Florida. Mary is also survived by 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sons; George Correll and Matthew Correll, step-sons; Elmer, Jr., Max, Dean, and Nathan Correll; three sisters, Betty Murray, Louise Mikesell and Eva Hedge; seven brothers, Earl, Irvin, Robert, Raymond, Warren, Joe and Louis Zimmerman; and a granddaughter, Elisha Barnes. A graveside service was held at Ever Rest Memorial Park on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 11 a.m. with Mary's grandson, Pastor Lew McKinney officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses. Please sign the online register book and leave an online condolence at [www.ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com). Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 23, 2015

**Wallace "Wally" G. Astrup Jr.**, 64, of Peru, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, July 22, at the Midwestern Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his girls, his wife and two daughters. Wally was born July 12, 1951, In Peru, to Wallace and Jacqueline (Farnam) Astrup Sr. and is the oldest of six children. He graduated from Peru High School in 1969. On Nov. 20, 1971, he married Kathleen Wecht in Peru. Wally was employed at Schneider Electric for 45 years and was approaching retirement. He enjoyed working as an electrician and had his own contracting business that he was very proud of. He had recently started attending Peru Church of the Brethren. Wally loved to spend time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed "tinkering" in his garage, working on his go-carts and soap-box derby cars, showing his grandchildren how to fix and build things. Wally is most known for his giving heart and putting others before himself. He leaves a great legacy for his family to follow. Wally is survived by his wife, Kathleen and his two daughters, Carly (David) Fregoso and Marcy (Charles) Kistler; his mother-in-law Marcella Wecht, Father, Wallace Astrup Sr., brother Lawrence Astrup, sisters Beth Tresler, Ellen (Jim) Leedy, Jackie Ford; grandchildren Jackson, Morgan, Shelby and Gabriel, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jacqueline and brother Tom. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 23, 2015

**Bessie "Marie" Mays**, 94, Peru, formerly of Onward, passed away at 6:46 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2015, in St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Born April 1, 1921, in Hoover, (Cass County), she was the daughter of the late Roy K. and Mary Hester (Bloomer) Huddleston. On June 28, 1941, in Peru, she was married to Charles R. "Chuck" Mays, who survives. Marie was a 1939 graduate of Peru High School. In 1984, she retired from the United States Postal Service where she had worked in Onward. A devoted member of the Onward Christian Church, Marie was active in the afternoon circle. She was also an auxiliary member of the Onward Volunteer Fire Department. Most people remember her as the "iced tea lady" at all the various dinners held in Onward. Surviving with her husband of 74 years are two sons: Charles Allen Mays (wife: Lisa) of Walton, New York, and Gary Lynn Mays (wife: Sharon) of Peru; five grandchildren, Douglas, Dyanna, Danielle, Brian and Tonya Mays; three great-grandchildren, Amber Shotts, Adrienne R (Rush) Duepner and Andrew T Rush; two great-great-grandchildren, Dylan Marie Duepner and Ty Joseph Duepner; two sisters, Margaret (Marvin) Burkhardt and Mae (Paul) Brackeneimer; two brothers-in-law, John (Margaret) Mays of Peru and Randy (Melissa) Osborne, of Berea, Kentucky; and one sister-in-law Doris "Dot" Mays of Onward; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by siblings Esther (Carl) Schini, Irene (James) Hollarman, Anna (Gaylord) Musselman, Jason Huddleston, Lewis Huddleston, Howard Huddleston and Leonard Huddleston; brother-in-law Paul Mays and two sisters-in-law: Audrey Jane Osborne and Ellen Morris. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2015, in the Onward Christian Church with Pastors Rod Mason and Bob Kellems officiating. Friends may call 1 hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial, at a later date, will be in the Mays Cemetery, Onward. Memorial contributions may be made to the Onward Christian Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fisher Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services. You may share condolences and view her video tribute at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 23, 2015

A man of faith, **Elisha Royal, Sr.** passed away on July 19, 2015. Born on Dec. 8, 1929 in Sherrill, Arkansas, he was the only child of Bennie and Ella Royal. After his mother's death when he was six years old, he was raised by his grandfather, William, a church deacon and grandmother Jonny Royal. From his father's second marriage, he was the eldest son of four siblings -- sisters Dorothy Jean, Maxine and Lula Mae. While living in Cincinnati, Ohio, Elisha enlisted in the United States Air Force. There he met Nettie Ann Sullivan, a pharmacy technician at Children's Hospital, where he once had worked. After a two-year courtship, Ann would laugh and say that her husband never proposed but simply wrote to her, telling her they would be married during his next military leave. True to his words, they were indeed married on Aug. 7, 1954. They settled down to raise a family of six children: their first born, Elisha, Jr., followed by Timothy Wayne, Michael David, Kevin Phillip, Ranelle Elizabeth and Beverly Ann. He became a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force, fighting in the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. After being stationed at various military locations across the United States, he and Ann finally established the family near Grissom Air Force base. Upon retirement, Elisha and Ann relaxed into their new dream home in Peru. When grandchildren Erica, London and Melanie were born, the grandparents were especially thrilled to celebrate summers and holidays together -- watching them grow up meant the world to both of them. Elisha Royal was a true patriarch. Family was extremely important to him, always advising his them on the importance of getting an education and being independent. He was very proud of their accomplishments, and his love, optimism and support touched not only those in his family but everyone who had the opportunity to know him. Services will be Monday, July 27, 12 p.m. at Mt Pisgah M.B.C. in Kokomo with calling from 10 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements entrusted to Bluit & Son Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 23, 2015

**Earl Noel See**, age 93, Chili, passed away at 8:24 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born Dec. 13, 1921, in Miami County, he was the son of Carl Clifford and Averill Whitehill See. On July 10, 1945, he married Wilma Louise Wisler, who preceded him in death on May 31, 2015. It was a marriage that lasted seventy years. Earl was a graduate of Mexico High School. He was a United States Navy veteran, having served during World War II. He retired as an engineer for Delco/GM Corporation in Kokomo. Earl was a 50-year-member of the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge #67. Surviving are sons, Dennis (Barb) See, Peru, Jeff (Melanie) See, Logansport; brother, Larry (Janet) See and sister, Peggy Kline, all of Mexico; grandchildren, Zachary (Shannon) See, Nicholas (Pirita) See, Megan (Bradley) Hoover, Whitney (Brad) Plank and Christopher Schoff; great grandchildren, Benjamin Hoover, Andrea Hoover, Adalyn Plank, Zion See, Zola See, Isli See, and Ellis See. Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Judy See, Mexico and several nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Eugene Walter See and Roy See, a sister, Susie Newman, and brother-in-law, Glen Wisler preceded him in death. A Masonic Service was held, followed by the funeral service conducted by Melinda Rogers, on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at Kroeger Funeral Home. Full interment followed in Chili Cemetery with full military honors. Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, was in charge of arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 25, 2015

**Deryck Nathaniel Lees**, 39, Peru, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home, at 1:30 a.m. on July 22, 2015. He was born on Aug. 22, 1975, in Peru, to Martin and Cynthia Lees. He married Shannon Maxwell on Feb. 16, 2008. In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by his daughter, Alexis, step-daughters, Miranda Irving and Joetta George, a brother, Drew, and grandmother, Carol Butzin. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Otto Butzin, Alton Lees and Helen Hale and uncles, Allen Lees and Clifford Butzin. Deryck spent most of his adult life working in Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning, most recently at Brandt's Heating and Cooling. He spent the past few months working with Weaver Construction. He was most happy spending time with his family and friends, and playing with his dog, Dozer. Deryck was a free spirit, who always enjoyed a good ride on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He took great joy in participating in many motorcycle benefit rides. Deryck also enjoyed watching a Chicago Cubs game, playing disc golf, camping, and sitting by the campfire sharing stories. Visitation and a celebration of Deryck's life will be held at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru from 2 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 28. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, with Pastor Bill Bussard officiating, followed by burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Loree Brethren Church, AWANA Club, or Camp Scholarship in Deryck's honor. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 25, 2015

**Donald Charles Trakel, Jr.**, of Peru, passed away on July 27, 2015 at the age of 78. He was born on Nov. 11, 1936 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to the late Donald Charles Trakel, Sr. and Vera Swartz. He is survived by his sister, Penny Jaenicke, and his half-siblings, Debra Trakel, Donna Silgman, Scott Trakel, and Chuck Trakel. He is preceded in death by his brother, Terry Trakel. He married his beloved wife, Delanne Schwartz, on Aug. 1, 1959. This year would have marked the couple's 56th year of marriage. Don served in the United States Air Force for 22 years, earning the rank of Master Sergeant. After receiving an honorable discharge from the military, he worked as a supervisor for Delco Electronics, where he retired after 18 and a half years. He obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska Omaha in 1973 and obtained a master's degree from Ball State University in 1976. He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Pamela Smith (James) of Evansville, and Kathy Latta (partner David Walker) of Galveston; four grandchildren: Melanie Smith, Jennifer Lorona (Michael), Kara Latta, and Randal Latta; and one great-grandchild: Mason Smith, son of Kara. Don was an avid stamp and coin collector. He also enjoyed antiquing and spending time with his family. The family wishes to thank Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne, for their kind and compassionate care. Friends may call on Thursday, July 30, 2015 from 1 - 2 p.m at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, 8315 Logansport Road, Logansport, IN 46947. A memorial service will immediately follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org/Donate](http://www.diabetes.org/Donate). Arrangement have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 27, 2015

**Edward "Ed" Earl Dillman**, 70, of Morgantown passed away Saturday, July 25, 2015, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born April 28, 1945 to Verl W. and Mary J. (Swoverland) Dillman in Peru. Ed was a retired engineer from Norfolk Southern Rail Road, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, past member of the Lions Club of Peru and a member of Fair Haven Christian Church. He enjoyed Fishing, golf and mushroom hunting. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by: his wife Carol Ann (Eikenberry) Dillman; three sons, Kevin (Rhonda) Dillman of Knoxville, Tennessee, Craig (Sandy) Dillman of Avon, and Curtis (Julie) Dillman of Indianapolis; two sisters, Barbara (John) Stoeckert and Kay Riggs both of Mexico; two brothers; Robert (Sharon) Dillman of Macy, and Larry (Bernie) Dillman of Bunker Hill; three grandchildren; Lincoln, Duncan and McKenna Dillman and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at Fair Haven Christian Church, 1476 West 300 South, Franklin, 46131 with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of service at the Church. The family will have a memorial service in Mexico at the Church of the Brethren, 4460 North Mexico Road, Mexico, IN 46958, at 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 2015 with a visitation being held from 3 p.m. until time of service at the church. He will be buried in Ever Rest Cemetery in Cass County. Memorial contributions may go to the American Cancer Society or The American Diabetes Foundation. Jessen Funeral Home, Trafalgar Chapel, 800 W. Pearl Street, Trafalgar, is entrusted with arrangements. For more information visit; [www.jessenfuneralhome.com](http://www.jessenfuneralhome.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 27, 2015

**Catherine Doris Koistinen**, 84, Peru, and formerly of Arlington, Texas, was welcomed into her eternal heavenly home at 11:06 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2015, at Community Howard Regional Health Systems, Kokomo. Born March 4, 1931, in Cleveland, Ohio, she was the daughter of George Martin and Amanda Rask Helliksen Cornell. On October 25, 1957, in Georgia, she began her 57 year journey through life with her beloved husband, Kermitt Kenneth Koistinen, and he survives, living in Peru. Doris was a devoted Christian who shared her passion and love for Jesus with anyone she met. While in Texas, she was a member of the Tate Springs Baptist Church. Truly believing that any stranger was only a friend she had not yet had the pleasure of meeting, she lived her life with a great passion and interest in the lives of other people. She was always willing to give a hug or lend an ear to anyone who needed a compassionate and great listener. Throughout the years that God blessed her with life, Doris worked in several different industries. In New York City, she appeared as a model in her youth before a career change took her to the banking business in Times Square. In Rochester, Michigan, she worked for a clothing store, but her true talent was that of a homemaker, dedicating herself to her beloved family and taking care of them in any way that was needed. In addition to her husband, she leaves behind two daughters, Linda Doris Astarita, Clawson, Michigan; and Lori Ann Cheever, and her husband, Gordon, Peru; four grandchildren, Amanda Joy Buck and her husband, Adam, Clawson, Michigan; Cynthia Lee Brindle and her husband, Jonathan, Logansport; Christopher Martin Cheever, Peru; and Jessica Lynn Cheever, Peru; and one great granddaughter, Elaina Grace Buck, Clawson, Michigan. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Pastor George McCarty officiating. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with the arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 27, 2015

**Martha B. Oaks**, 89, formerly of Peru, died at 1:30 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2015 at Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre in Wabash. Martha was born on Aug. 4, 1925 in Boma, Tennessee to Joel Denton and Cora Ann (Cowan) Sutton, both deceased. In 1942, she married Norman Oaks, who passed away in 2012. She is survived by: her sons, Roy (Wanda) Oaks of Ohio, Ray (Sharon) Oaks of Peru, Gary Oaks of Arizona, Danny Oaks of Peru, Don Oaks of Florida, Alan Oaks of Chillicothe, Ohio; and daughters, June Stark of Peru, and Rita (Richard) Schelonk, of Indiana. Her sister, Ethal Anderson of Tennessee also survives. She was preceded in death by her parents, ascon, Carl Oaks, three sisters and one brother. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 29 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 28, 2015

**Elvin Sommers**, 85, Plevna, passed away Monday, July 27, 2015 at Marion General Hospital. He was born June 2, 1930 in Plevna to Monroe and Effie (Horner) Sommers. On June 27, 1954, he married Barbara Jane (Craig) Sommers, and they began their 61 years together. Elvin grew up in Plevna and attended Greentown School. He quit to join the Army, but later got his GED, and was very proud of this accomplishment. Elvin and Barb lived in Marion for a short time, and then moved to Sims, where they lived for 7 years, before moving to their farm north of Plevna. He was employed at GM/Delco in Kokomo for 34 years before retiring alongside wife Barb. Elvin enjoyed the outdoors, making cider, fishing and butchering beef and hogs. He and Barb traveled to all 50 states, took several cruises and went to Germany. He and Barb took several wonderful trips with friends Byron and Marjorie Sommers. Elvin served on the board and was a caretaker, of Mast/Hensler Cemetery. He was a member of Converse Church of Christ, where he was a former deacon and past president of the Sunday School class. He was a member of Greentown Masonic lodge #341, where he served as past master. He enjoyed the lodge and the brothers, and did Masonic services for several of his brothers, from around the state. He was a member of the Scottish rite in Fort Wayne, York Rite, Murat, VFW, Ibn Saudi Grotto, American Legion and Kokomo Shrine Club. He proudly served his country, as a dedicated American, in the army spending most of his tour in Germany. He was a member of the Solidarity Community F.C.U. board, serving on the supervisory committee for 40 years. He was an active member of Greentown Eastern Star, where he served as a past patron, several times. He held dual membership with Converse Eastern Star, and was an active member. He belonged to White Shrine of Jerusalem as Watchman of Shepherd and Royal Patron in Amaranth. Surviving along with wife Barb, are: daughter Connie (Sommers) Maple, Waupecong and son, Dayman Sommers, Plevna; four grandchildren, Jeanette (Maple) Merritt, Jill (Maple) Hart, Dayman Lee Sommers Jr., and Corey Sommers; eight great grandchildren, Alexandra Merritt, Lauryn Merritt, Levi Merritt, Cassandra, Hannah and Allison Hart; sister Elaine (Sommers) Rich, sister-in-law, Thanet Sommers and brother-in-law, Joe Richards, along with several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank the caregivers, nurses and entire staff of St. Joseph, Kokomo, for their kindness and compassion shown to the family! Funeral services will be at 1:30

p.m. Friday at Converse Church of Christ, 301 Wabash, Converse, with John Clark officiating. Burial will follow in Mast-Hensler Cemetery with military rites provided by the Greentown American Legion. Visitation will be from 4 -8 p.m., Thursday at the church where a Masonic service followed by an Eastern Star service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners or Converse Church of Christ. Messages of condolence may be submitted at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 28, 2015

**Mary Lou Comerford**, 79, passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at her home in Peru, loved and cherished by her family. She was born Feb. 23, 1936, in Wallace, the daughter of Walter Klahn and Kathleen (Parrow) Klahn. She married Charles "Chuck" Landrum in 1958. They celebrated 26 years of marriage before his passing in 1984. Mary Lou married J. Paul Comerford in 1997. They were married almost 15 years at the time of his death in 2012. Mary Lou graduated from Hobart High School in 1955. She studied nursing at Olivet Nazarene University. Mary Lou served for many years as an Emergency Medical Technician in Rochester and Macy. She most enjoyed her role taking care of her family and home. Mary Lou was a member of Peru First Church of the Nazarene. She treasured her church family and was very active throughout the church. She was a member of the choir, served on the church board, and enjoyed participating in Prime Timers and Women of Worship. She also served as a Sunday School Teacher in the past. Mary Lou was a member of Pioneer Power of North Central Indiana. She loved animals and considered her four-legged friends family. She was blessed with many friends and enjoyed visiting with them often. Her surviving family include a daughter, Cheryl Landrum, Peru; a step-son, Joe Comerford, Peru; granddaughter, Cassandra (and Chris) Binkley, Goreville, Illinois; grandsons, Jeremy (and Chrissy) Landrum, Bunker Hill, and Jason (and Maria) Landrum, Killeen, Texas; step-granddaughter Jodie (and Tom) Schmitt, Kokomo; and great-grandchildren, Xandure and Sebastian Binkley, Goreville, Illinois, Emma Lynn and Randy Landrum, Bunker Hill, Nick and Breanna Landrum, Killeen, Texas and Taylor Schmitt, Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband Chuck Landrum; second husband J. Paul Comerford; a son, Randal Landrum; two brothers and three sisters; a step-daughter-in-law, Judith Comerford; and a step-granddaughter, Jennifer Comerford. Visitation will be held at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third St., Peru from 2 - 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 3. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at The Peru First Nazarene Church with Pastor Floyd Laabs and Pastor Tony Winters officiating. Burial will follow at Plainview Cemetery, Macy. In lieu of Flowers, memorial donations may be made to Peru First Church of the Nazarene or Cause for Paws of Logansport. Arrangements have been Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 30, 2015

**Jim F. Doran**, 63, of Roann, died at 1:30 pm, Friday, July 24, 2015 at his daughter's home in Kokomo. He was born May 10, 1952 in Peru to James and Francis (Truax) Doran Vandermark. James retired from the Miami County Highway Department. He was a member of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church. He was a former member of the Denver Lions Club. He enjoyed music, woodworking, being outdoors, and especially loved spending time with his family and friends. James lived in Roann the past 9 years coming from Denver, where he lived most of his life. He is survived by four daughters, Tashina (Jeremy McNabney) Doran of Wabash, Yanel (Larry) Ragle of Peru, Guanea (Dwayne) Talbert and Nemiah (Keon Jones) Purdon, both of Kokomo; nine grandchildren, Aaron Doran of Denver, John Abshire and Dylan Abshire, both of Wabash, Levi Ragle, Logan Ragle, Laiyten Ragle, and Lenay Ragle, all of Peru, and Ladanian Talbert and Dwayne Talbert Jr., both of Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Mark Doran; sister, Sherry Vandermark; and his half sister, Patricia Williams. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Rick Stone officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Jim may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Memorials may be made to the family of Jim Doran for help with funeral expenses.  
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**Martha Jane "Marty" Hostetler**, 91 of Santé Fe, In passed away at 10:32 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2015 at St. Vincent's Hospice, Indianapolis. She was born in Huntington County, In, on April 7, 1924 the daughter of Lawrence and Agnes Rinerson Watkins. Marty married Robert Hostetler in Jeffersonville, In, on June 28, 1947 and he preceded her in death on October 3, 2014. Marty and her husband Bob owned and operated Marty's Café, a Peru Landmark on N. Broadway, until their retirement in 1990. She was an active member of the Ladies of the Moose and the Ladies of the Eagles. Marty was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother. She was a loyal and compassionate friend. She told it like it was and often used colorful words. Everyone knew where they stood with Marty. She is survived by a brother Harvey Watkins and his wife Nancy of Wabash, In grandchildren Derek Hostetler, Hunter Hostetler, Kevin Hostetler, Rhonda Miller, Crissy Crist and Shane Nye; great grandchildren Lake Hostetler, Zachery Hostetler, Kevin Wayne Hostetler, Zachary Nye, Ashley Crist and Lacey Crist; great-great grandchildren Quin Hostetler, Reese Hostetler and Michael Hostetler. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert, a son David, a sister Janelda Schwan and four brothers, Kenneth, Clayton, Tom and Willis Watkins. A service celebrating the life of Marty Hostetler will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m. on Monday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 1, 2015

**Lester Owen Hostetler**, 72, of Peru passed away unexpectedly, on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital Fort Wayne. He was born Aug. 10, 1942 in Bunker Hill, the son of Robert and Esther Deichs Hostetler. He enjoyed fishing and camping. On Dec. 31, 1983 he married Marietta Kemmer, she survives. Lester worked in the laundry at Duke's Hospital until his retirement. He then worked for Recovery Recycling in Peru for almost 20 yrs. Surviving with his wife are five children, Joetta Flatland of Kennedy, Minnesota; Linda Masters of Peru; Tammy Stokes of Peru; Jeff McCool of Peru; and Shawn McCool of Fulton; 11 grandchildren and 16 great

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son. Graveside services will be at 1pm Monday at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Lew McKinney officiating. Friends may call 1 hour prior to the services in the Chapel at the cemetery. Sunset Memory Gardens and Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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**Donna Jayne Noeske (Woodhouse)**, age 64 of Gahanna, Ohio passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2015 surrounded by family. Donna was born and raised in Peru, daughter of the late Donald and Mary Woodhouse. Donna retired from Mount Carmel East Hospital in 2014 where she provided support services in the radiology department. She was a kindhearted, thoughtful and giving woman who enjoyed sewing and reading in her spare time. She was a member of New Life Church, Gahanna, and also was the founder of the non-profit, A Touch of Comfort, an organization that provides handmade comfort items to cancer patients and veterans along with others in need. Because she had such a tremendous love for her family and friends, Donna will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by her children, Tracy (Todd) Muth and Jonathan Noeske; grandchildren, Ashleigh (Seth) Spurlock and Amanda Muth; brothers, Stephen (Patty) Woodhouse and Ben Woodhouse; niece Amber (Scott) Russell; great niece Emilei and many other extended family members and dear friends. A celebration honoring Donna's life will be held from 5 - 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015 at New Life Church, 3690 N. Stygler Rd. Burial to be held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to A Touch of Comfort, P.O. Box 307258, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 1, 2015

**Charlotte Anne Terry**, 10 months, Rochester, passed away at 12:21 a.m.. Friday July 31, 2015 at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health, Indianapolis. Charlotte was born on Sept. 20, 2014 in Plymouth, the daughter of Parker W. and Ellen E. (Wilson) Terry. She attended Crossroads Church, Plymouth, and loved cheerios, playing with her stuff cats and music. Survivors include her parents, Parker W. and Ellen E. Terry, Rochester; grandparents, Max and Kim Wilson, Angola, Roger and Denise Terry, Bourbon; great grandparents, Ed and Nancy Wilson, Fremont Aaron and Barb Harvey, Dana, Larry and Ruby Layman, Bourbon; and several aunts and uncles. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m.. Tuesday Aug. 4, 2015 at Crossroads Evangelical Free Church, 1650 Oak Street, Plymouth, with Rev. Collin Seitz officiating. Private interment will take place at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlotte Terry Memorial Fund for future philanthropic endeavors for children struggling with cancer. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com) or sent via mail to Crossroads EFC. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 1, 2015

**Judy Kay Miller Luers** was born Aug. 3, 1962 to Katie and James Miller, at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash. She was a 1980 graduate of North Miami High School and attended Ball State University. She lived in Elkhart and worked for Goshen Coach 30 years. She lost her long battle with liver disease on June 11, 2015 at IU Medical Hospital, Indianapolis. She is survived by her mother, Katie Goff of Florida, her husband, Dale Luers of Elkhart, sisters; Jennifer Stocker of Arizona and Jeannette Dittman of Florida, brother, Tim Miller of Roann, two step-daughters, and three nephews. A private service was held in Elkhart on July 25, 2015. Judy had a beautiful smile and loved to laugh. She will be missed by all her family, friends, and two German Shepherds, Gracie and Ace. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 1, 2015

**Audra E. Roberts**, 78, of Leipsic formerly of Ottawa, Ohio, died 9:42 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. She was born March 22, 1937 in Miami County to the late Walter and Catherine (Birk) Brower. On Oct. 11, 1958, she married William Roberts who survives in Leipsic, Ohio. She is survived by: two children, Mark (Rachelle) Roberts of Leipsic and Ellen (Jay) Moore of Ottoville, Ohio; six grandchildren, Abbey (Dakota) Sudlow, Beau, Gabe, and Ella Roberts, and Chad and Kyle Karhoff; a great-grandchild Sophie Sudlow; and a sister Joanna Harrick of Ft. Wayne. She was preceded in death by a brother: Raymond Brower; and two sisters: Deloris Knight and Marlene Reed. Audra was co-owner of Roberts Sewer Services, Ottawa for 35 years and also previously worked for Peru Trust Bank at Bunker Hill Air Force Base Branch, Bunker Hill. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Ottawa, Ottawa Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary #63, Ottawa Fire Department Auxiliary, Pike Run Golf Women's League, Ottawa, charter member of the Ottawa EMS, and Past Worthy Matron of Ottawa Eastern Star. She was an EMS instructor for the state of Ohio for four years. Funeral Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 2015 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Ottawa with Pastor Lynda Lockwood officiating. Burial will follow in Harman Cemetery, Gilboa, Ohio. Visitation was Saturday 6 - 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 - 8 p.m. at Love Funeral Home, Ottawa, and also Monday 10 - 11 a.m. at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Ottawa Fire Department Auxiliary or Ottawa American Legion Auxiliary #63. Condolences may be expressed at [www.lovefuneralhome.com](http://www.lovefuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 1, 2015

**Ricci D. Swihart**, 53, of Gilead, passed unexpectedly at 12:24 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Woodlawn Hospital Emergency Room. Ricci was born Dec. 23, 1961 in Wabash, the son of Jack E. and C. Anne (Rhodes) Swihart. On Oct. 5, 1995 in Gilead he married Patti Nette, who survives. Ricci worked at Gulf Stream Coach in Nappanee, Monaco RV of Elkhart, and O & R Builders of Akron. He was a 1980 graduate of North Miami High School. Ricci was in the U.S. Navy and served his country for 6 years. He enjoyed camping, watching races, tractor pulls, and fishing. Survivors include: his wife Patti Swihart - Gilead; a son - Kevin and wife Amber Swihart - Monticello; his father, Jack Swihart - Gilead; his granddaughter Chamberlain Swihart - Monticello; a sister Kim and husband Dave Yoder - Mexico; his brothers, Stuart and wife Cindy Swihart - Goshen, and Brett and wife Julie Swihart - Bourbon; and Bub Cormican of Athens. Ricci was preceded in death by: his mother - C. Anne Swihart (2009) and a brother - Kelby Swihart (1997). Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, with Pastor Jason See officiating. Burial will be at Gilead Cemetery, Gilead, where graveside military rites will be preformed. Friends may call for

visitation from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to: Miami County Animal Shelter 2202 W. Eel River Road Peru, IN 46970. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 3, 2015

**Brian Olson's** zeal for drag racing started early on. As a child, he commonly rode his bike to the Bunker Hill Drag Strip. The allure of the asphalt drove him to huck his bicycle over the strip's fence and then crawl under the barrier just so he could see the races and the cars. This passion didn't fade with adulthood. He carried it onward, turning it into a career and passing his love for drag racing on to his family, friends and fans. The 58-year-old Peruvian died unexpectedly on Sunday, in the process of recovering from a motorcycle accident that occurred on July 3. Those close to the lead announcer for the Professional Drag Racers Association said his passing leaves a hole that will be hard to fill. "He was probably the best drag racing announcer in decades," said Jimmy Biggs, Olson's PDRA editor and cameraman. "He was one of those people that never pushed himself. He wasn't about Brian Olson. He always elevated the people he was interviewing. His brain was like a filing cabinet and he knew statistics on every racer." As an announcer for the PDRA, Olson became known not only for his drag racing knowledge, but also for his personable demeanor. Biggs said this friendliness was often on display at the conclusion of a race. After finishing a race, drivers were either directed to pull to the left if they won and to the right if they didn't. For the winners pulling their dragsters to the left, they knew what they were in store for; a trophy and then a high-five followed by a bear hug from Olson. Every winner got one from the announcer. "So many people looked forward to that," said Biggs. "I think sometimes people looked forward to the Brian Olson hug and high-five more than the trophy." But he didn't just conduct commentary and dole out hugs. Olson raced too, which is something that he shared with his son Drew. Drew said he's seen pictures of himself as young as six months old at the drag strip with his father. The pair bonded at the drag strip and racing with his father became a priority for him. After graduating from high school Brian offered Drew a choice. Attend college or race. Drew chose to race with his dad, which shouldn't be a surprise considering he elected to skip his high school senior prom to race with his dad too. "It was still better than prom," said Drew. "We spent three times the money racing, but we both came home with the Class 1 trophies. That's probably what sticks out the most. Any time we could be at the drag strip together was pretty cool." And when Drew was with his dad on the drag strip, he noticed it wasn't just about winning. Drew said his dad wanted to make sure everyone got to compete. Every time they raced Brian offered help to his competition. If opposing racers needed a spare part, they knew they could get it from the drag racer from Peru. "If somebody said, 'hey I need a starter,' we said go ahead and grab it from our trailer," said Drew. "He never questioned anybody. Even if they had to race him first he wanted them there." Some in Peru knew Brian as the announcer for the Cal Ripken League baseball games. Others knew him as the owner of Olson Paint & Body and nationally he was the face of the PDRA. "He was just kind of an everybody kind-of-guy," said Drew. "He wanted everybody to have the same amount of fun. He was all about having fun."

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday for Brian Olson from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building. A ceremony will be held directly afterwards. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 4, 2015

**Betty Brooks-Knopp**, 90, Denver, passed away peacefully at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne on Friday, July 31, 2015 at 9:30 p.m. She was born on May 7, 1925 to the late Lou and Beatrice Ewing of Edinburgh. Brooks-Knopp was predeceased by her first husband, Glen Brooks, Mexico, and her second husband Joe Knopp, Marion. Also preceding her in death was one sister, June, who with her husband Joe Seniff had seven children. Betty's nieces and nephews and their families include; Rick and Anne Seniff of South Bend, Sandy and Phil Pollard of Florida, Candy and Nic Mocerri of Florida, Lu and Dave Turfler of Georgia, Jay Seniff and Julie Burnett of New Carlisle, Jodi and Brian May of New Carlisle, and Rod and Jollen Seniff of Mishawaka. Betty is survived by: one daughter; Judy, who lives in Illinois with her husband Tony LaVine, and seven grandchildren along with their families; Mike Brooks of Peru, Deborah Plathow of Peru, Tony Brooks with his wife Gina of Denver, Lisa LaVine of Northern Indiana, Angela Trost with her husband Jim of Illinois, and Ryan LaVine with his wife Christine of Illinois. Also surviving are 14 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren of Indiana and Illinois. Services will be hosted at the Zion Chapel of Peru. The viewing will be held on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. with burial services immediately following. Gifts and/or flowers should be sent to Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home of Peru in c/o Services for Betty Brooks-Knopp. Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015 at Zion Chapel Church with Pastor George Dinkel and Lew McKinney officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 4, 2015

**Bonnie L. Hoover**, 88, Peru passed away peacefully at North Woods Village in Kokomo at 5 p.m. on Aug. 2, 2015. She was born Sept. 6, 1926 in Crawfordsville to Opal (Carver) Wolfe and Layton Wolfe. She was the oldest of seven daughters. She married Donald E. Hoover the love of her life and high school sweetheart in 1941 in Miami County. They were married for 44 years. He passed in 1985. She never got over the loss and was often quoted as saying "why would I settle when I've already had the best." She is survived by her only child Michael W. Hoover. Michael is married to Judith (Pettay) Hoover and they had four daughters. The first is Amanda (Hoover) Parrott married to Steven Parrott with two children; Kiah Parrott (13) and Karson Parrott (10). Then Jamie Hoover who preceded her in death in April of 2014. Next is Anna (Hoover) Cook married to Bryan Cook with two children; Emma Cook (4) and Payson Cook (1). Last is Merry Hoover and her son Kollen Hoover (3 months). She is also survived by three of her seven sisters; Audrey, Barb, and Mary as well as an adopted sister Karol. Bonnie enjoyed playing cards, crafts, and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi. She retired from Square D where she was an active member of the union. She also enjoyed volunteering in her community with political organizations and hospitals. Bonnie was a beloved sister, wife, mother, grandma, family member, and friend. She will be missed but not forgotten. Anyone who met this tiny spunky lady was blessed. The family ask to please keep them in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved matriarch. Bonnie's funeral will be held at

Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Third Street in Peru on Thursday Aug. 6, 2015 at 9 -11 a.m..The viewing will take place first and services will follow. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 4, 2015

**Inalee Dorabelle Metzger Brown**, 76, Denver, passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2015, at Vibra Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born Aug. 24, 1938, in Miami County, she was the daughter of Alvin Harold and Mary Margaret Fisher Metzger. On June 23, 1956, she was married to Ralph Dale Brown, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 2011. She was an active member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church where she served as worship leader. Over the years, she also served as song leader at Olive Branch Church of God and Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Inalee was a bus driver for North Miami School Corporation, retiring after 30 years of service, and for many years, she and her husband owned and operated a dairy farm in Miami County. She loved spending time in her yard, her many canine companions over the years, and loved all sports, especially IU basketball. She is survived by her children, Merlin D. Brown, Denver; Monica S. Lowe (Mark), Twelve Mile; Martin H. Brown (Shawn), Wabash; and Melody L. Yocum (David), Denver; nine grandchildren, Ashley and Tyler Lowe, Twelve Mile; Tony Brown, Indianapolis; Joey Brown, San Diego; Austin Brown, Indianapolis; Drew Yocum, Ft. Worth, Texas; Damon Yocum, Tipton; Dylan Yocum, Denver; and Allison Myers, Denver; two great-grandchildren, Airane and Cooper; and two brothers, Maxfield Metzger (Joann), Royal Center; and Dal Metzger (Judee), Peru. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 at Grace Pointe Church at the Miami County Fairgrounds, where visitation will begin at 1 p.m. Pastor Wayne Balmer and Pastor Rick Stone will officiate at the services. She will be laid to rest at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church or the Miami County Animal Shelter. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 4, 2015

**Brian Anthony Olson**, age 58, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Aug. 2, 2015. Brian was born on July 6, 1957 in Escanaba, Michigan to Raymond L. and Patricia A.(Ammel) Olson. Brian was one of nine children. Brian graduated from Peru High School in 1975 and in 1979 married the love of his life, Diana Willis. Brian worked for Square D Company and Tom Ewer before opening his own business, Olson Paint & Body, in 1984. His passion for painting cars and love of racing led him to yet another career, that of announcing. Brian developed a relationship with the Hullinger family who operated the Bunker Hill Drag Strip and began announcing for Bunker Hill Drag Strip in 1987. He also announced for the National Hot Rod Association, Super Chevy Shows, and was a member of the Professional Drag Racing Association (PDRA). Brian and his Olson Paint & Body team also created and painted race cars, motorcycles, boats and helmets for hundreds of customers. Brian eventually became a team director for Carrier Brothers Top Fuel Dragster, driven by Cory McClenathan. This job then led Brian to become the manager of the renowned Torco Race Fuels drag racing team. Other endeavors in the announcing world included announcing for the International Hot Rod Association, color commentator for Speed Network for IHRA events, National Muscle Car Association, American Drag Racing League, and eventually his work grew into a position on Speed's "On The Edge" television series and the announcing voice and television face for the PDRA. Brian was active in his community and was Peru's Citizen of the Year. In 1996 his family received the Scottish Rite Family of the Year award and in 1997 received the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Good Neighbor award. He supported numerous philanthropic and athletic organizations, some of which are Peru Little League Challenger Baseball, Peru Soap Box Derby, Buddy Ball, Cal Ripken League, and Peru Bengal Backers. Brian is survived by his wife of over 36 years, Diana, his son Andrew, (Elaine) Olson, his daughter, Francie (Tim) Benedict, grandchildren Max Olson, Mayson Benedict and Makaela Benedict, mother-in-law, Freda Willis, and brothers-in-law, Carey Willis and Bruce (Tina) Willis. He is also survived by five sisters: Patricia-Cookie Whybrew; Sharon (Bill) Shuey; Gerri (Mike) Mavrick; Janice (Nathan) Gardner; and Edith-Dede (Jay) Scragg and three brothers: Craig (Peggy) Olson; Mark Olson; and John Olson. He is beloved by numerous nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews. Brian was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Patricia (Ammel) Olson, brother-in-law, Charles F. Whybrew and father-in-Law, Floyd Willis. Brian will be greatly missed and fondly remembered for his love for family and friends, his "gift of gab", and his contagious enthusiasm for life. He lived life to the fullest, embracing each of his roles and the people around him. Services for Brian Anthony Olson will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds community building beginning at 10 a.m. A Celebration of Life memorial service will begin at 5 p.m. with Pastor Phil Cruea, Pastor George Dinkel and Marlin Snyder presiding. The Fairgrounds are located on 200 North and Mexico Road. Memorial contributions can be made out to Diana Olson in memory of Brian Olson for distribution to his favorite charities. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**Bonnie Sue Bates**, 43, Peru, passed away at 3:13 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born Sept. 13, 1971, and was raised by Deloris Murphy, who survives in Indianapolis. She was married to Joseph Allen Bates, and he preceded in death on Sept. 4, 2014. While at Decatur Township High School, Bonnie excelled in volleyball, known to many on the court as "Killer." She loved to shoot pool, but most of all she was a homemaker, raising her three children. She is also survived by three children, Nicole Ashley McIntosh, Indianapolis; Keith Allen Bates, Peru; and Joseph Anthony Bates, Peru; one sister, Kimberly Gonzalez, Madisonville, Tennessee; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. One sister, Wendy Sparks, preceded her in death. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home with a time for sharing of memories at 7 p.m. Family and friends are invited to visit [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com) to sign the online guestbook and share messages of condolence with the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**Ronald Lewis Powell**, 90, who resided in the Converse and Amboy communities, passed away Monday, Aug. 3 at 10:33 p.m. at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born June 22, 1925 in Miami County, the son of Merle and Bessie Powell. He married

Barbara Ann Moore, his devoted partner of 62 years. Ronald graduated from Amboy High School in 1942 where he enjoyed playing point-guard for the Amboy Pirates basketball team. His remarkable heritage of farming and his continued innovative spirit allowed him to grow and make the family farm what it is today. Fifty-six years ago, he founded Powell Seeds, a soybean and seed wheat company, which he proudly passed down to his son Rex and grandson Roger. Ronald served on the First Farmers Bank Board of Directors for 40 years and served as chairman of the board for 10 years. As a lifelong member of Amboy Friends Church, he served on numerous committees and held leadership positions. He also served on the Florida Carlos Pointe Condominium Board, which he referred to as his winter paradise escape. In the summer, he and his family spent joyous times together at his Lake Tippy cottage. He was a member of the local Lions Club, the Indiana Seed Trade Association, and a 26 year partner for AgriGold seed corn. Ronald was a devoted husband, father and grandfather; family and friends were a priority. He knew the joy of finding a loving friendship with Wilma Middlesworth in the last chapter of his life. He thoroughly enjoyed making daily rounds on the farm to assess the continued progress of his crops and his labor. He passed down many unique, memorable phrases and stories that his family will forever treasure. He enjoyed visiting Kokomo First Church of the Nazarene and Herbst United Methodist Church, which were his secondary church homes. He is survived by: one sister, Elizabeth Bunner of New Castle; three daughters, Susan (Mike) Murray of Amboy, Mariann (Kevin) McClamroch of Annapolis, Maryland, Lesa (Butch) Hostetler of Converse. Grandchildren Karl Murray, Anna Fitzgerald, Ginna Gatlin, Kellie Hostetler, Craig Hostetler, Leslie Jackson, Katy Lawson, Roger Powell and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Bessie, wife Barbara, son Rex, sisters Jeanette McKeefer, Glennis Douglass, and Martha Grace Hahn. A service celebrating the life of Ronald L. Powell will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at Amboy Friends Church, 110 East Pennsylvania Street, Amboy, Indiana with Pastor David Leeder and Pastor Dick Martens officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, Aug. 7 from 1-8 p.m. at Amboy Friends Church. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Amboy Friends Church or Kokomo First Church of the Nazarene. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main Street, Amboy. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**Earl W. Eiler**, 82, of Greenwood, formerly of Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015 at his home in Greenwood. He was born Dec. 4, 1932 in Argos to Quinter J. and Virginia F. (Roose) Eiler. He married Mary E. Overfield on Dec. 26, 1952 and she preceded him in death April 16, 2002. Earl retired from Delco Electronics, Dec. 23, 1994 after 30 years service as a Machine Setup Operator. He graduated from Argos High School in 1951. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1953 - 1954. He was a member of Trinity Holiness Church in Lincoln, Indiana where he served as Trustee and Treasurer. Surviving family include his two sons and their wives, David (Susie) Eiler, Indianapolis; and Stephen (Michelle) Eiler, Indianapolis; four grandchildren, Benjamin and wife Tiffany, Daniel, Joseph and Sarah Eiler. Surviving siblings are Harley (Loween) Eiler; Elwood, Floyd (Della) Eiler, Woodstock, Georgia; and Elnora (John) Shietler, Goshen. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Mary E. Eiler, son, Daniel Leroy Eiler, grandson, Christopher Eiler, brothers, Jim, Carl, Glen and Forrest Eiler, sisters, Nedra Erarman, Vera Chanley and Mary Ellen Eiler. Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 8 at Trinity Holiness Church in Lincoln with Pastor David L. Perry officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico with Military Honors graveside. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston and from 10 a.m. until service time at the church on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Holiness Church in Earl's honor. Online condolences may be sent to his family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 5, 2015

**Thelma J. Sterling**, age 79, of Brownstown, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015 at Schneck Medical Center, Seymour. She was a member of Brownstown Christian Church, where she planned and organized funeral dinners for numerous years. Thelma was a 1954 graduate of Brownstown Central High School and attended every Alumni Banquet subsequent to her graduation. She was an avid reader and was a lifelong card holder at the Brownstown Public Library. She played in various bridge clubs for over 50 years and was an initial member of the Hickory Hills Golf Club, where she played in numerous golf leagues and enjoyed many golf trips with her friends. She enjoyed occasional trips to Belterra Casino with her daughters. Much to the dismay of her Indiana University family, she was an avid fan of University of Kentucky basketball since her childhood. Thelma was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her. She loved to cook and bake and also enjoyed watching all sports, particularly football, golf, basketball and baseball. Born on Feb. 7, 1936, in Jackson County, she was the daughter of Hartley and Lois Schornick Hotchkiss, both of whom preceded her in death. She married William Dee Sterling on Aug. 8, 1954 in Brownstown and he preceded her in death on July 6, 2008. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Dee Anglin of Hayden, and Barbara Ann (Tim) Conner of Peru; three grandchildren, Stephanie J. (Andy) Ebbing of North Vernon, Clark S. Conner of Indianapolis, and Lauren E. Conner of Bloomington; three great grandchildren, Emily J. Ebbing, Allison Ebbing and Nicholas A. Ebbing, all of North Vernon; and five cousins. In addition to both parents and her husband, she was also preceded in death by one son, D. Mark Sterling; six loving aunts and two loving uncles. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7, 2015 at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Inc., Brownstown, with Pastor Gary Morning officiating. Burial will immediately follow the service at Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown. Friends may call from 4 -7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015 at Spurgeon Funeral Home, Inc., Brownstown, and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday, Aug. 7, 2015 at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the Brownstown Public Library or the Brownstown Christian Church. Online memorials and condolences may be given at [www.spurgeonfh@comcast.net](http://www.spurgeonfh@comcast.net).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 6, 2015

**Mary Frances Kennedy**, 89 of Peru passed away at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She was born in Peru on Sept. 28, 1925 the daughter of Fred and Gladys Clark Kile. Mary Frances married Lee Kennedy in

Marion, on Dec. 28, 1951 and he preceded her in death on July 24, 2000. Mary Frances was a 1943 graduate of Peru High School, a homemaker and a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church. She is survived by a son Mark Kennedy of Florida, a daughter Kathy Urbani of Peru, granddaughters Heather Crews, Jennifer Rosenow and Lindsay Carl, great-grandchildren Olivia, Nora and Max and a sister Carole E. Rothermel of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Mary Frances Kennedy will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Stephen Quinlan officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. Saturday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Helping Hands of Peru. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 6, 2015

**Maxine A. Brown**, 100, of Kokomo, went to be with our Lord at 1:01 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at Aperia Care in Kokomo. She was born to Harold Milner and Katherine (Hankins) Milner on March 23, 1923. She married her husband Edward Brown Sr. May 26, 1934 in Kokomo. They were proudly married for 74 years. He preceded Maxine in death July 1, 2008. Maxine retired From General Motors after 34 years of service in 1974. She was a member of Mexico Methodist Church, and a member of the 35 Club at Crosley Radio (now Delco Electronics). Maxine enjoyed many crafts, especially crocheting, and enjoyed watching hummingbirds. She spent her last years at Aperia Care at Grissom Air Force Reserve Base. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and daughter, Diane Zartman (her husband Robert survives her). Surviving Maxine are her son Ed (Barbara) Brown, Kokomo, grandchildren, Bryan (Pam) Barnett, Brent (Tina) Barnett, Beth (Chris) Campbell, Seth (Megan) Brown, and great grandchildren, Craig, Jason, Braden, and Elliot. Services for Maxine will be Wednesday Aug. 12, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street, with Reverend Chad Chamness officiating. The family would like to offer visiting hours prior to the service from 1 - 2 p.m.. Burial will follow the service at Crown Point Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice. You are invited to read Maxine's obituary online at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com) where you may sign the guest book, or share a personal message to the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 10, 2015

**Phillip Briar Nicklaus**, 24, Rochester, passed away early Saturday morning Aug. 8, 2015 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on US 31 south of Macy. Briar was born on June 5, 1991 in Logansport, the son of Phil and Elizabeth (Kerr) Nicklaus. He was a 2010 graduate of Rochester High School. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army, serving as a corporal in the infantry. He had been stationed in Afghanistan as part of the United States global war on terrorism. He was currently serving with the Indiana National Guard. Briar was employed with Rochester Metals, Rochester, and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. In his spare time, he enjoyed motorcycles and collecting guns. Survivors include his parents, Phil and Elizabeth Nicklaus, Rochester; a sister, Brandy and husband Don Miller, Knox; grandparents, Marie Nicklaus, Rochester, Jim and Fran Kerr, Rochester; niece and nephew, Aaron and Rebekah Ward, Knox; aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Floyd Nicklaus. Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m.. Tuesday Aug. 11 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with the Rev. Tim Rentschler officiating. Military rites will be conducted following the service. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 10, 2015

**Paul J. Mathias**, 81, of Mexico died Sunday, Aug. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in his daughter's home. He was born Sept. 21, 1933 to Paul F. Mathias and Hildred (Swope) Mathias, both deceased, in Macy. He was a veteran of the Navy and served as a torpedo man 2ND Class in the Korean Conflict. He married Barbara Sowden in 1953, she survives. In October 1973 he married Myrna M. Mathias and she preceded him in death in 2002. He is survived by his sister Joyce Sartin and her son John, Albuquerque, New Mexico and his sister-in-law, Wilda Huber, East Peoria, Illinois. He is also survived by his children: Wendy (Tom) Mitchell, Peru; Susan Mathias, Silver Lake; Shelley (Doug) Hudson, Mexico; Richard (Karen) Bozarth, Warsaw; Brian (Starr) Bozarth, Willow Springs, Missouri; Stephen Bozarth, Brighton, Illinois and Stan (Paula) Bozarth, Brighton, Illinois. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 19 Great-Grandchildren. Besides his parents and his wife of 29 years, he was preceded in death by his son, Steven L. Mathias. Friends may call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Thursday, Aug. 13 from 4-7 p.m. and the funeral will be Friday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. Pastor George Dinkel will be presiding. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Peru Chapter of AA and Parkinson Research. All arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 11, 2015

**Russell Harvey Troyer**, 70, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, at 10:15 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo. Russell (Butch) was born on Jan. 3, 1945, in Kokomo, the son of Percy and Margaret (Jackson) Troyer. He married Nancy (Puterbaugh) Troyer on Sept. 1, 1972. Butch graduated from Clay High School in 1963. Throughout his life Butch worked as a mechanic, starting at Jones' Speed Shop in Bunker Hill, at the age of 16. He retired from H. E. McGonigal's in Kokomo. He loved driving his 1923 T-Bucket, drag racing and car shows. In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by one daughter, Michelle and Michael King, Kokomo, and one son, Russell Troyer (Shelly Nichols), Bunker Hill; four grandchildren, Katherine and Ryan Munsell, Paragould, Arkansas; Cameron Brovont (Cassandra Hildebrand), Logansport; Shelby Troyer, Kokomo, and Wyatt Nichols, Bunker Hill. Butch had nine great grandchildren. Two brothers, Orval and Regina Troyer, Alba, Texas; Dale and Carla Troyer, Peru; and one sister, Kathy and Doug Wilcox, Rensselaer, also survive. Butch was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marsha Troyer. Memorial services will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 136 S Elm St, Bunker Hill with Rev. Bill Sheets officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. Funeral services will be immediately following at 1 p.m. with burial at Peoria Cemetery, Peru. In lieu of flowers please donate to your charity or church of choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 11, 2015

**Angela Kay Dewey**, 45, Peru, passed away peacefully at home in the early hours of the morning on Aug. 9, 2015. She was born on June 11, 1970 in Peru, to Donald Yarbrough and Marilyn K. Robbins. Angie was a homemaker her entire life. She really enjoyed Dale Earnhardt Jr and Sr, the Dallas Cowboys; she enjoyed crafting and spending time outdoors. Angie is survived by her children, James (Tory) Smith III of Pierceton, Michael (Genie) Smith of Peru, Crystal D. Smith of Peru, and Ashley (Nathan) Foor of Peru, 10 grandchildren, two nieces, and four nephews. She was also survived by her mother Marilyn K. Robbins and sister Lori A. Schneider, both of Peru. She was preceded in death by her father; Donald Yarbrough and sister; Melissa S. Hewitt. Her love for her family will forever leave an impact on our lives. The memories and experiences we all shared, the way that she cared for us all, and her constant support for everyone around her will truly be missed and she will always hold a very special place in our hearts. A celebration of Angie's life will be held from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 15, 2015 at her residence: 14 N. Clay St. in Peru. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting memorial contributions to be made to the family to help alleviate the costs. The memorial contributions can be mail to and made out to James R. Smith III 8280 E. U.S. 30 Lot 34 Pierceton, IN 46562.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 12, 2015

**Dr. Shirley E. "Toni" Otiker**, 90, died Aug. 4, 2015. She was born on July 27, 1925 in Enid, Oklahoma to Col. Thomas D. and Louise Groff Swiggum. She married Col. Harold Otiker on Aug. 6, 1973 and together they owned Double "O" Angus Farm in Peru. They were supportive of the local Miami County 4-H, American Angus Association, the Indiana Angus Association, and the Northeast Angus Association. Dr. Otiker was a RN and graduated from the University of Houston with a B.S., B.A., and M.A. in Liberal Arts and Sociology. She also had a dual PhD. in Health Sciences & Behavioral Sciences from the University of Texas. Dr. Otiker was a member of Mexico United Methodist Church in Indiana and West University Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. She was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi and the 99's Female Pilot Organization. Preceding her in death were her husband, Harold Otiker of Peru, and sisters Louise DeWoody of Houston and Adelaide (Peachy) Butler of Refugio, Texas and niece Kathleen Wagstaff of Rockport, Texas. Surviving are stepson Dale (Marla) Otiker, step grandson Aron Otiker, niece Deanne (Pat) Powers, nephew Tommy (Linda) Butler, and many beloved great nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. on August 15, 2015 at Bayou Manor. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Houston Hospice, 1905 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030 or to a charity of your choice. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 12, 2015

On Aug. 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. our beloved mother, **Zelma Mize Sagarsee**, left us to be with the Lord. She was born on Sept. 23, 1920 in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky to George and Ida (Russel) Doan. She was the oldest and only surviving child of seven children (three brothers and three sisters). She was married to Delbert Mize who passed away in 1971 then Richard Sagarsee who passed in 2006. She is survived by: five children, Gloria Wilson (Ron, deceased), Pat Sparks (Rick), George Mize (Dorothy), Doborah Davis (Ron), and Susie Hewitt (Miles); 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. Zelma retired from Delco in Kokomo after 23 years. Previously she worked for Essex Wire in Peru for 19 years. Her biggest love was for her family and spending time with them. She will be greatly missed by her family & friends. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 11 a.m. Saturday till time of service at 2 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 12, 2015

**Stephen L. Reynolds**, 60, of Logansport, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born on Nov. 21, 1954 in Logansport, he was the son of the late Melvin and Betty J. (DeWitt) Reynolds. Stephen had previously worked for General Tire, White Rodgers and Armour Eckrich. He was a 1974 graduate of Logansport High School, a member of the Logansport Shrine Club and the Local UAW 9212. Surviving are two sons, Ryan Reynolds, Rolling Prairie; Matthew Reynolds and partner Lee Young, Galveston; grandson, Gavin Young; two granddaughters, Bailey and Rileigh Reynolds; three brothers, Jerry (Beverly) Reynolds, Logansport; Richard (Susan) Reynolds, New Waverly; George (Lois) Reynolds, Winamac; four sisters, Tona Heckathorn; Beverly Reynolds, both of Logansport; Debbie (Wayne) Erwin, Florida; Beth (Tom) Willy, Logansport; several nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015 in the Gundrum Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Saturday. Memorials may be made to the Logansport Shrine Club. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com)

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 13, 2015

**Linda K. Howanic**, 72, was taken home by her savior on Aug. 5, 2015 with her family by her side at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas. Linda was born May 13, 1943 in Peru to Clarence (Buck) and Mary Eckelbarger. She leaves behind her loving husband Frank and three sons, Douglas of Peru, Robert of California, and Tom of Universal City, Texas. She also has two awesome grandkids, Micah and Logan. Linda met Frank while waitressing in 1969 and he swept her off her feet. They were stationed in many places while Frank was a member of the United States Air Force. Their last duty station was Scott Air Force Base where Linda worked at the Bank of O'Fallon for 20 years as manager of the Motor Bank. Upon her retirement, they moved to Universal City, Texas to escape the harsh winters. Tom, Juanita (daughter-in-law) and Logan soon followed them and also reside in Universal City. Her interests included her family, the martial arts dojo owned by Tom and Juanita, her friends, and watching "The Young and the Restless". She devoted much of her time and energy to the dojo and became known as "Dojo Grandma". Greeting, loving and harassing everyone was true Linda fashion. Her charm and smile brightened all those she came into contact with and she lived life to the fullest. Linda leaves four surviving brothers: George, David (wife Eileen), Jerry, and Joe (wife Donna). She had four brothers deceased: Max, Jack, Jesse and Steven and one deceased sister, Shirley. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, a college fund account for Logan has been established. Donations may be sent to Patriot Martial Arts, Attn: Juanita, 920 Pat

Booker Road, Universal City, Texas. A memorial service was held in Texas on Sunday, Aug. 9. A local memorial service will be held on Aug. 22, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico. The family invites everyone to join them and share stories of this amazing woman. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 15, 2015

**William (Bill) Lee Holler**, 67, passed away peacefully at his home on Aug. 12, 2015 at 7:02 p.m., with his loving wife, brother, sister-in-law and niece by his side. He was born Sept. 27, 1947 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru to John William and Janet Lou (Derringer) Holler. He married Ginny on Aug. 4, 1998 in Sturgis, South Dakota. He graduated from Peru High School in 1965 and later graduated from Indiana University in 1981 with an Associate's degree in Fire and Science Technology. He joined the United States Air Force in December 1966 served in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1970. He then worked for the Federal Protection Agency in Austin, Texas before returning home to Peru. Bill was a CETA worker and served as a dispatcher for a year and a half at the fire station before becoming a Fireman. He became a fireman in October 1976 and retired in October 1996. While serving the city of Peru as a fireman he was also a part time EMT for Dukes Memorial Hospital. His part time job ventures led him into many things, he had a motorcycle shop called The Chrome Stallion for a period of time and also worked in the Arts and Crafts business with his good friend Bill Rairigh for several years. Once retired from the Peru Fire Department, Bill became a radio announcer for WARU radio station of Peru and other announcing venues with NHRA, Bunker Hill Speedway and co-hosted with Brian Olson on Wheel Time Motor sports radio show. Bill then became associated with Brian in different capacities including Brian Olson Bikes where both Bill and Brian along with Mark Kennison built a motorcycle called the Body Bike that won VQ award for Best Bike Builder in 1999 at Daytona Bike Week event. Bill's passion for building motorcycles led him to become self-employed so he and Ginny opened Holler's Heavy Duty cycles where he proceeded to build other custom motorcycles that were featured in VQ magazine. He then retired in 2005 from being self-employed. He again went back into the motorcycle ventures and became parts manager for Brandt's Harley Davidson in April 2006 and retired April 2013. Bill had a calling for helping others and joined the Patriot Guard Riders organization where he served as a Pastor and a member of their Board of Directors to help promote honor and respect for whatever escort or greeting capacity they would serve during their missions. Bill's desire to help others led him to become a minister at Chapel Ministry Outreach as the Pastor for bikers creating the "Outspoken" ministry outreach which became his passion to spread the gospel to share his love of Jesus with everyone he met. He wanted others to share in the joy God brought to him in his later years which enhanced his love for others even more. Therefore John 13:34-35 became one of his favorite bible verses. Bill was a unique man full of humor, laughter and joy for life. He never met a stranger as he would strike up a conversation wherever he went. He was full of adventure, experienced life to the fullest and greatly enjoyed riding his Harley with his wife and friends and travel. He loved greatly his wife, children, grandchildren other family, friends and always took time for everyone he met. He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife Ginny, his Step-father Doug Richmond, brother Brian Richmond, North Carolina, brother Bob (Doreen) Holler Peru, son Justin Holler (Rose Trueblood) Warsaw, daughter Mellissa Holler of Peru, daughter Kim (Michael) Dressel, Columbia Missouri, daughter Michelle (Patrick) Seymoure, Upland, son Rob (Tori) Sucharski Peru, grandchildren Remi and Kaili Holler, Chloe and Blayne Holler, Laci Pierce, Abagayle, Thaddeus and Elijah Dressel, Kelsie, Lillian, Colin, Viala, Arabella and Joseph Seymoure, Robby, Ray and Risika Sucharski, Nieces Molly Holler, Alexis (Craig) Nutt and Nephew Bobby Holler, a special caretaker during his illness a niece Angie Cagle, brother-in-law's Nelson (Angie) Runions of Peru, Jim (Betty) Runions of Tennessee, Charles Runions, Doug Runions, sister-in-law Norma (Shelby) Reynolds of Tennessee, many other family of Uncles, Aunts, and cousins. A celebration of Bill's life will be at Chapel Ministry Outreach church 3054 W 400 N, Peru on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. and a service on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at 10 a.m. also at Chapel Ministry Outreach. Officiating will be Rev. Tom Robbins; assisting will be Chapel Ministry Outreach Assistant Director Howard France, Pastor Guy Woodhouse and Pastor Vince Darland. Also assisting will be Reverend Jack Hess, good friend of the family. Pall bearers will be his brother Bob Holler, son Justin Holler, son Rob Sucharski, nephew Bobby Holler, son-in-laws Michael Dressel and Patrick Seymoure. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to charity or church of your choice or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 15, 2015

**John Thomas Kirk**, 86, of Carmel, was forever united with his beloved wife Edith and heavenly father on Aug. 13, 2015. John was born March 24, 1929 in Carmel, to John and Bessie Richardson Kirk. John began his successful career in 1952, starting in the appliance business then expanding to furniture, boats, and real estate. Beyond his business successes, John was a member of the Carmel Masonic Lodge, The Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Indianapolis Murat Shrine, Optimist International Life member, City of Indianapolis proclaims April 26 as John Thomas Kirk Jr. Day, Honorary Lieutenant Governor for the State of Indiana, and recipient of the State of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash. A loving husband to his late wife Edith, John is survived by his sister, Charlotte McKinzie; children - L. Thomas (Pat) Kirk, Linda (Tom) Webster, Kenny (Sharon) Kirk and Robert William Kirk; grandchildren, Tami, John, Christopher, Angie, Robbie, Erick, Aaron, Ricky and Nikki; and great-grandchildren, Kylee, Karsen, Robyn, Klaudia, Klara, Abby, McKenna, Charlie, Eli, Hudson and Channing. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 18 in Leppert Mortuary - Smith Carmel Chapel, with calling there two hours prior to the time of the funeral. Burial will follow in Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimer's Association: 50 E 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 15, 2015

**Josephine Lucille Foust**, 75, of rural Denver, Indiana, died at 10:55 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2015 at her son's home. She was born October 15, 1939 in Midland County, Michigan to Joseph and Erma (Swan) Klashak. Josephine married Charles Foust in Coleman, Michigan, on October 20, 1956; he died October 12, 1984. She worked part-time at David Doud's Countyline Orchard, and was a member of the St. Bernard Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening, taking walks, playing bingo and playing the piano. She also enjoyed watching her kids work in the garden. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by 5 children

William C. Foust of Denver, Janet K. (Dan) Howard of Wabash, Indiana, Steven T. (Lori) Foust of Roann, Indiana, Cathy S. Hileman of Peru, Indiana, and Judy A. Hosier of Denver, 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother, 3 sisters, and 1 granddaughter. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 18, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Sextus Don officiating. Burial will be in Paw Paw Cemetery, Miami County, Indiana. Friends may call 4-8 p.m., Monday, August 17, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa Rd., Roann, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Preferred memorials are: American Heart Association, Wabash County Cancer Society, Wabash-Miami Home Health Care & Hospice. The memorial guest book for Josephine may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 15, 2015

**Roy Frederick Kendall**, 103, died at 3 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, peacefully at home attended by his family. Roy was born near Waupacong, to Sherman and Cora (Strebin) Kendall. He farmed his entire life in Howard and Miami County. Roy was married to Margaret Louise Surface on May 16, 1937, who preceded him in death on July 27, 2003. He was a member of Loree Brethren Church. He was active in the church for years and was devoted to his family. Roy is survived by two daughters, Sharon (Orval) Gingerich, Kokomo, and Janet (Frank) Whiterd, Kokomo; grandchildren, Sheila (Kevin) Lamb, Bunker Hill, Dave Schafer, Kokomo, Jeff Schafer, Kokomo, Shanan Beachey, Lebanon, Heather (Dave) Timmons, Frankfort, Jason Gingerich, Kokomo, Suzanne (Matt) Beal, Miami, and Cristina (Damon) Drill, Kokomo; great-grandchildren, Stephanie (Aaron) Plummer, Ryan Lamb, Kory Lamb, Brittany Lamb, Erica (Bob) Roubesh, Erin Orr, Evan (Megan) Schafer, Josh Galloway, Kenneth (Clair) Taylor, Josselin Schafer, Allison Schafer, Amanda (Clint) Van Natter, Matthew Beachey, Megan Beachey, Rachael (Aaron) Gallichan, Chris Timmons, Jessica Erwin, Austin Erwin, Alexis Timmons, Abigail (Jeremy) Bell, Isaiah Gingerich, Andy (Erica McMann) Gerlach, Cody Gerlach, Jon (Amanda) Gingerich, Steven (Ashlei) Gingerich, and Joe Gingerich, along with 18 great-great-grandchildren. Roy was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters, Woodrow Kendall, Ada Miller, Ethel Kendall, Ruth Kendall, Dorothy Kendall, Ray Kendall, Maude Kendall, and Claude Kendall, one great-grandson and two great-great grandsons, and son-in-law, Harold Schafer. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, at Zion Methodist Church, 5051 E. 400 N. Kokomo, with Reverends Bill Bussard and Kevin Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Zion Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Roy's memory to the Loree Brethren Church. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to service. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com). Hasler-Stout Funeral Home in Greentown is assisting the family with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 17, 2015

**Betty A. Parson**, 99, of Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester, a former longtime rural Roann resident, died at 5:20 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015 at Peabody Healthcare Center. She was born Sept. 22, 1915 in Miami County to Noah B. and Edith Laura (Long) Kotterman. Betty was a 1933 graduate of Chili High School, received her Bachelor degree from Manchester University in 1956, and her Masters degree from St. Francis University in Fort Wayne in 1970. She married Wayne R. Parson in Chili on Feb. 28, 1942; he died May 18, 1996. She was a school teacher 41 years, teaching at Peru Community Schools, Gilead, and Chili, retiring in 1976. She was a lifelong member of Chili Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School, was the church treasurer and pianist, and a member of the Ladies Missionary Group. Betty was also a member of the Miami County Teachers Association, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Wabash AARP, and was an honorary member of the Sigma Teachers fraternity in Peru. She lived at Peabody Retirement Community since 2002. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Cecil Kotterman. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 at Peabody Chapel, 400 W. 7th St., North Manchester, with Pastor Julie Walker officiating. Burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Friends may call 12:30- 2 p.m. Monday, at Peabody Chapel. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Preferred memorial is Chili Baptist Church. The memorial guest book for Betty may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 19, 2015

**Julie (Martin) Helton**, 42, of Logansport, passed away at 10:36 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Born on Oct. 28, 1972 in Bremerhaven, Germany, she was the daughter of David and Joyce (Whitehall) Martin. Julie was a 1990 graduate of Logansport High School and she was a 2001 graduate from Indiana University School of Nursing. On Sept. 22, 2007 she married the love of her life, Matthew Helton. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church. Her passion in life was taking care of others, where her career began at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport. She was also formerly employed at Logansport Memorial Hospital where she worked in ICU, Riverview Hospital in Noblesville and IU Health in Lafayette. Survivors include her husband, Matthew Helton of Logansport, her parents, David and Joyce Martin of Logansport, sister, Kay Parker (Clay) of Lafayette, brother, Jason Martin (Jennifer) of Monticello, mother-in-law, Lori Helton of Peru, sister-in-law, Megan Helton of Peru and nieces, Shelby Parker and Alena Helton and nephews, Nolan and Brock Martin and Derek Parker. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Francis and Irene Martin, maternal grandparents, George and Betty Whitehall and father-in-law, Darrell Helton. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 at All Saints Catholic Church with Father Dominic Petan officiating. Visitation will be from 6 - 8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 21, 2015 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Guardian Angel Hospice, Logansport. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a condolence for the family at [www.ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 20, 2015

**Benois G. Hicks**, 65, of Mexico, passed away at 6:40 p.m. Aug. 20, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Benois was born in Tennessee on Feb. 8, 1950 to Albert and Ethel (Martin) Hicks, both deceased. On Oct. 3, 1971, he married Cheryl Sparks, who survives. Benois retired from Bryan Steam after 37 years. He is survived by: his wife, Cheryl; his sons, Walter "W.G." Hicks and Condin Hicks, both of Mexico; his brother Landin Hicks, Peru, Grant (wife Lexine) Hicks, Peru; and Melvis (wife Barbara) Hicks, Peru; and a sister, Azaleen (husband Earnest) Baker, Peru. He was preceded in death by: his twin brother Bunis; his brother Dulen; his sister Ruby Lay;

his sister Ella Mae; a sister-in-law; his mother-in-law; his father-in-law; and a nephew. Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, at Ever-Rest Chapel, at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Pastor Daniel Keaton will officiate. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Memorial contributions May be made to the American Heart Association.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, August 21, 2015

**James E. Batchler**, 82 of Bunker Hill, passed away at 8:21 p.m., Thursday Aug. 20, 2015 at the Golden Living Center in Kokomo. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on Feb. 2, 1933 the son of Paul and Minnie Brooks Batchler. Jim married Donna Sullivan on June 4, 2007 and she survives. Jim was a noncommissioned officer in the United States Air Force for more than 22 years retiring in 1974. His military declarations include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He is survived by: his wife Donna; a son Paul Batchler and his wife Inka of Kokomo; a daughter Anita Ramirez and her husband Lionel of Monahans, Texas; grandchildren Dakota, Matthew, Olivia, Kendra, Aleaya and KeVon Batchler, Schaontel, Jaez-Shadey, Garyle, Zhanze, Marzellus and Chatez Jones; one great- grandson Owen Batchler and one on the way; and the mother of his children, Joan Batchler of Ft. Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Rick Batchler and a sister Pauline. A service celebrating the life of James E. Batchler will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. 5th Street, Peru with Rev. Don Sexton officiating. Burial will be in the Marion National Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, August 21, 2015

Our little angel, **Cole Michael Duvall Taylor**, was born at 9:47 p.m. Aug. 11, 2015 and went with God shortly after his arrival. He is the son of Jennifer (Stapleton) Rairigh and Wallace Taylor, both of Peru. He is survived by his siblings, Spencer Stapleton, Thaxton Rairigh and Wallace Taylor III; as well as his grandparents; Neal Birner, Donna Stapleton, Charles Taylor and Lou and Malinda (Valle) Thomason, all of Peru; and his great grandparents, Eva (Lewis) Stapleton and Sammy and Eclista (Mongosa) Birner. Cole is also survived by several aunts and uncles: Charles (Dana Schultz) Taylor, Mexico, Edward Taylor, Peru, Melissa Taylor, Kokomo, Teri (Taylor) Mosley Peru, Buzz Taylor, Michael Valle, Leesville, Louisiana, Justin Valle, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Devon Nice, Kokomo, Shallyn (Birner) Johnson (Daniel Garbaciak) Wabash, Curtis Birner (Jessica Dance), Mexico, Lita (Stapleton) Herschberger (Ryan Hewitt) Peru, and Lissa Stapleton, Kokomo; as well 25 cousins. He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Clifford Stapleton, Majorie Valle, Wallace and Katherine (Weaver) Taylor and three cousins, Zachary Correll, Michael Valle Jr. and Madalin Valle. Friends may call Allen Funeral Home from 3 - 6 p.m. Aug. 26, 2015. Donation may be made to Allen Funeral Home or at the gofundme account: [www.gofundme.com/colemichaelduvall](http://www.gofundme.com/colemichaelduvall). All contributions will go to the funeral expenses. The family extends a very special thank you to Dr. June Pollydore and our three nurses Emily, Rayna and Christine. We would like to thank you ladies from the bottoms of our hearts for helping us stay so strong in such a tragic time of our lives. Cole will forever be cherished!

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, August 21, 2015

**Pat Murphy**, 86, Indianapolis, and formerly of Peru and Logansport, passed away at 5:50 p.m. on Aug. 20, 2015, at University Heights Health & Living, Indianapolis, Indiana. Born March 15, 1929, in Devils Lake, North Dakota, Mary C. "Pat" Murphy was the daughter of Mitchell and Thressa Melhouse Patnoudé. On May 17, 1947, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Logansport, she was married to Donald W. Murphy, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1996. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru. She is survived by one daughter, Sister Phyllis Murphy, R.S.M., Indianapolis; one granddaughter, Bridget S. Murphy; daughter-in-law, Carolyn M. Murphy, Indianapolis; two brothers, Donald Patnoudé, Breckenridge, Minnesota; Leroy Patnoudé, Lynwood, Washington; one sister, Beverly Kraft, Devil's Lake, North Dakota; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved son, Michael D. Murphy, on May 12, 2012, and one sister, Angeline Thomas. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru, with Father Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. A time of visitation will be held in the church vestibule one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Charles Catholic Church Building Renovation Fund or to HOOP Homeless Ministries, c/o St. Barnabas Church, 8300 Rahke Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46217. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).

Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 21, 2015

**Sarah N. Shafer**, 78, of rural Wabash, died at 9:45 am, Friday, Aug. 21, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born Feb. 27, 1937 in Patterson, Georgia to R.L. and Kate (Davis) Walker. Sarah was a 1954 graduate of Peru High School. She married Donald L. Shafer in Peru on June 26, 1955. She retired from Hooks Drug Store in Wabash, after 27 years. She is survived by: her husband, Donald L. Shafer of Wabash; five children, Kathy Meints of Wabash, Kris (John) Stebbins of Carmel, Randy (Laurie) Shafer of Wabash, Steve (Donna) Shafer of Cropwell, Alabama, and Tim (Tammy) Shafer of Wabash; 15 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sister, Mary Trook of Peru; and her brother, Clyde Walker of Jacksonville, Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Donald Shafer Jr. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brad Eckerly officiating. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice. The memorial guest book for Sarah may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 22, 2015

**Philip Lyndall Parsons**, 83, of Peru, passed away at 3:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born in South Bend on Dec. 25, 1931 the son of H. Ralph and Esther Kurtz Parsons, Sr. Phil married Betty Marie Behle on Aug. 23, 1953 and she survives. After graduating from Indiana University in Bloomington, Phil was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and spent the next two years on active duty and his military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal. Phil then returned to civilian life and worked at Central Murphy Furniture for 38 years and managed a subsidiary store, Parsons Furniture, in Tipton from 1963 to 1981. He closed the Tipton store in 1981 and purchased Central Murphy Furniture in Peru, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1992. Phil has served on the Board of Directors of the Peru Area Chamber of Commerce, the United Way in Peru and was a member of the First Christian Church in Peru where he served as a deacon. Phil was a past president of the Indiana Home Furnishings Association. Surviving in addition to his wife, Betty, are his three children Lynda Adams and her husband Bill of Roachdale, Carol Parsons of Denver Colorado and Gordon Parsons and his wife Amanda of Peru; grandchildren, Cara Wagner and her husband Andrew, Brian Swisher and his wife Erin, Bryan Schleppeback and Jenny Groves and her husband Jeff, great-grandchildren, Anna Groves and Noah Gail, a brother, Herbert R. Parsons of Peru and several nieces and nephews. A service celebrating the life of Philip Lyndall Parsons will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 28, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Pastor James Loft officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the First Christian Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 24, 2015

**Elmo K. Brooks**, 90 of Peru passed away at 7:30 a.m., Sunday Aug. 23, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. He was born in Jefferson County on Oct. 16, 1924 the son of Thomas and Ida Christman Brooks. Elmo married Kathleen McGuirk on Aug. 21, 1982 and she survives. Elmo was a US Army WWII Veteran and an employee of Grissom Air Force Base for more than 30 years and owned and operated Brooks-LaBounty Electrical Service in Peru. Elmo was a member of the Peru Mannerchor, Peru American Legion Post #14 and former Treasurer of Miami County VFW Post #2067. Elmo was very active and loved having coffee with his buddies at McDonalds. He thoroughly enjoyed life and helping anyone in need. He will be truly missed by all who knew him in Peru and especially his beloved dog, Jackson. Surviving in addition to his wife Kathie are daughters Roberta Ingram of Columbus, and Trisha Werner and her husband Kevin of Noblesville, sons Derick Brooks of Lafayette, and Donald Goulette and his companion Tonya, a sister Helene McKinney of Madison, and grandchildren Kearnstynn Goulette, Noah Goulette, Madison Goulette, Ethan Werner and Ella Werner. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Gerald, a brother, Raymond, and a sister, Agnes Birge. A service celebrating the life of Elmo K. Brooks will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, August 24, 2015

**Juanita M. Henisa**, 78, of Logansport, passed away Saturday, Aug. 22, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. Born on Nov. 5, 1936 in Peru, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Hazel (Murphy) Smith. On Nov. 27, 1952 in Kokomo, she married Harold Henisa who preceded in death on March 7, 2015. Juanita worked for T.M. Morris. She was a 1967 graduate of Riverside High School in California, and a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed baking wedding cakes, and organizing dinners for church functions. Surviving are two sons, Steve (Coleen) Henisa, Oklahoma; Keith (Carol) Henisa, Peru; daughter, Janice Sue (Phillip) Sullivan, Marion; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother; and one sister. A celebration of life will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 at the Peru First Church of the Nazarene located at 331 West 6th Street in Peru. Rev. Floyd Laabs will be officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 - 6 p.m. on Thursday also at the Peru First Church of the Nazarene. Memorials may be made to the Peru First Church of the Nazarene. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 24, 2015

**Erin Sue Greer**, 33, Peru, passed away on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015, in Michigan. Born May 10, 1982, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, Indiana, she was the daughter of Michael Karl Rody and the former Vicky Sue Caldwell. On Dec. 16, 2014, in Peru, she was married to Gabriel Paul Greer, and he survives. Erin was a 2000 graduate of North Miami High School. She was a loving mother and dedicated to her family. Erin is survived by her husband Gabriel Greer, Peru; daughters, Sophia Violet and Lily Marie, at home; mother, Sue Dyson and husband Denny, Roann; father, Michael Rody and wife Linda, Denver; sisters, LeeAnne Provo and husband Scott; Lafayette; Holly Dyson, Roann; grandmothers, Violet Rody, Denver; and Marge Caldwell, Peru; mother-in-law, Joyce Greer, Peru; father-in-law, Donald Greer and wife Sandy; Bradenton, Florida; step-grandparents, Fred Ammerman, Denver; and Rosie Dyson, Roann; four step-siblings, Daniel (Elizabeth) Dyson, Lacy (Duely) Lawson, Kent (Jenn) Ireland, Kelly (Tom) Maynard; aunts, Lynn (Brian) Oaks, Peru; Allie (Chris) Commons, Carmel; Jean (Jeff) Graham; Colombus, Ohio; and Jane (Mike) Tafoya, Wasilla, Alaska; great-aunts, Minnie Eckelbarger, Peru; Shirlee (Carter) Murphy, Denver; and great-uncle, Bill (Peg) Wellsand, Denver; brother-in-law, Aaron (Kelly) Greer, Peru; sisters-in-law, Jennie (Adam) Jones, Peru; and Melissa (Gary) Cody, Peru; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds where there will also be visitation from 2-7 p.m. on Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday morning. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to assist with expenses or through a GoFundMe Account <http://www.gofundme.com/ErinRodyGreer> Family and friends are invited to leave messages of condolences and sign the the guestbook at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 25, 2015

**Mary Jo Raber**, of Peru, went home to be with the Lord at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 21, 2015. She was born in Peru, the daughter of W. B. and Dorothy Robertson Burkhart. On April 21, 1962 she married Donald E. Raber, who preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1975. After graduation from Peru High School, she worked at Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Peru. Being a homemaker several years and raising her daughters, she was back in the work force and worked in various jobs. She is retired from Heraeus Electro-Nite. She has been a member of the Safety Patrol at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway since 1981, retiring after 30 years of service in 2010. Most recently, she worked at American Stationary. A member of the Foursquare Gospel Chapel of Praise, she was active in various activities at the church. She loved her family and liked sewing, gardening, walking, traveling and her home. Surviving are her two daughters, Lauri Sutterfield and her husband Bob of Campbell, California and Debbie Newton and her husband Dan of Foley, Alabama; six grandchildren, Andy, Matt and Wren Sutterfield, Chris Hinders and his wife Vivian and daughter Ava, Chad Hinders and his fiancée Jennifer Hoskins and son Brody and Chloe Hinders; a sister, Nancy Geiselman and her husband Max of Ft. Wayne; a brother, John Burkhart and his wife Jackie of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Jane Raber of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents. A service celebrating the life of Mary Jo Raber will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Stephen Quinlan officiating. Burial will follow at the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Chapel of Praise or the Salvation Army. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 26, 2015

**Blaine Allen Reinhardt**, 74, of Peru was taken home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. He was born in Kokomo, Indiana on Jan. 21, 1941 to the late James A. Reinhardt and Virginia (McGuire) Reinhardt. He was a 1960 graduate of Kokomo High School. In that same year he married Loretta Jeanne Rhea and she survives. They celebrated 55 years of marriage on July 3, 2015. Blaine worked for well over 30 years as a brakeman and conductor on the Norfolk and Southern Railroad before retiring in 2002. He loved being retired because he had a passion for his family and friends and it afforded him the opportunity to spend more time with both. In the morning he could be found at any number of places in Peru spending time with friends. He had such a desire to serve and nearly every afternoon he would visit old friends that were in nursing homes or shut in. Evenings were reserved for family time and he loved having his family with him just as much as they loved being there. While they couldn't compete with family and friends he also loved his Indiana Hoosiers, Chicago Bears, and Chicago Cubs. You just didn't see him too often without wearing gear for one of his three teams. Blaine is survived by three children; Mark Reinhardt of Peru, Brian Reinhardt and wife Betsy of Peru, and daughter Stephanie Burkholder and husband Shawn of Wabash. He is also survived by many brothers, sisters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He made such a difference in so many lives and he loved better than most. He now celebrates face to face with Jesus Christ. Help his family celebrate his life at a memorial service at Zion Chapel, 915 S. Broadway, Peru on Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. with Pastor Rod Correll and Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Visitation will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. before the celebration with a dinner to be held immediately after. Memorials may be made to the Zion-Missionary through the Zion Chapel Church. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 26, 2015

**Hazel Aline Owen**, 68, of Peru, was taken home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015. She was born in Kentucky on Aug. 18, 1947 to the late Damon R. Rogers and Pauline (Smith) Rogers. She married David L. Owen on Aug. 10, 1987. She loved to spending time with family and friends. She would always have big cookouts with horseshoe games and good company. Her favorite thing to do was to play a good game of dice. Hazel came from a big family. She is survived by her siblings William and Charlotte, Claude and Lois Rogers, Harold and Joan Rogers, Ruby and Randy Brown, Patricia and John Mersch, Linda and Jeff Tinney, Robin and Robert Balser and Melissa and Steven Clark, Siblings Janet Davis, Emma Bowman, Donna Spencer, David Rogers and Delbert Rogers are all deceased. She had six children, Pauline and Craig McDougle, Marti and Ed Shrock and Samuel ( Dickie) Davis, and Janet, Janet' and Dougie Davis all three deceased and also survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Friends may call from 11 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor: Jeff Tinney officiating Burial will follow at the Reyburn Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 26, 2015

**Robert M. "Bob" Stodgell**, 95, formerly of Peru, passed away on July 26, 2015 in Presbyterian Village, Austell, Georgia. He was born in Peru on Feb. 14, 1920 the son of William and Marie Charters Stodgell. Bob was a 1938 graduate of Peru High School where he played football and then went on to college at the University of Pittsburgh on a full football scholarship. A paragon of American's Greatest Generation, Bob joined the Army after graduating from Pitt. He participated in campaigns in the Rhineland, Northern France and he landed on Utah Beach on D-Day. His military decorations include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the WWII Victory Medal. Upon return to civilian life, he married his sweetheart, Evelyn Daniels, on Aug. 16, 1946 and she preceded him in death on May 21, 2008. Bob and Evelyn had three children and spent family life in Pittsburgh and Western Springs, Illinois. When Bob and Evelyn retired, they returned to Peru. They snow birded to Gulf Shores, Alabama for many years until moving there permanently. Bob and Evelyn spent their very senior years in the Atlanta, Georgia area to be near their son, Mike Stodgell. Bob was an athlete who loved golf and football. He was known for his prankster spirit. Bob was a church going man and knew God was walking with him always. Despite his businessman life and job with HH Robertson in Chicago, this left handed man was an artist. He was a family man and loved his grandchildren. He made wood toys for his grandchildren and Safari animals that were placed on his property for walks with them. Time in Gulf Shores with the grandchildren was spent at the beach, looking for alligators and at a favorite domed swimming pool. Bob is survived by his three children, Carol R. Walsh, Michael D. Stodgell and his wife Barrie and Kathy Stodgell and her husband David Mook; grandchildren, Jacob Walsh, Megan Stodgell, Daniel Stodgell and Lizz Mook; nieces

Becky Dittus, Connie Cutler, Beth Breymier and Laura Gutzwiller; a sister Marylyn Stodgell Wandrus and a brother-in-law Roderick Daniels. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Evelyn, a grandson Sean Walsh and a sister, Marge Stodgell. A graveside service will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at Crider Chapel Cemetery with Pastor Lauren Hall officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, IN, to Crider Chapel Cemetery. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 26, 2015

**Charles R. "Chuck" Mays**, 93, of Peru, formerly of Onward, passed away Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015 in Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Sept. 2, 1921 in Kokomo, he was the son of the late Olin S. and Mary Louise (Rolland) Mays. He was a 1939 graduate of Onward High School. On June 28, 1941, in Peru, he married Bessie "Marie" (Huddleston) Mays who preceded him in death on July 16, 2015. In September of 1944, Chuck enlisted in the U.S Army and served two years in the European Theatre during World War II. Chuck was the epitome of the Greatest Generation - fighting in a war to save the world then coming home to Onward to raise his family and start a business, Chuck's Garage, where he was a mechanic. He was a humble man with a strong work ethic. Chuck had also served as the Town Marshal of Onward and was a hard-working member of the Onward Volunteer Fire Department. Chuck was a devoted member of the Onward Christian Church and considered the members his extended family. He also belonged to the American Legion Post 418 in Walton. His warm smile and sense of humor endeared him to many friends. Chuck is survived by two sons: Charles Allen Mays (wife: Lisa) of Walton, New York, and Gary Lynn Mays (wife: Sharon) of Peru; five grandchildren, Douglas, Dyanna, Danielle, Brian and Tonya Mays; three great-grandchildren, Amber Shotts, Adrienne R (Rush) Duepner and Andrew T Rush; two great-great-grandchildren, Dylan Marie Duepner and Ty Joseph Duepner; one brother, John (Margaret) Mays of Peru; three sisters-in-law Doris "Dot" Mays of Onward, Margaret (Marvin) Burkhardt and Mae (Paul) Brackeneimer; one brother-in-law, Randy (Melissa) Osborne, of Berea, Kentucky; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Mays; two sisters, Audrey Jane Osborne and Ellen (William) Morris; three sisters-in-law Esther (Carl) Schini, Irene (James) Hollarman and Anna (Gaylord) Musselman; four brothers-in-law Jason, Lewis, Howard and Leonard Huddleston; and one niece Sue Ellen Morris Branch. A memorial service celebrating the life of Chuck Mays will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 at Onward Christian Church with Pastor Bob Kellems and Lisa Mays officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in the Mays Cemetery, east of Onward. Memorial contributions may be made to the Onward Christian Church. You may share condolences and view his tribute video by visiting [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com) Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Friday, August 28, 2015

**Janet Sue See**, 71, Peru, passed away on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born November 17, 1943, in Indiana, she was the daughter of John Raymond and Rowena Fern Robertson Judy. On October 28, 1959, in Logansport, Indiana, she was married to Larry Warren See, and he survives. She worked at Easy Heat Wirecraft in Lakeville, Indiana, and for many years she worked in housekeeping at the Peru's Miller's Merry Manor, and Bona Vista. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Anthony Wayne See, Peru; Steven Warren See and partner Larry Tom, Osceola, Indiana; and Trudy Lynn Gray and husband Patrick, South Bend; four grandchildren, Kathryn Hope Kennedy, Florida; Stephanie Lynn Cole and fiancé Adam Gray, Michigan; Ryan Alexander Cole, South Bend; and Nicholas Warren Cole, South Bend; one great-granddaughter, Alaina Dove Gray, Michigan; one sister, Phyllis Moore, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Robert and Jerry Judy; and two sisters, Deloris Pugh and Annie Holland. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcclainfuneralhome.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 29, 2015

**Glorea A. Bell**, 82, passed away at 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Born March 16, 1932 in North Manchester, Glorea was the daughter of Warren and Eloise (Peabody) Grossnickle, both deceased. She graduated from Chester High School in 1951. She married Weldon F. Bell on Jan. 22, 1954. He died Oct. 1, 2008. She was secretary at Bell Accounting in North Manchester from 1963-2005. She and her husband Weldon owned Bell's Accounting in North Manchester for 40 years. She and her husband traveled to all 50 states and they enjoyed traveling with special friends Arthur and Carolyn Witbart and Richard and Carole DeLeon. Glorea is survived by: her daughters, Sharlyn K. Bell, Lori A. Bell, Sandra D. Bell, and Jennifer L. Bell all of North Manchester; her grandchildren - Justin (Melissa) Moore, Salt Lake City, Utah, Kaylie Moore, North Manchester, Jamia (Derrick) Ball, Franklin, Jaina (Christopher Schott) Alexander, Chicago, Illinois, and Jenna Alexander, Beech Grove; her great grandchildren - Wyatt Warner, Beech Grove, and Kinley Moore, North Manchester; and her sister Carol Paxson, Ft. Wayne. One sister, Dean Kline, is deceased, as well as two brothers. Friends may call from 3 - 8 p.m. in Wednesday, Sept. 2 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, or one hour prior to funeral services on Thursday. Services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at Peabody Chapel, 400 W. Seventh Street, North Manchester, with Rev. Sue Babovec and Jeff Grossnickle officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorials may be made to Visitinig Nurse Services, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Condolences may be sent to [mckeemortuary.com](http://mckeemortuary.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 1, 2015

**Kathleen A. Garber** was called home to be with her Lord with her family at her bedside on Tuesday, Sept. 1. She was born March 29, 1924 in Logansport to Noble Smith and Genevieve Shope Smith Durkes. She married Charles Garber Jr. on June 5, 1942. She was a stay at home mother until age 44 when she began her employment with Delco and later retired in 1986 after 17 and a half years. Kathleen had a firm faith in Jesus Christ and was a member of Abundant Life Church of Kokomo. She had previously been a member

of the Bunker Hill Baptist Church and Kokomo First Assembly of God. She enjoyed reading the Bible and other Christian literature along with viewing multiple Christian television programs. She was very generous in giving to Christian charities. Her family and church family could always count on her for her lovely God honoring prayers. She and Charles had lived in the same house since 1944. She was loved and will be missed by her family, many in her small community, and by her large church family. Kathleen is survived by her husband, Charles Garber Jr.; three sons, Stephen C. Garber, Peru, (Theodore) Ted S. (Beckie) Garber, McCordsville, C. Timothy (Melissa) Garber, Kokomo; two daughters, Sally J. (Steven) Walther, Davenport, Florida, and M. Dianne (Leonard) Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina; 12 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren; sister Marilyn Shreve and step-sister Francis Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father, and sister, Betty Fisher. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill with Pastor Charlie Riley officiating. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Abundant Life Church, 1025 East 400 South, Kokomo, IN 46902. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 2, 2015](#)

**Ralph E. Snyder**, 87, passed away Monday, Aug. 31, 2015 at his home in Fort Wayne. Born in Dublin, Ralph graduated from Peru High School in 1943 and earned his bachelors in electrical engineering from Purdue University in 1950. He worked as an electrical engineer with American Electric Power for 40 years, retiring in 1992. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and served on their council as past president from 1974-1975. He was also a member of F.W. Engineers Club; Lifetime member of IEEE, member of the Registered Professional Engineer AEP-R.S.V.P., and the Power Engineering Society. He was an active volunteer at Science Central, Lincoln Life Museum, the History Center, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Ralph enjoyed woodworking, reading about history, studying and speaking about Abraham Lincoln, and traveling. Surviving are: his wife, Corinne Snyder of Fort Wayne; daughters, Susan (Robert) Snyder McKinney of Greenwood, Arkansas, Kathryn (Michael) Jenkins of Lees Summit, Missouri, Margaret (David) Kremer of Cincinnati, Ohio; grandchildren, Thomas, Elizabeth, Emily, Anthony, Wm. Nicholas, Christine, James, Kathleen, and seven great-grandchildren. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Helen Snyder, his first wife, Mary Ann Snyder, and grandson, Patrick. Mass of Christian Burial is 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2015 at St. Jude Catholic Church with calling one hour prior, with Fr. Robert D'Souza officiating. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church or Donor's Choice. D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home is handling arrangement. To sign the online guest book, go to [www.domccombandsons.com](http://www.domccombandsons.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 2, 2015](#)

**Mary Evelyn Fye**, 93, of Kokomo passed away at 4:40 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015 at her home surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was born on March 25, 1922 in Howard County to Leroy and Eva Lena (Dean) Kuhns. Mary married Wayne J. "Shorty" Fye Jan. 30, 1943 in Kokomo and he passed away in July 22, 2012. Mary was a 1940 West Middleton High School graduate and a 50 year member of the Kokomo Zion United Methodist Church and a 50 year New London Eastern Star #130. She was a housewife and farm wife. Mary was a member of the Clay Home Craft Home Ec Club in Miami County. She loved farming and keeping the family home and farm. Survivors include two daughters Ramona Kendall, Angie (Ronnie) Miller; one son Terry (Linda) Fye; seven grandchildren Brian (Becky) Fye, Chad (Wendy) Fye, Blake (Desiree) Fye, Ryan (Staci) Kendall, Derek Kendall, Rodney (Angela) Miller, Scott (Alyssa) Miller; step grandchildren Rodney (Deana) Bond, Shawnette Williams; 19 great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren and two step great great grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her parents Leroy and Eva Lena Kuhns; husband Wayne J. "Shorty" Fye; son-in-law David Kendall; one brother and sister in-law Vernon (Beulah) Kuhns. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at Loree Brethren Church at 8483 South Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Steve Zerbe and Blake Fye officiating. Entombment will follow at Sunset Memory Gardens in Kokomo. Friends may visit with the family from 2 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Stout & Son Funeral Home 200 E. Main St., Russiaville. Memorial donations may be given to Guardian Angel Hospice or Gideons International or the Loree Brethren Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 4, 2015](#)

**Ty William Truax**, 31, Peru, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born April 6, 1984, in Peru, he was the son of Toni Y. Truax. Ty worked at several restaurants in Peru over the years, including Harvey Hinklemeyers and Arbys. He enjoyed cooking, collecting knives, and comics and action figures, especially Ninja Turtles. He is survived by his mother, Toni Truax, Peru; and two sisters, Kaylaa Vanhooose and companion Michael Sheppard, Peru; and Jamie Lee Hurlburt and husband Kevin, Remington; uncles and aunts, Troy and Andi Truax, Peru; and Todd and Julie Truax, Peru; nieces and nephews, Jace, Matthew, Hollie, Haylie, Morgan, Kevin, and McKenzie; and best friends, Justin Springer, Adam and Aaron Hoover, Will Thorn, Jessie Smith, Arron Eudy, Kelsey Graber, and Daniel Baker; and many cousins and other family members. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Larry W. Truax, and June and John Goodnight and uncle, Robert E. Zimmerman. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with expenses. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 4, 2015](#)

**Donald Lee Clary**, 94, of Warren, Indiana, formerly of Lucerne, passed away at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in his residence at Heritage Pointe. Born May 22, 1921, in Lucerne, he was the son of the late Hanford M. and Jessie Pearl (Day) Clary. Don was a 1939 graduate of Burnettsville High School. On April 25, 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. During WWII, he was assigned to the 301st Ordinance Regiment, where he served from North Africa, through the landings at Marsailles, France in October of 1944, to Chaumont. There, he was transferred to the 4th Infantry Division as the Battle of the Bulge ended and the German Campaign began.

He was honorably discharged in October 1945 with the EAME Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, serving in battles and campaigns in Tunisia, Rhineland and Central Europe. On Dec. 14, 1947, he was married to Myla Elizabeth (Vandercook) Clary, who survives. Dad had 33 years of public service, including his military service. The remainder was in the postal service, including on the Railway Post Office. The last 22 yrs he was a rural mail carrier. He retired in 1981. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church in Lucerne. Surviving with his wife are two sons, Brian L. Clary ( wife: Kathleen Neer) of Mattoon, Illinois, and Alan Day Clary (wife: Cherie McKee Clary) of Indianapolis; one grandson, Jacob Neer Clary (wife: Elly Clary). He was preceded in death by one sister, Martha Holiday. A funeral service celebrating the life of Don Clary will be held at 10:30 a.m Wednesday Sept. 9, 2015 with Pastor Tim Minnick officiating. Burial, with military honors, will follow at Zion Cemetery, Lucerne. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Fisher Funeral Chapel. You may share condolences in his guestbook and view his video tribute at [www.fisherfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fisherfuneralchapel.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 7, 2015

**Roland Keith Overton**, 87, Mexico, passed away at 6 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born on June 19, 1928, and grew up on a farm in Odon, he was the son of Alonzo Mount and Effie Flinn Overton. On Oct. 21, 1950, in Washington, he was married to Billie Frances Jones, and she preceded him in death on June 10, 2011. Keith was an active member of the Peru First Assembly of God, where he had been a Sunday School Teacher and had served as a deacon. He also was a member of the Peru Maennerchor, Indiana Oaks Golf Club, and the Deedsville IOOF. Keith graduated from Purdue University with both bachelor of science and master of science degrees. He lived in Miami County for over 50 years. He had a deep passion for agriculture, and he especially enjoyed farming and gardening. He retired from North Miami High School where he taught for more than 30 years. His teaching career included many subjects, but his love was teaching Agriculture. He coached several championship judging teams as FFA Advisor. Keith was a real estate agent for many years. He owned Farm, Land and Home Realty in Denver and was still working for Carriger Oldfather Realty in Peru. He is survived by four children, Victoria L. Overton and companion Gene Harrison, Peru; Deborah L. Overton Barnes, Fishers; William K. Overton, Warsaw; and Matthew A. Overton, Peru; three grandchildren, Jacob W. Overton, Andrew R. Overton, and Ashley N. Malott; and two siblings, Patricia Overton Hinkle, Washington; and Carl "Popeye" Overton, Indianapolis. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015, at First Assembly of God, Peru, with Pastor E.J. Litherland officiating. Burial will follow in Deedsville IOOF Cemetery, Deedsville. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home and after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to North Miami FFA or the Deedsville IOOF Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**Ivan Dwayne Timmons**, 76, passed away on Aug. 31, 2015 at 5 p.m. at Aperia Care of Peru. He was born April 28, 1939 to Basil James and Laure Edith (Crumett) Timmons in Logansport. He worked at General Tire in Logansport for 36 years. He enjoyed going fishing, hunting and riding his Harley. He also loved feeding his humming birds and his dog Ivan. He is survived by a son: Dennis (Tracy) Timmons; two granddaughters; a sister: Shirley Honeycutt of Peru; brothers Jimmy Timmons, Rodney Timmons, Richard Allen all of Logansport. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both parents, four brothers, and two sisters. A Memorial Service will be held at a later day. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**Duane Earl Tolley**, 57, of Peru, was taken home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015. He lived most of his life in Miami County, but was well known in surrounding counties. He was born in Rochester on March 19, 1958 to Samuel L. Tolley and Diana (Rayment) Gordon. Duane attended North Miami High School where he made many life long friends. He worked for Hall & Sons Well Drilling before working with his father at Tolley-Hunt Landfill as a heavy equipment operator. When Tolley-Hunt Landfill closed, he then went to work for Wabash Valley Landfill. It was years later that he would work side by side with his father again. His father's business Sam Tolley Construction later became Duane Tolley Construction. Duane was known for his many talents in multiple counties, one being for his wonderful excavating skills and building beautiful ponds. Duane had a love for the outdoors and was an avid hunter for many years. His love for hunting grew beyond deer. He had the opportunity to go on many hunting trips to Alaska, Maine, Michigan, and Southern Indiana. His love for hunting evolved into his passion for taxidermy. He loved nothing more than to recreate life through his work in taxidermy. Through the years of doing taxidermy, he had the opportunity to meet and work for many great people. His love for animals shined through his work. Duane had a strong love for his family. He was very proud of his two daughters and grandchildren. He was his grandchildren's biggest fan. He didn't miss a game if at all possible whether he was covered in mud head to toe or in the middle of a job. Duane never knew a stranger. He made friends and knew someone everywhere he went. He had many friends and childhood friends that he held dear to his heart like family. Duane is survived by his two daughters; Toni (Tolley) Hoover of Peru and husband Jeff, and Samantha Tolley-Musall of Macy and husband Josh. He is also survived by his former wife and friend, Valerie Tolley of Rochester, grandchildren Morgan and Mallory Hoover, Josh, Joshlynn, Lake and Laney Musall, his mother Diana Gordon and step-father Maurice Gordon, his brother Rick (Cindy) Tolley, sister Sara Musselman, step-brothers Kurt (Denise) Gordon, Jamie (Michele) Stewart, Rodney Stewart, Kevin (Connie) Stewart, Rick (Angie) Stewart and step-sisters Jeri (Dave) Casperson and Leigh Ann (Bobby) Young, his sister-in-law Kathy (Bowder) Tolley, as well as his many loving cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other friends. Duane was preceded in death by his father, Samuel L. Tolley, brother Phillip E. Tolley, grandparents Samuel and Agnes Tolley, and Earl and Edna Rayment. Duane will be greatly missed beyond words and graciously remembered for his love of his family and friends, his gift of gabbing everywhere he went, and his contagious enthusiasm for helping others. Visitation for Duane Earl Tolley will be held Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 from 12-7 p.m. at Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway, Peru, IN. Services will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015 at 11 a.m. at Zion Chapel Church with Pastors Rick Tolley and Jason See officiating. The Church address is 915 S. Broadway Peru, Indiana. Graveside service will be held at Ever Rest Memorial Park, 8315 E.

Logansport Rd, Logansport. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home for the Duane Tolley memorial fund. Arrangements have been made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 9, 2015

**Jacob Isaac "Jake" Damron** of Indianapolis, was welcomed at the gates of his heavenly home on Sept. 7, 2015. Jake was born on Nov. 29, 1915 in Dwale, Floyd County, Kentucky to Virginia Thompson and John Damron. Jake is preceded in death by his wife Anna Lou "Stanley" Damron, a sister Della "Damron" Gerringer, a brother John Patrick Damron, a daughter Lenora "Damron" Plothrow, and a grandchild Michelle Damron. Jake is survived by four sons John Phillip Damron of Shreve, Ohio, Bobby Stanley Damron of Kokomo, David Patrick Damron of Florida, Michael Lee Damron of Indianapolis, and two daughters Della Louise "Damron" Paul of Macy, and Katherine Ann "Damron" Ritter of Indianapolis. Jake was a member of a large extended family of 18 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. He completed a 32-year career at Gen Corp. in Wabash and retired to Englewood, Florida where he and his beloved wife enjoyed the winter for several years. Jake loved his family and will be greatly missed by them. Jake was a man of many strengths and thoroughly enjoyed life. He was a strong man of faith and led by example. He was very wise with a wealth of experiences that so many benefited from. A memorial service is being planned for the coming spring 2016, so that all of his family will be able to attend. Anyone who may wish to be included as a part of that pending memorial should contact Katherine "Kathy" Ritter at 317-912-8828. Arrangements by Indiana Funeral Care and Crematory.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 10, 2015

**Cecil E. Shoemaker**, 97, of Akron, died at 4:13 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at his residence. Born Dec. 4, 1917 in Laketon, Wabash County, he was the son of Arthur and Anna (Gerlach) Shoemaker. On Sept. 25, 1937 in Akron, he wed Pauline Clark, who preceded him in death on Dec. 9, 1986. He then married Osie Shepherd Hopkins on Jan. 2, 1988 in Akron. She survives. Cecil had been a farmer but he was most known as a self-employed outstanding area electrician. He was a graduate of Gilead High School in 1936. He has attended the Akron Church of God for over 30 years. He was a member of the Gilead Lodge first and then the Lincoln Masonic Lodge of Macy and has been a Mason for over 50 years. Survivors include: his wife, Osie Shoemaker - Akron; his daughter - Kay and husband Dean Hartley - Logansport; sons - Bill and wife Lucy Shoemaker - Kokomo; Ron and wife Jan Shoemaker - Florence, South Carolina; step daughters - Connie and husband Kevin Jones - Rochester; Carol and husband Stan Mitterling - Akron; Mary Hall - Winchester, Kentucky; step sons - Tom Hopkins Jr. - Warsaw; Don and wife Beth Hopkins - Akron; 20 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and one great great grandson. He was preceded in death by: his rothers Walter and Homer Shoemaker; his sister Mary Sundheimer Fites; and a granddaughter - Patty Shoemaker. Services are 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 with visitation one hour prior at Akron Church of God 301 S West St, Akron. Pastor Terry Canfield will officiate. Burial will follow in Athens Cemetery. Visitation hours are 4 - 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home Akron. Memorial Contributions may be made to Akron Church of God or Riley Children's Hospital. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 10, 2015

**James L. Jeffers** passed in peace Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015 at the age of 69 at Lutheran Hospital. He was born on Oct. 1, 1945 in Ohio. Married in 1988, Jim was the beloved husband to Leah Jeffers and devoted father to Josh, Drew, and Alicia Jeffers, and Nicole Alspach. Jim was also a loving grandfather to four grandchildren, Cole, Ava, and Mylie Jeffers, and Brittany Trudeau. Jim is survived by his brothers Keith and his wife Bev Jeffers, Frank and his wife Kitty Jeffers, and his sisters Gladys and her husband Tom Odle, and Annette and her husband Dan Pratt. Jim was preceded in death by his parents. Jim loved fishing for crappie and bluegill, camping, and sitting by the campfire. He was an outdoors-man and a hard worker. Jim retired from the City of Peru in 2010. Jim was also a US Navy Veteran. A viewing and funeral will be held on Sunday Sept. 13, 2015 from 12 -2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. All friends and family are welcome. There will be no graveside services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 10, 2015

**Joseph 'Joey' Curtis Davenport**, 34, passed away on Sept. 9, 2015 at 8:06 p.m.. at St. Elizabeth Heart Center in Lafayette. He was born June 28, 1981 to James R. Davenport and Joni L. (Rayls) Davenport in Burnet, Texas. He worked at Carter Fuel Systems in Logansport. He enjoyed playing pool and he was a huge Miami Dolphins fan. He is survived by his parents James and Joni Davenport, his older brother Randy Davenport (Charlene) of Utah, his little sister Angela of Peru, nephews Ronald Ray and Curtis Wallace Davenport, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and a special girlfriend Autumn Bird. Joey was preceded in death by his grandparents Ralph and Frances Rayls, grandmother Margaret Gressley, uncle Ralph Rayls, aunt Pam Rayls, and his niece Jules Erin Davenport. Visitation for Joey Davenport will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Peru Church of the Brethren 134 East Fifth Street Peru. Services will be held Monday, Sept. 14, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Peru Church of the Brethren with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Graveside service will be held at Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flower-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 11, 2015

**Bradley Evan Sherwin**, 48, of Peru, passed away on Sept. 7, 2015. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, to William and Joyce (Waterbury) Sherwin on April 3, 1967. He married Sandra Burnett in Peru on June 3, 2008. Brad was a graduate of Whitko High School. He loved to travel and spend time with family. He was a foster parent to numerous Miami and Wabash County children. He worked for several years as National Warranty manager in the RV industry. He was a former Century 21 agent before starting his own real estate business. He was the proud owner of Indiana Homes Realty in Peru, and also the co-owner of the Bargain Barn Grocery. He served on the Board of Directors for Realtor Association of Central Indiana. He was also a member of National Association of Realtors. Brad was a constant source of information to his family and friends. They often joked that he knew more than Google. He always had a

smile on his face and he made sure to make time for all of his loved ones. Brad is survived by his parents of Claypool; and his spouse, Sandra Sherwin, of Peru; his siblings William Sherwin Jr. and wife Chris of Boston, Massachusetts; Bryan Sherwin and wife Shelly of Pierceton, Indiana; Brandie Finley and husband Dennis of Lebanon, Tennessee; and also his children - Erin Taylor, Peru, Dana (Todd) Bowyer, Peru, Megan (Aaron) Shafer, Albion, Jacob Sherwin and companion Randle Rupright of Huntington, and Kayla (Jhon) Bellar of Silver Lake and multiple grandchildren including Nathan Azbell, Caitlyn Dickerhoff, Todd Dickerhoff, Ethan Taylor, Riley Taylor, Aidan Hobbs, Eli Bowyer, Drake Pinkleton, Kaydence Bowyer, Silas Sherwin, and Raelynn Bowyer. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth Boyd, and a grandson, Wyatt Hobbs. A private family service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, September 12, 2015

**Doyle E. Kinley**, 94, Denver, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru. Born Feb. 9, 1921, in Denver, he was the son of William Frederick and Florence Bowen Kinley. His first marriage was on April 5, 1942, in Denver, to Maxine L. Walters, and she preceded in death on June 22, 1969. On Nov. 21, 1969, in Denver, he was married to Edna Rita Cornell, and she preceded in death on Feb. 25, 1983, and then on Jan. 7, 1984, he was married to Bette Myers, and she preceded in death on April 12, 2004. After graduating from Deedsville High School in 1939, he served his country in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church, Deedsville, and the Denver Lions Club. He is survived by one daughter, Pam Brown and husband Ralph, Deedsville; three grandchildren, Sabrina Click and husband Aaron, Logansport; Brian K. Kinley and wife Teresa, Huntington; Brenda K. Kinley, Huntington; six great-grandchildren, Emma and Olivia Click, Taylor Delagrange, Matthew Kinley, Dayna Kinley, and David Smith; one great-great granddaughter, Claire Delagrange; and two sisters, Eris Gilliland, Logansport, and Noreen Erlenbach, Vancouver, B.C. He is also survived by his step-grandchildren, Bill Brown, Phyllis Brown, Rhonda Colby eight step-children, Frances Wills Overman, Cathy Grice, Barb Jones, Joni Bennett, Fred Myers, Curt Myers, Kenny Myers, and Sharon Hayden. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Marilyn Kinley; two sons, Terrence E. "Terry" Kinley, and Frederick Kinley; one granddaughter, Marilyn Maxine Kinley; and one brother, Blaine Kinley. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015, at the Deedsville United Methodist Church, Deedsville, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Westlawn Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 16, 2015

**Luke Edward Ward**, 36, Kokomo, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital Kokomo after a long battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 17, 1977, at the same hospital, and was the youngest of four children blessed to Daniel and Marsha Ward. His father preceded him in death. Luke was a graduate of Northwestern High School and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in computer graphics. He maintained an extensive network of friends from his days at Northwestern and Purdue. During college, Luke began exploring his professional career working as a contractor for Chrysler Corporation and travelled to several different manufacturing plants developing machinery documentation. After college, he began a 13-year career as a professor at Ivy Tech Community College in the Visual Communications program. He also became a respected expert on many software packages and an award winning animator. Luke's real passion was discovered a while working on grant projects that support robotics training. He had been a member of a robotics team while in high school and later had the opportunity to mentor and train teachers and students in competitive robotics. He was a pivotal member of a very successful grant-funded training program that has run continuously since 2005. Beginning in 2007 Luke helped build one of the largest robotics supply businesses in the country with his father and other partners. He was a strong advocate of using robotics in the classroom and was respected by teachers from all over the country that relied on his expertise and advice. His involvement in VisualEdge, Inc. as development director was his job for the last three years. Luke had a charismatic personality and was loved by many. He enjoyed cheering for the Indianapolis Colts, traveling with his wife, and gaming with his family and friends. Luke is survived by his wife of 11 years, Samantha; his mother, Marsha; four siblings, Daniel and wife Julie, and their children Lauren, Nathan, Sydney and Jenelle, of Kokomo, and Matthew and wife Wendy, and their children Benjamin and Timothy, Fairfax, Virginia, and Rebecca Martin and husband Andrew, and their children Emily and Jacob, of Kokomo; his in-laws, Jerry and Kim Hopper of Bunker Hill, his brother and sister-in-law, Jamie and Stephanie Hopper, their son Alden, of Macy. "Uncle Luke" will be missed dearly by his nephews and nieces. The family will receive friends at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 with a celebration of life service at 3 p.m. at First Christian Church, West Sycamore at 300 West. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or First Christian Church of Kokomo. Online condolences can be sent at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 17, 2015

**Bobby Gene Cooley**, 82, of Peru, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 15, 2015, surrounded by his family, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where he had resided for the past 11 months. He was born June 2, 1933 in DeRossett, Tennessee to Dallas and Ida Belle (Rice) Cooley. He married Alma Jean Cates on Sept. 2, 1954. They just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary this year. Other survivors include two daughters; Coretha (Rick) Fulton of Berea, Kentucky and Denise (Jim) Bradley of Peru. He also leaves behind his five beloved grandchildren; those from the Peru area are Gail (Jai) Frazier, of Peru and Adam (Erica) Bradley of Bloomington. Also blessed to call him Grandpa are his nine precious great grand-children. Those from the Peru area are Tylor and Kalob Frazier and Trevin and Teyli Bradley. He also leaves behind three sisters and one brother. Bobby retired from Rogers Group Stone Quarry in Spencer. He has resided in Peru for 11 years and spent 40 years of his life in Spencer. He served his country during the Korean War as a member of the United States Navy from 1951-1955. He was a member for 11 years of the Converse Church of Christ family in Converse. He loved working in his shop, making things his family could enjoy, and spending time with all of them. He was a fan of country music and John Wayne. Services will be held at Converse Church of Christ on Saturday, Sept. 19 with visitation from 1 - 3

p.m. and a memorial/celebration of life service immediately following at 3 p.m.. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their memories of this wonderful man. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 17, 2015](#)

**Stanley Joel Sisk**, 73, passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, 2015 at Aperia Care of Peru. Stanley was born on Aug. 9, 1942 in Imboden, Arkansas to Andrew Jackson Sisk and Frances (Cowser) Sisk-Morris. Stanley is a Veteran of the United States Army, where he served in Germany as a Military Policeman. He worked at Freeman Loader, CR Metals, and Bilco. Maintenance work was what he liked to do best. Stanley also was an artist who enjoyed painting pictures, and drawing caricatures of his fellow co-workers. Stanley had an older brother, Jack Sisk, Arkansas and two older sisters, Joan Davidson, Florida and Dora Jacqueline (Jackie) Madison, Tennessee. All preceded him in death. He is survived by his two children, Tony (Kelly) Sisk, and Tammy (Tim) Manriquez all of Peru; and two step daughters, Debbie (Gulley) Whaley, Arkansas and Lyndia (Gulley) Smith, Montana. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Dustin Sisk, Akron, Jeromy (Simone) Sisk, Germany, Brandt Manriquez, and Breanna Manriquez both of Peru, and many other nieces and nephews, and step family. Stanley touched all our lives in so many ways as Grandpa, Father, and Friend. He will be greatly missed. We mourn his passing but we will celebrate his life. Services will be held at Flowers and Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru on Monday, Sept. 21. Chaplain Eric Schlicffer will be officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to the Disabled Veterans of America. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 18, 2015](#)

**Mary Alice Castner Smiley**, 96, Westfield, passed away Sept. 15, 2015. She was born Jan. 28, 1919, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Livy and Hannah Castner. She married Paul Smiley on Sept. 14, 1941. Mary graduated from Trafalgar High School in 1937. In 1940, she received her nursing degree from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing. Mary was chapter regent of 19th Star Chapter DAR. She also held offices in Indiana Federation of Clubs, including the office of State Trustee of IFC. She was a member of the Johnson County Historical Museum and Society of Indiana Pioneers. She attended Cornerstone Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Paul Smiley; two sons, David (Donna) Smiley, of Lafayette and Lloyd (Earlene) Smiley, of Westfield; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in passing by a grandson, Matthew David Smiley and a brother, Harold Clifford Castner. There are no public services planned. Arrangements and cremation were entrusted to Flanner and Buchanan - Hamilton Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be directed to Cornerstone Baptist Church. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 18, 2015](#)

**Lois Hilligoss**, 93 of Peru, passed away at 9:42 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born in Douglasville, Texas on Nov. 24, 1921 the daughter of Dewitt and Willie Powell McCall. She married Charles Hilligoss on April 4, 1946 in Marshall, Texas and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1996. Lois was a cashier for more than 45 years at Scott's Food Market and Five Star Grocery. She was a member of Gamma Nu Sorority. She truly enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved quilting and tending to her back yard garden. Lois is survived by her only child Lois Siple, Indianapolis, a grandson Kraig Siple, of Indianapolis, a granddaughter Jessica and her husband Christopher Clegg of Tampa, Florida; great grandchildren Kyle, Zoe and Tyler Clegg; sisters Ruth Martin, Arlington, Texas, Emmy Lou Dalton, Grapevine, Texas, a brother Hugh and his wife Wilma McCall, Douglasville, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles, brothers John McCall, Charles McCall and Roger McCall; sisters Marie Userrey, Dorothy McDermott and Billie Sue Simmons. A service celebrating the life of Lois Hilligoss will be held at 12 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru. Burial will be in the Ever Rest Cemetery with Pastor Richard Olson officiating. Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Monday prior to the service at the Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 18, 2015](#)

**Virginia Anne (Clayton) Caldwell**, 56, Peru, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Virginia was born on April 8, 1959, in South Bend to Herbert, Jr. and Maryrose (Leisure) Clayton. Her parents preceded her in death. Virginia graduated from Riley High School, South Bend in 1977. She was the Lead Fuel Center Clerk at Kroger Grocery, Peru. Virginia is survived by her two sons, Connor Caldwell, Brandon Caldwell, both of Peru; two brothers, Kelly Clayton, South Bend, Michael (Linda) Clayton, Hobart; and one sister, Candy (Doug) Eastman, South Bend. She is also survived by her three loving dogs, Buddy, Si, and Sparkles; and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Clayton and Herbert Clayton. Calling hours will be held on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana Tribal Complex (the old Peru High School), 80 N. Miami Street Peru. A Memorial Service will be immediately following the calling hours on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana Tribal Complex (the old Peru High School), 80 N. Miami Street, Peru. Please use entrance on east side of building and at the family's request, dress is casual. A dinner will also follow the Memorial Service at the same location. Burial will be in Ferrisville Cemetery, Mishawaka. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to an account established by the family: [www.gofundme.com/virginiacaldwell](http://www.gofundme.com/virginiacaldwell) - McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences to: [www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 22, 2015](#)

**John Edward Penner**, 84, Kokomo, went to be with the Lord Sept. 21, 2015, at The Heritage of Fort Wayne. During his brief battle with cancer, John shared his faith in Jesus Christ with family, friends and care providers. John was preceded in death on Aug. 23, 2010, by his wife of 56 years, Thelma Marie Gerhardt, of Netawaka, Kansas; and by his parents, Louis Andrew and Fern Elizabeth (Fisher) Penner. Surviving are two sons, David Wayne Penner and wife Janet Kay (Dammann) of Lake Zurich, Illinois; Gary Edward Penner and wife Janis Gale (Walters) of Fort Wayne; and one daughter, Sara Louise (Penner) Schamerloh and husband, Richard J., of

Fort Wayne. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Andrew (Allison Whitney), Alison, Janine and Claire Penner; and one great-grandson, Evan Penner. John was born Oct. 24, 1930, in Denver, (Miami County) and graduated from Peru High School in 1949. He retired from Delco Electronics, Kokomo, in 1987 after 32 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served his country in the Korean War. He was an active member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kokomo, for more than 50 years, where he volunteered as a deacon, usher and groundskeeper. John enjoyed nature and could be found hunting for morel mushrooms in the spring and collecting hickory and walnuts in the fall. He also enjoyed photography, travel, computers, gardening and time with family, and instilled a love of the same in his children and grandchildren. Visitation will be at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, Thursday from 4 - 8 p.m. Funeral services will be at the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 705 Southway Blvd. East, Kokomo, at 10 a.m. Friday, with Pastors William Allison and Barry Akers officiating, with visiting at the church one hour prior. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Kokomo, with military honors provided by the U.S. Air Force and the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Preferred memorials are to the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer or Visiting Nurse Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Ind., 46814. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.stoutandson.com](http://www.stoutandson.com). Stout & Son Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 22, 2015

**Dr. Nicomedes "Nick" Tolentino Farinas** passed away at the age of 81 in Peru on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015. Nicomedes was born on Sept. 11, 1934 in Magsingal, Ilocos Sur, Philippines. However, because he was born at home and his family was unable to record his birth until the following day, his birth certificate has Sept. 12, 1934 as his official birthdate. He is survived by his wife Lolita and his three daughters, Lynette, Arlene and Jenie. He is also survived by his brothers Guillermo, Marciano and his sister Teresa. He was proceeded in death by both parents, his sisters Rosario, Bernadette and brothers Cirilo and Dionisio. Nick grew up on the coast of the Philippines and had a love for fishing and the ocean. He had a great sense of adventure and enjoyed traveling. He also had a passion for science, politics and history and really enjoyed sharing historical tid bits and stories with his family, patients and caregivers. Nick was well-known for his sense of humor and his penchant for being direct and on point. In 1965, he immigrated to the United States, first to Los Angeles and later on to Chicago, where he met his wife Lolita Valera Farinas - a nurse at Forkash hospital. The two later married on Sept. 30, 1967. Nicomedes always knew that he wanted to be a physician to help others. He graduated medical school at Manila Central University in the Philippines and came to the US on a medical exchange program. He completed his residency in San Juan, Puerto Rico and practiced medicine at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion. In 1978, he moved to Twelve Mile, where he went into private practice, later settling in Peru, where he opened a private practice and also worked at Dukes Memorial Hospital until 1993. After over 30 years of practicing medicine, he retired in 1996 from the Indiana Health Center in Kokomo. Nicomedes will be greatly missed by his family and friends. A private family service was held on Sep. 18 in Peru. Memorial gifts for Nick can be made to the National Stroke Association. <http://www.stroke.org>. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 22, 2015

**JoNell McConnell**, 67, wife of John Ernest McConnell, peacefully passed away in her sleep, at her home on Sept. 20, 2015. Mrs. McConnell was born June 30, 1948 in Peru to Catherine Jane (Betzner) and the late Andrew J. Glassburn. She graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1966. Throughout her life, she traveled extensively with her beloved husband and lived in Indiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Florida and South Carolina. She was a seamstress, artist, gardener, a great cook and an avid reader. She was a previous bank teller at Gurnee National Bank and an Administrative Assistant with State Farm in Saline, MI. She currently worked at Hillcrest Memorial Hospital as a Visitor Service Rep. since 2008 where she received numerous "Stellar Service Awards". She was a member of the Miami County Extension Homemakers-Honeybees and Simpsonville United Methodist Church. Surviving, in addition to her husband and mother are a son, John William McConnell (Jessica) of MI; four daughters, Robin Christine Lax (Rodney) of IN, Tammy Maureen Smith (David) IN, Bonnie Sue Czoer (John Paul) of IN and Catherine Eileen Neesam (Ryan) of NC; ten grandchildren, Sydney Elizabeth and Lauren Rebecca Lax, David Logan, Adam Ross, Morgan Olivia Smith, Abigail McKenna, Michael Charles and Lydia Mae Czoer and Ava Jane and Hadley Rose Neesam; a brother, Mitchell A. Glassburn and a sister, Sandra Sue Snarr. She was predeceased by a brother, Michael Lynn Glassburn and a nephew, Aaron Michael Glassburn. Visitation will be 1 - 6 p.m. Sunday at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 22, 2015

**Brooklyn Dawn Lorenz**, 9, of Greentown, passed away at 11: 44 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, . Brooklyn was born on Feb. 22, 2006 to Mark and Sharla Jamison Lorenz. Brooklyn was full of life and enjoyed spending time with her cousins and friends. She will be missed by many. Brooklyn is survived by her parents, Mark and Sharla, brothers Justin Lorenz and his wife Michele of Minburn, Iowa, Colten Lorenz, St. Louis, Missouri, Kedron Lorenz, Greentown; a sister Kaitlyn Lorenz, Greentown; 1 niece Ellie Lorenz; grandparents Carl and Dorothy Lorenz, Greentown, Calvin and Ethel Jamison, Quinter, Kansas, a great-grandmother Vera Armstrong, Lyons, Ohio and several aunts and uncles. A service celebrating the life of Brooklyn Dawn Lorenz will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at the Zion United Methodist Church, 5051 E. 400 N., Kokomo, with Ministers Justin Beck, Arlan Wolf and Lloyd Lorenz officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery. Family and friends will gather for the viewing and time to reflect from 2 - 8 p.m., Friday, at the Zion Methodist Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015

**Margaret M. Benedict**, Jonesboro, at the age of 90, passed away Sept. 23, 2015. Margaret was born March 17, 1925, in Peru, to Helen and Lloyd Clark. She married Donald L. (Benny) Benedict March 20, 1943. Benny preceded her in death May 27, 2015. Margaret worked at the ordinance factory during World War!! and later worked at a bubble light factory. After her daughter was born she became a full time homemaker. They lived in Peru until 1966 when they moved to Marion and in 1998 moved to Jonesboro. They also spent many years at their second home on the Barbee Chain of Lakes. She is survived by her daughter Denise (Dawson) Goodpaster, Marion, two grand-daughters Cyndi (Danny) Reneau and Kimberly (Gabriel) Hehe, Converse. Also her much loved great grandchildren, Mason and Gabrielle Hehe along with Peyton and Emily Reneau, a sister-in-law Martha Clark plus several nieces and nephews. In addition to Donald (Benny) she was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Donald and Robert Clark, step sisters Jeanette Witt, June Tate and step-brother Miller R. Harris. Visitation will be at Flowers Leedy Funeral home in Peru, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., with services following at 2 p.m. Sunday burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy. Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015](#)

**Candy J. Candlish**, 57 went home to be with her Lord and Savoir on Sept. 21, 2015. She was born in Beaufort, South Carolina. on May 19, 1958. She married Greg Candlish on July 5, 1986; she was married for 29 years. He was her high school sweetheart. She is preceded in death by her parents, Peggy and John Davis. She is survived by her husband Greg, along with her brothers Joe (Kim) Davis, Jim (Callie) Davis, and Jeff (Lisa) Davis and several nieces and nephews. She had a bachelor degree in nursing. As an RN, worked in Indianapolis, Kokomo and Knoxville, Tennessee. She enjoyed crocheting, reading her bible, reading Christian books, being picked on by her brothers and being around family and friends, especially her great nephew Eli. There will be a remembrance of her life at the Peru Senior Center 661 East Main St., Peru, on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015 from 2 - 5 p.m. Any love offerings can be given to Greg or Flowers Leedy. She will be greatly missed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015](#)

**Ella Louise Gysin**, 91, passed away at 2:26 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus. She was born in Peru on April 15, 1924, the daughter of Edward and Clara Krieg Schwaegerle. She married David H. Gysin on June 16, 1946 and he preceded her in death on May 1, 1991. Ella was a 1942 Peru High School graduate and worked at JC Penney's in Peru. She was a devoted homemaker, lover of animals, enjoyed playing cards with her friends and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a faithful member of her church. Surviving are her children, Kathy Hoover and her husband Jeff, Akron, her son Timothy Gysin, Gary; grandchildren Darla Wilson and her husband Shane, Peru, Christopher Hoover and his wife Erin, Scappoose, Oregon, Shaun Gysin and his wife Lea, Peru, Natasha Baker and her husband Brian, Peru, Micah Gysin, Peru, Stephanie McCarty and her husband Andrew, Terre Haute. Sixteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren also survive. Ella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband David, one brother Earl Schwaegerle and one sister Mildred Day. A service celebrating the life of Ella Louis Gysin will be held Sunday, at 2 p.m., Sept. 27, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main Street, Peru, with Reverend Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Saturday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Scratching Post Cat Rescue, Inc. through the funeral home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015](#)

**Robert (Bob) Henry Herbst**, 75, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, with his family by his side. Bob was born on April 9, 1940, in St. Louis, Missouri, and was the beloved son of the late George and Norma Herbst of Farmington, Missouri. After graduating from Farmington High School, Bob entered into the US Air Force where he served in shipping and receiving in various parts of the world, including Colorado, Greece, and finally Grissom Air Force Base. In 1966, he married his first wife, Phyllis (Murphy) of Akron, who preceded him in February, 1985. Following the Air Force, Bob worked at Square D Co. from 1969 throughout the rest of his career until he retired. In 1986, Bob married his current wife Judy (Townsend) of Peru. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Judy; daughter, Anita (Bud) Pope of Minnesota, his step-sons, Rian Townsend of Wabash, Pat (Amy) Townsend of Tennessee, and Brian (Gina) Townsend of Ohio. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Chloe Pope (Minnesota), Brittney Hattabaugh (Kokomo), Chantell Crone (Monticello), and Braxton Townsend (Tennessee), along with his great-grandchildren, Kaydence Hayes (Dayton) and Jarren Guss (Peru). Bob touched all of our lives as Grandpa, Uncle, Dad, and Friend; it will be difficult to imagine life without him. We will mourn his passing, but we invite you to celebrate his life with us. Services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, with Pastor Lou McKinney officiating. Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. Flowers are welcome as well as contributions to the Miami County Military Rights Unit. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015](#)

**Marjorie Jean Berryman**, 90, passed away Sept. 22, 2015 at Peabody Retirement Community, North Manchester. She was born June 26, 1925 in Frankfort Ohio to Stillman and Marian (Wisehart) Dixon. Marjorie volunteered for many years as a "Pink Lady" at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She is survived by her two children, Susan Confer (Richard Simpson Jr.) Roann, and Bruce Berryman (Leslie Shreves) Pittsboro. Also surviving is her grandson, Jason Faine (Christina) and two great granddaughters, Ella and Adreanna, Roann. There will be no visitation and per her wishes she will join her parents at Mount Hope Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 24, 2015](#)

Having lived a life full of passion, **Judith Huskey** born Sept. 15, 1941 in Peru, Ind., to Robert and Carroll Babcoke died peacefully on Sept. 25, 2015. She was surrounded with love by her family. Judy loved travel, gardening, music, wildlife, sports and her Porsche. During March Madness or any Tennis Open she was consumed with unbridled enthusiasm for her favorite player or team. She had a

deep compassion for animals in need, and was exhilarated when her care and love would return them to a full life. She loved French culture and was an avid reader of world news and current events. Judy's career included roles in the medical field, and most recently retirement from civil service at Grissom Air Force base. Judy is survived by her beloved husband Leon Huskey of 28 years. A devoted mother to Lee and spouse Angie Fisher, Lin and spouse Gabriella Fisher, Kim and spouse Steve Johnson, Julie Schreiber, Robert and spouse Kim Schreiber, Chad Schreiber, Diann Schreiber and spouse Mersadies Devlin, and Brad Schreiber. Her stepdaughters Beth and spouse Don McClurg and Cyndi and spouse Joe Sims. She's also survived by grandchildren Nick Meeks, Erik Schreiber, Mryanda Mays, Jake Johnson, Chase Crompton, Lindsey Sims, Tayler Fisher, Jared Fisher, Haydn Fisher, Matthew Schreiber, Madoc Fisher, Taylor Schreiber, Lavender Fisher, and Dakota McClurg. With a soon to be born great grandchild that we expect to have her zest for life. The viewing will be at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home on Monday, Sept. 28 from 4-8 pm, funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 29th at 10:30 am, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. All are welcome to a reception lunch at the Salvation Army following the Committal Service. In lieu of flowers please make donations through the funeral home to Songbirds of Northern Indiana in Plymouth, Ind, or the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tenn. The family would like to thank all in the community who have provided their unending love, prayers and support. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, September 26, 2015

**Joseph Milton Doran**, 86, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 9:30 am, Sept. 25, 2015 at his residence. Joseph was born in Peru, IN the son of Clyde N. and Ron Muriel Kindig Doran on Sept. 6, 1929. He married Marlene Eikenberry on Feb. 10, 1951 and she survives. Joseph was a Sargent in the US Army and served in the Korean War, after that he received his Mortician License and worked at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home and also as a Machine Repair Supervisor at Chrysler Corporation until his retirement in 2000. Joseph thoroughly enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joseph is survived along with his wife Marlene, two daughters, Cheryl A. Snyder and her husband Lawrence, Peru, Ind., Deborah K. Morris, Peru, Ind., and a son Mark J. Doran, Springfield Ill., grandchildren, Matthew Murphy and his wife Lisa, Sean Murphy, Katharine Murphy, Emily Doran, Andrew Doran, Alison Doran ; great-grandchildren Isabella Murphy, T.J. Murphy and Anna K. Brehmer. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Edward Doran and Richard Doran. A graveside service will be held at 4:00 PM, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, Ind., with Pastor Quinlan officiating along with Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, September 26, 2015

**JoAnne Irving**, 72, of Peru, Ind., passed away at 7:32 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015 at her residence. She was born in Greencastle, Ind., the daughter of Emerson Abe and Lorraine Richards Underwood. She married Leo R. Irving on Oct. 22, 1972 in Greencastle, Ind. and he survives. JoAnne was an Attendant at Mr. B's and Main Street Laundry Mats until she retired in 2010. JoAnne is survived by a daughter Ann Eckelbarger and her husband Jeffrey, Peru, Ind., a son Dave Irving and his wife Raychael of Kokomo, Ind., grandchildren Katelin Eckelbarger, Emilee Eckelbarger, Miranda Irving, Mikaelyn Irving and David Irving; a brother Chuck Underwood and his wife Prudence, a sister Mary Wilson and her husband Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Benjamin and a sister Thelma. A service celebrating the life of JoAnne Irving will be held at 6 pm, Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 at the Mexico Baptist Church, Mexico, Ind., with the Pastor Charles Cole officiating. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Guardian Angel Hospice in Kokomo. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, September 26, 2015

**John L. Hileman Jr.**, 82, passed away Friday, Sept. 25, 2015 at St. Mary's Health Care following a lengthy illness. John was born on Sept. 14, 1933 in Erie Township, Miami County to Viola Maye (Wilson) Hileman and John Leonard Hileman Sr. He attended Erie School and graduated from Peru High School in 1951. His marriage was to Shirley Smithson on Feb. 2, 1953 in Iuka, Mississippi. He had been employed at Essex Wire, Alcoa, and retired from Purdue Power Plant in 1998. He was a 50-plus year member and Post Master of Lafayette Lodge #123, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Valley of Indianapolis Shrine. He enjoyed Shrine patrol parading with his son, John. He also enjoyed baseball with his son, Bruce. He was a Cubs fan and enjoyed word search puzzles, trivia questions, old cars and tractors, and horse pulls. He loved driving in the country, farming, as he drove by and looking for deer. He was a farmer in his early years and a former member of Erie United Methodist and Trinity United Methodist Churches. John is survived by his loving wife, Shirley (Smithson) Hileman; sons, John E. Hileman of Lafayette and Bruce E. Hileman of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and a brother, Elmer E. (Marita) Hileman of Kokomo. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Michelle (Todd) Horton of Frisco, Texas, Melinda (David) Baxter of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, John R. (Kayla) Hileman of West Lafayette, and Amanda Hileman of Lafayette; 10 great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Luke, and Ava Baxter, Paige and Caleb Horton, Carson Lowery, Ethan Easter, Mason Hileman, and Alexia and Ariana Hileman; and a niece and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, John L. Sr. and Viola Maye Hileman, in-laws, Earl and Goldie Smithson, and a dear little friend, Harley Boo! Visitation will be held 5-8 p.m, with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 at Hippensteel Funeral Home. Service at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 at the funeral home with Rev. Sue Spurling officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru, at 1 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Shrine Hospital for Children (Transportation Fund.) Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 28, 2015

**Carol S. Ward**, 71, passed away on Sept. 26, 2015. She worked in human resources for the State of Indiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Ward; parents George and Daina Berzenye; sister Rose Ann Kelley; and brothers Terry and Jon Berzenye. Survivors include children Brian (Tabatha Hellmers) Ward, Caryn (Erick) McCoy, Scott (Cindy) Ward; brothers Michael, Tony and Chris Berzenye; sisters Mary K. Waters, Shelley Olivas; grandchildren Randy (Alisha) Ward, Marcus, Estella, and James

Ward, Danielle and Katelyn McCoy, Alexis (Kipp) Arnold, Abigail and Adrianna Ward; Justin and Zachary Abner; great grandchild Kynzlie Arnold; sister-in-law Avis (John) Byram; brothers-in-law Donald Ward, Keith Ward. The family offers their sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the IU Health Nurse, Anne O'Connor, and spiritual counselor Neal Dreadin for their tender and loving care for Carol. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 in Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg with memorial services there at 1 p.m. Contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen. Online guestbook at [www.matthewsmortuary.com](http://www.matthewsmortuary.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 28, 2015

**Keith Allen Conrad**, 64, Peru, passed away at 3:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015, at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. Born Sept. 10, 1951, in Peru, he was the son of the late Oscar and Dorothy Mae Campbell Conrad. He was married to Jane Ellen Stoner at the Mexico Church of the Brethren on Aug. 11, 1984. Keith had a strong faith and was a member of Corinth Brethren Church, Twelve Mile. He had also attended the Mexico Church of the Brethren for many years. Keith graduated from Caston High School and then received his bachelor of science in Education from the University of Indianapolis. He then completed his master of science at Indiana University, Bloomington. In 2004, he retired from Lewis Cass High School where he had taught History for 31 years. He then taught for 10 years at Ivy Tech Community College. In addition to his wife Jane E. Conrad, Peru, he is survived by two sons, Kevin Andrew Conrad, and Joshua Edward Conrad, both of Peru. Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Ben Phippen officiating. Burial will follow in Corinth Cemetery, Twelve Mile. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Joshua Conrad for his educational expenses. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 29, 2015

**Robert "Bob" Eugene Cox**, 80, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, with family by his side. Bob was born on April 1, 1935 in Peru, and was the beloved son of the late Albert and Mary Cox of Peru. Bob served in the US Air Force from December 1954 until July 1958. He then served his country in US Army National Guard until June 1960. Bob received the Good Conduct Medal while serving his country. Following his military service, Bob worked at the RCA Company and also was a truck driver. He lived his life between Peru, and Paulding, Ohio. He finally decided to move back to Peru to be closer to his family. He is survived by his six children, Robert Joseph, Patricia Lyn, Allison Dawn, Michelle Rene, Laurie, and Donald (Donnie) Cox. He is also survived by four step-children, Gracie, Christina, Darla, and Robert (Bobby). Bob is survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also surviving Bob is two brothers, Charles Cox and Joe Cox and one sister Nancy Walker all of Peru, special niece Misty Booth and special nephew William Walker, and special great niece Savannah Rojo, all of Peru. He is also survived by several other nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, both wives Janice and Brenda, and siblings Mary Catherine Cox, Beverly "Susie" Hizer, and Joyce "PeeWee" Lewis. Please join the family for a memorial service celebrating Bob's life on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. with Pastor Tony Echols officiating. Military service immediately following.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 29, 2015

**Donna Jean Grant**, 88, of Peru, passed away at 3:35 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born on April 20, 1927 the daughter of Harvey and Irene Guynn Webster. She married Jesse C. Grant on May 26, 1946 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church and he preceded her in death on July 1, 2004. Donna was a 1945 graduate of Peru High School. She worked in the office of Stokley Van Camp 1944-1948 and was a homemaker. Donna was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Donna is survived by her children Barbara Clements and her husband James, Arlington, Texas, Carol Ann Hoskins and her husband Clay, Arlington, Texas, Gary Grant and his wife Betty, Peru, Cynthia Diane Jakel, and her husband Dale, Bowling Green, Kentucky and Cheryl J. Grant, Florida; a sister June Overman, Amboy; grandchildren Tamara Byrne, Michael Personett, Scott Fouts, Michelle Fouts, Jerime Grant, Cary Grant, Kris Hamilton, Ryan Hamilton, Joshua Kindlesparker and Jessica Kindlesparker; step-grandchildren James Clements Jr. and Christopher Clements ; 15 great-grandchildren and a special cousin Rick Fisher. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jesse, a sister Betty Hickman and a grandson Jason C. Grant. A service celebrating the life of Donna Jean Grant will be held at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2355 S. Business 31, Peru, with Noel Hauptert and Bishop Rich Tucker officiating. Burial will be at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 10:30 a.m. until time of service. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 30, 2015

**Ruth K. Yoder**, 92, of Peru, passed away at 7:45 a.m. Sept. 29, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor of Peru. Ruth was born on May 31, 1923 in Marion, Indiana the daughter of Josiah and Jessie Brodt Winters. She married Larry D. Yoder on June 12, 1942 and he survives. Ruth was a 1941 graduate of Peru High School. After graduating she worked at the Miami County Clerk's Office, a dispatcher for the Department of Natural Resources and Hank's Grocery. Ruth was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and the Philanthropic Educational Organization. Ruth is survived by along with her husband Larry, a daughter Katherine J. Clark and her husband Jack, Peru, daughter-in-laws Cindy Yoder, Peru, and Jodi Yoder, Veedersburg; a sister Delene Ewing, Peru; grandchildren Jay Dee Clark, Angie Williams and her husband Dennis, Steve Clark and his wife Missy, Lori Frye and her husband Paul, Jeff Yoder and his wife Diane, Adam Keeling and his wife Kim, Andrew Yoder, April Keeling and Adam Yoder; eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Paul Winters and two sons, Lance Yoder and Dennis Yoder. A service celebrating the life of Ruth K. Yoder will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor Lauren Hall officiating. Burial will be at the Peoria Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 3 - 7 p.m., Friday, and from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday. In lieu of flowers the family request

donations may be made through the funeral home to the Main Street United Methodist Church or the Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholarship Fund. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 30, 2015

**Inis Gilleland**, 80, passed away Sept. 28, 2015 at University of Cincinnati Medical Center. She was born Aug. 3, 1935 in Stanton, Kentucky to the late Sherman and Ardie Sizemore and preceded in death by her eight siblings. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2067. She was retired from United Technologies. She loved her grandkids and loved to take road trips. In 1999, Inis married her current husband Bill Gilleland of Peru. She will be sadly missed by her husband Bill; daughters, Deborah (Bob) Brown of Florida, Janice Oaks of Peru, Judy (Eddie) Duvall of Arkansas, Barbara Oaks (Jesse Percy) of Peru; step daughter Terry Gilleland of Greentown; step sons Don Gilleland of Indiana, Danny Gilleland of Greentown. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Angela Legg of Peru, Jason Oaks, Florida, Bradley Davenport of Huntington, Jake Duvall of Arkansas, Jordan Duvall of Arkansas, Jonathan Davenport of Kokomo, Mariah Davenport of Kokomo; step grandchildren, Josh Gilleland of Indiana, Tiffney Carwile of Indiana, Christina Gilleland of Indiana, seven great grandchildren and six step grandchildren. There will be no visitation. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary is putting on a remembrance Dinner for Family and Friends, Saturday Oct. 3 from 4 - 6 p.m. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 30, 2015

**Billy Joe Alter**, 79, of Macy, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2015 at Howard Community Hospital in Kokomo. He was born on July 28, 1936 in Frankfort, Indiana to the late Ray and Iretha (Melling) Alter. On Feb. 8, 1989 in Nashville, Tennessee he married Doris A. Stinson who survives. Billy worked for Delco for 32 years and retired from there in 1988. He enjoyed fishing, coon hunting, camping, wintering in Florida and vacation trips with his family. Surviving along with his wife Doris, is a daughter, Debra (Peter) Hodgen, Frankfort; two sons, Randy Alter, Fort Wayne; Alva Ray Alter, Logansport; two step daughters, Cynthia (Brian) Culbertson, Camden; Alice (Mark) Holdren, Lake Wells, FL; step son, Cliff (Sue) Stinson, Sebring, FL; three brothers, Charlie (Peggy) Alter, Kokomo; Phil Alter and companion Margaret, Macy; Mike Alter; sister, Joyce (Larry) Huffer, Peru; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 2 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 in the Gundrum Funeral Home located at 1603 East Broadway in Logansport. There will be no service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 2, 2015

**Shelby 'Belle' Elaine Ray**, age 17, of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015. Shelby was born Feb. 10, 1998 in Peru to Richard and Shannon Ray. She is survived by father Richard (Andrea) Ray, mother Shannon Ray (Andrew), brothers Ricky and Braxton Ray, maternal grandparents Nellie Ramer, preceded in death by James Ramer; paternal grandparents Pat and Dockie Gibson and Richard Nice; step-grandparents Robert Hagan and Theresa (Brad) Severtson; her boyfriend Michael Shockey, as well as a large extended family. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Carol Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery In Cass County. Love offerings may be made to the Shelby Family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 2, 2015

**Beverly Ann Hines**, 78, of Peru, formerly of Logansport, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 in Blair Ridge Health Center, Peru. Born May 5, 1937 in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Dorothy (Grody) Sadler. On Nov. 6, 1954, in Marion, she was married to Kenneth James Hines who preceded her in death June 19, 2006. Beverly had worked in sales at the former Arlen's and 3-D Department Store. She had also worked for Chase Center. She was a member of the House of Faith in Mexico. Beverly was very artistic and loved to do oil paintings. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Terri and Ron Boyer of Peru and Peggy and David Rouch of Ft. Wayne; one son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Ginger Hines of Peru; one brother and sister-in-law Thomas "Tom" and Jeri Sadler of Logansport; one sister Donna Fields of Peru; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Rita DuSchene in 1991 and her son Daniel J. Hines in 1992. A funeral service celebrating the life of Beverly Hines will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 in Fisher Funeral Chapel, 1801 Chase Road, Logansport, with Ron Jansen officiating. Burial will follow in the Kewanna Citizen IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Monday in the funeral chapel. Contributions may be made to the Harvesting Capabilities of Peru. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 2, 2015

**Carl Franklin 'Joe' Hatfield**, 68, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, with his family by his side. He was born Feb. 20, 1947 in Hillsboro, Kentucky. Carl will be sadly missed by his life partner, Nino Brooks, daughter Patrica (Micheal) Winkler, son Carl (Shannon) Hatfield Jr., and best friend Jeff (Carolyn) McCormick. Also surviving are his grandchildren Jordan Hatfield, Madison Hatfield and Halley Winkler. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Anna Hatfield, His siblings included Audrey (Loyd) Taylor, Sereta (James) Isaacs, John (Glenna) Hatfield Jr., Kathy (Clearance) Swain. He also leaves behind many adoring nieces, nephews, and a host of lifelong friends. Carl entered the U.S. Army in 1967 where he was awarded two purple hearts, a bronze star, medal of heroism, and service medal. Carl was a member of the American Legion and VFW. Carl retired from Chrysler after 30 years of service. He was a member of the UAW 685. He was an adoring family man who enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing. He was recognized for his achievements in Boone and Crockett as well as Pope and Young. Carl touched all our lives as dad, papaw, uncle, brother and friend. It will be difficult to imagine life without him. We mourn his passing, but we invite you to celebrate his life with us. Services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 from 11 a.m. until time of service at 2 p.m., with Pastor: Mick Simpkins officiating. Military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Additional service will be held on

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at The Hutton Funeral Home in Hillsboro, Kentucky from 3 - 6 p.m. with funeral at 6 p.m. with Brother Gerald Saunders officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Freedom Hunt for kids in his memory. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 2, 2015](#)

**Robert E. "Bob" Kline**, 85, Mexico, passed away on Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 2015, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Jan. 27, 1930 in Elwood, he was the son of Herman and Bertha Lesley Kline. On June 8, 1952, he was married to Marlene June Fitzpatrick, and she survives. Bob had attended Jefferson Township High School. He was a United States Army veteran, and he had retired from Pierceton Trucking in Laketon, Indiana. He was a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, Mexico Lions Club, Peru American Legion, and Peru Eagles. He loved camping, mushroom hunting, playing cards, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Along with his wife, Marlene, Mexico; he is survived by two daughters, Theresa Hight and husband Alan, Peru; and Annette "Andy" Raider, and husband Fred, Denver; eight grandchildren, Tim Hight, Christopher Hight, Alicia Fuller, Ashley Yearling, Ryan Raider, Tyler Kline, Erica Kline, and Christina King; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank Kline, Wabash; and Charles Kline, South Bend; four sisters, Rosie Stout, Peru; Doris Fisher, New Haven, and Barbara Burns, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, David A. Kline, four brothers, John, Eugene, Richard, and Herbert Kline; and one sister, Mary Applington. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Eric Alwine and Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Greater Lafayette Honor Flight. Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 5, 2015](#)

**Allen E. Heltzel**, 73, of rural Akron, passed away at 2:23 pm, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 surrounded by his family at his residence after an extended illness. Born Oct. 3, 1942 in Rochester, he was the son of Marvin and Maxine (Voreis) Heltzel. On Dec. 20, 1963 in Deedsville, he married Karen S. Deeds, who survives. Allen was the founder of Heltzel Construction in 1971 as well as being a farmer. Prior to that he worked for R. R. Donnelly and Sons of Warsaw. He was a 1960 graduate of Akron High School, and also a graduate of Greer Technical Institute of Chicago, Illinois. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Rochester and the Land Improvement Contractors of America. He had been a past member of the Akron Lions Club where he had been a past president and enjoyed frying fish. He and his wife wintered for 10 years in Pine Island, Florida with their motorhome. In addition to other memberships he was also a member of the Family Motor Coach Association in the Hoosier Cruisers Chapter and the American Coach Association in the Great Lakes Chapter. He enjoyed traveling in his motorhome to many events such as power shows or any other reason to drive on the open road. Survivors include: his wife, Karen Heltzel, Akron; his sons - Dale and wife Kim Heltzel of Akron, Thomas and wife Lynn Heltzel of Lafayette, and Hans and wife Mimi Heltzel of Carmel; his grandchildren Ethan, Bailey, Victoria, Vanessa, Amanda, and Andre; his sister Carolyn Smith and his brother Paul Heltzel. Greta, his chocolate toy poodle also survives. He was preceded in death by: his parents and his in-laws, Dale and Violetta Deeds. Services are 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, with Rev. Kerry O'Brien officiating. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation is 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to: Kokomo Rescue Mission 321 West Street Kokomo, Indiana or Gideon's International. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com) [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 5, 2015](#)

**Mary Ann (Meeker) Kintner**, age 72, of Peru, passed away at 7:34 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 in St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born Dec. 13, 1942 in Peru. Mary Ann was a graduated of Peru High School in 1960 and married Martin Kintner in Peru on Aug. 20, 1961. Mary Ann was a homemaker and custodian at The Latter-day Saints Church. She loved being a stay-at-home mother and was a doting grandmother. She was always caught telling her children to remember who you are "what you stand for." She would also if you didn't have any true, kind or necessary - "don't say it." She loved to cook family meals and was talented seamstress, even making her own wedding dress. She was a lifelong member of The Church of Latter-day Saints, and enjoyed serving those around her. She served as the church custodian for 17 years. Survivors include her husband Martin Kintner of Peru; and five children, Kelly Zehring and husband Danny of Peru, Kirk Kintner and wife Brigitte of Peru, Lary Kintner and wife Suzette of Peru, Kathryn Kintner of Pent, and Kyle Kintner and wife Barb of Valparaiso; grandchildren Yolanda Zehring-Black and Maggie Zehring, Isaac, Thaddeaus, Paxton and Ruby Kintner, Taylour Kintner (Chris Stewart), Tyler, Carter and Cameron Kintner, Zachary (Abbie) Wright, Hannah Wright (Steven Adair) and Madison Wright, Noah and Grace Kintner; great-grandchildren, Aleesha Zehring, Brooklynn Selleck, Hudson and Hartlee Wright, Bentley and Paisley Stewart, and Austin Adair. And special friend Jo Jo Hancock. She was preceded in death by both her parents, Charles V. And Thelma Mattie (Plothow) Meeker. Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 351 Business 31 Peru In., at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015. Burial will be in Mount Hope, Peru. Friends may call 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2015 at Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St. Peru, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 5, 2015](#)

**James Neal Black**, 62, of Peru, passed away at 8:46 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. James was born on Nov. 8, 1952 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Kenneth E. and Maxine Black, of Peru. His father preceded him in death. He is survived by his mother, his children - James Neal Black Jr. and Courtney Nicole Black; his brother Keith Black, Peru; and his sister DeAnna Pattison (husband John) of Peru. He was a member of First Baptist Church. A memorial service is planned for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7 at first Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 6, 2015](#)

**James E Ferguson**, Master Sergeant Retired, passed away at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. Born Aug. 2, 1931 in Olean, New York to Casey and Ethel Ferguson, he married Jean Cunningham on April 18, 1954 until her death in 1975. In 1976, He married Vera Johnson and the couple had many happy years together after his retirement. He is survived by his wife Vera and his children - James Jr and Joyce Ferguson, John and Lisa Ferguson, Lori and Paul Stephens, Leslie and Sheryl Johnson, Rex and Wanda Johnson, and Larry Johnson; a very special Texas daughter, Molly Silva. He had nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. His joy was taking his special friend, a Boston Terrier named Bruiser for a golf cart ride several times a day. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday Oct 10, 2015 at Leedy-Allen Funeral home in Bunker Hill. Viewing for family will be at 9 a.m. for the family and 10 a.m. for the public prior to the funeral. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Kokomo Rescue Mission or to the Alzheimer's Association. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 7, 2015

**Cheryl Hodson Havens**, 68, passed away Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Elkhart. She was born Nov. 2, 1946 in Washington to William Holloway and Laura Francis (Alexander) Hodson. In 1989 she married Michael Havens in Syracuse. He survives along with a daughter, Carmen (Jon) Dielman, Gilead; her mother, Laura Hodson, Peru; step-son, Cory (Christy) Havens, Elkhart; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sue Hodson Stoner, Chili and Lora Hodson Pegg, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her father; step-father, Roscoe Hodson; and a brother, John Hodson. A 1964 graduate of North Miami High School, Cheryl owned and operated Milford Floral. Friends may call Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Violett Cemetery, Goshen. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimers Association. Online condolences may be shared at [www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com](http://www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 7, 2015

**Gerald Edward Hough**, 73, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died at 3:35 a.m., Oct. 7, 2015 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. He was born Oct. 22, 1941 in Medford, Massachusetts to Vernon and Helen (Perley) Hough. Gerald was a Peru High School graduate and received his Bachelors degree from Purdue University. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He married Carole Ann Fouts in Chili on May 22, 1964. He was a retired systems analyst with Kraft General Foods. Gerald enjoyed spending time with his family and was an avid architectural designer. He enjoyed computers, woodworking, making furniture, antique cars, drag racing, science fiction and bar-b-que ribs. Gerald was a huge Boston Celtics and Chicago Cubs & Bulls fan. He is survived by his wife, Carole Ann Hough of Fort Wayne, two sons, Gerald E (Kerry) Hough, II of Sewell, New Jersey, and Michael E Hough of Homer, New York, two grandsons, Alexander Hough and Benjamin Hough, both of Sewell, two sisters, Mary Mushrush of Holts Summit, Missouri, and Sally Crowley of Weatherford, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents. Private services and burial will be in Chili Cemetery, Chili. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, Roann, Indiana. Preferred memorial is American Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Gerald may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 7, 2015

**Barbara Francis Westerfelhaus** passed in peace at the age of 77 on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis. At the time of death she was surrounded by her biological children. Barbara was born On April 20, 1938 in West Virginia to Bernadine and Paul Grogg. In 1957 Barbara married William A. Pitney Jr. who preceded her in death in 1994. Barbara remarried George Westerfelhaus in 1996 who also preceded her in death in 2003. A long-time resident of Peru, she attended Peru High School. Barbara was proud to have been a school bus driver for 25 years with Maconaquah School district; she always enjoyed the students and their parents. A member of Parkview United Methodist Church in Peru, she carried out God's work by frequently volunteering for the American Cancer Society and the Veterans Administration. She also consistently volunteered to help with various church functions. She is survived by her three biological children, Karen (Rock) Pearson of Tipton; Kathy (Rob) Bell of Thornton, Colorado; and William (Lisa) Pitney of DeKalb, Illinois along with her step-children Robert (Penny) Westerfelhaus of Charleston, South Carolina; George (Heather) Westerfelhaus of North Charleston, South Carolina; and Mary (Ron) Nebow of Lindenhurst, Illinois. Also surviving are her brother Larry (Donna) Grogg of Kokomo; sister-in-law Dottie Vossler; nine grandchildren, Jason Percy, Jason Pearson, Sarah Hensley, Addie Clark, Liam Pitney, Quinlan Pitney, Justin Nebow, Kyle Nebow, and Joseph Westerfelhaus; six great grandchildren: Trevor, Grace, Mia, Violet, Alexi, and Lane; as well as nieces/nephews Larry Grogg Jr., Kelly Hawk, and Kimberly Shaneyfelt. She is also survived by her dear friend Jerry Landis. She was preceded in death by her parents, her spouses William Pitney Jr. and George Westerfelhaus, her sister Patty Carroll, brother-in-law Bill Carroll, and her granddaughter Jennifer Yeoman. Barbara was a wonderful mother and will be missed by family and friends. Friends may call from 1 - 3 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor: J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Peoria Cemetery in Miami County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 8, 2015

**Clarence Michael "Jocko" Comerford**, 68, Kokomo, passed away at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 at St. Vincent Kokomo. He was born Sept. 3, 1947 in Peru, to William and Betty (Turner) Comerford. On Jan. 10, 1981 in Kokomo, he married Sue (Harrell) Comerford, and she survives. He graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1965. He worked for Delco Electronics for 33 years as a Tool & Die Maker. He served in the United States Army from June 6, 1967 to June 5, 1969 and came out as an E5 Sergeant. He was a proud 42 year veteran and spent many years with the American Legion as a Northern Vice-Commander from 2013-2014, 5th District Commander from 2005-2006, Trustee, and served on the Executive Board. No one was more proud of the American Legion than Jocko. He belonged to the American Legion Post 6, VFW Post 1152 and the 40 & 8 Club. Survivors include: his wife, step son, David Janner; step daughter, Missy Kubly; brother, Bob Comerford; and one granddaughter that he loved to the moon and back, Jennifer Kubly. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Dave Comerford. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct.

14, 2015 at Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, 3400 South Webster Street, with Pastor Gary Britton officiating. Burial will follow in Rankin Cemetery, Bunker Hill, with military honors by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team and the United States Army. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion, Hoosier Boys State, Hoosier Girls State, or Occupation Comfort Warriors. Envelopes will be provided at the mortuary. You are invited to read Jocko's obituary at [www.ellersmortuary.com](http://www.ellersmortuary.com), where you may sign the guestbook, or share a personal message.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 12, 2015

**Evelyn D. Macy**, 89 of Peru, passed away at 2:50 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 at Wesley Village, Wilmore, Kentucky. She was born in Peru, on Nov. 3, 1925, the daughter of Paul and Mildred Haffer Prickett. Evelyn married Robert G. Macy on July 31, 1948 and he preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 2007. Family was very important to Evelyn. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and loved her family unconditionally. She enjoyed traveling, the theater and celebrating holidays with her friends, in particular St. Patrick's Day! Evelyn had a twinkle in her eye, a smile that would warm your heart and a great sense of humor. She is survived by her sons, Kevin Macy and his wife Jill of Converse, and Kyle Macy and his wife Tina of Lexington, Kentucky. She had 11 grandchildren, Kristen, Trisha and her husband Richie, Miles, Molly, Morgan, Nicholas, Olivia, Clayton, Mallory and her husband Hunter, Meredith and Malone. She also had six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bob, a daughter Terrine Macy Nailor, and her step-mother Helen Prickett. A service celebrating the life of Evelyn Macy will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in the Converse Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 -8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA to assist needy children with memberships to the YMCA, 34 E. 6th St, Peru, IN 46970 and/or Ole Olsen Memorial Theater, 1W. Canal St, Peru, IN 46970. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 13, 2015

On Sunday Oct. 11, 2015 **Lenial "Lenny" D. Townsend** began Eternal life with his Heavenly Father. Lenial was born Dec. 16, 1944 to Vernon and Alice (Anderson) Townsend in Powell County, Kentucky at the family home. He was the youngest of four children. His brothers and one sister-in-law preceded him in death, Dorvan Townsend, George (Vivian) Townsend, and; surviving include sister Norma (Sherdan) Hall of Hamilton, Ohio and sister- in-law Louise Townsend of Stanton Kentucky. He married Mary Willis Townsend on June 13, 1964, she survives. He began working in the oilfields of Kentucky alongside his brother Dorvan, where he learned skills that led him to a job at AGP in Peru and later a 23 year career with Delco Electronics in Kokomo, where he retired as a hydraulic machine repairman in 1999. In his retirement he continued his hobby of farming, enjoying his animals and bailing hay with his sons, grandchildren and wife. Lenial and Mary have four children - Cliff (Sherri) Townsend, Becky (Tom) Gaddy, Gail Aeschliman, Brad (Debbie) Townsend; nine grandchildren - Kacey McPhearson, Peru, Dean Gaddy, CPL Kane Roush USMC, Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, North Carolina, Haleigh Townsend, Tarran Townsend, Terra Haute; Marshall Gaddy, Chase Aeschliman, Cody Aeschliman and Kade Townsend; and three great-grandsons, Laiken, Skyler and Ashton McPhearson, all of Peru. During his life Lenial found his greatest joys in his family, friends, coon hunting, squirrel hunting, riding his mules, telling stories and playing bluegrass music. He was gifted with a musical talent that led to his ability to play the banjo, guitar, mandolin, dobro and "Dog House Bass". Lenial attended the Lords Fellowship Church and Christian Pilgrim Church. He is also a member of the Central Indiana Bluegrass Association. Visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Thursday Oct. 15 from 3 - 7 p.m. Service will be Friday morning Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Engle officiating. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Lords Fellowship Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 13, 2015

**Robert L. Friend Jr**, 59, of Peru, passed away at 11:11 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Born on May 3, 1956, he was the son of Robert L. Friend Sr. and Joyce A. (Townsend) Friend, both deceased. He served in the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his son, Christopher R. Friend, of Peru, and his brothers, Gary Friend of Eaton, Randy Friend of Peru and Russell Scott Friend of Lafayette. A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 15, 2015

**Sara Ann Herrell**, 10 of Macy, passed away in northern Miami County on Oct. 14, 2015. At her time of death, she was with her mother singing "Automatic" by Miranda Lambert, smiling with her blond hair blowing in the fall breeze. Sara was born July 27, 2005 in Peru, to Steven (Chris) and Lori Herrell of Macy, Indiana. A fifth grader at North Miami Elementary school, Sara enjoyed playing soccer, basketball, and volleyball. She especially enjoyed dance, which she studied at the Ballet Arts of Peru for 7 years. At home, Sara enjoyed spending time with her best friend and brother, William. They spent many hours entertaining and aggravating each other at their home on the farm, north of Macy. A free spirit, Sara loved animals, art, climbing trees and being free. Sara knew and loved Jesus Christ as her savior. She was baptized at Mexico Baptist Church where she was a member. Sara is survived by her parents and brother of Macy; grandparents, Jack Norwood of Peru; Steve Herrell of South Haven, Michigan; Bill and Ann Friend of Macy. Also surviving are aunts and uncles: Mandy Galyean (Brian) of North Richland Hills, Texas; Daniel (Debora) Friend of Itajuba, Brazil; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by grandmother, Geri Ann Norwood; aunt, Leanna Marie Friend; cousins, Lincoln Sutton and Ashley Rusie. Friends may call at Mexico Baptist Church on Monday, Oct. 19 from 12 - 8 pm. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m., Oct. 20 at the church. Interment to follow at Mexico Greenlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ballet Arts of Peru in memory of Sara. Arrangement have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 16, 2015

**James E. Wilson, Jr.** of Crawfordsville passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 15, 2015 at home. He was 69 years old. Mr. Wilson served his country in the Army. He did several jobs in his life, and when he moved to Crawfordsville went to work as a maintenance engineer with Holiday Inn. He had previously been a member of the Macy and Ladoga Christian Churches and was currently a member of Woodland Heights Christian Church, where he worked with the Thursday morning men's group doing chores to help others. He loved to play golf and also very much enjoyed fixing things, taking walks, reading, as well as computers and other electronic equipment. Born April 16, 1946 in Macy, he was the son of James Ellis Wilson, Sr. and Nettie Wysong Wilson. He attended school in Macy and Miami County, graduating from North Miami High School in 1964. He married the former Barbara McNamee in September of 1997. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Wilson of Crawfordsville; daughter, Angela (Rick) Burt of Frankfort; two step-daughters, Jennifer (Brian) Smolnick, Sarrah (George) Gigliotti; two step-sons, Mathew (Sarah) Epperson and Samuel Epperson. He also has a sister surviving, Kathern Brown as well as eight grandchildren. Visitation will be on Monday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville. Services will begin at 3, led by Pastor Steve Wilke. Cremation will take place after the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Woodland Heights Christian Church Bldg. Fund, 468 N. Woodland Heights Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Online condolences may be made at [www.BurkhartFH.com](http://www.BurkhartFH.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 16, 2015

**Mary Valentine (Eller) Smith**, 93, of Galveston, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Oct. 14, 2015 at Waterford Place Health Campus. Mary Valentine (Eller) Smith was born on Feb. 14, 1922 in Howard County. She was the fourth child out of eight to Charley and Faye (Brubaker) Eller. In 1940 she graduated from Ervin Township High School and worked for Delco Radio in Kokomo, for four years. She was trained on soldering radios but was an inspector on the line which made many products for the government for WWII. She married Samuel H. Smith on Oct. 12, 1946 and they enjoyed 59 wonderful years together. He preceded her in death on Sept. 15, 2006. Mary took care of the family responsibilities, while doing many jobs for the Smith Drainage Co. of which she and Samuel were owner operators. They worked together to establish the business and appreciated all the people they worked with and did business with for 50 years. Mary was a homemaker and supervised two apartments. She was baptized into the Church of the Brethren and was a lifetime deaconess. She was the chairman for many church bazaars and garage sales. Mary also enjoyed singing in the choir. Mary loved being with her grandchildren while they participated in sports, band, 4-H and many other events. She loved giving holiday parties for family and friends, and working with Samuel at the Lions Club Fish Fry's. She enjoyed embroidery, crocheting lap blankets and watching old movies with her sister Pauline. Mary is survived by two beloved daughters and son-in-law's, Beverly (Smith) Ramer and her husband Thomas, Galvesto; Cynthia (Smith) Beckom and her husband R. Wayne, Kokomo; and three granddaughters, Tamara Ramer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Beth (Ramer) Rawe and husband Anthony, Cincinnati, Ohio; Amanda Beckom, Galveston; a grandson Samuel Wayne Beckom, Kokomo; and a great-grandson Nolan Thomas Rawe, Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Pauline Eller, Kokomo; three brothers and sister-in-law's - David and Jane Eller, Plainfield, Charlie and Marilyn Eller, Kokomo, Robert and Joan Eller, Forest; sister-in-law Marion Eller, Kokomo; many nieces, nephews, and special friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Samuel; parents Charley and Faye Eller; a sister Catherine (Eller) Dishon; a brother and sister-in-law Harold and Marjorie (Gilbert) Eller; and a brother Richard Eller. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Murray- Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Pastor Mark Stahl officiating. Burial will follow in the Galveston Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2 -6 p.m. Sunday, at the Murray-Weaver Funeral Home, Galveston and one half hour before the service. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Brethren, 311 W. Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN 46902. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 16, 2015

**Beth Ann (Ulshafer) Clark**, age 64, of Peru, passed away at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at her home. She was born Feb. 24, 1951 in Peru, to Harold and Thelma (Eberle) Ulshafer. She retired from Lear Corp. as a press operator. She also managed bookkeeping responsibilities for her husband's roofing business, Clark's Roofing, on a full-time basis. Beth enjoyed several hobbies and pastimes, including: having a ceramics shop, quilting, canning, gardening, and various other crafts. She also had a knack for genealogy and worked extensively on the family tree. She loved spending time with friends and family in Peru, as well as at her home down in Florida. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother; as well as being a loving sister, aunt, and friend to many. She is survived by her husband Jerry Clark, her son Robert Clark, and her granddaughter Skylar Zinn. She is also survived by siblings Robert (Denise) Ulshafer, Katherine Roberts, and Melanie Ulshafer. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Beth was preceded in death by parents Harold and Thelma (Eberle) Ulshafer; and siblings Marcia (Ulshafer) Ogan, and Regina "Jenny" Ulshafer. She was also preceded in death by aunt and uncle Rhoda and Ray Fisher. Visitation will be 1 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 at the Independent Christian Fellowship Church, 120 W. 10 St., Peru, IN. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 at the Independent Christian Fellowship Church. Burial will take place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Independent Christian Fellowship Church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 19, 2015

**Larry Joe See**, 73, Deedsville, passed away at 1:18 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015, at Woodlawn Hospital, Macy. Born July 18, 1942, in Miami County, he was the son of Harry Junior and Donnabelle Holcomb See. On May 14, 1960, he was married to Pat L. Davis of Leiters Ford, and she survives. Joe was a member of the Deedsville United Methodist Church. He graduated from Deedsville High School in 1960, and he retired from Federal Mogul in Logansport. For many years, he was the owner/operator of See's Bait and Tackle in Deedsville. Surviving along with his wife are his mother, Donna, Deedsville; son, Scott See; grandchildren, Ashley Reitan, Indianapolis; Randy See, Peru; and Patience See, Logansport; one great-granddaughter, Everly Reitan, Indianapolis; one sister, Kathy Carlson and her husband, Jerry, all of Deedsville; three nieces; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and one

niece, Lori Carlson. Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will follow in Deedsville I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Following the burial, the family will gather for a continued time of fellowship at the Deedsville United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Emergency Response Unit. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 19, 2015

On Friday Oct. 16, 2015, **Audrey Chapman**, 89, passed away at home surrounded by family. Audrey was born in Cambridge, England March 1, 1926 to Thomas and Ethel West. In 1947 she married Anthony Quinn and they had a son Michael. He preceded her in death in 1950. In 1954 she married Rowland Garver and they had two daughters, Jane and Kim. In 1972, she married Robert Chapman and he preceded her in death in 1994. Audrey was a children's nurse outside of London during WWII where she met her first husband Tony, a Royal Air Force Pilot. After he was killed in an accident, she remarried and came to Grissom AFB. She worked at Essex Wire and Keupper Favor Company and later, part-time in the kitchen at Peru High School. She enjoyed playing bingo and playing cards with her daughters. She would volunteer her time at the Miami County Sheriff's Office, where her daughter Kim works, in the afternoons. She loved spending time with family and friends. She was a member of Peru Moose Lodge, the American Legion Auxiliary and attended Main Street United Methodist Church. Audrey is survived by: her three children, Michael Quinn Garver (Dianne), of Cairo, Georgia; Jane Garver Black (Bill), of Peru and Kim Garver Brown (Rick), of Peru; five grandchildren Anthony Garver, Dana Garver Mitchell, Brandon Black, Felicia Brown Rupp and Ashley Brown Harrell who was her at home caregiver. She is also survived by 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and her husbands, Tony and Bob. She was also preceded in death by one grandchild, Jarrod Black. Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home, Reverend Jack Hess officiating. Burial will be at Mouth Hope Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Peru YMCA bus. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 19, 2015

**Kent L. Ferre**, 60 of Decatur, Illinois died Friday Oct. 16, 2015 in McKinley Court Nursing Home. Kent was born Feb. 22, 1955 in Decatur, Illinois son of Gerald and Zelpha E. Ferre. He worked at Norfolk and Southern Railroad as a Chief dispatcher where he retired. He is survived by his brothers, Keith Ferre (Jean Reid), Kerry Ferre (Lanita) and special friend Laurie Rogers, nieces, Angela Hart (Mike), Jennifer White (Chris), Alicia and Emily Ferre, great nephew, Colton Hart, great nieces, Mariah Hart, Bailey, Gracie and Avery White. Kent was preceded in death by his parents. He will be buried in Indiana with his parents. Tanzyus-Logan Funeral Service and Care is assisting with the arrangements. Sign the guestbook at [www.TLCelebratingeverylife.com](http://www.TLCelebratingeverylife.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**William I. "Slim" Howard**, 81, formerly of Peru, passed away at 5:05 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015, at Oakbrook Village, Huntington. He was born in Winchester, Kentucky on Sept. 7, 1934 the son of Sterling and Myrtle Johnson Howard. Slim was a retired Air Force Noncommissioned Officer, serving his country for more than 22 years. After retiring from the Air Force he was employed by Wagoner Industries in Wabash, until his retirement in 1996. Slim took great pride in his service to his country and was proud to say that he was a Veteran. He was a talented musician playing the guitar, banjo and drums and specialized in singing and playing gospel music. He is survived by: his children William Howard, Peru, Timmy Howard, Peru, Debbie Goshert, Wabash, and Mona Lanier, Mobile, Alabama; sisters Gene Brown, Peru, and Shirley Melton, Lafontaine; three brothers, Tracy Howard, Kokomo, Arthur Howard of Hartford City, and Rick Howard and his wife Kathy of Fairmount. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Agnes Griggs and brothers Omer, James and Vernon Howard. A service celebrating the life of William I. SDRqSlim" Howard will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 23, 2015, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Rev. David Shephard officiating. Burial will be in the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Military Graveside Services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 6 -8 p.m. Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**Mildred Virginia Darling**, 95, passed away after a brief illness at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015 at her residence in Peru. Mildred was born on April 2, 1920 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Raymond and Gertrude (Frazier) Freeman, both now deceased. In 1945, she married Gail C. Darling at Oakdale Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Pearsall High School in Pearsall, Texas. She was a home-maker and the former secretary at GSA. She is survived by: her daughters, Melanie Darling, Peru, and Kathy (Scott) McCarty, Connersville; her grandchildren - Amy (husband Gil) Canchola, Laura (husband Joshua) Butt. Brad Darling, and Arianna (husband Tom) Grego; and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sisters - Evelyn Miller and Vera Pike. Friends may call on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Oakdale Baptist Church, with Pastor Robert Stock officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**PLYMOUTH - John W. Dunning**, 60, passed away with his devoted wife at his side at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 in his home after a seven month battle of colon cancer. His family had been steadfast in his care along with the Center for Hospice Care. John was born in Waco, Texas on Oct. 17, 1955 to Johnnie W. and Naomi D. (Mattox) Dunning, and shortly after, his family would settle to Peru. He graduated with the class of 1974 from Peru High School. Infatuated with automobiles and muscle cars of the 70's, John would attend Lincoln Technology School for automotive and diesel mechanic training. On June 4, 1977 in Peru, John would take as his wife, Debra A. Overmyer, his high school sweetheart. To this marriage, the couple would welcome their son and daughter,

Nathan and Erin. John worked for the International Harvester truck line, traveling to various stores throughout northern Indiana. In 1986, the family moved to Plymouth for a store manager position John was offered, at P.B.S. (Power Break and Spring) in Rochester, which he has held for over 15 years. Any chance John had to go golfing, he took it. He participated in many golf leagues at Swan Lake Golf Club in Plymouth and with friends, playing on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, several golf courses span all throughout Alabama. John and his family are members of the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, where he had served on several boards. He enjoyed doing yard work around his home. But what lit up his world, was spending time with his two granddaughters, Kinley Erin age two and Katherine Ann age one. He cherished memories made with them and with his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Debra, of 38 wonderful years, and his children: son, Nathan W. (Rebekah) Dunning of Cincinnati, Ohio and their daughter, Katherine Ann, and daughter, Erin M. (Douglas) Stidham of Plymouth and their daughter, Kinley Erin. His mother, Naomi Dunning of Peru, his sister, Karen (Tony) Mendenhall of Peru, brother, Stacey Alan (Christine) Dunning of Hernando, Mississippi, and mother-in-law, Doris D. Hannoy of Fishers, survive as well. John was preceded in death by his father. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. A Celebration of John's life will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 in the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth with Pastor Larry Marhanka officiating. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the service in the church at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Center for Hospice Care 112 S. Center St. Plymouth, IN 46563 or to the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, IN 46563. Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the web-site: [www.johnson-danielson.com](http://www.johnson-danielson.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 23, 2015

**Gene W. Lippold**, 80, of Peru, passed away at the Blair Ridge Health Center at 12:15 a.m. on Oct. 24, 2015. Gene was born on Feb. 3, 1935 to Omer and Alice (Ellars) Lippold. He married Janet Durkes on June 3, 1956. She survives. A lifelong farmer, he was also the owner of Chili Farm Supply and later, a courtesy driver for Paul-Richard Chevrolet. Gene's interests included the Peru Ringmasters barbershop chorus, multiple gospel quartets, the Brethren Way of Christ, and Ole Olsen Memorial Theatre. Above all, he was a devoted Christian and a member of the First Christian Church, as well as the First Baptist Church in Silver Springs, Florida. He loved singing, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his parents, aunt and uncle Eddie and Bessie Lippold, and aunt Mary Ellars. Surviving are: his wife, Janet, as well as their children: Garry (wife Harriet) Lippold, Peru; Roger (wife Janet J.) Lippold, Hanna; Rhonda (husband Mike) McLaughlin, Frankfort; Sharon Lippold and (husband Terry Bisgrove), El Dorado Hills, California; and Rita (husband Jeremy) Gallian, Bloomington. Also surviving are his sister Mary Elaine (husband Stan) Bennett, Bunker Hill; and grandchildren: Luke McLaughlin, Chicago, Illinois; Chloe McLaughlin, Marion; Ryan Lippold, Lafayette; Kyle Lippold; and Anna and Avery Gallian, both of Bloomington; and a great-grandchild Eli Lippold, Hanna. Friends may call on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 from 12 noon - 7pm at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with Pastors George McCarty and Jim Loft officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery, Miami County. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brethren Way of Christ Scholarship Fund. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 26, 2015

**Karsyn Kennedy Bratch**, 12, of Wabash, died at 7:48 pm, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015 at her home. She was born Feb. 17, 2003 in Logansport, to Robert J. Bratch and Linette (Robinson) Burchett. Karsyn was a seventh grader at Wabash Middle School, and was in the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County until 6th grade. She was known as The Princess of Sharp Creek Elementary. Karsyn had a big heart and was the founder of the Kick It for Karsyn campaign in Wabash and also Karsyn Kares, used for helping three other families. She was a member of the Girl Scouts. Karsyn enjoyed crafts, telling knock-knock jokes, fishing, being in the boat on the water, and loved Jeff Gordon. She enjoyed cheerleading and was an honorary cheerleader. Karsyn loved talking to people and didn't know a stranger. She is survived by her mother and "step" father, Linette and Bill Burchett of Wabash; her father, Robert J. Bratch of Peru; her siblings, Jordan Bratch, Kassie Burchett, and Caidan Burchett, all of Wabash, Liberty Bratch of Fishers, step brother Nick Burchett of Kokomo, and step sister Kristi Burchett of Wabash; grandparents, Jared and Amy Robinson, Marge Weaver, Betty Simpson and Frank and Barb Edwards, all of Wabash, John and Carol Smith of LaFontaine; her aunts and uncles, Bridget and Greg Owens of Noblesville, Cara and Russ Randolph of Sherman, Texas, Greg and Wendy Burchett of Fort Wayne, and Angie and Chuck Douglass of Wabash; her cousins, Tyler and Lexie Owens of Noblesville; and several other aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 2015 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with Solomon David officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 - 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Preferred memorial is to Bill and Linette Burchett for expenses. The memorial guest book for Karsyn may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Monday, October 26, 2015

**David S. Sons** went to heaven on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015. He was born on May 8, 1964 in Campton, Kentucky to Jesse and Hazel Allen Sons. David loved his family. He never had any children of his own, but played a huge role in the lives of his many nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed Monster Trucks, with Grave Digger being his favorite. He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse and mother Hazel; his sisters, Juanita Sons Correll and Rita Kay Sons Groen; and brothers, Butch Sons and infant Eddie Sons. Survivors include his sisters Rose Southerland and husband Tom, Kokomo, and Mary Crabtree, Stanton, Kentucky, and sister-in-law Tana Sons, Peru. Being David's wish, no funeral will take place. Anyone who might want to share a special memory may do so at the Facebook page: In Memory of David Scott Sons. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 26, 2015

**Andy "Andrez" McGee**, 37, of Royal Center formerly of Logansport, passed away at 11:40 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He was born on Sept. 18, 1978 in Rochester. Andy was currently employed at Orion's Safety

Products in Peru. He was also a self employed brick mason and he had formerly been employed at ABC Metals and SUS in Logansport. Andy was a big kid at heart. He loved spending time with his children and making them laugh in the process. He enjoyed attending the kids sporting events, camping, and movie nights with his friends and family. He was a great friend and had a strong work ethic to support his family. Andy was also an avid Colts and Kentucky Wildcat fan. Survivors include his mother, Ann McGee of Lancaster, Kentucky, companion, Victoria Snider and her children, Lyanna Snider and Laylah DeMond all of Royal Center, daughters, Haley McGee and Maggie Hopper and son, Andrew McGee and their mother Kristen DeHaven all of Logansport and daughter, Jocelynn Vincent and her mother, Kari Michaels. He is also survived by brothers; David Wright of Lancaster, Kentucky, Jerry McGee of Franklin, Kentucky, Michael Hopper of Logansport, and Steven Wilson also of Logansport, friends, Larry and Julene Kimble of Kewanna. Andy is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel with Rod Utter officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 also at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Logansport. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a condolence for the family at [www.ransfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ransfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 26, 2015

**Matthew D. Hunt**, 64, Rochester, Indiana, passed away at 8:27 p.m.. Sunday Oct. 25, 2015 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He was born on April 18, 1951 in Kokomo, the son of Vernon and Mary (Copeland) Hunt. On Oct. 17, 1970 in Kokomo, Indiana, he married Kathy Koenig and she survives. Mr. Hunt had owned and operated Roof One Roofing Company for many years. Prior to that he had been a disc jockey for radio stations, WWKI in Kokomo, WARU in Peru, Indiana, WKSJ in Fort Wayne, and a television personality on television station WFFT, Fort Wayne, hosting the "Night Shift". In his spare time he enjoyed writing poetry, music, riding his motorcycles and spending time with his family. Survivors include: his wife, Kathy Hunt, Rochester; children, Darren and wife Kim Hunt, Peru, Christopher and wife Devin Hunt, Carmel, Alison and husband Bryan Rouch, Denver; grandchildren, Tim McFarland, Rochester, Cora Biddinger, Peru, November Hunt, Delphi, Dawson Hunt, Delphi, Elijah Hunt, Carmel, Solomon Hunt, Carmel; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and brother and sister-in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Kathy Elburn and Karen Hunt. Memorial services will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday Oct. 29, 2015 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Rev. Tom Robbins officiating. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 27, 2015

**Marvin Lee Snow**, age 62, of Peru, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25 at home with his wife by his side. He was born Feb. 17, 1953 in Brazil to Fred and Patricia (Neese) Snow. He married Nancy Wilson on July 18, 1975. She survives. Marvin served in the U.S. Navy and was a retired truck driver. Above all, he was a devoted Christian and a long time patron of the Calvary Temple Baptist Church. Marvin was hardworking and he loved being outside. He was a dedicated father and loved spending time with his grandchildren. Marvin was preceded in death by his father Fred Snow. He is survived in death by his wife, Nancy, as well as his mother, Patricia. He is also survived by his children Marla (husband Rick) Parson, Roann, and Joshua (wife Katie) Snow, Walton; also, brother Dion Snow, Indianapolis; sister Dorene (husband Ron) Bontrager Indianapolis; and Fred (wife Tracy) Snow, Brazil; and grandchildren Abram Parson, Cale Parson, Madison Parson, Della Snow and Mazie Snow. Visitation will be 4 - 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015 at the Calvary Temple Baptist Church located at 2908 W, 200 N., Peru, IN. The funeral will follow at 6 p.m. at the same location. Pastor Kevin Palmer and Pastor Ron Bontrager will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 27, 2015

**Kenneth Clay Hall**, age 87, of Peru, passed away on Oct. 26, 2015. He was born Sept. 21, 1928 in Lee County, Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. He was employed at Bowyer Excavating, and then drove semi-trucks for Marburger Foods. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church, a past commander of the American Legion, as well as being a member of the VFW, Elks, Moose, and Eagles Lodge. He was a skilled mechanic, was interested in WWII and Korean War airplanes, and enjoyed building model airplanes. He is survived by his children Darrell Hall, of Peru, Luisa Murray (Mike), of Peru, and Susan and Vicki Hall, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is also survived by two sisters, Betty Marburger-McFarling, of Westfield, and Treva Stanley, of Marion, as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Ora Hall, his wife, Shirley Hall, and two sons, Rodney D. Hall and Paul J. Hall. Private military services will be held Friday, October 30th, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Ever Rest Memorial Park in Logansport. Memorials may be made to: Wounded Warrior Project (P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675). Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 28, 2015

**Connie K. Bloomfield**, 67, of Peru, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Peru. She was born on Dec. 27, 1947 in Peru to Joseph V. and Mary Ellen (Myers) Opp. She married Kelly H. Bloomfield, who preceded her in death on March 5, 2014. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father, one sister, Marlene Turnpaugh and a sister-in-law, Patricia Opp. She is survived by: her mother, her brothers - Joe Opp, Terry (wife Colleen) Opp, Ricky (wife Peggy) Opp, and Larry (wife Rhonda) Opp, all of Peru; her sisters - Barbara (husband AJ) Mosley, Kay (husband Bob) Jones and Jeannie (husband Charlie) Hughes, all of Peru; and special nephew Rodney Holmes, Peru. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Masingo officiating. Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until time of service at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 28, 2015

**Dr. William "Bill" L. Scott**, 85, of North Manchester, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 at 8:35 a.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare, North Manchester. Born Nov. 3, 1929 in Indianapolis, he was the son of Thomas M. and Sarah (Fair) Scott, both deceased. On Oct. 11, 1991, he married Susie Hammonds Hudson; she survives. Dr. Scott graduated from Manchester College in 1951 and received his PhD degree from Michigan State University in 1959. He was an administrator and professor of higher education. Professional services included Dean of Students at Tri-State (Trine) University, Assistant to the President at Manchester College, Director of Development at Peabody Retirement Community and Instructor at Ivy Tech Community College. Community activities in Steuben County included President of the Retarded Children's Association, President of the Mental Health Association, Disaster Chairman for the Red Cross, Chairman of Key 73, Chairman of the Pokagon District of the Boy Scout of America, Member of the Welfare Board, Member of the 4H Fair Committee, Chairman of the County Sesquicentennial Committee, Vice President of the North East Psychiatric Clinic, Drive Chairman for the United Fund and Board Member of the Oaklawn Psychiatric Center. He was also a member of North Manchester Lion's Club and he attended Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son David (Christine) Scott, Louisville, Kentucky; his step-sons Corey (Mindy) Hudson, Roann, and Casey (Jennie) Hudson, North Manchester; his daughters Dawn (John) Dutton, Wabash, and Melissa (Michael) Eckelbarger, Oro Valley, Arizona; his step-daughter Christi (Gary) Corbran, North Manchester; 10 grandchildren and six step-grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and his two nephews. Services will be 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Friends may call one hour prior to services at McKee Mortuary. Burial will be at a later date. Memorial may be made to Ivy Tech Community College Scholarship Fund, 277 N. Thorne St., Wabash IN 46992. Condolences may be sent to [mckeemortuary.com](http://mckeemortuary.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 28, 2015

**Avery C. Miller**, 65, of Winter Park, Florida and formerly of Peru, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015 in Florida. Born Nov. 1, 1949, he was the son of Avery C. and Charlotte (Hudson) Miller, of Peru. He was a graduate of Peru High School and Ball State University. He is survived by: his spouse, Malinda Miller, of Winter Park, Florida; two daughters - Tiffany Miller Elsworth (husband Nathan) and Stephanie Miller; two grandchildren - Alex Elsworth and Nicholas Elsworth; his sister Joyce Jones (husband Ed) of Peru; his brother-in-law Samir Farag; and several aunts, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Gayle Farag and his parents. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31 at Flanner and Buchanan Memorial Park, 9350 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis. Condolences may be posted online at <http://fbtributes.com>. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 29, 2015

**Jeffrey P. Chester**, age 65, of Peru, passed away at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015. He was born Dec. 5, 1949 in Peru to Paul E. and Frances M. Chester. Jeff was a lifelong mechanic. Starting out in his own C&C Garage, he eventually moved onto dealerships in Peru and Logansport. Even after retirement, he could be found underneath a friend's car trying to save them a headache. In his free time he had a knack for repairs and would constantly be working on projects at the house, church or out in the garage. When he was not helping others, he would enjoy hunting and being outdoors. Jeff enjoyed being on the lake boating or spending time in the yard with family and friends. A quiet man, Jeff was not known as much for his words, but instead, his actions. He would do anything for anyone who needed a hand. He loved spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; as well as being a loving brother, uncle, and friend to many in the community. He was a devoted Christian and member of the First Baptist Church. He is survived by five children: Paula McGinnis, Stephanie Hatton, Stacey (Jason) Henry, Sean (Megan) Chester, and Chris Chester. He also survived his father Paul E. Chester of Chili, and his five siblings: Michael (Sandy) Chester, Karen (Joseph) Chumbley, Kenn (Katrina) Chester, Jim Chester, and Frank Chester. In addition, Jeff is also leaving behind eight grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Jeff was preceded in death by his mother Frances M. Chester and his beautiful wife of over 27 years, Sally A. Chester. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 at the Peru First Baptist Church, 53 East Main St., Peru. A memorial service will be held directly following the visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/JeffChester>. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru, IN 46970. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 29, 2015

**Deborah Ann Cunningham** went to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015 after a courageous nearly 4 year battle with Ovarian Cancer. She was surrounded by her family and left this Earth with a smile on her face! Deborah was born in Peru on Aug. 22, 1956 to the late Ray Paul Hierholzer and Annabell Lee (Hierholzer) Ballschmidt. Deborah fell in love with her high school sweetheart, Gary Cunningham. They were married Aug. 8, 1975 and recently celebrated 40 happy years of marriage. Truly best friends, their marriage was an inspiration to their daughters and those who love them. Gary survives. Deborah was a 1974 graduate of Maconaquah High School. Together, Gary and Deborah opened Swayzee Market in 1977. They were a team in every sense of the word! They retired from the business, in 2008, after more than 30 years. They went on to work together at Ray's Auto Sales. After a second retirement in 2013, Gary and Deborah enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. Deborah was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Deborah always had a smile on her face, encouraging words on her lips, and was always a servant to anyone who needed her. Deborah was many things; devoted daughter, big sister, loyal friend, but first and foremost she was a loving wife and amazing mother. Her devotion to her daughters was unending, being present and supporting them in every aspect of their lives. In recent years, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, playing tea party, reading stories, and cuddling them. She was their "Grammy", and they adored her. Deborah leaves to cherish her memory, her husband Gary, of Swayzee; mother Annabell (Erhardt) Ballschmidt; daughters, Elizabeth (Dennis) Watson of Floyds Knobs, Karen (Aaron) Galvin, Chino Hills, California; siblings, Michael (Teresa) Hierholzer, Amboy, Diane Scott Di Cicco, Fishers; grandchildren, Bayden, Cort, Eliza, and Crosby Watson, all of Floyds Knobs, and Ainsley and Briar Galvin, Chino Hills, California; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 from 2 - 6 p.m. at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015 at 1 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 325 E North A St., Gas

City, with Fr. Richard Wiesenberger and Fr. John Newton officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer memorials be made to [www.ovriancancerIN.org](http://www.ovriancancerIN.org) or Holy Family Scholarship Fund. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 31, 2015

**Trulan P. "Buck" Hatton** went to his heavenly home on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 at 2:20 a.m. at his home. He was born in Powell County, Kentucky on April 19, 1938 to William Rex and Debora (Rogers) Hatton, who both preceded him in death. He married Belva Marie Bateman on June 3, 1962, and she survives. He is also survived by sisters Gerlene Caldwell Shackelford and Treva Joyce Anders. He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Reva Kay Hatton and Anna May Dailey. Buck was proud of his service in the United States Marine Corp, and he loved to fly the American flag. He was employed at the Peru Post Office for 33 years. He had many children follow him on the mail route. He had the Parkview Heights route for 13 years, and thus saw many children start school and later saw them graduate from high school. He also got to know many of the neighborhood dogs. After his retirement in 1992, he sent many letters and cards of encouragement to friends and family. His cheerful and caring nature will be greatly missed. He loved IU basketball and it was his "winter sport". He also loved horses, and had several through the years. He also loved feeding the birds - especially bluebirds, for whom he always bought a special treat of bee moth worms. Friends and family may pay their respects from 4 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015 at the funeral home, with additional calling one hour before. Pastor David Chapman of Wickliffe, Ohio will officiate, along with Steve Constable of Peru. A graveside service will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery in Denver, with full military rites. Many thanks go out to the special "angels" of Guardian Angel Hospice and for the prayers of many family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made in Buck's name to your charity of choice. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 2, 2015

**Jeffrey Lloyd McCool**, age 54, passed away on Oct. 31, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Jeff was born in Tipton on June 12, 1961 to Harold McCool (deceased) and Marietta Kemmer McCool Hostetler. Jeff married April King McCool on June 11, 1983. Jeff and April have two children Chasity Maze and Jeffrey McCool. They have three grandchildren: Lexie Alwine, Colton Maze, and Peyton Maze. Jeff is survived by his sisters and brother: Joetta Flatland (spouse Scott, deceased), Linda Masters (spouse Dennis Masters), Tammy Stokes, and Shawn McCool (spouse Pam McCool). He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Jeff was preceded in death by his brother Donald (Ducky) McCool and his step-father Lester Hostetler. Jeff worked for QC Communications as a lineman foreman for the past 25 years. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Friends may call from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday Nov. 6, 2015 at Zion Chapel in Peru. The funeral will also be held at 1 p.m. on Friday Nov. 6, 2015 at Zion Chapel. Burial is at Mount Hope Cemetery. There will be a dinner at Zion Chapel following the burial. Friends and family may sign the online guest books at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Michael G. Redmon** died peacefully at his home in Ahwatukee, Arizona on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015 after a long battle with COPD. He was born in Peru on Jan. 5, 1943 to Isabell and George Redmon. He graduated from Peru High School in 1961 and then married his high school sweetheart Sonja Craycraft. They moved to Fort Wayne, where they raised their three sons. Mike worked at NIPSCO for nearly 25 years. Mike and Sonja moved to Arizona in 1992 where Mike and his partner Chuck formed C & M Gas Products. Mike retired from C & M two years ago because of his illness. He loved his family, many friends, golf and his two buddies, Toby and C. J. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Sonja, three sons, Greg (Dianne), Brian (Jenni), Steve (Shelley), four granddaughters, four grandsons, one great-granddaughter, sister Nancy (Paul), mother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, cousins, and tons of great friends. Mike will be deeply missed by everyone who enjoyed his genuine appreciation for all sports, sporting events and especially golf. A Memorial Service is planned for 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov 6, 2015 at Samaritan Funeral Home, 1505 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association at Lung.org or Hospice of the West.

Online condolences can be given at [www.samfhaz.com](http://www.samfhaz.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Diane Jarnigan Hatcher**, 60, passed away on Oct. 31, 2015 at her residence in Kokomo, at 2:47 a.m.. She was born Feb. 5, 1955 in Peru, to Cornelius Jarnigan and Alberta Walton Wilson. Diane accepted Christ at an early age. Diane was a member of Mount Herman Baptist church in Peru. She, retired from DelCo Electronics in Kokomo. Diane enjoyed family gatherings and traveling. She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Curtis Hatcher, Kokomo; her mother, Alberta Walton Wilson; a brother, Charles Jarnigan; and two sisters, Gloria (Billy) Spearman, Peru, and Joyce Smiley, Montgomery, Alabama; ; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Diane was preceded in death by her father, Cornelius Jarnigan, brother, Arthur Jarnigan, sister, Dorothy Sykes, and her stepfather, Richard Wilson. Funeral services will be held Kokomo, services pending.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Patricia "Patty" Shaffran**, 85, of Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9:35 a.m., Monday, Nov. 2, 2015 with her family by her side. She was born in Peru on Feb. 12, 1930 the daughter of Charles and Gertrude Weis Mahley. Patty was a 1947 graduate of Peru High School and received her master of arts degree in Education from Ball State University in 1956. She was an elementary teacher in the Peru Community Schools for 45 years retiring from South Peru Elementary in 1996. Patty was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Daughters of Isabella, the Altar and Rosary Society, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Tri Kappa Sorority, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Miami County Retired Teachers Association. She was an avid Bridge player. She also enjoyed attending live theater and spoiling her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Mark Shaffran, daughters Anne Roth of Elkhart

and Kate True and her husband Lonnie of Peru, grandchildren Amber Roth, Thaddeus True, Tori True, Tanner True and great-grandchildren Logan Roth-Barrett and Emmitt True. Patty was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Charlene Mahley. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating the life of Patricia Shaffran will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th Street, Peru with Rev. Msgr. Robert Sell and Rev Adam Mauman officiating. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main, Peru. There will be a Prayer Service at 7 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**James "Jim" William Maxwell**, 67, Chili, passed away peacefully on Nov. 3, 2015 at 7:40 a.m., surrounded by family at Wellbrooke nursing home in Wabash. Jim was born on May 3, 1948, in Detroit, Michigan to Kenneth Alton and Florence (Wimer) Maxwell. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Kenneth R. Maxwell, sister Brenda Persinger, and sister-in-law Cindy Maxwell. Jim is survived by his three children, James Maxwell, Timothy Maxwell, and Kimberly Maxwell and by his siblings Edith "Edie" Binkerd, Shirley (Bill) Beatty, Bruce (Debbie) Maxwell, Evelyn (Tony) Borg, Linda (Steve) Bartoo, Joe Maxwell, David (Michelle) Maxwell. He is also survived by five grandsons, Alec, Kaleb, Tristan, Braxton, Brevon; two granddaughters, Jessica and Karissa; and two great grandsons Francis and Zane. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Jim was a Vietnam Veteran and was honorably discharged from the Army in 1968. Jim graduated from Peru High School in 1970. He left Peru High School to serve his country and returned to finish high school after being wounded in Vietnam. Jim held a degree in accounting from Ivy Tech. After being discharged from the Army he worked various odd jobs. He was a member of The First Assembly of God in Peru. He was a member of the American Legion (Past Commander), The VFW, AM Vets, and The Disabled American Veteran. Jim enjoyed Little League Baseball, spending time with his dog Kujo, a good steak dinner, ice cream and, spending time with his children, grandchildren, and vacationing at home. Visitation and a celebration of Jim's life will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W 3rd Street, Peru, from 4 -7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. Services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, with Pastor J. Litherland officiating, followed by burial at Ever Rest Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any veterans organization. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 4, 2015

**Margaret "Peg" Minglin**, 94, of New Waverly, passed away Tuesday Nov. 3, 2015 at 5:40 a.m. in Chase Center, Logansport. Peg was born on July 20, 1921, in Royal Center. She was the daughter of Chester and Mary (Dewitt) Kistler. She was married June 29, 1940, in Logansport to John Aaron Minglin who preceded in death on Feb. 13, 1998. Surviving along with her son, John R. (Bonnie) Minglin, Logansport; one sister, Marr Minnick, Logansport; daughter-in-law, Carla Minglin, Terre Haute; former son-in-law, Larry Martin, Logansport; five grandchildren, Mike (Tami) Martin, Danny (Patty) Minglin, Angie (Thom) Balitewicz, Chuck Minglin and companion Gerri Walker, Shannon Minglin and companion Shannon Dillman; 13 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Chester Kistler; mother, Mary Dewitt Kistler; husband, John A. Minglin; son, Walter Minglin; daughter, Marsha Martin; granddaughter, Kathy Martin; brother, Chester Kistler; sisters, Betty Myers, Marian McKee and Cynthia Martin. A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday Nov. 9, 2015 at Gundrum Funeral Home with Dr. Sam Young officiating. Burial will follow at Miami Baptist Cemetery, Logansport, IN. Visitation will be on Sunday Nov. 8, 2015 from 1 - 4 p.m. at Gundrum Funeral Home. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to River of Life Christian Church or Gideon's International. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 4, 2015

**Jayne Ellen (White) Engel**, 75, Bunker Hill, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. She was born on Oct. 26, 1940 in Peru, to Frank W. and Frances M. (Jackson) White. She married John Howard Engel on Nov. 18, 1961, and he survives. They were happily married for 53 years. Jayne graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1958. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She adored her grandchildren and they loved her very much. She was a secretary for Farmer's Elevator of Bunker Hill and Farm Service Center. She also worked for American Stationery in Peru for 25 years. Jayne was a past Matron with the Order of Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing euchre with her card club for over 50 years. She is survived by: her husband, John; twin daughters Marilyn (Brian) Shively, Bunker Hill and Carolyn (Dan) Kaufman, Peru; son Jerry (Deb) Engel, Bunker Hill; daughter Debbie (David) Long, Vandalia, Ohio; 10 grandchildren Kassi (Corey) Kotkoski, Justin Engel, Nathan (Amanda) Shively, Sara (Tyler) Murphy, Janel (Don) Townsend, Ian (Heather) Shively, Kayde (Travis) Sager, Corey Long, Ellie Engel and Brooke Long; nine great-grandchildren Joey Townsend, Sarah Townsend, Weston Graves, Jaden Manriquez, Ava Shively, Braxton Manriquez, Natalie Sager, Trevor Shively and Porter Kotkoski; a sister Patricia (Michael) Thompson, Muncie; her father-in-law John H. Engel, Peru; and a brother-in-law Dennis Ege, Walton. Jayne was preceded in death by her parents and a son Jeffrey Allen Engel, along with, her mother-in-law Vera Engel, sister-in-law Mary Lou Ege and brother-in-law Michael Engel. A service celebrating Jayne's life is at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, at Allen Funeral Home 136 S. Elm St., Bunker Hill, with Pastors Kenny Cole and Tyler Murphy officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Logansport. Visitation will be from 2 - 7 Monday, Nov. 9 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Donate Life Indiana, 3760 Guion Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46222. Online condolences may be posted at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com/](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com/). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 5, 2015

**Pamela Kay Wentz**, 64, Macy, passed away at 4:36 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, at her residence, surrounded by her family. Born October 4, 1951, in Rochester, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Annie Damron Lewis. On Feb. 28, 1976, in Fulton County,

she was married to George Martin Wentz, and he survives. Pam retired from Square D Corporation in Peru, where she had worked for many years. She was an amazing and loving woman who enjoyed spending time with her family and taking trips to the Blue Chip Casino. She is survived by four children, Tracy L. Lewis, Rochester; Joe Ault, Perrysburg; Barbara Jimenez and husband Enrique, Macy; and Amber Bueno and husband Juan, Roann; one sister, Sandy Click and husband Ed, Denver; and one brother, Dean Damron and wife Paula, Rochester; 19 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Junior Etchyson. A time of visitation with the family will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. She will be laid to rest in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice. Family and friends are invited to share memories and sign the online guestbook at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, November 6, 2015

**Dorothy J. Miller**, 79, passed away Oct. 30, 2015 at her home. Dorothy was born on Nov. 20, 1936 in Mason, Illinois to Glenard and Melva McWhorter. She worked at Hook's - CVS as a pharmacy tech for 41 years. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Bill Miller; two sons, Don Rhodes (Lori) and W.T. Miller; and a daughter, Debbie Byrnes (Tom). She had 10 grandchildren: Jason Yoder (Megan), Matt Curtis (Erica), Nathan Curtis, Kelly Rhodes (Shelly), Jason Prys (Dana), Zach Rhodes, William Miller, Jacob Miller, Austin Burton and Heather Thacker. She also had nine great grandchildren: Treyden Curtis, Caiden Curtis, Mackenzie Yoder, Tristen Yoder, Kamarin Witham, Cole Curtis, Taylor Miles, Emily Rhodes, Tyler Rhodes and Molly Prys. She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Mike Miller (Sandy); sister-in-law Kay Backman (Bob), and sister-in-law Sue McWhorter; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother and father-in-law, her sister Marcella and a brother, Glenard McWhorter. Dorothy loved playing Bingo, especially at the Moose Lodge where she played at least once a month, and going to Reno with her sister. In honor of her wishes, there will be no viewing or services.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, November 6, 2015

**Thelma I. Ballee**, 94 of Peru, passed away at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born in Miami County on July 26, 1921 the daughter of George E. and Lois Fisher Butt. Thelma married Howard E. Ballee on June 10, 1939 and he preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2000. Thelma was a graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker. She was also a cook at Victory School and later retired from Lincoln Elementary in Peru. Thelma was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a wonderful cook and thoroughly enjoyed preparing meals for her family. She is survived by: a son Keith Ballee and his wife Darlene of Denver; a sister Mary Miller and her husband Slana of Peru; a daughter -in-law Lorene Ballee of Mentor, Ohio; grandchildren Mark Ballee, Angela Schuler and her husband Mark, Debbie Markisohn and her husband Brad and Elizabeth Ballee; and great grandchildren Jacqui Schuler, Zachary Schuler, Abigail Schuler, Jake Markisohn and Hannah Markisohn. She was preceded in death by her husband and a son David. A service celebrating the life of Thelma I. Ballee will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Brad Eckerley officiating. Burial will be in the Chili Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 7, 2015

**Barbara L. Nash**, 72, of Macy, passed away at 1:13 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw. Barbara was born Oct. 20, 1943 in Sullivan, Indiana, the daughter of Bruce and Keitha (Kirk) Brown. On Nov. 26 1981 in Sullivan, she married Edgar C. Nash who survives. Barbara worked in previous years at the Shirt Shed of Wabash and the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Sullivan as well as being a homemaker. She was a graduate of Sullivan High School. She was a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority and the Order of the Eastern Star of Gilead. She enjoyed gardening and collecting tea pots. Survivors include: her daughter Kelley and husband Anthony Schultz - Akron; her daughter Tammy and husband Ronald Everroad - Wabash; her son Mike Nash - Peru; her son Jim and wife Jodie Minks - Sullivan; her son John and Peggy Minks - Sullivan; and her son Joe Minks - Sullivan; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren; her sister Janice and Don Roseberry - Sullivan; her sister Mary Brown - Sullivan; her brother Tom and wife Linda Brown, Linton; and her brother Gary and wife Lyne Brown - Bloomington. Barbara was preceded in death by: her parents. As her request no public services will be held. Arrangements are entrusted to: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana. Memorial Contributions may be given to the donor's choice of charity in her name. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 9, 2015

**Marjorie (Hessong) Bowyer**, 93 of Peru, passed away at 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor with her family by her side. She was born in Peru, on March 24, 1922 to Arthur D. and Clarice Knight Hessong. She married Vinal Bowyer at the home of Rev. Thomas Shively in Nead on Feb. 12, 1944. Marjorie graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1939. She and her husband were life-long farmers in Miami County, and she worked for several years as a cook at Randall Elementary School. She was a member of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren and attended Mexico Church of the Brethren in recent years. Marjorie was active in women's fellowship at her church where she enjoyed quilting. She made numerous lap robes for missions and Dukes Hospital and made baby blankets for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For several years she also helped cook and serve meals at the Salvation Army along with other volunteers from her church. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are their five children: Tania Mayer of Los Angeles, California; Carol (Bill, deceased) Whybrew of Peru; Donald (Carla, deceased) of Peru; Marvene (Rex) Riis of Pierre, South Dakota; and Devita (Rick) McClain of Peru. Also surviving are grandchildren Justin and Morgan Mayer, Gretchen Mehren, Krista Robbins, Kara Vernengo, Tamra Wilson, Lindsay Maple, Elliot Riis, Alayna Callahan, Garth McClain, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Rosalee (Lewis) Fouts. A service celebrating the life of Marjorie Bowyer will

be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at Allen Funeral Home, 136 South Elm, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Ed Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Metzger Cemetary, Peru. Family and friends will gather the day before from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Allen Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to The Salvation Army, Peru Corps. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 9, 2015](#)

**Anita J. (Norris) Ferguson**, 51, formerly of Peru and Amboy, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 at the home of her father, Larry L. Norris I, after a long battle with melanoma brain cancer. She was born March 18, 1964 in Danville, Illinois, the daughter of Larry and Arlie (Cassel) Norris. Anita grew up in the Kokomo area, where she went to Bon Air Middle School and graduated from Maconaquah High School in 1982, in the late 80's, Anita was a truck driver. It was there she met the love of her life, fellow truck driver James Ferguson. They married in 1990 and in 1991 Anita gave birth to their twins, Charles R. and Chandra L. Ferguson. Even after their divorce a few years later, they remained the best of friends until his death in 2013. Anita enjoyed playing disc golf, touring ghost towns, taking long walks with her dogs, four-wheeling in the mountains of Colorado and digging her feet in the sand on the Florida beaches. Anita is survived by her children, Charles (Jennifer) Ferguson of Kokomo, Chandra (Jacob) Stith of Sims; parents, Larry Norris I of Miami County, Arlie Norris of Kokomo; two grandsons, Brayden and Connor Stith of Sims; two sisters, Lona Hernandez of Kokomo, Julie (Bruce) Hanke of Amboy; brother, Larry Norris II of Kokomo. Anita also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, friends and her beloved dogs, Fawn and Buttercup. The family would like to give special thanks to Anita's two sisters, Lona and Julie for the many hours and days spent taking care of their "Little Sis". Also many thanks to her home health care givers, Darcy Parker and Jennifer Miller, her nieces Jennifer Breed, Erica Shelly, Shonna Abbott and Rose Chronic for their love and care and additional thanks to the friends that helped with her care Crystal, Heather, Linda and Deanna. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Jefferson Street Chapel, 414 West Jefferson Street with Rev. Richard Birden, chaplain officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may visit with the family from 12:30 p.m. until services time on Thursday. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com)  
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 10, 2015](#)

**Vera E. Sagarsee**, 84, of Linton, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 at Garden Villa in Bloomington. She was born in Logansport on April 2, 1931 to William E. and Vera Evelyn (Glassburn) Richardson. Vera attended the Church of God in Linton. She worked as a nurses' aid at Glenburn Nursing Home before her retirement in 1993. Survivors include: three sons, John (Becky) Sagarsee of Brazil, Tim (Angie) Sagarsee, of Jasonville, Sam (Jackie) Sagarsee of Terre Haute; one daughter, Melissa (Eric) Fleetwood of Spencer; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one brother, Jesse (Charlene) Richardson of Onward. Vera was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers. Funeral Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 at Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton with Pastor Jerry Ross officiating. Vera will be laid to rest in the Ever Rest Memorial Park at Logansport. Family and friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at the funeral home. The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Vera. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and the Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton. Online Condolences may be sent to [www.andersonpoindexter.com](http://www.andersonpoindexter.com).  
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 10, 2015](#)

**Doris Mae Kehler**, 92, joined her Lord and Savior on Nov. 9, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus. She was visited the day before by many loving local family members. Doris was born in Bluffton, on March 5, 1923 to Homer and Catherine Ferguson (both deceased). She married George Martin Kehler (deceased) on July 26, 1939. They enjoyed a unique and faithful marriage for 66 years. After her children were raised and married, Doris earned her GED and then attended night school to earn a bookkeeping certification. She then went to work as a bookkeeper for the Peru City School System where she enjoyed contributing and was enjoyed for over 20 years. Doris was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Doris is survived by her three children, Carol Ann (Kehler) Hemdal and husband Larry living in Kouts, Indiana. (two children - Karla and David). George Francis Kehler, Peru, Indiana. (Three children-Michael, Lynn, and Jeffery). Homer "Peck" Kehler and wife Margaret, living in Marietta, Ga. (two children -Michelle and Jason. She has 9 great grandchildren and 1 great, great, granddaughter. Doris is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Homer Ferguson and Robert Ferguson, and her husband George. Services will be at the Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 at 1 p.m. Viewing will be at 10 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. and burial at Ever Rest Memorial Cemetery in Logansport. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 11, 2015](#)

**M. Joan Fitzgerald**, 85, lived in Cass County for 65 years and recently moved to Tipton to be with her nephew Rob Myers. She passed away at 5:03 a.m. on Tuesday Nov. 10, 2015 at IU Health Tipton Hospital. Joan was born Aug. 30, 1930 in the Bunker Hill area to the late Truman "Windy" and Eva (Shively) Yoder. She married John Fitzgerald Nov 5, 1950 and he preceded her in death on Nov 1, 1986. Joan worked at RBM Controls, United Technologies, and retired from White Rogers. She was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church and was baptized there in 1974. Her club activities included the Moose and VFW. Joan is survived: by two brothers and two sisters - Bill (Sue) Yoder, San Bernardino California; Alvena Stahl, LaPorte; Donna (Robert) Myers, Amboy; and John Yoder, Akron; a sister - in - law Gladys Weisenberger, Peru; a brother-in-law Fern Chagnon of Arizona ; 39 nieces and nephews. Deceased are her parents, brothers George, Vic, Carl, Paul, Jack and sister Ruth Chagnon. One niece and one nephew also preceded her in death. Friends may call from 9 - 11 a.m.. on Saturday Nov. 14, 2015 at Ever Rest Memorial Park located between Peru and Logansport. A celebration of her new life will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Brandon Hudson officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 11, 2015](#)

**Dorothy J. (Fox) Hatton**, 97, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015 at Miller's Merry Manor. She was born in Wabash on Jan. 20, 1918 to Tress and Gladys (Hamblin) Fox. She married Granville Hatton on Aug. 20, 1941 and he preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1979. Dorothy was a full-time homemaker and helped raise many foster children while raising three daughters of her own. She a member of the Peru First Baptist Church for more than 80 years where she loved working in the nursery and preparing church dinners. Dorothy was also a member of the Miller's Merry Manor Auxiliary and helped with Bingo and bake sales for more than 25 years. She also helped in the Salvation Army kitchen. She loved to cook and bake and was well known for her pineapple coconut cookies, carrot cake and noodles. Many called her the "noodle lady". She did not learn to drive a car until she was 65 years old but covered many miles taking friends for "a ride". She is survived by: daughters Judy K. Herbst and Pamela Jo (Rex) Stitsworth' a sister Betty Jo Leedy all of Peru; very special foster children, George Dingman, Peru and Melody (Jim) Supples, Bunker Hill; her grandchildren - Curt Onyx, Jr., Dean (Karen) Onyx, Nadine (Bill) Onyx, Brian (Gina) Townsend, of Ohio, Rian Townsend, Wabash, Pat (Amy) Townsend, Tennessee, John Stitsworth and Alan (Debbie) Stitsworth, Frankfort, and step grand-daughter Anita (Bud) Pope, Minnesota . Also surviving are great-grandchildren Ashley Onyx, James Calladine, Braxton Townsend of Ohio, Brittney Hattabaugh, Kokomo, Chantell Crone, Monticello, Jeremy Stitsworth, Texas, Karoline Stitsworth, Bloomington, Katrina Stitsworth, Frankfort, Chloe Pope, Minnesota and three great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Carol Sue Lupton, a sister, Roseanna May Fox, two nephews, Gary Leedy and Steven Leedy, a brother-in-law, John Leedy, Jr. and a son-in-law, Robert Herbst. Dorothy never knew a stranger and will be greatly missed by family and friends. Services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating, followed by burial at Ever Rest Memorial Park. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 pm. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 11, 2015

**Magdalen G. Marszalek**, 94, Kokomo, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at her home. She was born on May 30, 1921, the daughter of the late Joseph and Teresa (Yerger) Kane. On Dec. 12, 1945, she married John Anthony Marszalek, in the Post Chapel at Stewart Field, New York, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 1971. Madge was a 1942 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She served in the Army Air Corps from 1944~1946, attaining the rank of Sargent. Madge retired as a civil service bookkeeper at Grissom Air Force Base and was an active member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Peru. Madge was one of the 10 original inductees into the Ole Olson Memorial Theater Hall of Fame. She dedicated herself to her theater family from the mid 1970's until she moved to Kokomo in the mid 2000's. She served as the dialogue monitor for a four productions each year for some 30 years. She worked every practice and every performance to make sure the actors knew their lines, hiding behind stage props when necessary to prompt them. She served as an assistant director and theater historian, keeping scrapbooks and play memorabilia. She made many good friends at Ole who she loved as an extension of her family. Madge is survived by her daughter, Toni (Mike) Rethlake, Kokomo; grandchildren, Anna Jameson, John (Michele) Jameson, Christa (Rich) Arcari, Michelle (Josh) Rojas, Courtney (Jeff) Sexton; great-grandchildren, Drew (Amanda) Jameson, Christopher Jameson, Jake (Amanda Lenstra) Cloar, Chielsey Cloar, Cheyenne (Drew) Householder, Matthew Arcari, Cameson Arcari, Thomas Melton, Trey Shelby, Makahla Shelby, Ayreona Rojas, Aurelina Rojas, Tatem Shelby, Talyn Shelby, Haley Rethlake, Tyler Sexton, Peyton Sexton, and Ashton Sexton; great-great-grandchildren, Cody Roberts, Jayden Jameson, Jocelyn Morgan, Connor Morgan, Christopher Jameson, Levi Jameson, and Caleb Scherer; sister, Teresa Young. Madge was preceded in death by her parents, husband, John Marszalek, daughter, Joanne Eder, sister, Cecilia Ward, and an infant brother. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1229 North Washington Street, Kokomo, with Rev. Fr. Mike McKinley the celebrant. Military honors provided by the U.S. Army and the Kokomo V.F.W. Military Rites Team will follow the Mass. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 11 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. on Friday at the Church. Memorial contributions may be made in Madge's memory to the Ole Olson Memorial Theatre, 154 South Broadway, Peru, IN 46970 or to the Howard County Humane Society, 713 North Elizabeth Street, Kokomo, IN 46901. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 11, 2015

**Evelyn Louise Miller**, 80, died at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015 after a four-year journey with metastatic breast cancer. She was born in Miami County on Sept. 18, 1935, the oldest daughter of Truman and Helen (Troyer) Slabaugh. On May 23, 1953, she married Daniel A. Miller at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church. He survives along with their three children, Donna Cook of Kokomo, Anita (Daniel) Smith of Indianapolis, and Keith (Ann) Graber Miller of Goshen, Indiana; eight grandchildren, Josh Cook (companion Sara Pugh), Ryan (Jill) Cook, Chris Cook (companion Stephanie Parton), Jenna Smith, Eric Smith, Niles (Corine) Graber Alvarez, Mia Graber Miller, and Simon Graber Miller; and two sisters and one brother, Marge (Charles) Pennington, Martha Miller and Dick (Karen) Slabaugh. Her parents as well as a sister, Winifred Miller, preceded her in death. Evelyn graduated from Clay Township High School in Miami County in 1953, where she accompanied choirs on piano throughout her high school years. She was an active member at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, where she was particularly involved with music ministries. For several decades she was the church's primary organist and pianist, playing prelude and offertory music, accompanying choirs, and mentoring and developing musical talents in the church's younger members. Shortly after marriage, she and her husband also worked with the church's youth group for several years, and she taught Summer Bible School for a number of years. Evelyn was an active grandmother, regularly attending her grandchildren's baseball, basketball, soccer, and football games and musical performances throughout their school years. Although specializing in mothering and grandmothering, she also was a self-employed domestic worker for many years, becoming close friends with many of her long-term clients. An extrovert, Evelyn always loved to talk and entertain, and she inspired her family throughout her life with her faith, her cheerful disposition, her piano flourishes, her laugh, and her buoyant energy. Visitation will be from 3 - 8 p.m. Sunday at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, 3976 E. 1400 South, Kokomo, with the

memorial service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Monday. Pastors Sarah and Ben Schlegel will officiate at the church with burial to follow the service in Mast-Hensler cemetery. Family members want to acknowledge their deep gratitude to Evelyn's pastors and church family as well as to Dr. Annette Moore and the oncology staff at Community Howard Hospital for their compassionate care for Evelyn over the past four years. Memorial contributions may be made to Howard-Miami Mennonite Church or Community Howard Regional Health Foundation, 3611 S. Reed Road, Suite 107, Kokomo, Indiana, 46902. Hasler & Stout Funeral Home in Greentown assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 12, 2015

**John Andrew Mays**, 81, of Peru, passed away peacefully from cancer on Nov. 11, 2015, at Blair Ridge Rehab Center in Peru. John was born on the Fourth of July in 1934 in Cass County, to Olin Shelman & Thelma Louise (Foust) Mays. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Paul E. and Charles Mays, his sisters, Ellen Morris and Jane Osborne, and his sister-in-law, Bessie Marie Mays, his brother-in-law Bill Morris, a niece, Sue Ellen (Morris) Branch, and a nephew, Michael Jay Morris, and a grandson, Evan Sims. John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Margaret Ann (Smith) Mays, his children Cynthia J. (Bradley) Stover, Greta J. (Robert) Satek, Andrea L. Mays (Craig Kling), Susan K. Mays (Stephen Day), Lee Ann (Greg) Sims, and Torn Garber. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 5 five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Many friends knew John through his 40-year career in insurance sales, first with Prudential and later with Farm Bureau, where he was a Certified Life Underwriter. In earlier years, John served stateside in Texas in the Air Force as an airplane mechanic. He served toward the end of the Korean War and during peacetime, and he was honorably discharged in 1958. John also studied agriculture at Purdue University after his graduation in 1952 from Bunker Hill High School. Until his senior year, he had attended school in Onward. John and Margaret Ann spent winters near Phoenix, Arizona and summers in Peru. For many years, John was a member of Peru's Kiwanis Club and Walton's American Legion Post 418, and he served on the YMCA's Board of Directors for 26 years, among other community activities. John was active in Peru's First Christian Church, and the Onward Christian Church. He also sang in the church choir from age 16 and taught Sunday school for 10 years. John spent many years pursuing his love of tractors, particularly Massey-Harris tractors, by rebuilding, modifying and maintaining his own M-H tractors. His enthusiasm for M-H tractors included involvement with the Pioneer Power of North Central Indiana, the Indiana Massey Collectors group, and antique tractor shows. Memorial arrangements include visitation on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 from 1 - 5 p.m., and a Memorial service on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 at 10 a.m. with both services to be held at the Onward Christian Church (21 Oak St, Onward, IN 46967), with military burial to follow at the Mays Cemetery near Onward. Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. The family asks that any donations be made to the First Christian Church of Peru, Indiana, [www.fccperu.org](http://www.fccperu.org) or the Onward Christian Church of Onward, Indiana, <http://www.onwardchristianchurch.org/>.  
Peru Tribune, The (IN) - Thursday, November 12, 2015

**Shannon J. Clawson**, 44, of Amboy, passed away at 7:36 a.m., Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Kokomo on Nov. 22, 1970 the son of John and Ida Marie Heinsley Clawson. Shannon was a member of the Amboy Friends Church and served in the United States Navy as a Gunner's Mate. Shannon is survived by his daughters Shanique Vance (Michael) of Peru and ReeAnn Clawson of Amboy; grandchildren Joshua Vance and Sophia Vance; brothers Brian Clawson and Scott Clawson and a sister, Tina Clawson all of Kokomo. Family and friends will gather from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania St., Amboy, a Memorial Service will follow at 6 pm with Rev. Dwight Elliott officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Amboy Friends Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Margaret "Margie" Lucille Wilkinson**, 88, Peru, passed away peacefully at home in her pastor's arms surrounded by family at 9:55 a.m., on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Margaret was born on Dec. 27, 1926 in Williamsport to Roy and Inez Smith Barfell. She married the love of her life, Lester E. Wilkinson on April 10, 1943. He preceded her in death on March 9, 1997. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and by siblings Robert Barfell, Donald Barfell, Darvin Barfell, Frank Barfell, Edward Barfell and Mary Ellen (Barfell) O'Waters. She is survived by siblings Joann of Chicago and Jean Kirschenlohr of New Jersey. Margaret and Lester had three children; Danny L. Wilkinson, Peru; Sandra L. (Gary) Imel, Peru; and Teresa E. (John) Lyles, Frankfort. Grandchildren include Scott Wilkinson, Julie (Jeff) Michaels, Todd Wilkinson, Cristy (Tommy) Rayl, Misty (Jarrod) Imel, James Imel, Ryan (Sarah) Christopher, Aaron (Nikki ) Christopher and several great and great-great grandchildren. Margaret's life and love revolved around her family. She worked briefly while her husband served the United States Army during WWII. Margaret and Lester were role models for their children and all who knew them as they showed the true meaning of love, family and marriage. She took great pride in her home and loved to work in her yard. She attended the Abundant Life Church in Wabash, Indiana. Visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015 from 4-7 pm. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, with Pastors Jeff Porter and Ryan Christopher officiating, followed by burial at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Frederick "Myiles" Wilson, Sr.**, 93, passed away at his home in Peru on Thursday Oct. 29, 2015. He was born on May 19, 1922 in Fort Wayne, moving to Peru at a very early age. He graduated from Peru High School in 1940, where he was especially proficient in English Literature, typing, and playing the clarinet. His first job was as a custodian for Bell Telephone. He thereafter traveled and moved to and lived in Michigan, New York, and Connecticut for much of his life, before finally moving back to his home town to his own home at age 90. He is preceded in death by both his wife Wilma (Crawford) Wilson and his son Raymond, and survived by his other five sons James, Carl, Myke, Herbert, and Marvin; his six grandchildren, twq great grandchildren, and many nieces and

nephews. Those that knew him enjoyed his musical talents with the saxophone, piano, and organ, his love of people, his fondness of cars, and his appreciation for the Scriptures. In 1987 he was ordained an Elder in the Worldwide Church of God. Many would also say of him that he never met a person he didn't like, and was quite apt at finding the good in people. Memorial services for 'Myiles' will be held at 1 p.m. EST next Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 at Mount Herman Church at 451 W 2nd Street in Peru, Indiana 46970. A Repass will be held shortly after the service. Friends may leave online condolences at [www.indianafuneralcare.com](http://www.indianafuneralcare.com). Myiles will be missed by many. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Lucie Miles**, 81, Peru, went to be with the Lord at Lutheran Hospital on Nov. 12, 2015, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on Sept. 27, 1934 in Pfaffenthal, Gemeinde Luxemburg. She married Harold J. Miles on Jan. 25, 1957. Lucie went to school at a convent in Germany before marrying Harold and coming to the United States from Germany through the United States Air Force. Lucie retired from working in the Physical Therapy Dept. at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Lucie had volunteered at the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul. Lucie was well known as "the lady that walked all over town" - 7 miles a day, to be exact. She loved her family and always was a support and inspiration for them. Lucie never met a stranger and loved to strike up a conversation with all. She is survived by her daughters, Rita Thatcher (Fred), Fairmount, Diane Sharp (Greg), Peru, and a son Marlon Miles, Peru. Two grandchildren, Jess Sampson and Autum Salsbury and several great grandchildren also survive. Lucie was preceded in death by her husband Harold, her parents, and a son Jesse Ray Miles. A private family service will be held on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015 at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery where Lucie will be laid to rest by her husband, Harold. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 14, 2015

**James F. "Jim" Stuckwisch** age 78, Stockdale, formerly of Peru and Seymour, passed away Nov. 13, 2015 at 7:20 p.m. at his home. Born June 16, 1937, in Seymour, Jim was the 7th of nine children born to Edwin H. and Lydia Wagner Stuckwisch. He married Lois Jeanne Thompson of Monticello, Maine, on April 24, 1960. She survives. Jim was confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran School, Seymour, in 1951 and graduated from Shields High School in Seymour in 1955. He served three years in the US Navy and four years in the US Air Force. He worked at Cummins Engine in Columbus, from 1963-1967. He was an Air Reserve Technician at Bakalar A.F.B. in Columbus and was recalled to active duty for one year including a short tour in Vietnam. He moved to Grissom A.F.B. when Bakalar closed in 1970. Jim retired from Civil Service and the Air Force Reserves in 1992. His decorations and awards include: Air Force Commendation Medal (3 awards), Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Short and Long Tour Service ribbons, Air Force Longevity Service Award (5 awards), Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Award (4 awards), Small Arms Expert ribbon. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on the Board of Stewardship and was financial secretary for many years. He was a Junior Farm League Manager/Coach for 10 years and was Secretary-Treasurer of Peru Little League for several years. He was a member of the Peru Moose Lodge with a Fellowship Degree and he served as Trustee, Governor, and Past Governor. He was also a member of the American Legion. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor where he was also club manager from 1993-1996. He was a life member of the V.F.W. He also worked as a delivery person at Smith Office Plus. He was an avid bowler and was Secretary-Treasurer of the Peru Moose Mixed Bowling League for many years. Jim loved the NFL and was a true blue Colts Fan, even back from before they moved to Indianapolis. As an avid Cincinnati Reds fan, he still believed Pete Rose should get into the Hall of Fame. Survivors include: his wife Lois; daughter Connie (husband Tom) Ison, granddaughter Maggie Ison, of Prospect, Kentucky; son Terry (wife Marilyn Day) Stuckwisch of Winona Lake; grandsons Grant Stuckwisch and Phillip Dawalt of Winona Lake, and Kyle Dawalt (wife Haleigh) and great-granddaughter Leona Jae Dawalt of Ft. Wayne; brother Ervin, Seymour; sisters, Carolyn Staley, Seymour, and Gertrude Sutton, Peoria, Arizona; sisters-in-law Betty Williams Stuckwisch, Seymour, and Brenda Stuckwisch, Appolla, Florida, Donna Estabrook, Houlton, Maine, and Carolyn Thompson, Federal Way, Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Mathilda (Sis) Bode, Mildred Lynch, and Barbara Williams, and brothers Kenneth and Marvin Stuckwisch; grandson, Matthew Ison, and niece Tammy Williams; brothers-in-law Ken Estabrook, Paul Thompson, Clifford Bode, Harold Sutton, Max Lynch, and Don Williams; sisters-in-law Carol Thompson Rosborg, and Janet Tope Stuckwisch. Friends may call from 5 - 7 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Funeral arrangements Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Lois (Watson) Eberhard** of Colon, Michigan, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 after several months of declining health. Born in Peru on Oct. 19, 1925, to Ira Lee and Helen E. (Robbins) Watson, Lois graduated from Peru High School with the class of 1943. On May 28, 1948, she was married to Donald Eberhard in Sturgis, Michigan. They lived in Colon their entire married lives, more than 66 years. Donald preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 2014. Lois was a homemaker and office worker, retiring from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Michigan, after 20 years of service. Lois is survived by her three children; Phyllis Eberhard and Susan (Terry) DeBoer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Gregory (Patti) Eberhard of Three Rivers, Michigan; five granddaughters and their spouses, and six great grandchildren. Arrangements are in the care of Schipper Funeral Home, Colon, Michigan.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 16, 2015

**William D Kingery**, 87, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:45 am, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015 at Parkview Wabash Hospital in Wabash. He was born June 30, 1928 in Miami County to Alonzo and Lenora (Brady) Kingery. William married June I. Daine in Peru, Indiana on Feb. 12, 1950; she died Nov. 9, 2009. He retired from General Tire in Wabash, and after retirement worked at Wabash Electric Supply and Wabash Portable Equipment. He attended Christ United Methodist Church. Bill was a member of the Hanna Masonic Lodge. He

was an avid golfer, where he was a member of the Honeywell Senior Golf League, and worked on the golf carts at Honeywell Golf Course. He enjoyed working out at the Springside Fitness Center, woodworking, and being with his family. He is survived by two daughters, Susan (Jon) Baker, and Pam (Joe) Dyer, both of Wabash; seven grandchildren, Chad (Taylor) Baker of Mercer Island, Washington, Stephanie (Kurt) Braun and Matthew (Jessica) Baker, both of Wabash, Lindsay (Derek) Hurey of Chicago, Illinois, Alison Dyer and Sarah Dyer, both of Indianapolis, and Erika Dyer of West Lafayette; nine great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Phil Lake officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 9 - 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Springside Fitness Center. The memorial guest book for William may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 16, 2015

**Jeremiah J. Mathis** 23, Lucerne passed away at 8:21 p.m.. Thursday Aug. 20, 2015 in Rochester. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 16, 1992. He was the son of Guy and Bonnie (Biggs) Mathis. He attended Caston High School and graduated high school early from Penn Foster, where he also received a certificate in locksmith. Jeremiah was currently working at Wal-Mart in Rochester. He was a talented artist who enjoyed drawing as well as creating sculptures from various items. He also enjoyed fishing. Survivors include his mother, Bonnie Mathis, Lucerne; sisters, Robin and husband Paul Jeffs, Lucerne, Rhonda Layton, Peru, Regina and husband Paul Eads, Tennessee, Randi York, Peru; brothers, Guy Ronald Jr. and wife Denise Mathis, Peru, Tony Mathis, Florida, several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Guy Mathis and two nephews. Services will be a later date. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosfh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**Reverend Jewel Irene Pratt** went to be with her Lord and Savior at 3:29 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Nov. 18, 2015 at the LeConte Hospital in Sevierville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her parents Reverend Hugh and Bessie Berry, her husband Edward O'Neal Pratt, Oct. 4, 1974, and grand daughter Lisa Pratt, June 12, 1971. Jewel was born Nov. 26, 1921 to Reverend Hugh and Bessie Berry in White County, Arkansas. Best known as Pastor Pratt, she was a licensed minister in the Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee assembly. She pioneered several churches in Indiana including Kokomo, Peru, Wabash, Logansport, and assisted in pioneering the Church of God in Tipton. Pastor Pratt returned to Peru in 1968 where she pastored for 35 years. She, the members, and the Church of God Men of Action completed a new church in 2002. She was 82 years old. Sister Pratt retired from pastoring and evangelizing in November 2003. After her retirement, she moved to the Iris Vest Widows Ministry Center in Sevierville. She continued to minister at the center to many visitors and friends; praying with them for their needs. Sister Pratt may have retired from this physical life, but we are sure she is now rejoicing in the presence of our Lord and Savior for whom she labored endlessly in this life. Her hobbies were gardening, sewing, and she loved cooking. She also thoroughly enjoyed reading her bible. Pastor Pratt leaves behind three children, Hugh Lloyd (Oneda) Pratt of Columbus, Linda Jane (James) Cole of Kokomo, Terry O'Neal (Teresa) Pratt of Tipton. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren. The Reverend Jerry Ballard and Reverend Woodrow Alley will be officiating. Friends may call at the Flowers -Leedy funeral home on Nov. 23, 2015 at 105 W. 3rd Street in Peru, IN from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Reverend Jewel Pratt's final resting place will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 19, 2015

**Julie Verona Tiede**, 82, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:02 am, Saturday, November 21, 2015 at her home in the presence of her family. She was born September 18, 1933 in Universal, Indiana, better known as "Bunsen", the name of the deep shaft coal mine where her father worked, and only a short distance from the front porch of the miner's "shotgun house" where the family lived. She was the daughter of Michael Godo and Mary (Sander) Godo Conrad Moubray. Julie was a 1951 graduate of Clinton High School, Clinton, Indiana. She worked her way through college, and earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree, double majoring in Political Science and Slavic Language, at Indiana University in Bloomington in 1956, where she organized the Young Republicans. She married Charles R. Tiede on October 6, 1956, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Harvard, Illinois, where her mother lived at the time. Julie was hired by the CIA as a language interpreter, and worked many years as a homemaker. She was an organizer and active in Women's Aglow for many years. Julie was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru since 1979. She was a 24-year member of the Indianapolis Symphony Society, Wabash Unit where she earned a designation of Volunteer of the Year award in 2000 and served many years as chair of Symphony in Color. She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Tiede of Wabash; four daughters, Karen (Monte) Moffett of Porter, Indiana, Kathryn (Bryan) Meyers of Indianapolis, Indiana, Julianne (Michael Smith) Tiede-Smith of Wabash, and Margo (Mark White) Tiede-White, of Indianapolis, Indiana; ten grandchildren, Trey Moffett, Leah Griffith, Lauren Thrash, Alexandria Meyers, Aaron, Adam, and Ava Smith, Megan and Mattingly Tiede-White, and Michelle Von-Uhl; seven great grandchildren; sister, Ann Roskovensky of Clinton, Indiana, and her brother, Frank Godo of Harvard, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Franklin Scott Tiede, who died on June 24, 1980, three brothers, and two sisters. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth A. Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. The preferred memorial is Franklin S. Tiede Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Wabash County. The memorial guest book for Julie may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 21, 2015

**Darrel K. Hall**, 62, of Peru, passed away on Nov. 23, 2015 at 6:12am at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind., surrounded by his children. Darrel was born on July 22, 1953 to Kenneth Hall and Joyce Bowyer. He had many passions in life - his main one was being

a heavy equipment operator. He loved riding his Harley-Davidson alongside his sons. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids. You could always find him working or tinkering on something. Darrel is survived by son Jayson Hall (Peru), son Zachariah (Teresa) Hall (Peru), and daughter Roslyn (Nate) Hagan (Peru). Also, five grandkids: Madalynn and Brodie Hall, and Penelope, Delilah, and Juliet Hagan. Also, brother Tony (Tami) Spohn (Peru), and sisters Luisa (Mike) Murray (Peru), Tracey Spohn (Peru), Susan Hall (Florida), and Vickie Spellman (Florida). Darrel was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Hall and Joyce Bowyer, and brothers Paul J. Hall and Rodney Hall. Visitation will be on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 10am to 1pm. Funeral service will follow at 1pm, with Pastor Lew McKinney officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 24, 2015

**Gertrude Irene Greeson**, 95, Kokomo, passed away at 9 am on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at Northwoods Village in Kokomo. She was born on March 28, 1920, in Kokomo, the daughter of George & Katherine (Degler) McCarter. On Sept. 14, 1939, she married Harold O. Greeson at the Methodist Parsonage in Forest, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 2011. Irene was a homemaker and a member of the Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church. Irene is survived by her children, Harold Dudley (Judy) Greeson, Kokomo and Barbara Elaine (Larry) Ellison, Greenfield; grandchildren, Regina Elaine (Andrew) Jeffers, Springfield, OH, Paul Eugene Ellison, Indianapolis, Peggy Sue (Aaron) Gross, Logansport, and Katherine Elaine (Cory) Patterson, Bloomington, IL; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Michele (Ryan) Darling, and Kyle Andrew Jeffers, all of Springfield, OH, Jeremy Alexander Gross, Jessica Morgan Gross and Jenna Nichole Gross, all of Logansport, Noah Cory Patterson, Drew Ellis Patterson, and Wyatt Joseph Patterson, all of Bloomington, IL. Irene was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold Greeson, along with seven sisters and three brothers. The family would like to thank Northwoods Village and all of the staff for their care of Irene. Funeral services will be held at Noon on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial will follow in Galveston Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 4-7 pm on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Irene's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church, Logansport Church of the Brethren or the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 25, 2015

**Jack E. Snyder**, 90, of Kokomo, went home to be with the Lord at 9:56 p.m. Monday at St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo. Arrangements are pending with Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 26, 2015

**Mr. Norman E. Meiser**, 95, of Rochester, passed away at 6:53 am on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015 at Hickory Creek of Rochester. On Aug. 21, 1920, Norman was born southeast of Rochester to Charles and Etta Overmyer Meiser. Living his entire life in the Rochester community, he shared his childhood with his brother Rolland. Norman and Lillian Camille Thompson were married on May 4, 1946 in Rochester. They shared 45 years together. She passed away on March 12, 1991. Norman is survived by two sons: David Meiser and wife Mary Sue of Greenwood; Michael Meiser of Rochester; 5 grandchildren: Heather Meiser, James Meiser and wife Lindy of Greenwood, Matt Meiser and wife Gretchen, Michael Meiser, Amy Vance and husband Derrick all of Rochester; great grandchildren: Jakob Coss and Belle Meiser of Greenwood, Aaron Meiser, Nolan, Gavin and Maddox Lahrman, Andre Meiser, Xavier and Greyson Vance all of Rochester. Preceding Norman in death are his parents, wife and brother Rolland Meiser. Friends may visit with the family from 9-11 am on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2015 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Private family services will be held at a later date. Military rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Honor Guard and the US Army Honor Guard. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 26, 2015

**Roy Kelton Lavengood**, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 7:56 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, in the Hospice of the Upstate, Anderson, South Carolina. Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St., assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 26, 2015

**James Bruce Lamb**, 80, Peru, Indiana, passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born August 21, 1935, in Amboy, he was the son of Herman "Kasey" and Charlotte Waters Lamb. On April 18, 1969, in Amboy. He was married to the former Shirley Jean Gould, and she preceded him in death on May 1, 2014. Jim was a member of the New Life United Methodist Church, Mexico. He retired from Nipsco, and he was a United States Army veteran. He was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion, as well the Peru Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid gardener, fondly nicknamed, "The Tomato Man." He is survived by one son, David Eric Lamb and his wife Jennifer, Peru; one daughter, Julia Jean Lamb Glessner, Warren, Indiana; grandchildren, Shannon Nicole Lamb-Rector, Florida; Aaron J. Lamb, Rochester; Sara E. Hovermale, Denver; Stephanie Jean Glessner, Warren, Indiana; Jordon J. Lamb and Morgan L. Lamb, Peru; and five great-grandchildren; four siblings, Donnita Rogers and companion Don, Houston, Texas, Joyce and Paul Nobbe, Connersville, John Lamb, currently teaching in Palau, Micronesia, and Mark Lamb, Connersville. He was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Thomas Lamb and Kevin Gray Lamb. Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Military rites with full interment will be at 10 am. Tuesday in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Westlawn Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, November 27, 2015

**Mr. Jack Triplett**, 78 of Rochester went home to be with the Lord with his loving wife Phyllis at his bed side at 9:18 p.m. on Nov. 26, 2015. Born on June 20, 1937 in Wise County, Virginia, Jack was the treasured son of Thomas and Sarah Stella McGuire Triplett. As the youngest of ten children, growing up he shared his childhood with five sisters and four brothers. Answering the call of patriotism, Jack enlisted with the United States Navy serving in Cuba from 1956 - 1958. A few years after returning stateside he studied Lumber Inspection in Memphis, Tenn. Jack later worked as an inspector for Pike Lumber in Akron for over 31 dedicated years of service retiring in 2002, in Helenwood, Tenn. on June 30, 1961. Jack married the love of his life and best friend Phyllis Delores Pittman. They shared over 54 years of life's adventures. From their union came a son Rusty and daughter Melissa. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of three grandchildren. As a loyal member Riverview Community Church, Jack served as usher and was a member of the adult Sunday School class. To relax he enjoyed playing his acoustical guitar. He also was an avid fan of the Tennessee Volunteers. Jack was a member of the RSVP of Rochester. Paramount in his life were his grandchildren. He looked forward to their visits and making memories that would last a lifetime. Left to cherish Jack's memory are his beloved wife Phyllis at home, a daughter Melissa Patrick and husband Martin of San Luis Obispo, Calif., a son Russell Rusty Triplett (Laura) Cedar Rapids, Iowa, three grandchildren Sidney, Sammie, Erik Triplett, a sister: Ada Ruth Cantrell Helenwood, Tenn., a sister-in-law: Loretta Triplett Helenwood, Tenn.. Preceding Jack are his: parents, 4 sisters: Hazel Cunningham, Irene Lloyd, Kate Mullins, Frankie Triplett, and the four Triplett brothers: Herbert, Charles, Bill and Estel. A celebration of the life of Mr. Jack Triplett will be held at 10a.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at the Riverview Community Church, 3780 State Road 110, Tippecanoe. Pastor Rod Ruberg will officiate. Friends may visit with his family on Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester, and at the church an hour prior to services. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, SE of Rochester. Military rites will be conducted by the Fulton County Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made in Jack's name to the Riverview Church Roofing Fund. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, November 27, 2015

**Beatrice "Bea" Gilliland**, 79, of Rochester passed away at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, on Friday, Nov. 27. Arrangements are pending at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Myrtle K. Roop**, 92, Peru, passed away at 7:25 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 27 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born in Dunton, MI, on June 12, 1923, the daughter of Pearl and Laura Morrison Saltz. Myrtle married Martin Roop on Nov. 2, 1940 in Willis, MI. and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1997. Myrtle was a graduate of Lincoln High School, Washtenaw County, MI and was a General Tire employee for more than 15 years. She was a member of Gamma Nu Sorority and the Women of the Moose. An avid card player, Myrtle played euchre five days a week and was affectionately known as the "Euchre Queen." She was a talented seamstress and loved sewing, knitting and cooking. Myrtle is survived by a daughter Darleen Grady and her husband John, Peru, a son John Roop and his wife Mary, Idaho; grandchildren Marie Roop, Joanna Pepin and her husband Al, John Roop, Jr. and his wife Michelle, Michelle Grady, Angie Kaufman and her husband Cary, Shaun Grady and his wife Lindy, Kirsten Blakley and her husband Ryan; 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Martin, a son Edward Roop, brothers Terry Saltz, Kenneth Saltz and Morris Saltz, sisters Thelma Stockdale, Opel Button, Shirley Wtaker and Golda Houston. A service celebrating the life of Myrtle Roop will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Reverend Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Boulevard at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Betty Ann Meyer** passed away at the age of 71 years old peacefully at her home in Peru on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. She was born on Feb. 3, 1944 to Lester and Velma Salvator. She was preceded in death by Jim Salvator, Bob Salvator, Marge Hensen and Mike Salvator. Her living relatives include Richard, Bill, Gary and Jerry of Pontiac, Ill., Kathy Carlson of Champagne, Ill., and Donna of Cole City, Ill. She was married Aug. 31, 1963 in Sunbury, Ill. to James Meyer. She graduated May 25, 1962 from Cornell Community High School. She worked at Beacon Credit Union for Several years and lived in Peru until her death. She enjoyed watching grandkids in activities, reading and baking. She was also a member of St. Charles Church. Her children are James (Cynthia) Meyer and Timothy Meyer. Her grandchildren are James Meyer, Aaron (Sinead) Kelley, Kathryn Meyer and Jamie Meyer. Abigail Kelley, Madelyn Kelley, Paisley Kelley and James Meyer are her great-grandchildren. She also had several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Monday, Nov. 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. A visual will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 30 at Flower-Leedy Funeral Home while a funeral will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers make donations to Guardian Angel Hospice. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Roy Kelton Lavengood**, 85, Kokomo, passed away at 7:56 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in the Hospice of the Upstate, Anderson, South Carolina. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Greentown Wesleyan Church, 120 N. Maple St., Greentown. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, also at the Greentown Wesleyan Church, with burial following the service in Zion Cemetery, Kokomo. To read full obit go to [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com). Hasler & Stout Funeral Home, 112 E. Main St., assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.hasler-stout.com](http://www.hasler-stout.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Linda Lindquist**, 58, of Miami, passed away on Nov. 27 at 8:05 p.m. at her residence. She was born in Kokomo to Carol and Georgia (Graves) Theike on July 28, 1957. She married Jerry Lindquist in Oct. 1977. Linda was a clerk at Walmart. She was also a part owner of the Master Modeler Display Traveling Museum and was a member of the Miami Wesleyan Church. A patriot, she was also a member of AmericanHuey369.org and a member of the Howard County Vietnam Veterans ([www.hcvvvo.org](http://www.hcvvvo.org)). She is survived by her husband, Jerry, and her father, Carol. She is also survived by her son Ty Lindquist; a sister Debra Bumgardner; brother-in-law Rev. Mitchell Lindquist; and sisters-in-law Wanda Lindquist and Carolyn Peck. She was preceded in death by her mother Georgia; her son Brian Lindquist and her sister Cindy Ferguson. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. Wednesday with Rev. Mitchel Lindquist officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com). Memorials to: American Huey 369 through the Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 28, 2015

**Jack E. Snyder**, 90, of Kokomo, went home to be with the Lord at 9:56 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo. He was born May 6, 1925 in Kokomo to James N. and Cordella (McClabe) Snyder. He married Betty A. Blackburn Aug. 24, 1950 in Miami County and she survives. Jack retired from Delco Electronics with 31 years service. He was a member of U.A.W. Local #292 and Bennetts Switch United Methodist Church. He enjoyed collecting, especially toy trains. Jack served his country in the US Army 38th Infantry Division on a mortar crew in the Philippines during World War 2. He received a number of citations including sharp shooter, a silver star and was discharged as a Tech Sergeant. Surviving family include his wife, Betty Snyder, Kokomo, children, Sharon McKibben, Kokomo; Rev. Norm (Kathy) Snyder, Kokomo; and Joyce (Darrell) Colburn, Miami, Indiana; grandchildren, Jeremy (Andrea) Snyder, Mat (Valerie) Snyder, Kelly (Mark) Walton, Jennifer Hain, Jami (Jake) Warren and Jessica Hewitt; great grandchildren, Faith, Danielle, Wesley, Hailey, Kendall, Kaylah, Ethan, Leah, Eli, and Owen. He is also survived by brother, Bruce (Sharon) Snyder, Kokomo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Helen, Jerry, Frank, Henry, Bob, Billy and Betty. Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's honor to the Bennetts Switch United Church Building Fund. A celebration of Jack's life will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 with military honors at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with his son, Rev. Norm Snyder officiating. Visitation will be held from 3 - 6 p.m. Thursday prior to services. Murray Weaver Funeral Home assisted his family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com](http://www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 30, 2015

**Larry K. Devine**, 64 of Peru, Ind., passed away on Friday, Nov. 27 at home. He was born Aug. 30, 1951 in Lexington, Kentucky to Elijah Devine Jr. and Thelma Devine. Larry was the youngest of Five Children and the only boy. He married Catherine A. Devine on Dec. 2, 1973. She was the Love of his Life. They were married 42 years. He will be missed dearly. He graduated from Columbus North High School in 1970. Surviving is one son, Christopher Ross Devine, 25, one sister, Carolyn Eldridge, and his wife Catherine. He has one grandson, Jackson Elijah Devine, 3, who he adored with nothing but pure love. Larry enjoyed golfing and spending time with family and friends. Larry had a wonderful heart. Preceded in death are both of his parents, three Sisters-Lavina, Alberta, and Helen. A celebration will be held Wednesday Dec. 2, 2015 at the VFW in Peru, Ind. from 4-6 pm. He loved his family and friends with everything in him. Memorial Contributions may be made to the COPD Foundation or the Melanoma Foundation. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com). Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 30, 2015

**Loren E. Winger**, 87, passed away at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015 surrounded by his family. He was born in Pleasant Township of Grant County to the late Raymond and Lenore (Harter) Winger. Later his family moved to Howard County where he graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1946. On Dec. 19, 1948, he married Marilyn Summers who preceded him in death in October, 2012. Loren was a farmer, public servant, and real estate broker who lived and worked with passion. In 1958, He was named the Outstanding Young Farmer of Grant County and in 1959, the Indiana State Tomato Champion, for outstanding yields. At the age of 28, Loren was the youngest person to serve as Richland Township Trustee, which he did for six years. In 1958, he was on the original building corporation when Oak Hill School Corporation was formed and went on to serve as a school board member and leader for 12 years. At the dedication of the first Oak Hill High School in 1960, serving as president of the school board, Loren presented the building to the community. In 1974, Loren was elected to the Indiana General Assembly as a State Representative, representing Wabash County and parts of Grant, Miami, and Huntington Counties for eight years. As a legislator, he served on the Ways and Means and Education Committees and worked on legislation to eliminate the unfunded liability in the state teacher pension fund, form multi-county solid waste and recycling districts, and support local government control of spending. When Loren was presented with information from a personal friend about dyslexia, he authored and promoted legislation to require that all incoming kindergartners in the state of Indiana be screened for learning disabilities. This legislation which became law earned him the highest award given by a state organization which promoted children's literacy, one of his most treasured honors. In the early 1980's, Loren became a real estate broker and auctioneer with Schrader Real Estate, having an office in Converse where he specialized in farm real estate. As a member of Converse Church of Christ, Loren served as an Elder and was involved in many ministries of the church. Throughout his life, Loren was compassionate and always willing to assist others. Loren is survived by his four children, Rita (Ashley) Baker, Converse, Ryan (Honey) Winger, Marion, Ronda (Harold) Smuck, Converse, and Roland (Becky) Winger, Lafayette; exchange student "son", Lourival (Valeria) Junqueira, Campinas, Brazil; 11 grandchildren, Maridith (Andy) Marsh, Jared Malott, Emily Winger, Kirk (Danielle) Winger, Hannah (Sean) Scott, Leah Winger, Darren Baker, Traci (Ed) Bolton, Kristi (David) Sellers, Matt (Kamala) Smuck, Kari (Bret) Nelson, Cecilia and Helena Junqueira; and 10 great grandchildren, Luke, Lauren, and Grace Marsh,

Cecilia Baker, Cardin, Reece, and Casteel Sellers, Nayan and Asher Smuck and Etta Winger. Loren is also survived by two sisters Joan (Eugene) Schaaf, Kokomo, Leah Joyce (Art) Hubbard, Converse and one brother, Donald (Judy) Winger, Greentown. Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse. Friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at the church and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will be at the Converse Cemetery, Converse. Memorial gifts may be directed to The Ark Christian Ministries (formerly Rainbow Christian Camp). Arrangements entrusted to the Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Online condolences may be made at [www.nswcares.com](http://www.nswcares.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 30, 2015

**Paul Eugene Catron**, 89, of Peru and formerly of Kokomo, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucille and Paul Catron, and his brother, Douglas. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Stephen Damon, Timothy Damon, Susan Lorraine Reams, Rachel Reams, and Amanda Cornet and their spouses, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Paul is also survived by his sister, Colleen Emory. He served in the US Air Force during World War II, attaining the rank of sergeant. After receiving his Electrical Engineering degree from Purdue University, Paul worked 34 years as an Electrical Engineer at Delco Electronics in Kokomo before his retirement in 1986. He loved the outdoors, enjoying his time on their farm in Peru, hunting and competitive shooting. Paul also enjoyed bowling, golf, reading, and dancing with his wife in the Kokomo Dance Club. A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 from 2-4 p.m. at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home, 2097 W. Alto Road, Kokomo. At the conclusion of the memorial visitation, in honor of Paul's military service, the family will be presented with the United States flag by the United States Air Force Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation in the memory of Paul be sent to the Alzheimer's Association National Office, 225 North Michigan Avenue, FL. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online ([alz.org](http://alz.org)). A tribute to Paul's life may be viewed online at [www.sunsetmemorygarden.com](http://www.sunsetmemorygarden.com), where condolences may be shared with his family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 1, 2015

**Teresa Y. Maggart**, age 52, Peru, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at 8:10 a.m. She was born in Peru, Indiana, the daughter of the late Donnie and Christine (Hall) Sparks. She married James L. Maggart Dec. 31, 1984. Teresa was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved spoiling her two grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, James, daughter Alisha Rader and her husband Steve, granddaughters Vanna Drake and Sadie Rader. Also surviving are brothers Carl Sparks, Wabash, Donnie Sparks, Logansport, and Stacey Sparks Peru, sisters Frances (Phil) Black, Peru, Reva (Carl) Snyder, Peru, Tracey (Jeff) Price, Peru, in-laws Carolyn Alexander, Peru, Larry (Donna) Maggart, Amboy, Cindy (Steve, deceased) Maggart, Wabash, David (Sherry) Maggart, Peru, Gary (Judy) Maggart, Peru, Pam (Ernie) Taylor, Peru, Tim (Sue) Maggart, Peru, Jeff (Karen) Maggart, Akron, Chris Wheeler, Peru, Lynn (Scott) Devivo, Peru. Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, mother-in-law: Marie Bolin, a brother, nephew, and brother-in-law. Friends May call from 4 p.m. till time of service at 6 p.m. at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God (388 West 7th Peru). Service will Follow at 6 p.m. with Pastor: Bryan Maggart officiating. Arrangements Have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 1, 2015

**Shirley Jane (Miller) McKinley**, 82, passed away with her children and daughter in-law at her residence, on Dec. 1, 2015. Shirley was born on Feb. 6, 1933 in Miami, Indiana. Shirley was born to Harlan Edgar "Tobe" and Susie Ellen (Shue) Miller. Shirley was a retired homemaker. She was married to Francis Dale McKinley on May 16, 1954 and preceded her in death on Feb. 7, 2015. Shirley is survived by: two brothers-in-laws Jon and wife Mary McKinley, Jay and wife Nancy McKinley; two sisters-in-law Lois Jean Miller, Judy and husband Charley Smelser; two sons Robert D. and wife Diane, and Jerry McKinley; daughter Kay McKinley; 10 grandchildren - Michael Dewitt, Carey and husband Dallas Stout, Robin and husband Kevin McDowell, Ruth McKinley, Kristen McKinley, Joseph McKinley, Lela and husband Christopher Kaiser, Nicole Mosby, Amanda McKinley, and Dustin and wife Holly McKinley; 22 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren. Shirley was preceded in death by her father; mother; husband; sister Betty Quick, brother Richard Miller; brothers-in-law Kenneth Quick, William, James, and Dean McKinley; one sister-in-law Rose Emma Kirk Popp; and one great-grandson Bradley Eudy. Friends may call from 9 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at Allen Funeral Home, with Rev. Jay McKinley officiating. Burial will follow at the Galveston Cemetery in Galveston. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com). Memorials may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Team. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 2, 2015

**Gregory A Guyer** left this world on Nov. 30 2015 surrounded by his family and friends. He fought a long and courageous battle with kidney disease. Greg was born on July 12, 1969 to Henry "Butch" and Judith (Bonney) Guyer. He married Brooke Wideman on Dec. 14, 2008. He was a loving father to three beautiful girls Delaney, Addisyn and Alyvia -better known as "The Guyer Girls". He graduated from Peru High School where he participated in many sports. He played slow pitch softball until his health prevented it. Greg was a Green Bay Packer fanatic. It didn't matter where or when you saw Greg, he had a smile on his face. If Greg was your friend you knew what true friendship was. He had a gentle soul and kind heart. Greg is survived by his wife Brooke; his mother Judy; daughters Delaney, Addy and Livvy; sister Cheryl (Tracy) Johnson; mother and father-in-laws Richard and Renee Day; Dennis and Renee Wideman; brother-in laws Brandon (Heather) Wideman, Alan Day, Aaron (Shelly) Day, and Adam (Joy) Day; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was proceeded in death by his father Henry Guyer and sister Elizabeth Lee. Greg requested those attending his viewing wear their favorite sports team attire and think of this last gathering as a party to celebrate his life. Viewing will be Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 from noon till 6 p.m. with funeral service to follow at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home Peru. In lieu of flowers a love offering can be made to The Guyer Family through Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 2, 2015

**Myrna R. Loe**, 71, of Peru, passed away at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 at St. Vincent's Heart Center, Indianapolis. She was born in Peru on July 28, 1944, the daughter Richard Samuel and Jeanette Harris Witt. Myrna married George Loe on Nov. 5, 1960 and he survives. Myrna attended Peru High School and was formerly employed by the Blue Drug Store and Total Discount. She was a member of the Miami Nations of Indians of Indiana. Myrna was an avid golfer and enjoyed painting. Surviving in addition to her husband, George, are children Tony Loe and his wife Kelly of Grass Lake, Michigan, Georgeanne Loe and Shawn Shawver of Kokomo, and Greg Loe and his wife Lori of Galveston; grandchildren Jeremy Loe and his wife Katherine, Shawna Griffith and her husband Scott, Jacob Hurlock, Tyler Loe, Emily Loe and Evan Loe; great-grandchildren Kaylee Griffith, and Jack Griffith; a sister Nancy Fuqua of Roxie, Mississippi and a sister-in-law Judy Loe Wilkison of Martinsville. She also leaves behind her two Yorkies, Sammy and Boomer. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Phillip Witt. A service celebrating the life of Myrna R. Loe will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in the Frances Slocum Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 6 p.m., Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Wrestling Scholarship Fund. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 3, 2015

**Lynn Diane McKinney**, 76, formerly of Peru, passed away at 4:33 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne. She was born in Lafayette on March 31, 1939, the daughter of Dwight and Lucille Repogle Morecraft. Lynn married Richard McKinney in 1960 and he preceded her in death. She was a 1957 graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker. Lynn was a dedicated mother, grandmother and lover of animals. She enjoyed scrapbooking, sitting out on the porch during storms and walking in the rain. She also loved to color with her grandchildren. Lynn was a devout Christian whose faith guided her in every endeavor. Lynn is survived by her children, Sandra Kammerer and her husband Larry of Greenwood; Richard McKinney and his wife Cyndi of Panama City, Florida; and Susan Ziegler and her husband Paul of Greenwood; grandchildren Jessica McKinney, Matthew Ziegler, Angela Ziegler, Nicole Ziegler and Sarah Ziegler; and her sister, Judi Pherson and her husband Gary of Logansport. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Lynn Diane McKinney will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, with Pastor Ryan Lewellen officiating. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 6 p.m., prior to the services on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 3, 2015

**Rickey Julian Pettingill** passed away quietly at home on Tuesday Dec. 1, 2015 with his loving wife Patricia by his side. He was born on June 14, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio. Rickey joined the United States Navy in 1966 and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. Rickey married the love of his life Patricia on April 5, 2000. Survivors include: wife Patricia; son Michael (Casey) Pettingill, Peru; stepson Steven Ogan, Peru; stepdaughter Laura Ogan, Huntington; and stepdaughter Tammy Manning of Oregon; one grandson; one granddaughter; and six step grandchildren. In his pastime he enjoyed collecting coins, playing computer games, being a jokester and loving life. One of his favorite things to do was spend time with his grandson Seth. Visitation will be Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill with funeral following. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 3, 2015

**Marcella Angle**, 97, died at her home near New Waverly, Indiana, at 11:45 a.m. on Friday morning, December 4, 2015, attended by her son. Esther Marcella Bailey was born east of Peru on October 28, 1918, the daughter of the late Whitfield and Avice Reed Bailey. After Mr. Bailey's death in 1925, Mrs. Bailey took her six children to be raised on her parent's farm near New Waverly, Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Reed. Marcella graduated in 1935 from New Waverly High School. In 1939, she was married to Fredrick L. Angle of New Waverly, and they had four sons, two of whom died in infancy. Fredrick preceded her in death in 1961, and she spent the rest of her days on the Angle property. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one infant sibling, three sisters, Cleo Doran, Dorothy Bailey, and Lucille Robertson; one brother, Charles Bailey; one son, James Angle; and one great-grandchild, Bradley Hensley. She is survived by one brother, Robert Bailey, Pulaski, Tennessee; one son, Steven Angle, New Waverly; three grandchildren, Shawnn Angle, Peru; Kelly Angle Markley, Nixa, Missouri; and Wendy Angle, Springfield, Missouri; six great-grandchildren; and nine nieces and nephews and their families. Mrs. Angle spent most of her adult life as a proud homemaker, and had worked for a few years at J.C. Penny in Logansport. She was a member of the New Waverly E.U.B. Church, now the New Waverly United Methodist Church. She enjoyed painting, gardening, traveling, and most of all, her family. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at the New Waverly United Methodist Church with Pastor Gail Law officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4-7p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015 at McClain Funeral Home Denver. Condolences may be sent online at [www.mcclainfh.com](http://www.mcclainfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, December 5, 2015

**Connie Marlene Rowe**, 64, of Peru, passed away at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at her twin sister's house. She was born on May 5, 1951 in LaPorte, the daughter of Lawrence and Bessie (Personette) Burk, both deceased. Her sons are Jesse Maze, Peru, and Jordan Rowe, also of Peru. She is survived by her brother, Marvin Dunn. Connie is also survived by her twin sister Bonnie Durocher of Peru, and two other sisters Carol Samuels and Betty Landesman of South Bend. She was preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Bessie Burk; her husband, Arnold Rowe; her nephew Robert Glen Samuels II and her great niece Lincoln Grace Sutton. There will be no visitation and services will be private. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 7, 2015

A casual celebration of life will be held for **Wayne Alan Black** on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd Street, Peru. Wayne passed on to a better place on Dec. 4, 2015 at the age of 66. He had so much love for the family he's leaving behind: his wife, Berta, and son Adam (Cindy); the lights of his life - his grandchildren Ashley (Blake) Douglas, Alexandra and Kyle Black. His heart continued to be broken over the loss of his son, Aaron Black. He felt blessed to have his mother Lucille Huddleston, twin sister Jayne Black, who held a special place in his heart, a brother Terry Black, and sister Lana (Mike) Bullock, brother and sister in-laws Don and Ellen Englehardt, and Richard and Darlene Thurston, several nieces and nephews and their families. His father, Carl Black, preceded him in death. Wayne was employed by Miami County Highway for 39 years. Although he had many friends there, he had two brothers of the heart, Randy Hileman (Fran) and Dan Baker (Tammi). No words can express how grateful he was and how much fuller his life was because of these two friends. Being a compassionate person with a desire to help others, Wayne volunteered as an Emergency Medical First Responder with the Denver Fire Department for 13 years and had many good friends there. He was giving to all, even after life. He also enjoyed feeding and viewing wildlife, the Native American culture, and working around the home. He put every nail into the home of him and his wife, and since retiring at the end of August, had many plans for other home projects and to travel. Wayne brought such fun and laughter with his long winded storytelling that we so enjoyed even if we had heard the same stories before. He was a practical joker and had a great sense of humor. Wayne will be missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Denver Fire ERU. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 7, 2015

**Melvin M. Myers**, 83, of Peru, died at 7:25 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru. He was born Feb. 27, 1932 in Peru, to Vernon Wilbur and Esther Fern (Ream) Myers. Melvin was a 1950 graduate of Jefferson Township High School in Mexico. He served in the US Air Force for three and a half years. He was a brakeman for the C&O Railroad 23 years retiring in 1986, and also delivered RVs all across the U.S. He was a past member of the Peru Moose Lodge, and an eight year volunteer at the Miami Nation of Indians. Melvin enjoyed deer hunting and hunted several years in Wyoming, played softball several years for Hausske-Harlen softball team, and enjoyed bowling and rolled a 300 game. He was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events. He is survived by his daughter, Reja Enyart of Peru, three grandchildren, Metea Enyart of Peru, Nicholas (Courtney Hopper) Enyart Sr. of Wabash, and Taylor Townsend of Peru, two great-grandchildren, Kiearra Springer of Peru, and Nicholas Enyart Jr. of Wabash, sister, Fayette McClain of New Waverly, and his twin brother, Elvin E. (Dorothy) Myers of Peru. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Maynard "Pete" Myers, and Delmar Myers, and his great-grandson, Noah Enyart. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is the family of Melvin Myers for expenses. The memorial guest book for Melvin may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**Stephen "Pat" Buffington** went to be with his heavenly father on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, from the VA hospital in Indianapolis at 7:38 pm, with his loving family at his side. He was born April 15, 1951 to William H. and Kate Cole Buffington in Peru. Pat was a graduate of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, and a 1969 graduate of Peru High School. He went on to North East Oklahoma Junior College, where he played football and was on the team that won the Junior College National Championship that year. He joined the Marine Corps in 1970, and served for 2 years in various locations around the world. After his honorable discharge, he and his older brother, Bill, did a walkabout of sorts around the country, sharing their music and poetry with all. Pat continued to share his music throughout his life, having played in several bands in this area (Wishbone Blues and the Copperheads), plus just getting together with friends at the Walton and Galveston Legion and new friends in Macy. He loved his time with all of them, and in fact would drive in a blinding snowstorm, just because his fans might be there. Pat raised his three children pretty much by himself, often doing without so they could have what they needed. He loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart. He was really just a big kid himself, always finding ways to keep his grandsons busy learning and having fun at the same time. He was also an excellent storyteller, having been a storyteller in classrooms at his children's schools in Danville, as well as here in Peru. Pat is survived by his children, Ben Buffington of Muncie; Hannah Buffington Chambers of Fishers; and Emily Buffington Sopher and her husband Travis of Peru; his fiancé, Lorna Mills of Peru, and her son and daughter in law, Joshua and Nicole Mills of Elizabeth. Grandchildren include Dillon Gallahan, James Sopher, Embry Chambers and Lucas Mills. Also surviving are his brothers Bill, J.O., John, Joe, Pete, and his sisters Kate, Mary Jane, Erin, Maureen, Bridget, Shawn Mary and Coleen, and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents and his beloved brother, Michael Buffington. A celebration of the life of Stephen "Pat" Buffington will be held on Sunday Dec. 13, 2015 at the homestead of his very dear friends in Cass County, starting at 1 p.m. For details on the location, please contact Lorna Mills. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**Charles Edward "Big Charlie" Taylor**, 61 of Peru, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015 at Golden Living Center in Kokomo. He was surrounded by his family. Charlie was born on May 27, 1954 at his family home in Peru. He is the son of the late Wallace E. and Mary Katherine (Weaver) Taylor I. Charlie attended Peru High School. He worked as a Millwright and Carpenter throughout his life. He loved spending time with his family and friends, attending concerts, hunting, mushroom hunting and looking for arrowheads. Charlie met and fell in love with the love of his life while attending a YMCA dance. He later made her his wife. Charles and the late Virginia M. (Gibson) Taylor were married in July 1971. Charlie and Virginia had five children: Charles W. (Dana) Taylor of Mexico; Edward D. (Laura) Taylor, Montgomery, Alabama; Melissa L. Taylor, Peru; Teri J. Taylor, Peru; and Buzz D.G. Taylor, Peru. Charlie also has two other sons from a later relationship with Malinda Valle: Justin M. Valle, Peru and Wallace E. Taylor II, Peru. Charlie was the proud grandfather (Pappy) of 21 grandchildren: Charley and Ezra Taylor; Stephan and Brianna Taylor; Edward Jr. and Jordan Taylor;

Kayleigh (Enyeart) and husband Stephan Brinker; Raymond Jr., Joshua and Ariauna Mosley; Zane Featherstone; Mackenzie Anderson, Janie Taylor, Kiah Valle, Lillian Maus, Spencer Stapleton, Thaxton Rairigh and Wallace Talyor III. He also had seven great grandchildren: Aria Taylor; Lillian, Bentley, Bayleigh, Beverly-Ann Brinker; Skyla Mosley; and Lien Mosley. Charles is survived by: four sisters - Shirley and Jerry Willis; Sharron and Arnold Musselman; Juanita and Gary Colegrove; Ashley and Danny Church Sr. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Also, three sisters. Karen Murray and two younger sisters and by three grandchildren - Zachery Correll, Madalin Valle, and Cole Taylor. Charlie leaves behind many other loved ones and his special little baby girl Sissy. There will be a celebration of his life at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015 from 5 - 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks for any donations to be given to Flowers - Leedy Funeral Home to help with the cost of funeral expenses. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**David L. Eisenmenger**, 76 of Peru, passed away at 12:11am on December 11, 2015 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 8, 1939 to Edna (Jones) Eisenmenger Gano. He married Janice (Fultz) Eisenmenger in 1960, and she survives. David was retired from Schneider Electric, and previously served in the United States Marine Corps. He was also active in St. John's Lutheran Church, and volunteered with Helping Hands and Silver Arrow Boy Scouts. He also coached girls softball, enjoyed watching the Colts and the Pacers, and loved spending time with his granddaughters and family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years. Also, sons Michael (Tammy) Eisenmenger, and Dennis (Terri) Eisenmenger. Also, granddaughters: Amber Riley (husband Jacob), Shannah (Daniel) Hight, Brittany Eisenmenger (fiancé Collin) Hilary Eisenmenger, Sydney Eisenmenger. Also, great-grandchildren: Zoey Manual, Jacob Riley, Brock Riley, and Maycie Hight. Also, sisters: Joyce Ray, Indianapolis; Mitzie Chisom, Winston Salem, NC; Norma (Kessel) Harmon, Peru; Barbara Hamrick, Peru; and sister-in-law Diane (John) Deaton, Kokomo. David also leaves behind several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 from 2pm-7pm at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 10am at the funeral home, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwalt officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana, with Miami County Military Rites doing the military service. Memorials to St. John's Lutheran Church and for The Helping Hands through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, December 11, 2015

**Gerald L. Guyer** (May 18, 1933-December 10, 2015), 82, of Peru, Indiana passed away 9:30pm, Thursday, December 10, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Peru on May 18, 1933 the son of Paul and Nira Amos Guyer. Gerald married Paula Holden in Logansport on August 4, 1960 and she survives. Gerald was a 1952 graduate of Peru High School and a United States Air Force Korean War Veteran. His Military declarations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He was co-owner and worked in the family business Guyer the Mover, "On The Run Since 21". Gerald was a 50 year member of the Peru-Miami Lodge #67 F&AM. He was also a member of the Peru Moose Lodge and American Legion Glen Owens Post #14. Gerald was a lifelong resident of the Peru and Miami County Area and was a loving husband, father and grandfather who cared greatly about his county, community and family. His faith in the Lord was strong and steadfast and he was an active Member of the Independent Christian Fellowship Church of Peru. He was always quick with a smile and loved to hug. Gerald had a sharp wit and an arsenal of sayings including "No load is too big or too small, Jesus hauls it all" and "Jesus loves you and so do I". He would often greet you wanting a "Sho Sho" which means a quarter. Gerald loved the beauty of nature and the loyalty and the affection of his pet dog "Lil Bit". Surviving in addition to his wife Paula are sons James Guyer and his wife Marie of Peru, Indiana and Gerald Guyer II and his wife Tina of Peru, Indiana daughters Teresa Rasmussen and her husband George of Macy, Indiana and Janice Rockey and her husband Jeff of Peru, Indiana; grandchildren Jamey Guyer, Jeremiah Guyer, Megan Guyer, Gerald Guyer III, Jackie (Cory) Renforth, Jenna (Zack) Mongosa, Michael Rasmussen and Skiler Rockey; great grandchildren Logan Hayes, Evan Guyer, Kelsey Guyer, Addy Reed, Brooklyn Renforth, Kaydence Mongosa and Mikalya Mongosa; a brother Harold (Sonja) Guyer of Georgetown, Texas and a sister Katie (Jim) Wheeler of Boise City, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers George, Charlie, John, Harvey and Henry Guyer and sisters Helen Young and Naida Webster. A Masonic Service will be held at 4 pm, Sunday, December 13, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN followed by prayer service led by Brother John Garner and Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 11 am- 4 pm Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, December 11, 2015

**James (Jim) E. Lemons**, 57, of Amboy, Indiana, passed away on December 9, 2015, at 5:30 pm. His untimely passing was a result of a tractor accident. Jim was born June 18, 1958, in Marion, Indiana. After fulfilling his enlistment with the Army, he met his wife, Karen E. Lemons (Cramer), and married on June 18, 1985, later having two daughters together. Jim was an Iron Worker by trade out of Local #147 and will forever and always be an Iron Worker. At any given time, you could find him in his barn or taking care of his property. Above all else, he loved his family. Jim will be remembered for numerous things, but his big heart will be the one thing people will never forget. He was always there for you if you needed him and never asked for anything in return. Jim was first and foremost a devoted family man. His wife, children, and grand-children were his world. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Faye Sigler and father, James A. Lemons. He is survived and deeply missed by his wife of 30 years, Karen E. Lemons, daughters, Trissy E. York and Gina (Tim Howard), and three granddaughters, MaKayla, Brynnlie, and Emmalynn Howard. He is also survived by his two brothers, Bill Norris(Pam) and Jerry Glasscock(Jody, Christina, Jerri-Ann), and two sisters, Neva (Trissy) Gilbert(Jerry, Amy, Jason, Andy) and Patsy Brown(Van, Jenni, Patti, Adam). Long time brother and sister in law: Scott and Debbie Vawter and their children, Jordan and Chelsey. Along with multiple great nieces and great nephews as well as friends whom he considered family. Sticking to

true Jim fashion, the family request that you show up in your jeans and t-shirts. A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 11 am at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, Indiana with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Park Lawn Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4-8 pm Tuesday at the funeral home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, December 11, 2015

**Mr. David Glen Johnson**, 60 of Rochester, passed away at 3:38 pm on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at Center for Hospice-Elkhart Hospice House. On November 21, 1955, David was born in South Bend, a treasured son of Wilburn "Duz" and Darlene Engle Johnson. Growing up as the third oldest, he shared his childhood with two sisters and three brothers. David and Brenda Stallard were married on May 29, 1976 in the Church of God of Rochester. Together they share over 39 years of life's adventures. From their union came a daughter Brandi and a son Glenn. Over the years the family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of five grandchildren. David is survived by his wife, Brenda, his mother, Darlene Johnson; a daughter: Brandi J. Johnson Kneifel and husband Justin of Kouts; a son: Glenn A. Johnson and wife Bambi of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren: Kira L. Kneifel, Alaina M. Kneifel, Kaleb A. Johnson, Elizabeth K. Johnson, Addison R. Johnson; two sisters: Denise Johnson, of South Bend; Darla Stoll and companion Steve Mahoney of Rochester; three brothers: Doug Johnson, of Rochester; Dan Johnson and wife Terry of Rochester; Dean Johnson of Rochester and several nieces and nephews. David was preceded in death by his father and his canine companion Peaches the German Shepherd. A celebration of the life of David Glen Johnson will be at 10 am on Wednesday, December 16, 2016 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St. Rochester with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 pm on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, December 11, 2015

**Judith Kay Guyer** left this world on Friday, Dec. 11. 2015, with her eldest daughter Cheryl by her side. She had fought a long and tedious battle with several health issues. Judy was born on July 5, 1939 to Clifford and Ruth Irene Bonney. She married Henry (Butch) Guyer on Dec. 14, 1957. Butch preceded her in death in 2008. They had three children. Cheryl Lynn Guyer-Johnson of New Market and Elizabeth Ann Guyer Lee of Logansport who preceded her in death in 2011. Gregory Alan Guyer of Peru also preceded her in death recently in Nov. 2015. She was a grandmother to five children: Lauren Coleman-Shelbyville, Justin Clark-Kokomo, and Delaney, Addisyn and Alyvia of Peru, better known as the "Guyer Girls" She also had three great-grandchildren: Madisyn Elizabeth, Tanner Ray and Lillyann Coleman all of Shelbyville. Judy graduated from Peru High School in 1957. She was involved in several activities and clubs. She also made everlasting friendships that continue today. Her friendships have lasted a lifetime. Judy was a life-long resident of Miami County. She was active in the Peru Circus during the 1970's and was great friends with Willie and Millie Wilno. Judy was Head Wardrobe Mistress for several years. She also worked at Fincher Photo and the YMCA with Area 5. Viewing will be Wednesday Dec. 16, 2015 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home. Thursday Dec. 17, a service will begin at 10 a.m., officiated by John Armstrong, with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery next to her beloved family. Love Offerings can be made to The Guyer Family through the Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.flowersleedyallen.com). Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 14, 2015

**Max Legend Cavazos** born on Nov. 10, 2015 at 8:35 p.m. passed away in Mommy's and Daddy's arms at Ft. Wayne Luthern on Dec. 9, 2015 at 11:58 p.m. Max is the son of Emilly Darnell and Steven Cavazos. He is survived by five siblings, Chloey, Isaac, Wyatt, Sophie, and Violet. His maternal grandparents are Jackie Darnell and Phil Coots. Paternal grandparents Amy and Joey Cavazos, paternal great grandparents Karla and Joey Cavazos. Uncles are Casey Darnell, Noah Cavazos, Carl James Cavazos. He is also survived and loved by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is greeted in Heaven by his maternal Grandpa Darren Darnell, maternal great grandma Betty Black, and paternal great grandmas Debbie Cantrell and Cynthia Lewis. Max experienced holding hands with Mommy and Daddy, hugs and kisses, listening to Daddy's music, and being told "I LOVE YOU" an uncountable amount of times. Max gave us a lifetime of love during his short time on earth. Max will always be Daddy's best friend. His time on earth was short, but Legends never die We Love you Max Legend. Friends May Call From 1 - 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015. Burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery Peru. Memorials: Love offerings to the Max Family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowerleedvallen.com](http://www.Flowerleedvallen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 14, 2015

**Roy H. Atkinson, Jr.**, 85 of Peru passed away at 7:25 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at the Blair Ridge Health Campus. He was born in Peru on Feb. 25, 1930, the son of Roy H. and Marie Langer Atkinson Sr. Roy married Lillian Kemle in Peru on Aug. 17, 1958 and she preceded him in death on April 28, 1999. Roy graduated from Peru High School in 1948 where he participated in football, basketball and track. Master Paratrooper Atkinson served with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team during the Korean War. He participated in airborne operations on the town Sukehonsunchon, North Korea on Oct. 20, 1950 as part of the Battle of Pakchon. His military declarations include Japanese Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal with six bronze stars, The United Nations Service Medal, The American Defense Service Medal, The Good Conduct Medal, the South Korean Service Medal Presidential Unit Citation for meritorious service, Senior Paratrooper Wings and Gliderman Wings. Roy was a qualified jump master and parachute rigger. Roy returned to civilian life in 1953 and was hired as a stock boy by Delco Radio in Kokomo and retired in 1993 as a Senior Engineering and Manufacturing Technician. A devout Catholic Roy was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. His memberships also include the Elks Lodge, the Peru Maennerchor, the Peru Miami VFW Post #2067 and American Legion Glen Owens Post #14 was he was a past Commander. Survivors include: his sons Gregory Atkinson and his wife Jane of Kokomo, and Erik Atkinson and

his wife Tonya of Peru; daughters Marlene Stilwell and her husband James of Sumter, South Carolina, Karen Cruikshank and her husband Robert of Peru, Stephanie Dicken and her husband Jeffrey of Peru; grandchildren Alicia Liska, Shannon Atkinson, Kelly Atkinson, Anthony Atkinson, Nick Atkinson, Lyndi Burns, Kendal Cole, Katie Waites, Alex Dicken, Christopher Dicken; great grandchildren Nash Liska, Raegan Burns, Ryder Burns, Lauryn Atkinson and James Waites; a sister-in-law Irma Atkinson; special friend Sue Miles and God child Michael Kelly. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lillian, one brother Joseph Atkinson and sisters Mary Steinhauer and Ann Marie Wilkinson. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Roy H. Atkinson, Jr. will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W 5th St., Peru, with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery with Military Graveside Services by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and Friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN. There will be a prayer service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Roy's family would like thank Guardian Angel Hospice and Blair Ridge for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 14, 2015

Visitation for **Rena Faye Jenkins** will be from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at Mills Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, Centerville. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at Mills Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Alvey officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Rena Faye Jenkins, age 73, of Lilburn, Georgia, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at her daughter's home in Covington, Georgia, surrounded by her family. Born Sept. 27, 1942, in Peru, to Harrison and Inez Spencer Johnson, Rena lived the latter part of her life in Georgia. She was from the class of 1961 at Waldron High School in Waldron. Rena was a business receptionist for many years. She met her husband, Dennis, while she was driving a Ford Parts truck. Rena liked to read. She was very sassy with an outspoken personality, and everyone loved her. Rena loved to travel with her family. Survivors include her children, Steve Lux of North Vernon, Kimberly Lux (Chuck) Watola of Covington, Georgia, Richard (Jen) Lux of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Rick Jenkins of Carmel, and Marcia Beaulieu of Zionsville; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Barbara Ames of Cloverdale, Carol (Rick) Wilson of Peru, Patricia (Ray) Gibson of Peru, Sue (Don) Keller of Wabash, and Loretta Berry of Dayton, Ohio; nieces; nephews; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Dennis Jenkins, who died Jan. 1, 2015; son, Thomas Lee Jenkins; grandchild, Tiffany Nicole Carlo; parents; sisters, Treva Cunningham, Marge Thompson, Freda Cox, and Judy Montgomery; brothers, Kenny Johnson and Dean Duttonhaver; and daughter-in-law, Candy Jenkins. Visitation for Rena Faye Jenkins will be from 12 - 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at Mills Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, Centerville. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015, at Mills Funeral Home with Pastor Rick Alvey officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at [www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com) The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 15, 2015

**Mary Margaret Wagoner**, 93, of Logansport, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at Millers Merry Manor in Logansport. Born on July 12, 1922 in Fountain County, she was the daughter of the late Everett and Ruth (Cain) Bodle. On Oct. 1, 1938 in Frankfort, she married Leonard B. Wagoner who preceded in death on Aug. 20, 1998. Mary was a homemaker. She was a member of Metea Baptist Church, and 50 plus year member of Bethlehem Township Home Economics Club, and loved to play euchre very much. Surviving is a daughter, Ruth A. Erdmann, Monticello; three sons, Richard (Monte) D. Wagoner, Logansport; Robert (Marty) B. Wagoner, Tulsa, Oklahoma; William (Tina) R. Wagoner, Bunker Hill; 13 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Ralph Bodle; grandson, David Wagoner; and son-in-law, Harold Erdmann. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Shumski officiating. Burial will be in the Metea Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 also in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Metea Baptist Church. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 16, 2015

**Janis Mae Eytcheson** went on to be with Jesus on Dec. 15, 2015. Janis was born on Jan. 28, 1944 in Paintsville, Kentucky to Hobert and Sarah Isaacs. She was the youngest girl of six children. She was preceded in death by Bettie Isaacs Wright and Thelma Gene Isaacs. She is survived by Phylis Poole, Ella Faye Slone, and Hobert Isaacs Junior. Janis married Max E. Eytcheson on Feb. 18, 1982. They had three children between them - Glenda M. Catt of Peru, married to Walter M. Catt; Tammy L. Hedrick of Peru, widowed; and Tina M. Harrison of Florida. She was a grandmother of nine grandchildren - Savanna M. Brown of Logansport, married to Bryce Brown; Anastasia M. Chomko of Logansport; Tricia L. Armentrout of Peru, married to Lucas Armentrout; Amber L. Sheets of Peru, married to Travis Sheets; Jeffery Harrison of Florida; Daniel of Florida; Danielle of Florida; Erin of Florida; and Destiny of Florida. She also had five great grandchildren. Janis' life and love revolved around her family and friends. She retired from Lear Corporation in Peru. Janis shared her love for Jesus through her voice in song and passed that on to all of her children and grandchildren. She was a role model for all of her children and grandchildren always putting others before herself. Janis was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was often referred to as the peace maker for family and friends. She always brought everyone together. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9 - Visitation will be held at Flower-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 18, 2015 from 4 - 7 p.m.. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at Flower-Leedy Funeral Home followed by burial at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery on Logansport Road between Logansport and Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Retired CWO4 **James O. Cotant Jr.**, 69, passed away Dec. 13, 2015 at his home in Peru. He was born Aug. 3 1946 in Alliance, Nebraska, and was a veteran of the United States Navy, with 30 years of Service. He was a member of Church of the Nazarene, lifetime member of the Elks, enjoyed golfing, watching NASCAR, Nebraska football, and spending time with his wife, family, and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James Oliver Cotant Sr. and Dorothy (Brower) Cotant. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda (Smith) Cotant of Peru; his son: Kevin (Mechelle) Cotant of Huntington; his brothers - Don (Idona) Overton, Lexington, Kentucky; Dale (Vi) Overton, San Antonio Texas; Mike (Vonnie) Cotant, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Bill (Pam) Cotant, Florida; and Rick (Marilyn) Cotant, Torrington, Wyoming; and two grandchildren, Kaytee and Branson. A memorial service will be held at Church of the Nazarene, Saturday Dec. 19, 2015. Calling is from 10 - 11 a.m. with service starting at 11 a.m. followed by military honors. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.Flowersleedyallen.com](http://www.Flowersleedyallen.com). The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 17, 2015

**Shirley Jean Weaver**, 87, of Peru, passed away at 9:55 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born in Peru on April 15, 1928, the daughter of Daniel V. and Ethel May Thomas Holdren. Shirley married Eldon Weaver on Dec. 22, 1946 and he preceded her in death Oct. 9, 1995. Shirley was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School and worked as head cashier at Kroger's for many years. She enjoyed golfing and watching golf on TV. Shirley loved to visit her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include her companion Jack Sheehan of Peru, sons Max Weaver and his wife Joan of Peru and Mike Weaver and his wife Mandy of Chesterton; a daughter Carol Weaver and her husband Kenneth of Frankfort; grandchildren Scott, Andy, Jenny, Matt, Vanessa, Aidan, Logan and Kaleb and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Eldon, two brothers, two sisters and a niece. A service celebrating the life of Shirley Weaver will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather from Noon until 2 p.m., Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Vincent's DePaul Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Shirley was a devoted and loving mother who has made the lives of her children endlessly happy. She was loved by many relatives and friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [www.eddyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.eddyfuneralhomes.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 21, 2015

**Elvin Gene Rosier**, 86, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015 at Chase Center, Logansport. Born August 24, 1929 in Windfall, he was the son to the late Elvin and Mabel (Armstrong) Rosier. Elvin served in the National Guard for eight years. He was a farmer and retired after 30 years from working at Chrysler. He enjoyed farming and spending time with family. Surviving is one son, David (Krista) Rosier, Logansport; and three grandkids, Payton, Presley and Krosby Rosier, Logansport. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to New Waverly United Methodist Church. Services have been entrusted to Gundrum Funeral Home and Crematory. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at [www.gundrumcares.com](http://www.gundrumcares.com)  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 24, 2015

A Graveside Service for **James Robert Berkheiser** of Lakeview, Arkansas, will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, at Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery, with Pastor Donnie Hudson officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, from 12 - 1 p.m. at Kirby & Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bull Shoals. James passed away Dec. 22, 2015, in Lakeview, Arkansas at the age of 68. He was born Feb. 28, 1947, in Mexico, Indiana, the son of Joseph and Alice Mygrant Berkheiser. He married Nancy Gail Morris on September 6, 1969 at Peru and worked for Square D in shipping and receiving. James was a U.S. Army Reservist and lived in Lakeview since 2008, moving from Peru. He was a member of the Bull Shoals United Methodist Church and enjoyed boating on Bull Shoals Lake, gardening, baking pies and cookies. James' love of NASCAR Racing took him on his final chase to Homestead, Florida in November. James is survived by his wife, Gail Morris of Lakeview, Arkansas; two daughters, Neisha (Rodney) Gross of Indiana and Kylene Jennings of Indiana; six grandchildren, Julia and Landon Gross, Brayden, Noah, Ryley and Kyle Jennings and four brothers, Bill (Judy) Berkheiser, Charles "Doug" Berkheiser, Donnie (Emma) Berkheiser all of Indiana and Floyd (Nancy) Berkheiser of Florida and in-laws Staten and Nancy Morris of Lakeview, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister-in-law, Sharon Berkheiser. Memorials may be made to the Bull Shoals Food Pantry or the Bull Shoals Theater of the Arts. Arrangements are by Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services. Visit an online obituary and guestbook at [www.kirbyandfamily.com](http://www.kirbyandfamily.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, December 25, 2015

**Sandra J. Meeks**, 74, of Peru passed away at 7:50 p.m. on Dec. 26, 2015 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born in Allendale, Illinois on Oct. 23, 1941 to Andrew and Ella Jane (Baumgartner) Perry. She married Charles Meeks on Sept. 15, 1961. He preceded her in death on March 11, 2005. She is survived by her children: Michael (wife Beth) Meeks, of Wabash; Teresah (husband Paul) Campos, of Peru; Deborah (husband Sidney) Scott, of Ocoee, Florida; Jenny Cook, of Moore, Oklahoma; and Jay (wife Rita) Meek, of Jacksonville, Florida; brothers Virgil Perry, of Michigan; Keith Perry, of Michigan; and Jimmy Marsh, of Kentuck; and sisters: Gladys Sahli, Gert Hansen, Terry Marsh, and Dawn Marsh. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and two brothers. Visitation will be held at Zion Chapel Church, 915 South Broadway, Peru, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, from 2 - 6 p.m. Funeral service will begin at 6 p.m., with Pastor Rod Correll Sr. officiating. Memorials may be made to the Zion Chapel Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com).  
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 28, 2015

**Norma Jean Albright**, 85, formerly of Peru, passed away at 9:37 P.M., Monday, Dec. 28, 2015 at Monticello Health Care, Monticello. She was born in Cass County on Oct. 23, 1930 the daughter of George and Mildred Marshall Long. Norma was a 1949 graduate of Logansport High School and a member of the Zion Chapel. She worked at Hooks Drug Store for more than 30 years retiring in 1992. Norma was a member of the VFW Ladies Aux. and the Dukes Memorial Aux. She is survived by sons James "Jim" Albright and his wife Paula of Chicago, Illinois, Jerry Albright and wife Nan of Monticello, and Jay Albright and his wife Dawn of Rochester, seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister Nancy Deitz of Berlin, Wisconsin. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Frances Bostic and Dorothy Holcomb and five brothers, Joe Long, George Long, Keith Long, Paul Long and Jerry Long. A private memorial service will be held at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St. Peru with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 29, 2015](#)

**Margrett L. Clark** passed away on Wednesday Dec. 30, 2015 at 12:05 a.m. at her daughter's residence surrounded by family in Peru. 79-years-old, she was born in Wardell, Missouri to Buford and Vera (Smallwood) Green. Surviving are: two sons- Ray Green and George Calvin Clark both of Peru; two daughters- Lyvetta Jane Hunt and Mary Ann Abbott both of Peru; one sister- Peggy Kiefer of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was retired from Eck-Adams of Peru. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church Peru. There will be no visitation, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at [www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com](http://www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com). Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 31, 2015](#)