PLYMOUTH - Emma M. Arnold, 83, a former resident of LaPaz and the Shady Rest Home, died of natural causes at 8:50 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2001, in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, 222 Parkview Drive, Plymouth.

Emma was born the daughter of Willard and Edith Mae Penny Evans in Tippecanoe, Ohio, on November 20, 1918. She attended Ohio schools.

On November 16, 1956, in LaPaz, Emma and Levi S. Arnold were married. Levi died on October 12, 1995.

She was a homemaker. Emma left no immediate family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her spouse.

Visitation in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2001.

Emma’s funeral service, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will follow visitation at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

LaVon R. Balmer, 85, 406 E. Jefferson St., Bourbon, died suddenly of natural causes on Monday, Dec. 3, 2001. Von, a Bourbon resident for the past nine years, formerly of the Cass Lake, Minn. area for 20 years, died in the Bremen Community Hospital at 11:50 a.m.

Von was born in Plymouth on May 21, 1916. He was the son of Peter Balmer, Jr., and Marie Reneas Balmer. He attended Plymouth schools.

A United States Army veteran, Von was proud to have been a part of the Iwo Jima Campaign during World War II, serving from July 1943 to December 1945. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

On March 23, 1953, in Plymouth, Von and Eloise J. Beam were married.

A registered watchmaker, he was the proprietor of L.R. Balmer Jewelry on W. LaPorte St., Plymouth, from 1947 to 1957. For the next 15 years he farmed, retiring in 1971.

A consummate fisherman, he loved the sport. He was also known as a “tinkerer” and handyman.

Von is survived by his wife, Eloise, of Bourbon, and by two sons and two daughters.

His sons are Larry W. and Marsha Balmer, Plymouth, and Walter “Dick” R. and Jill Balmer, Bremen. Daughters Yvonne E. Balmer and spouse, Jim Shirley, Bloomington, Ind. and Darla Kaye and Patrick Finnegan, Bemidji, Minn., survive, together with seven grandchildren, three great-great-granddaughters and a sister, Bertha Balmer, Plymouth.

Von was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Ruth Balmer, and two brothers: Walter and Richard Balmer.

Friends may visit with the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services by the Rev. John Hand, Von’s nephew, will follow visitation at 7 p.m. in the

A graveside service with military honors, provided by VFW Post 1162 will be held at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at 10 a.m.

Memorial gifts in Von’s memory may be made to the Disabled Veterans of America.

Mary Lou Balmer

Mary Lou Balmer, 80, a resident at 900 W. Harrison St., Plymouth for 7 1/2 years, formerly of Conyers, Georgia, and Mesa, Arizona, died of natural causes following an illness in Miller’s Merry Manor on Wednesday, May 16, at 8:10 p.m.

Mary Lou was born in Fulton County, Ind., on Feb. 28, 1921. She was the daughter of Jesse W. and Ruth M. Allen Vice. She attended Rochester schools.


Mary Lou was a homemaker. She read a lot, but crocheting was her main hobby. She fashioned lovely pieces and gave them and other craft handiwork to friends and family. She collected hummingbird pieces and solving word search puzzles. She also enjoyed playing bingo.

A great cook; she loved to bake for her family and devoted a lot of time to her nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mary Lou attended a Methodist Church in Arizona and also was a member of an Arizona book club that exchanged books among themselves.

She is survived by four daughters and a son. Her daughters are Bonnie R. and Gary Veney, LaPaz, Ind., Kathryn L. Nine, Plymouth, Anna L. and George Christenson, Mesa, Ariz. and Cynthia L. Bunch, Charleston, S.C. Her son, James L. Balmer, lives in Peragon, Ind.

Nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews also survive together with two brothers, Jesse Vice, Jr., Leiters Ford, Ind., and L. Wayne Vice, Mesa, Ariz.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a sister, Opal Warner and Wallace Vice, a brother.

Visitiation with the family will be held Friday, May 18, 2001 from 5 – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 – 11 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services will follow visitation Saturday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, Rev. Charles Krieg, Pastor of Pretty Lake United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the Green Acres Cemetery, 401 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, Ariz. where graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2001.

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Loreitta M. Beatty
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Loreitta M. “Rita” Beatty, 66, lost her five-year battle with cancer at 1:50 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2001. Rita died in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home. A former resident of Clark Ave., she made her residence with her son David at 11779 9th Rd., Plymouth.

She was born on April 8, 1935, in Guthrie, Minn., the daughter of Lawrence E. and Esther
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Schooley Guise. As a child her family lived in various northern Indiana communities before calling Plymouth their home.

On May 28, 1956, in Tyner, Ind., Rita and Norman W. Beatty were married. Norman died on April 12, 2000.

As a Certified Nurses Aide, Rita worked at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home for over 20-years, and with other area nursing homes as well. She was first and foremost a full-time mother to her nine children.

She enjoyed flower gardening, embroidery, crocheting and giving wise and sage advice to her family.

Rita is survived by five sons and four daughters.

Her sons are: Michael W. and Shelley Beatty, Argos, David A. Beatty, Ronald E. and Cheryl Beatty, Larry N. Beatty and James E. Beatty, all of Plymouth.

Her daughters are: Evelyn J. and Steve Froeschke and Rhonda L. Sneed, all of Plymouth, Kathy S. Beatty, Argos, and Teresa A. and Jack Huffer, LaPaz.

Twenty-four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and several nieces and nephews also survive, together with four sisters and a brother.

Her sisters are: Zella and Dale Mangun, Culver, Barbara Carey, Inwood, Pat and Earl Wright, South Bend and Betty Green, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Eugene “Butch” Guise, of Rochester, her brother, also survives.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. David Kerchove, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, will follow visitation at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Rita’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Robert L. Berger

Lifetime Marshall County resident, Robert L. “Bob” Berger, 63, was diagnosed with a cancer related illness in the spring of 2001. Bob died at home in the loving care of his family and the Marshall County Hospice at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2001.

He died at 7439 Jarrah Road, Plymouth, in the home once belonging to his late grandmother, Clara Berger, where he and his wife have resided for the past 15 years. It has been a family homestead for over 100 years.

Bob was born in Bourbon, Ind. on October 19, 1938, the son of Paul Alfred and Dorothy Ritchey Berger. He was raised in Bourbon Township and graduated from Bourbon High School with the class of 1956.

He entered Radiology training at Memorial Hospital and later, St. Joseph’s Hospital; he received his continuing education in such places as New York and Texas.
In August of 1956, until October of 1959, Bob served in the United States Army: two years were spent overseas in Germany.

Esther F. Warren became his bride on August 24, 1957. The couple was married in the United Methodist Church of Bourbon by the Rev. Ross Ritchey.

For nearly 38 years Bob was a Radiology Technologist with St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend. He retired in October of 1999. He then worked for 1 1/2 years with Titus, Inc. For 15 of those years, he had also farmed.

Known as “Happy Bob,” he was a man of many interests.

He liked fishing in the local lakes. In the year 2000, he and his wife, Esther, caught over 500 fish in Cook Lake alone. Being a nature lover, he also enjoyed deer and squirrel hunting. He liked most sports for many years and was a Green Bay Packer football and an Indiana University basketball fan. In earlier years he coached and umpired Little League baseball.

Raised in the United Methodist Church of Bourbon, Bob was a joyful member of the Inwood United Methodist Church. He was a soloist and sang in the “Willing Singers” Choir of the church. He served on the Pastor/Parish Committee and could be counted on to help with all things regarding his church.

During his treatment in the cancer unit, he was “just Bob.” Despite his own illness, He worked at making things more pleasant for other patients, lifting their spirits and making them smile.

Bob is survived and will be greatly missed by his wife, Esther, and by their three sons and their families : Paul A. and Debbie Berger, and their children, Brandon, Phillip and Bryan, Plymouth; Robert D. Berger, Plymouth; and James D. and Debbie Berger and their children: Kyle, Jimmy, Emily, Jacob, all of Argos.

Also surviving is his step-mother, Mary Berger, of Bourbon, a sister, Carol and Carl Butgeriet, Churubusco, Ind., and two brothers: Mike and Linda Berger, Warsaw and Kris and Kim Berger, Bourbon.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. P. Michael Dixon, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church will officiate.

The VFW Post 1162 will conduct graveside services at the Parks Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial gifts may be made in Bob’s memory to the Inwood United Methodist Church “ New Building Fund,” to Marshall County Hospice or to the St. Joseph Cancer Center.

Henry C. Bollhoefer

Henry C. “Hank” Bollhoefer, 75, 4821 French St., Tyner, Ind., an area resident since he was discharged from the Marines, has died. Hank passed away in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, at 2:34 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2001.

Born the son of Mark Lester and Pearl L. McDaniel Bollhoefer on May 5, 1926, in Huntington County, Ind., Hank attended Jefferson High School in Huntington.
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He joined the United States Marine Corps and served in the Southwest Pacific during World War II until February of 1946.

On Sept. 14, 1947, in Argos, Hank and Virginia Jean Grossman were married.

Hank was a self-employed mechanic for 33 years, from 1960 to 1993. He had also worked for eight years as a John Deere mechanic for James Morrissey.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and woodworking and was a collector of miniature John Deere tractors.

A member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren, Hank had served on the Tyner Volunteer Fire Department. He was a Marshall County 4-H leader for a number of years and a member of the Marshall County Fair Board, serving as president in 1978.

Hank is survived by Virginia, his wife of nearly 54 years, a daughter, a son and their families.

His daughter is Linda and her husband, Douglas Cannan, Brandon, Florida. His son and daughter-in-law is David and Emilia Bollhoefer, Tyner, Ind.

Five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a step-great-grandchild, also survive together with a brother, Phillip and Ardille Bollhoefer, Rancho Cordova, Calif., and a sister; Alta Keifer, Huntington, Ind. A step-sister and step-brother, both living in Texas, survive as well; they are Nina and Reever Morris and Harold Reding.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Margaret Decker, three brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call on the family on Monday, June 4, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Hank will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2001, in the Blissville Church of the Brethren, 6250 Spruce Trail, Plymouth. The Rev. Jimmy Baker, pastor of the Blissville Church, will officiate.

A military service, conducted by the Plymouth V.F.W., Post 1162, will honor Hank at the graveside in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorials in Hank’s memory may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation.

Virginia J. Bollhoefer

Virginia J. Bollhoefer, 71, of 4821 French St., Tyner, Ind., died at 5:56 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. Virginia, a Marshall County resident all of her life, died in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth, following a brief illness.

She was born in Argos, the daughter of Lott E. and Corene Hagenbush Grossman on Oct. 22, 1929, and was a 1947 graduate of Argos High School.

On September 14, 1947, in Argos, Virginia and Henry C. Bollhoefer were married. Henry died less than two months ago, on May 31, 2001.

Virginia had been a bus driver for John Glenn schools for 23 years. She also had worked in the kitchen at Swan Lake Golf Club for 13 years. She worked with her husband, Hank, in his repair business as well.

Active in the Marshall County 4-H program, she was a leader for over 32 years and a 40 year
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member of the Home Extension club. She was a member for over two decades of both the Polk Township’s Fireman’s Auxiliary and the Walkerton Community Pantry.

She liked to crochet and was an avid gardener. Virginia enjoyed canning the vegetables she grew and showing her flowers. She also liked to walk and did some hiking.

Virginia is survived by a daughter, Linda and Douglas Cannan, Brandon, Fla., and a son, David and Emilia Bollhoefer, Tyner, Ind.

Five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild also survive.

In addition two sisters, Leona and Jerome Young, Niles, Mich., and Donna and Robert Loop, LaPorte, Ind., survive, together with three brothers: LeRoy and Donnabelle Grossman, Talma, Ind., Lowell and Bonnie Grossman and Merle and Dorothy Grossman, all of Argos, Ind.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Hank, a daughter, Margaret Decker, four brothers and one sister.

Visitation with the family will be at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, July 27, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Virginia’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association or the Blissville Church of the Brethren.

Gerald D. "Blondie" Bonnell, 79, 905 E. Berkley St., Plymouth, Ind., formerly of Star City and Culver, Ind., died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001.

Born in Pulaski County, Ind., the son of Serin and Bertha Irene Marvin Bonnell, on Oct. 7, 1922, Blondie attended Fairview School in Pulaski County.

He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Culver Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On March 15, 1946, in Rochester, Ind., Blondie and Dolly A. Nitzschke were married.

He was a self-employed building contractor, an avid fisherman and enjoyed and followed all Notre Dame sports.

In addition to Dolly, his wife of 55 years, Blondie is survived by a daughter and son and their spouses. They are: Patricia Ann and Gary Rogers, Rochester, Ind., and Steven Paul and Linda Bonnell, Brandon, Fla.

Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive together with a brother, Arnold and Florine Bonnell, Mishawaka, Ind.

Blondie was preceded in death by his parents, two sons: Dennis Jay and Gerald Lee Bonnell and three brothers: Kenneth, Cecil, and Keith Bonnell and two sisters, Sylvia Balder and Marge Killenberger.
Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, are handling the arrangements. There will be no visitation and no services.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorials in Blondie’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Society.

Floyd E. Burkett

A proud pioneer of the telecommunications industry and a lifetime resident of the Plymouth area, Floyd E. Burkett, 95, who lived for the past 71 years at 612 E. LaPorte St., Plymouth, has died.

In failing health for the past two years, Floyd died at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 8, 2001, in Millers Merry Manor, Plymouth, where he had been a resident for just over a year.

Born in Culver, Ind., the son of George and Pearl Wolfe Burkett, on April 21, 1906, Floyd attended grammar school in Burr Oak and was a member of the West High School class of 1924.

On June 28, 1930, in Plymouth, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary I. Welborn, his bride of 71 years.

Floyd was considered to be an authority on the history of northern Indiana telephones by everyone in the business.

He could fix anything. He said he started at the bottom of the business. As a “squeak” or groundsman, he dug postholes and set poles by hand. His first job was to string a line of eight copper wires from Warsaw to Knox.

Floyd started moving up; climbing the poles as a linesman and cable splicer.

During World War II, Floyd was in a profession vital to the welfare of the country and was exempt from service. United Telephone went to war. They handled, among other things, the Western Union.

Floyd was District Manager and Traffic Engineer for United Telephone for 42 years, retiring in 1969.

He has always kept busy, doing his own yard work and, with the neighbor’s help, took care of the snow until just a few years ago.

He enjoyed deer hunting in Montana and traveling to Canada each year for fishing trips until his age of 92. He taught each of his great-grandchildren how to fish. The Burketts spent many winters in Texas and then Florida.

Floyd had a great interest in his family and his church. A lifetime member of the Church of the Brethren, most of his years at the Plymouth church, where he was a former trustee and member of the Loyal Builder’s Class.

A past president of the Plymouth Lion’s Club, he was a life member and past president of the Independent Telephone Pioneers and a life member of the National Association of Independent Telephone Pioneers. He was also a life member of the Marshall County Historical Society and for twenty years, a Plymouth Fire Department volunteer.

Floyd is survived by his devoted wife, Mary, and by their two daughters and their families: Joyce E. and Frank Howard, Plymouth and children: Debbie Caudell, Springville, Ind., and Susan
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Wendel, Plymouth. Daughter Carol A. Magoon-Blane, her husband Mark of Indianapolis, Ind. and her children: Julie Desaulniers, Manitoulin Island, Canada, Bonnie Helton, Indianapolis, Maggie Magoon, Athens, Ohio, Ryan Magoon, and Andrew Magoon, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Eleven great-grandchildren also survive along with a sister, Rachel Wenino, Plymouth.

Floyd was preceded in death by his a brother, Clarence Burkett.

Friends may visit with the family to celebrate the life of Floyd Burkett on Tuesday, July 10, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Visitation will be continued for one hour prior to the service at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., on Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dave Kerkove, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Floyd’s memory may be made to the church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Lura Aldene Cline

BREMEN - Lifetime Marshall County resident, Lura Aldene Cline, 85, residing in the LaPaz/Bremen area since 1947, died at her residence, 10850 U.S. 6 West, in the company of her devoted husband, at 2 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2001. Lura had been in failing health for the past four years and died of an apparent heart attack.

She was born in Linkville on August 24, 1915, the daughter of James Lester and Edna Ruth Kreighbaum Wade. She was a graduate of LaPaz High School with the class of 1934.

On November 7, 1936, in Syracuse, Ind., Lura and Nelson D. Cline were married. A homemaker, she farmed with her husband. They were former Farm Bureau Co-op members.

Talking with her friends on the telephone was a favorite pastime of Lura’s. She was a homebody and had lived a Christian life. In times past she liked to bake for friends and family.

She had been a member of the Walkerton United Pentecostal Church for many years.

Lura is survived by her husband and their daughter and son-in-law, Julia R. and Greg W. Davis, DeKalb, Illinois. Two granddaughters, Dawn and Haley Davis also survive.

A sister living in LaPaz, Vivian Jean and her husband, Harry Shidler, and Bremen brother and sisters-in-laws: Wilfred L. and Elfreda Cline and Helen Klinedinst survive as well, together with several nieces and nephews.

Lura was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may visit with the family on Friday evening, April 20, 2001, from 6 to 8 p.m., and again on Saturday, April 21, 2001, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth Ind.

Funeral services for Lura will follow the Saturday visitation at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Arnold Smith, pastor of the Walkerton United Pentecostal Church.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Memorial gifts in Lura’s memory may be made to the Walkerton United Pentecostal Church 
1174 Lake Street, Walkerton, Ind. 46574 or the DeKalb United Pentecostal Church 1120 S. 7th 
Street DeKalb, Ill. 60115

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Thelma Burns Collins  
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Funeral services for lifelong Plymouth resident, Thelma Burns Collins, 95, will be on Monday, 
July 2, 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., 
Plymouth. Grand nephew, Mike Burroughs, will conduct the service.

Visitation with the family will be on Sunday, July 1, 2001, from 3 to 7 p.m., after which an Eastern 
Star Service will be held in the funeral home at 7 p.m.

Thelma, who resided 6785 N. Michigan Rd., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 7:10 a.m. on 
Friday, June 29, 2001, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She was born in Plymouth on September 10, 1905, the daughter of Elmer G. and Mary Louella 
Ebel Burns. She attended Plymouth High School.

On October 19, 1956, in Plymouth, at the E.U.B (Trinity United Methodist Church) Thelma and 
George Collins, the owner of a hearing aid company in town, were married. George died on 

For 35 years Thelma was office manager of the Security Loan Company, now AVCO Finance, 
retiring in 1970.

Serving people was her joy.

A devoted lifetime member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, she was a Sunday school 
teacher and a dedicated member of the Band of Hope class. She was a 50-year active member 
and a past Worthy Matron and office holder in all positions of the Eastern Star, Judy Grover 
Chapter #26. Thelma was also active in the Business and Professional Women’s Club and the 
hospital auxiliary.

She enjoyed traveling and crochet. She did her own yard work and, remained active during her 
senior years.

Thelma is survived by four nieces and a nephew. They are: Joan and Wallace Whitcomb, 
Bunker Hill, Ind., Richard and Marilyn Shreve, Huntington, W. Va., Mary Sue and Willis 
Burroughs, Argos, Betty Lou and Mearl Yockey, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Peggy and Dell Fast, 
Roanoke, Texas.

Other survivors include several great-nieces and nephews, step-children and their families.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters, Helen Hatfield and 
Gladys Shreve and Ford Burns, a brother.

Burial will take place in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Thelma’s memory may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church’s 
Elevator and Handicap Entry Fund.

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H. Ruth Couts  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

H. Ruth Couts, 95, a Plymouth resident most of her life, died of natural causes at 11:18 a.m. on 
Monday, October 1, 2001. Ruth died in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, 222 Parkview St., 
Plymouth.
She was born in South Bend, Ind., the daughter of Albert and Charity Shaw Cain, on June 3, 1906. She graduated from Howe High School in 1925.

She was first married to Chet Taber who preceded her in death. Her second husband was Loren Couts who also died. Melvin Couts who she married on Sept. 29, 1971, in Kankakee, Ill., died on April 29, 1999.

Ruth had worked at John Meck Industries in Plymouth and later at Heister’s Grocery for a number of years.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening. She belonged to a pinochle club for over fifty years.

Ruth is survived by Alice Rankin, a sister, of Plymouth, and by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands and three sisters: Ethel Weber, Maude Sharpe and Mary Bollman.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Memorial services will be held following visitation at 11:30 in the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the Plymouth First United Church of Christ of which Ruth was a member, will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Church of Christ.

Marshall Alexander Craig, 84, 2313 Benham Ave., Elkhart, Ind., a Marshall and Elkhart County resident all of his life, died, following an illness, at 7:07 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2001.

Marshall died in the Rosewood Terrace Nursing Home, Elkhart.

Born on November 24, 1917, in Plymouth, Marshall was the son of Frank and Eliza Annabelle Greer Craig. He was a 1936 graduate of Lincoln High School, Plymouth and attended various technical schools.

During World War II, Marshall was a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Corp. He was a member of the Plymouth V.F.W., and the American Legion.

In January, 1943, in Indianapolis, Ind., Marshall and Ellamae Ennis were married. Ellamae died in Nov. 1961. In Dec. of 1968, in Elkhart, he and Loretta Zimmer Gang were wed.

Marshall retired on April 1, 1984, after 44 years with the McCords Corp. in Plymouth where he had worked in the Service Plate and Layout departments.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose, Lodge and of a gun club in Elkhart.

An amateur ham radio operator, his call letters were “K9MSP.” He had been a private pilot since the late 1940s and was a member of the Mishawaka Pilots club.

Marshall is survived by his wife, Loretta of Elkhart, and by two daughters. The daughters are Julie Floyd and friend Warren Moore, Tampa, Fla., and Charlotte and Phillip Fifer, Sr., Riverview, Fla.
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A granddaughter, Kay Graf, Riverview, Fla., and a grandson, Phillip and Jean Fifer, Jr., Hanover, Md., together with four great-grandsons also survive.


Marshall was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Ellamae, two brothers and two sisters.

There will be no visitation.

Memorial services in the New Oakhill Chapel, Plymouth, will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 2001. The Rev. Mark Kloess, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, will officiate.

The Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162 will give full military graveside honors at Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Marshall’s name may be made to the Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162 or the Elkhart County Hospice.

Mildred Cramer, a lifetime area resident, living on Lilac Rd., for 44 years, then in Garden Courts East and the last year at Miller's Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., died of natural causes at the Manor at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001. Mildred was 93 years old.

She was born in Linkville, Indiana on July 7, 1908, the daughter of Elmer E. and Estella A. Michael Reese. She attended Shiloh and Linkville schools.

On March 12, 1927, in Plymouth, Mildred and Charles D. Cramer were married. Charles died on March 18, 1979.

A homemaker, Mildred assisted her husband on the farm. She also worked in the LaPaz school cafeteria for 15 years.

She loved cooking and was known for her fantastic pies. She enjoyed sewing and quilting, canning and gardening. Family reunion dinners were prime times for her and her husband.

An active member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church she was a member of the Helpful Hour and a former Sunday School teacher.

Mildred is survived by three sons. They and their wives are: Kenneth D. and Margaret Cramer, Glendale, Arizona and Ross L. and Marilyn Cramer and C. Larry and Patricia A. Cramer, all of Plymouth.

Fifteen grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren, together with two sisters-in-law, Lois Guard, Bremen and Dorothy Reese, Plymouth, several nieces and nephews, also survive.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Charles, three brothers, David, Noble and Raymond Reese and four sisters: Vera Marks, Lula Marks, Marie Winrotte and Ruth Baumgartner.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to the funeral in the church on Friday.
Funeral services on Friday, Sept. 28, 2001, will be at 11 a.m. in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. A grandson, Rev. Mike Cramer, pastor of the New Life Baptist Church, Mishawaka, and Pastor Bob Vardaman, the seniors pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mildred’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Lawrence Ladd Culbertson

Lawrence Ladd Culbertson, died of natural causes at 12:20 p.m., Saturday, December 22, 2001 in the Michigan Masonic Home, Alma, Michigan; where he had resided since March of 1999.

Larry was born the son of Lewis H. and LeNora Belle Greene Culbertson, on December 9, 1910 in Marion, Indiana. Raised in Marion, he was a 1928 graduate of Marion High School.

On December 2, 1956 in Burr Oak, Indiana, Larry married the former Olive A. (Lee) Burkett. She survives and resides at the Masonic Home in Alma.

Larry and his wife co-owned and operated the Culbertson Market in Baldwin, Michigan from 1960 to 1977. There he was a Past President of the Baldwin Rotary Club, and the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, also having served as a Lake County Commissioner. He held membership in the Baldwin Eastern Star and was a life member of the Masonic Lodge of Cassopolis, Michigan.

He had been a former employee of the South Bend Bendix Corporation for 17 years. For many years the Culbertson’s resided in Culver and South Bend, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife Olive, a daughter, Starr and her husband Joseph Kachoris of Niles, Michigan and a son, Lawrence L. and his wife Jennifer of Spring Lake, Michigan. Eight grandchildren and six great-grand children also survive.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold E. and William L. Culbertson.

As were his wishes, there will be no services or visitation, cremation will take place and his ashes returned to the Baldwin area he so loved.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Michigan Masonic Home, 1268 Masonic St. Alma, Michigan 48801.

Rosemary Delaney

Rosemary “Rosie” Delaney, 86, a nearly 50-year resident of Shady Rest, living since May 21, 1996, in the Walnut Creek Nursing Home, 309 Kingston Rd., Plymouth, has died.

Rosie, remembered as “a little angel, beloved by everyone,” had been in failing health for the past six months. She died at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2001.

Never married, Rosie was born on July 2, 1915, in Detroit, Mich. She was the daughter of William and Mable Donovan Delaney.

Her father was a railroad man and when he died she came to Shady Rest. She helped to feed, bathe and assist the older people at the Home.

For many years, the petite little lady worked in the kitchen of Shady Rest. She loved Shady Rest and her fellow residents often expressing concern for its’ future.
"I used to get up t 5 a.m." she said in an interview in 1990, "to start cooking. Everybody like my cooking and I sure like everybody here."

At Shady Rest, she picked strawberries, hoed the garden, milked cows and made her own cottage cheese and butter. She remembered carrying water for resident's showers and baths in big marble bowls.

When Mrs. Harold Kruger, a past administrator of the Home, organized a trip to the Holy Land, Rosie, who had never been anywhere....went." She had a wonderful time. Later she visited England, Scotland and Ireland.

She loved to visit with folks and to show-off her collection of angel and cat figurines. She was especially fond of cats.

She loved to attend Mass at St. Michael's, and have lunch with the Harvest House group. Rosie enjoyed summer retreats at Ancilla Domini, and was a member of Christian Women.

Rosie is survived by a nephew, Michael Pavack of Crestwood, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Denise Kusk and Marie Howard and a step-sister, Myrtle Kirkwood.

Friends may pay their last respects to Rosie from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church of which she was a devoted member, will be on Friday, May 25, 2001, at 11 a.m. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Rosie's memory may be made to the St. Michael's Mission 2000.

Flossie I. Denney

Eighty-eight year old Flossie I. Denney, affectionately called Penny by her spouse, died, following an illness, at 10:03 p.m., on Sunday, June 17, 2001. Flossie who lived at 308 E. Plum St., Argos, died in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, where she had been a resident for one year.

She was born on January 11, 1913, in Plymouth, the daughter of George Jackson Yeazel and Nancy Loretta Harrell Yeazel. She attended Plymouth schools.


A homemaker, she was a former employee of Ball Band in Mishawaka.

She loved to babysit her grandchildren and a neighborhood child from time to time. She was active and involved in kitchen duties and was known as a good cook and bread baker.

A person of many diverse interests and tastes Flossie loved animals, especially cats. She took an interest in crafts, liked to dance and was involved in Real Meal activities. She enjoyed all kinds of gardening: flowers, strawberries and fruit trees.
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Flossie was a former member of the Plymouth Chapter 1355 of the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by three sons and a daughter. They are Gerald “Tony” and his wife, Susie Denney, Roger D. and his wife, Pam Denney and Patsy L. Fretz, all of Argos. A third son and daughter-in-law, David B. and Beth Denney, live in New Haven, Ind.

Eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren survive as well.

Flossie was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a great-grandson, Guy Anthony Jacobson, two brothers, Victor and Dale Yeazel and three sisters: Fern Lyons, Cora Denney and Joy Yeazel.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2001, in the funeral home and will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Klatt, retired pastor of the Argos Wesleyan Methodist Church of which Flossie had attended.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts may be made the Cancer, Alzheimer’s or Diabetes Association.

D. Keith Dillingham

D. Keith Dillingham, 85, residing on Webster Ave., died at 1:34 a.m., on Friday, April 13, 2001, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Keith was born Nov. 17, 1915 in Bourbon to Bert and Addie Fretz Dillingham. He was a longtime resident of the Bourbon community, moving to Plymouth in 1987.

On February 27, 1938, Keith and Norma Neidlinger were married in South Bend.

Keith was a 1933 graduate of Bourbon High School, and was very active in the Bourbon community for many years. He owned Dillingham’s Grocery for 30 years, was a past member and officer of the Bourbon Lion’s club, a charter member and past president of the Diamond K. Kiwanis club, and past president of the Bourbon Chamber of Commerce. Keith was instrumental in starting the Bourbon Youth Center, which was located on the second floor of the Fire Station.

Keith was a Master Mason and past Master of Bourbon Masonic Lodge #227, a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of South Bend, and the Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne.

Norma, Keith’s wife of 63 years, survives, along with two sons, Tim Dillingham of Carmel, IN and Lew and Lonnie Dillingham of Germantown, TN. Two granddaughters, Rebecca and Jack Waldron of Noblesville, IN and Leslie Dillingham of Germantown, TN, a grandson, Brad Dillingham of Indianapolis, IN, a step-grandson, Michael Fant of Cordova, TN, and a great-grandson, John Timothy Waldron also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Stephan Keith Dillingham; a granddaughter, Beth Ann Dillingham; a brother, Robert W. Dillingham; one half-brother and three half-sisters.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and one hour prior to services in the church on Tuesday.

Services, officiated by the Rev. Larry Houseman, will be Tuesday, April 17, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where Keith was a member.
Evelyn M. Dolph

Evelyn M. Dolph, 74, a lifetime resident of Marshall County, died of natural causes at her residence, 187 Pine Road, Plymouth, at 12:05 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

Evelyn was born on Mar. 8, 1927, the daughter of Clem H. and Myra A. Seltenright Dolph. She was a Tyner High School graduate.

Years later Evelyn was involved in nursing care at the Teegarden Nursing home. She also farmed with her family on the land at the home where she was born, where she lived all of her life and where she died.

She loved the Shropshire Sheep that her family bred. From the 1930’s into the 50’s, Evelyn traveled throughout the midwest with her parents, involved in 4H programs and open class shows for their prize sheep. She was involved in 4H most of her life, she won ribbons at fairs for the flowers and vegetables she grew and canned on the farm.

She was a lifetime member of the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, singing in the church choir many years and was also a member of the Purdue Extension’s Marshall County Chorus. Evelyn served as secretary of her church group, Friends and Neighbors.

Evelyn was a private but friendly person, who often visited with people confined to their home or in nursing facilities.

She is survived by Phyllis Dolph, a sister-in-law, Plymouth, two nephews and four nieces. They are: Dennis and Nancy Dolph, Walkerton, and Dean A. and Cheri Dolph, Plymouth, Jo Ann M. and Alan Nichols, Wanatah, Thelma M. and Randy Reed, Bremen, Betty L. and Paul Thiede, Windfall, Ind., and Alice L. and Ken Ballard, Knox.

A foster brother, Elmer and his wife Joyce Halt of Plymouth and eleven grand nieces and nephews survive as well.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, John A. Dolph, a brother and Florence Ann Dolph, a niece.

Friends may visit with her family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one-hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

The Rev. Norman Replogle, pastor of the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, 69531 Pine Road, North Liberty, Ind. will officiate at Evelyn’s funeral services to be held in the church at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, 2001.

Burial will be in Fair Cemetery, North Liberty.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren.
PLYMOUTH - Anna M. “Ann” Donohue, 88, 700 Rex St., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 1:10 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2001 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. Ann was a 45-year resident of Plymouth, coming from New York, N.Y. and Southbridge, Mass.

She was born in New York city, N.Y., on December 9, 1912, the daughter of John Terhune and Theresa McCoy Terhune. She graduated from Washington Irving High School in Manhattan and attended business school for one year.

Ann was married to Robert Hansen, who died in 1951. She later married Walter Donohue. Walter died on December 1, 1966.

Ann was a bank teller for twenty years with the Marshall County Building & Loan. She also worked for 12 years in the Valley American Bank of South Bend.

She was a movie buff, enjoying the silver screen. She loved to knit and crochet.

She was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth and a former member of the Women of the Moose, Plymouth.

Ann is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta “Bobbie” and Karl Anderson, Plymouth.

Two granddaughters and their husbands also survive. They are: Melanie and Thomas Van Dyck, Ft. Wayne, and Andrea and Jeff Lightfoot, Indianapolis. A grandson and his wife, Michael and Lauren Rizzo of Portland, Ore., and two great-granddaughters, Lindsey and Emily Van Dyck and a great-grandson, Connor Lightfoot, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her spouses and two children: John A. “Jack” Hansen, a son, and Judy Rizzo, a daughter. Louis Rizzo, a son-in-law, four brothers and four sisters have also died.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 7 p.m., on Sunday, April 22, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A prayer service will be held following visitation at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Ann will be on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 1 o’clock in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Ann’s memory may be made to St. Michael’s Mission 2000 or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Mardell E. Druzik, 57, suffered an aneurysm at home in the company of family on Saturday, April 28th and was taken by air ambulance to Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne where she died following surgery and complications at 8 a.m. Friday, May 04, 2001. Mardell was a giver, and although her life was to short and left us to soon, she continued to share with others even in death. According to her wishes she was entered into the Organ Donor Program and will provide renewed life for others.

Mardell has resided at 8300 St. Rd. 17 since 1993 coming from the Chicago area. She was born the daughter of Robert A. and Theresa A. Marx Girmscheid in Chicago on August 31, 1943. She graduated from the St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1961 and attended the Sacred Heart College in Wichita, Kansas.
On October 10, 1964 she and Jack J. Druzik were married in Chicago, he survives. Mardell worked as a secretary for the Maintenance and Engineering Dept. of the South Chicago Community Hospital for 20 years. She then became involved with the Chicago Institute for Spiritual Leadership and after moving to Plymouth served as a secretary for the Kaleidoscope Children’s Center.

Her grandchildren were very special to her and she enjoyed baking and flower gardening, often in the company of her pet dog "Snooky". Mardell was a former member of Annunciata Catholic Church in Chicago and a current member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Plymouth, where she was involved in the Altar Rosary Society. She was a dedicated volunteer with the Marshall County Hospice program, the Horse Assisted Therapy for Handicap Children and Chapter 1355 Women of the Moose.

Survivors include her loving husband of 37 years, three beloved daughters and five precious grandchildren. Daughters; Deborah A. Hinds and children Justin J. and Valerie of Orland Park, Ill., Renee and Jim Lemanski and children Nicholas, Jimmy and Marcus Lemanski of Lisle, Ill., Deanna and Gene Hixson of Collierville, Tenn. Three brothers and two sisters also survive; her brothers are: Robert Girmscheid of Maryland, Lew and Joan Girmscheid of Batavia, Ill., Bert and Sue Girmscheid of Scottsdale, Arizona and sisters: Sr. Verene Girmscheid O.S.F. of Hammond, Ind. and Gerri and Walt Draus of Lombard, Ill. Numerous nieces and nephews survive along with Mardell’s mother-in-law, Virginia A. Druzik and sister-in-law, Judi Druzik both of Plainfield, Ill

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Theresa Girmscheid.

Friends are invited to visit with family on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 from 2 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson – Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where a Prayer Service will be held following visitation at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by family friend Fr. Joe Carey C.S.C. of Notre Dame and Pastor Anthony Gillespie at 11 a.m. Wed., May 9, 2001 in St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St. Plymouth.

Preferred memorial gifts in Mardell’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice Program 112 S. Center Street Suite C. Plymouth, Indiana 46563 or NIRHA - Horse Assisted Therapy for Handicap Children P.O. Box 81 Donaldson, Indiana 46513

Catherine M. Fisher

Catherine M. “Katie” Fisher, 96, died, following an illness, at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001 at the Catherine Kasper Life Center, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, her home since 1990. She was a former 30 year resident of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and 19 years of Merritt Island, Florida.

Born on March 2, 1905, in Champaign, Ill., Katie was the daughter of Henry and Anna Knupp Irle. She graduated from Campaign schools and attended Illinois University.

In April of 1926, Katie and Ellis Fisher were married in Champaign. Her husband died on July 10, 1973.

A housewife and mother, Katie enjoyed playing the piano and was a part of several senior citizen bands. While in Ft. Wayne she assisted her husband at Vesey’s Floral Shop.

She was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Katie is survived by two daughters: Sister Joan Fisher, PHJC, Gary, Ind., and Rosemary and Robert Haber, Merritt Island, Fla.

Five grandchildren also survive. They are: Kymm and Kevin Ivy, Robert Haver, Jr., and wife Lisa
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All of Merritt Island, Florida; Michael and Annette Haber, of Orlando, FL; Pat Haber of Deer Field Beach, FL, and Susan and Mark Sayger of North Carolina. Eight great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, a sister Elsie Babb and two brothers, Cletus and Harvey Irle.

Visitation will be in the Catherine Kasper Chapel on Friday, Dec. 28, 2001, from 4:30 to 9 p.m. An Evensong vigil service will be held at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Katie will be held in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Father Edward Konerman S.J., will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Champaign, Ill.

Memorial gifts may be made to Ancilla Domini.

Arabella Flory

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Lifetime Plymouth resident, Arabella "Arbie" Flory, 79, living at 701 W. Garro St., Plymouth, for the past 61 years, died of natural causes at 8:56 a.m., on Wednesday, April 11, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, where she had been a patient for the past two weeks.

Arabella was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Earl and Ethel Hossler Gottschalk, on March 18, 1922.

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1941 and six months later, on Dec. 8, 1941, in Plymouth, she and Harold E. Flory were married. Harold died on July 12, 1999.

Arabella worked many years as a clerk for Harvey's Dimestore and Harvey Mart until retiring in 1991.

Family was very important to Arabella and she enjoyed her grandchildren's presence very much. A flower gardener, she was an expert seamstress who enjoyed sewing clothing. She and her husband were Sunday evening racing fans and loved following stock car races at the Plymouth Raceway and throughout the area.

A lifetime member of the First United Church of Christ, Arabella was very much involved in volunteer work at the church, in the Ladies Guild and the Excelsior Sunday School Class.

Arabella is survived by two sons and their families: Larry L. and Lonnie Flory and their children, Michael A. and Angel Flory, all of Warsaw, and Terry L. and Diana Flory, Plymouth, and children Scott A. and Lori Hammel, Argos and Jana R. Wiseman, Plymouth.

Six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Arabella was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of fifty-seven years, two sisters, Mary Louise Gridley and Corinne I. Sherer, and an infant brother.

Friends will be welcomed to visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Funeral services at the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2001. The Rev. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the church, will
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Rose Marie Fox, 80, formerly of 9680 Union Road, and since 1997, a resident of the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, died, following a lengthy illness at 7:21 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

Rose was born in Chicago on August 16, 1920, the daughter of Richard and Anna B. Buettner Ehrlicher. She graduated from Chicago’s St. Augustine High School in 1937.

On September 13, 1941, in Chicago, Rose and Joseph J. Fox were married. Joseph died on December 22, 1999.

A homemaker, Rose operated “God’s Garage Sale” at her home for 25 years. Proceeds benefited the sisters of Ancilla Domini.

Her heart and her interests were always with the needy. She enjoyed working with migrant programs and wrapped dozens of Christmas gifts for their children.

A devout Roman Catholic, Rose was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic parish. She was a member of Harvest House, an associate member of Ancilla Domini Sisters, St. Vincent’s Aid in Plymouth, and president of the Mother’s Club of Divine Heart Seminary. In Chicago she served as a District Chairman of Our Lady’s Volunteers and Chairman of Spiritual Development and Secretary of St. Anne’s Society.

Rose is survived by two sons and a daughter. Her sons are James J. and Judy Fox, Reno, Nevada, and Kenneth J. and Jeanne Fox, South Bend, Ind. Her daughter is Sister Sharon Marie Fox, PHJC, Donaldson.

Four grandchildren also survive: Dale Fox and his wife, Kelly, San Leandro, Calif., Kathy Fox, Lafayette, Colorado and Greg and Amanda Fox, South Bend.

Two sisters, Ann Lindsey and Betty Rogala, and Richard and Marie Ehrlicher, a brother, all of Chicago, together with several nieces and nephews, survive as well.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and two sisters: Marie Schergan and Josephine Ehrlicher.

Visitation with the family will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2001, at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson. A Vigil Service will be held in the chapel at 7 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Rose will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home. Father Edward Konerman, pastor of Ancilla Domini and Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, will officiate.

Burial will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on the grounds of Ancilla Domini, Donaldson.

Memorial gifts in Rose’s memory may be made to the Ancilla Domini Sisters.
TYNER - Betty Lee Gaza, 67, formerly of Tyner and South Bend, and most recently a three-year resident of the Mason Health Care facility in Warsaw, died on Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Betty died at 6:47 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind., from complications of pneumonia. She had been ill with Lupus for the past ten years.

Born in Delta County, Michigan, on April 7, 1933, Betty was the daughter of Myron and Della Pike Moore.

On June 21, 1957, in South Bend, she and Raymond A. Gaza, who died on June 17, 1999, were married.

A homemaker, Betty enjoyed planting flowers and was proficient in the arts of knitting and crocheting.

Baptized a Roman Catholic, she had attended St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Betty is survived by a daughter, Valerie and her husband Deljon Fisher, Jesse D. Fisher, a grandson, both of Pierceton, Ind., a granddaughter, Sarah E. Fisher and a great-granddaughter, Tylene R. Fisher, both of Newport News, Virginia.

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

Visitation with the family will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary service will be held at 1:45 p.m., just prior to a funeral service at 2 p.m., all in the funeral home.

The Rev. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will take place in St. Jacob’s Cemetery, North Judson, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Betty’s memory may be made to: The Lupus Foundation of America, 5401 Keystone Drive, Suite 202, Ft. Wayne, Ind., 46825.
Several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren also survive.

A sister, Margie and George Schlosser, Argos, two sisters-in-law, Juanita Creighbaum and Wilma Creighbaum, Bourbon, and a number of nieces and nephews survive as well.

Donnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers: Dean W., Donald B. and Charles E. Creighbaum.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., following visitation, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Entombment will be in Riverview Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Nina Virginia Hassler

Lifetime Plymouth resident Nina Virginia Hassler, 75, who lived at 16369 Pretty Lake Road, Plymouth, since 1956, died, following a courageous three-year battle with cancer, at 4:50 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2001. Nina died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, where she had been a patient for three weeks.

She was born the daughter of Harvey E. and Alice D. Bolenbaugh Grunawalt on October 1, 1925, in Donaldson, Ind. She graduated from West High School with the class of 1943, and later took business and computer courses at Ancilla College.

On July 20, 1945, Nina and Dewey J. Hassler were married in Crown Point, Indiana.

Her work career started at the old Glove factory; she later worked at Meck's, then Schlosser Brothers Creamery-Hawthorne Mellody until its' closing. She retired in 1990, following ten years of service in the offices of the Del Monte Corp.

She loved music, reading the latest fiction books and strolls around Pretty Lake. An accomplished pianist, she played at her church, the Trinity United Methodist, and sometimes she and her daughter, Nancy, would play duets.

A fifty-year member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, she was active in the Builders Class and with the United Methodist Church Women, helping with dinners and other projects.

A member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, always concerned for others, she volunteered clerical work for all of the veterans service organizations. She also assisted with her husband at Northern Indiana Legal Services and together they were members of the Michiana Gem and Mineral Society.

Nina is survived by Dewey, her spouse of almost 56 years and by their two daughters: Nancy L. and Don Ferris, Plymouth and Nanette L. and Jim Saboski, South Bend.

Dicky L. Grunawalt, a brother of Norfolk, Virginia, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Gerald Grunawalt, who was killed while in the service of his country in 1944.

Visitation with Nina’s family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.
Funeral services, conducted by Mike Burroughs of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 2001, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Nina’s memory may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church’s Elevator Fund.

Leah Collins Heiderich

TUCSON, AZ – Memorial services for former Plymouth resident, Leah Collins Heiderich, will be held on Sat. June 9, 2001 at 11 a.m. in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth. The Rev. James Campbell will officiate. A time to share with family and friends will take place one half hour prior to services in the chapel.

Leah, who was born July 15, 1913 in Wanatah, Ind. to Carroll L. and Nettie Mitzner Pinney, died on Friday, April 6, 2001 at Atria Campana Del Rio, Tucson, a retirement community where she lived.


Leah graduated from Riley High School in South Bend and Butler University in Indianapolis. She was a teacher at Webster and West Elementary Schools in Plymouth from 1961 to 1965.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Collins Orey and Mary Virginia Collins Huffman of Tucson; four granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren and a sister, Betty Lou Laramore of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Maureen Collins Sapp on April 20, 1970, and two brothers, Wilbur and Donald Pinney.

Memorial gifts in Leah’s memory may be given to the American Heart Association or the Masonic Learning Center for Children, 427 N. Main St., South Bend, Indiana 46601.

Bob Hileman

When the people who called Bob Hileman teacher, coach, counselor and friend, speak of him the first things they talk about is his honesty, high moral standards and hard work.

Bob Hileman, 79, former athletic director of Plymouth High School, died, in the loving company of his family, at 2:15 a.m. Thursday morning at his home, 1401 Lake Avenue. He had been ill for a number of months.

Jack Edison, head PHS basketball coach, worked for Hileman for twenty years. “ Bob had a total commitment to his family and his school,” Edison said. “A tireless worker, he took care of all the minute details.

“Whatever respect Plymouth athletics have earned must be attributed to Bob Hileman’s leadership.”

Bob was born in Michigan City, the son of Harve and Martha Peo Hileman, on April 2, 1922. The family moved to Plymouth when he was eight years old. He attended Washington Elementary and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1940, where he was an outstanding basketball player, scoring over 120 points in both his junior and senior years. He also played football, was class president and was involved in the school drama productions.
Bob was at Butler University for two years. When World War II erupted, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, spending three and one-half years serving his country, a year of that on Saipan Island in the South Pacific.

On his return from the service, he re-entered Butler and graduated in 1948, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He later earned a master’s degree from Indiana University and a Supervisor of Guidance certificate from Purdue University.

Bob and Marian V. Furry were married at her home near Plymouth on June 6, 1947.

His first teaching job was at Logansport’s Franklin Elementary School. He then moved to Argos High School where he was a teacher and coach for seven years.

In 1957, he came back to Plymouth High School as a teacher and coach. He served as Athletic Director at Plymouth High School for 24 years, 1962 to 1986.

Bob was instrumental in founding the Northern Lakes Conference and maintaining its current competitive status.

During his tenure as AD, in addition to all of the girls' sports, he was instrumental in adding swimming, wrestling, golf, tennis and soccer.

He was an ardent supporter of Plymouth athletics and followed them faithfully. He loved all sports and was, in particular, a Chicago Cub fan. He enjoyed his grandchildren's sporting events and other activities. He liked to read and work various types of puzzles.

Since the early 50s, the family has attended Trinity United Methodist Church. He served as a director in the Indiana High School Athletic Directors Association and was a member of the National Educational Association and the Indiana State Teacher’s Association. He was a former president of the Marshall County Coaches Association and was on the North Central Evaluating Committee.

Civic-minded, Bob was a Summer Recreation Director, had assisted with Special Olympics programs, and A.A.U. swim events. He chaperoned at Boy Scout Camps and assisted in community sponsored athletic programs.

Bill Nixon said that Bob Hileman had influenced his life in many ways. "I remember him as a coach. I remember him as my boss when I was a coach. When I became Assistant Athletic Director, he taught me the ins and outs of being an A.D. Without his help," Nixon continued, "I would have been lost when I became A.D."

"Most importantly, I remember how well he treated me and how patient he was with me.

"He was truly a nice man."

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Marian, a son David L. Hileman and two daughters and their families, all of Plymouth. They are: Linda S. and Larry Mann and their son, Eric: Judy K. and Mike Delp and their children Erica, Michael and Adam.


In addition to Karen, Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Krista Delp. Two brothers, Howard and Russell Hileman and a sister, Lois Coote have also died.

Visiting with the family will be on Saturday, May 12, 2001, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-
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Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Maurice Grindle, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be given in Bob Hileman’s memory to the Trinity United Methodist Church or the Marshall County Hospice.

Sister Mary Francis Houin

‘Come Home Good and Faithful Servant.’ Sister Mary Francis Houin, PHJC, 82, died at 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home, at the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind.

The daughter of Francis and Frances Smith Houin, Sister Mary Francis was born in Plymouth, Ind., on Nov. 23, 1918.

She entered the convent on June 26, 1937, and professed her first vows on June 25, 1939.

After earning a B.S. in Education, Sister Mary Francis traveled the world evangelizing. As a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, Sister was likened to St. Paul: she served in many mission fields, including Africa.

Sister was a parochial school elementary teacher for over 40 years and then was the administrator of Beacon House (House of Prayer) in Burlington, Iowa, until her retirement in May of 1998.

Surviving her death are three sisters and three brothers. Her sisters are Irene Wenzel, N. Liberty, Ind., Catherine Haeck, Plymouth, Ind., and Theresa Anderson and her husband, Lloyd, Plymouth. Her brothers are: Bernard Houin and his wife, Betty, Argos: Lawrence Houin and his wife, Frances, and Leo Houin and his wife, Marilyn, all of Plymouth. A sister-in-law Pauline Houin of Plymouth also survives, along with numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sister was preceded in death by two brothers Elmer and Carl.

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate the life of Sister Mary Francis on Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2001, from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, at the Catherine Kasper Home. Father Edward Konerman, S.J. and Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

Interment will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana.

Georgianna Hrabal

Georgianna Hrabal, 91, died of natural causes at 8:50 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Georgianna had lived at Walnut Creek Care Center, 309 Kingston Ave., since October, 1999, coming from Garden Court West.

Born in Chicago, Ill. on April 17, 1910, Georgianna was the daughter of Charles and Antonia Filip Zacharda. She attended Grovertown schools.

On August 11, 1927, in Knox, Georgianna and Joseph Hrabal were married. Joseph died on July 13, 1963.
From 1964 to 1975, Georgiana became known as one of the “Pie Ladies” at the ever popular Schori’s Restaurant in Plymouth.

She was clever with her hands not only with baked goods: she enjoyed flower gardening, crocheting and creating needle-embroidered pictures. Each grandbaby received an original handmade gift at their birth, made lovingly by Georgiana.

She had been involved as a volunteer with the Parkview Hospital auxiliary, the Friends of the Library and the Braille Bible work at Calvary Lutheran Church.

Four daughters survive their mother’s death. They are: Helen Wentz, Largo, Fla., Evelyn Jacobs, Bourbon, Violet Clemons, Fredonia, N.Y., and Barbara and James Strycker, Plymouth.

Five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also survive together with a sister, Valasta Hanover, St. Paul, Minn.

Georgiana was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and Libby Winje, a sister.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, May 10, 2001, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at the funeral home at 11 a.m., conducted by the Rev. Maurice Grindle, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in the Grovertown Cemetery, Grovertown.

Memorial gifts in Georgiana’s memory may be made to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Floyd L. Irwin, 95, died on Sept. 9, 2001, at the Manor Care Nursing Home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he had lived since 1997, moving there from North Liberty, Ind.

He was born on June 6, 1906, in North Township, Marshall County, to Riley E. and Rosa Ellen Berger Irwin. He attended schools in Teegarden and graduated from Walkerton High School in 1924.

On Nov. 14, 1936, Floyd and Edith J. Shawhan of Pike County, Indiana, were married. They lived in Logansport and Plymouth prior to moving to Albuquerque. Edith died in 1981.

Floyd worked for the Indiana Motor Bus Company as a driver and maintenance supervisor until 1962. After moving to New Mexico, he worked for the Sandia Corp. as an electronics technician until his retirement to his farm near Petersburg, Ind., in 1970. From 1972 to 1997, he was caretaker of his sister’s farm near North Liberty.

Floyd was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

He is survived by a son and a daughter. They are: James Irwin and his wife, Roberta, of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Karla Cates and her husband, William of Albuquerque. A grandson, Vernon and Sunny Reaser, Phoenix, Ariz., and a granddaughter, Mindy and Arthur Ortega of Albuquerque also survive. One great-grandson, four great-granddaughters and a sister, Irene Stetler of Plymouth, survive as well.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse and by three brothers: Ralph, Jacob and Alfred. Three sisters, Hazel Williams, Beulah Starner and Clara Irwin have also died.
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Visitation will be held on Friday evening, Sept. 21, 2001 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Floyd will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Kreig, pastor of the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church will officiate. Interment will follow at the Westlawn Cemetery in North Liberty, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Floyd’s memory may be made to Open Hands, P.O. Box 4625, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502 or Joy Junction, P.O. Box 27693, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87125.

Russel Wm "Bill" Johnson

Russell Wm. “Bill” Johnson, 71, 19475 W. 9th C Road, Plymouth, a lifetime Plymouth and Donaldson area resident, died, at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, August 20, 2001, in the emergency room of the St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Bill had been ill since 1997.

Born in Donaldson, on August 5, 1930, Bill was the son of Luther S. and Lila A. Larsen Johnson. After grammar school in the old Donaldson School House, he went to West High and played varsity basketball. He said, “we didn’t win many games, but had a lot of fun.”

Graduated in 1948, Bill went to work in the Singer plant in South Bend for a few months. In October of that year, he joined the Air Force and in 1950 was sent to Korea.

He served for two years, honorably discharged in 1952, with the rank of Technical Sergeant.

Home again, Bill worked for Studebaker for a while and then commuted 80 miles a day to the Electromotive Co., in Illinois. During this time he also attended IUSB, studying journalism. He hoped to become a teacher.

The drive to Illinois got to be “a pain,” he said, and in 1957, he approached the editor of the Pilot News and asked for a job.

Put to work in the back shop in the production department, Bill operated the Fairchild machine that punched tape and ran it through the linotype machines. He explained it as “being an early computagraphic way of getting news off the wire and into the system.”

Bill Johnson spent forty years in the newspaper business doing the dirty work.

Forty years in the back shop: out of bed at 3 a.m., six days a week. Printer’s ink ingrained under his fingernails, setting type and laying out the ads. At one time or another, he did it all.

For 20 of those years, he was Production Manager. It was Bill who ordered ink by the barrel and paper by the truckload. For 15 years, he also did the camera work for the newspaper.

Getting out the paper.

Printing other people’s stories.

And all the while, inside him, known to but a few was a talent for writing that was superior to most journalists who call themselves ‘professionals.’

Bill always had loved to write. A reticent man, shy even, he had never offered his work to the public. He didn’t think it was good enough.

Encouraged by Eleanor Boys Blank, the publisher, and Bob Hutchins, the editor, he wrote the first of his columns for publication in 1973. He called them “Footpaths.”
His first printed effort was about the Gary steel mills irresponsibly cutting down timber to stoke their furnaces on weekends when they didn't need to use the more expensive coal.

Raping the forests, he wrote.

A conservationist, Bill was enraged. It showed. The story was powerful.

Bill began to write three or four columns a month. “For my own satisfaction,” he said. “Some men like to golf. I like to write.”

He wrote about his children. A dyed-in-the-wool conservative, he wrote about politics and how he felt about things.

Mad, mostly.

There were many memorable pieces. Stories that will be priceless legacies for his grandchildren. One was about fishing with his grandson, another was called “A Red, White and Blue Cup of Coffee,” and a fictional story, entitled “Something Awful About Grandpa,” was yet another.

Bob Hutchins asked Bill to do a weekly outdoors column. Bill called it “It’s Time for Conservation.” An avid fisherman and gardener, Bill said, “I liked to write about things that I know and have strong feelings about.”

A fly fisherman, making his own lures, he said, “it doesn’t really matter whether the fish are biting or not.” When the kids were little the family would go to Canada, Wisconsin, Minnesota, or just about anywhere they were biting...or not biting.

Twice, at Hutchin’s urging, Bill’s column was entered into the annual Hoosier State Press Awards Contest and won first place as Best Column both times.

In 1973, Bill was elected as a member of Hoosier Outdoor Writers, an exclusive group limited to 50 writers and broadcasters.

In 1976, he was a delegate to the State Republican Convention. One of the thrills of his life was when Governor Bowen shook his hand and told him how much he enjoyed his columns.

That handshake, that comment, was worth a million dollars to Bill Johnson.

Good pay. Only pay really. He never earned a dime for any of his writing.

“That’s O.K.,” he said. “I did it because I loved writing.”

His last column was published in 1996, “Depression Babies Vs. The Cry-Baby Boomers.” He retired in April of 1997.

Bill loved the Pilot-News. Oh, sure, he’d gripe about this or that: he wanted everything to be perfect. If a page wasn’t paginated correctly or cutlines under a photo were wrong or less than perfect grammar or shoddy reporting was used by reporters, he’d stomp around, cigarette between his teeth, fussing and growling.

He said, “I loved working for the newspaper. There is something special about getting a product out every day. No two are ever the same. There’s a great sense of accomplishment when the deadline has come and gone and you know you’ve done your job when the presses start to roll.”

He added, “the writing I did back in the Hutchins days gave me a freedom I could not have
Through the years, Bill was offered positions elsewhere. A large Canadian newspaper wanted to hire him, but he and his family loved Plymouth and they didn’t want to leave. A devoted family man, Bill was always involved in his children’s activities.

A classical music buff, he also enjoyed visiting sites on the internet about other countries and viewing many works of art.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Woodfill, who he took as his bride on Dec. 20, 1959, in the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth, and by their three children: Lu H. Johnson and Jo Avery, Palm Springs, Cal. Andrea M. and Steve Collins, Osceola, Ind., and Monica R. Johnson, South Bend.

He adored his grandchildren and was so proud of his two grandsons and granddaughter, Matthew, Cody and Jessica Collins. They survive, together with Betty J. Rhodes, a sister, and two brothers, Floyd “Bud” and Charles “Duane” Johnson, all of Plymouth. A foster sister Betty Lee Snell of Atascadero, CA also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by Dusty Rhodes, his brother-in-law and friend.

Friends of Bill and his family are invited to come to the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2001.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Brian Deckinger, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Donaldson, of which he was a member, will officiate. The V.F.W. Post 1162 will conduct military honors at the graveside in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bill’s memory may be made to the American Lung Association.

Betty Kahn

Seventy-one year old Betty Kahn, 7719 Redwood Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 4:08 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, in St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, South Bend. A former Michigan City resident, Betty had lived in Sebring, Fla., for the past several winters.

Born in Plymouth, Indiana, on March 27, 1930, she was the daughter of Henry and Jennie Harbaugh Bixel. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1948.

On March 5, 1949, in Plymouth, she was married to Albert “Abe” Kahn.

Betty was an assembler for the Milton-Roy Corporation in Michigan City, retiring in 1992.

She liked to crochet and enjoyed playing cards and going to yard sales and flea markets. For 21 summers she enjoyed being in Jellystone Park.

Mostly though she loved her children and grandchildren and spending time with them.

She and Abe were members of the Moose Lodge # 980 in Michigan City.

Betty is survived by Abe, her husband of 52 years, a daughter and two sons. Her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Meece, live in Plymouth. Her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cindy Kahn, are in Michigan City and Jeffrey Kahn lives in South Bend. Six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and Guy, her brother, and, his wife, Diane, Bixel, Covington, Georgia, survive as well.
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She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Willadean Towne and a brother, Richard Bixel.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2001, and Saturday, June 16, one hour prior to the service, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The Rev. Jimmy Baker, pastor of the Blissville Church of the Brethren where Betty attended, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Betty’s name may be made to the American Heart Association.

Lulu Kamp

June 7, 1928 - June 11, 2001

A Plymouth resident most of her life, Lulu I. Kamp, 73, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, Indiana, died of natural causes at 9:45 a.m. on Monday, June 11, 2001, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Lulu, a graduate of Lincoln High School, was born in Plymouth on June 7, 1928. She was the daughter of Oral and Daisy Fear Haynes.

Retired from American Optical, now A.O. Safety, she had also worked as a waitress for Casey Jones.

An avid reader and a consummate Pepsi drinker, she enjoyed being with and often baby-sat for her nieces and nephews.

Lulu is survived by her son, Danny Kurtz and grandson, David Kurtz, both of Tampa, Fla. A brother, Raymond Haynes of Leesburg, Fla., a sister, Edith Maxon, Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Roy and Kenneth Haynes and two sisters, Martha Stiles and Dorothy Richardson.

There will be no visitation. Graveside funeral services will be held in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2001. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Methodist Church, will officiate.

Memorial gifts in Lulu’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Harry L. Kamp

Lifetime Plymouth area resident Harry L. Kamp who lived in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, died of natural causes on July 25, 2001, at 5:05 a.m. Harry was 87 years old.

Born on Sept. 14, 1913, in Plymouth, Harry was the son of Hiram and Nellie Powers Kamp. He attended Plymouth schools.

A self-employed truck driver for over 40 years, Harry loved race cars. He liked to race himself (his car number was 66) and to watch other people race.

Harry is survived by two sons and three daughters. His sons, both of Plymouth, are Kenneth and
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Sondre Kamp and Dale and Sharon Kamp. His daughters are: Carolyn and Dale Manuwal, Plymouth and Margaret and John Cartright and Lynda Clemons, all of Naples, Fla.

Thirteen grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren also survive together with Hiram Kamp, a brother, of South Bend, Ind.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, George Pressler and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Graveside funeral services will be on Friday, July 27, 2001 at 10 a.m. in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, Ind. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Carlos E. Kelly, Jr., 67, 2048 W. County Line Road, Walkerton, a lifetime Marshall County area resident, was taken ill at home on Wednesday and died of an apparent heart attack at 5:54 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Skeeter was born in South Bend, on March 4, 1934, the son of Carlos P. and Gertrude Van Lue Kelly. He graduated from North Liberty High School with the class of 1952 and served with the United States Army in Korea.

On July 1, 1968, in Walkerton, he and his wife, Dorothy L. Madison, were married.

Skeeter was a highly regarded employee of Modine Manufacturing in LaPorte. He retired as a supervisor in 1995, after 31 years of service.

He admired vintage cars and guns and enjoyed watching TV. He loved people; especially children and took the time to get to know them. Outspoken, he was a man of great good humor and was known for his camaraderie.

He was a member of V.F.W. Post 1954, North Liberty and American Legion #189, Walkerton, where he served as a Vice-Commander. In Plymouth, he was a Second Counselor of the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints.

Skeeter is survived by his spouse, Dorothy, and by several children and step-children. Skeeter is also survived by his mother, Gertrude Singleton, New Carlisle, Ind.

His two daughters are Vicky and Richard Stepien, Niles, Mich., and Judy and Greg Nifong, Elkhart. A son, Terry and Cindy Moon of Houston, Texas, also survives.

Step-daughter Dina L. and Tim, Brooks, Bourbon, and two step-sons, Kent V. Upchurch, and John J. and Jennifer Upchurch, all of Indianapolis, survive as well. Four grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews also survive together with three sisters and a brother. They are: Lou Ann and Art LaBere, Bridgeview, Ill., Patty and Hal Baker, South Bend, Ind., and Debbie Singleton, Terre Haute, Ind.

A brother, Gene and Carol Kelly, of Myrtle Beach, N. Carolina, also survives Skeeter's death.

Visitation with the family will be on Sunday, October 14, 2001, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2001, in the funeral home. President Don Brincefield of the Plymouth Church of Latter Day Saints will officiate.
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The VFW Post 1954 and the American Legion Post 189 will provide military graveside honors at Porter Rae Cemetery, North Liberty, where Skeeter will be buried.

Mary Jane Knepper

Mary Jane Knepper, 61, 307 N. Indiana St., Bremen, died at 9:25 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2001. Mary Jane died in the Bremen Community Hospital of a cancer-related illness following a brave five-year battle with the disease.

For the past 15 years Mary Jane had shared a home with her mother in Bremen, coming from Plymouth.

Born on May 6, 1940, in Plymouth, she was the daughter of Howard A. and Margaret E. Metheny Knepper. She graduated from Plymouth High School in the class of 1958.

Mary Jane worked in production at Bremen Wire for 12 years.

She loved children and did a lot of baby sitting for her family and for children in the area.

She liked to read and do needlepoint and counted-cross stitch work. She crocheted and gardened and was an avid sports fan, especially Cubs baseball. She was fond of animals, particularly dogs.

Mary Jane was an active member of the Bremen Church of the Brethren and had taught a seniors Sunday School class.

She is survived by her mother, Margaret Knepper, Bremen, and two brothers: Richard A. and Shurla Knepper, Inwood, and Ronald E. and Susan Knepper, Plymouth. Three sisters also survive. They are: Sally A. O’Dell, Orriville, Ohio; Linda K. and Edward Krecik, Knox, and Judy M. Dildine, Round Rock, Texas.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her father and James E. Knepper, a brother.

Family services for Mary Jane were held on Sunday evening, in the Bremen Church of the Brethren, Pastor Tom Hostetler officiated. There will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts in Mary Jane’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Marshall County Hospice.

Ernest L. Kreider

Ernest L. "Ernie" Kreider, 94, Shamrock Lane, Bremen, Ind., a St. Joseph and Marshall County area resident most of his life, died following a brief illness, on Friday, August 3, 2001, at 6:30 a.m., in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Perrysburg, Ind., on January 12, 1907, he was the son of Charles and Daisy Reed Kreider. He graduated from Twelve Mile High School with the class of 1925.

Ernie was first married to Gertrude Squires who preceded him in death in 1960. On June 22, 1969, he and Ardyce E. Trygg were married in North Liberty, Ind.

A farmer, Ernie also worked, until they closed, at Studebaker in South Bend.

He was an avid gardener and he loved to tinker with things.
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A member of the Church of the Brethren in Bremen, Ind., he had taught Sunday School most of his adult life. Most recently, he taught the senior adult class in Bremen.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Ardyce, Bremen, and by five daughters: Charis Lynn Holderman, Plymouth, Linda S. and Jack Dietle, West Monroe, Louisiana, Carolyn Handley, Waco, Texas, Jennie L. and Richard DeJagher, South Bend and Betty and Wayne Weiss, Bremen, Ind.

Numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren also survive together with a niece, Sue and Bill Stokes of Rochester, Ind.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Gertrude, a sister, Mary Smith and a nephew, Richard Smith.

Visitation with his family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Funeral services for Ernie will be held, following visitation, in the funeral home on Sunday at 4 p.m. The Rev. Tom Hostetler, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, Bremen, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in Corinth Cemetery, Twelve Mile, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Ernie's memory may be made to the Church of the Brethren, Bremen, Ind.

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Joseph W. "Joe" Kreighbaum, 77, a resident of Shady Rest for 31 years, died of natural causes at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2001. Joe had lived at Walnut Creek Nursing Home, 309 Kingston Ave., for the past two years.

Born in West Twp., Plymouth, the son of Archie Ray and Irene Alfa Ringer Kreighbaum on Nov. 19, 1923, Joe attended West High School.

Never married, he worked for the Marshall County Farm Bureau Co-Op, was a farm laborer and had worked at Markley's Meat Processing plant.

As a pastime, Joe enjoyed playing checkers and watching baseball games.

Since the early 40s, he was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and attended Sunrise Chapel.

Joe is survived by a brother, Dale and his wife Melba Kreighbaum of Plymouth. A brother-in-law, Bill Gottschalk, Sun Lakes, Ariz. and sister-in-law, Kathryn Kreighbaum, of Plymouth.

Several nieces and nephews, also survive.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Ray Kreighbaum, a brother, Arthur Kreighbaum, an infant brother and Violet Gottschalk a sister.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Monday, May 14, 2001, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Rustin Krapfl, pastor of the Sunrise Chapel, will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Joe's memory may be made to the World Missionary Press, The Gideons or...
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Sunrise Chapel.

Harold R. Krou

Harold R. Krou, 61, who resided with his brother Bob at 1218 N. Plum Street, Plymouth for the past 30 years, has died of natural causes in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, on Monday, November 26, 2001 at 3:15 a.m.

A lifetime resident of Plymouth, Harold was born the son of Edward C. and Edna D. Dague Krou on November 2, 1940 in Plymouth. At the age of four, Harold's father dubbed him with the family nickname, "Pal" which stuck with him to this day. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the Class of 1959.

Over 34 years ago Harold went to work for the Weidner family at Pilgrim Farms and later Dean's Foods having experience in most production positions. Harold was a longtime member of the Plymouth First United Church of Christ.

In his youthful day Harold enjoyed family outings to Dixon Lake and Maxinkuckee. To his brother Bob, Pal was a great brother and friend that found pleasure watching T.V., Sports, working crossword puzzles and taking short trips.

Harold is survived by his brother Robert W. Krou of Plymouth, three sisters; Rosemary M. and Edward Ozio of Lawton, Oklahoma, Esther "Irene" Weimer of Mishawaka, and Martha "Katherine" Hanners of Macon, Georgia. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Roland C. and Donald L. Krou and infant sister Ethel E. Krou.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 28, 2001 from 4 – 7 p.m. and one hour prior services in the church. Services will be held in the Plymouth First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center Street at 11 a.m. Thursday, November 29, 2001, pastor, Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorial gifts in Harold's name may be made the church.

Richard C. Kuskye

Lifetime Plymouth resident, Richard C. "Rich" Kuskye, 71, died at 3:45 a.m. Sunday Dec. 2, 2001 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. His death was attributed to complications following emergency surgery on November 16.

Rich was born in South Bend, Ind. the son of Lawrence and Mildred A. Richardson Kuskye. Raised in West Township, Rich graduated from West High School with the Class of 1949.

On March 4, 1951 he married Patricia A. Hartman. From 1949 to 1963 Rich was a dedicated employee with the Studebaker Corporation and retired in December of 1989 from AM General, both of South Bend.

If Rich had a hobby it was his family. He enjoyed every fun minute with them and was a great influence on his grandchildren. Rich was a proud member of the Plymouth Kilwinning Masonic Lodge No. 149, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend, Orak Shrine of Michigan City and the NRA.

Rich is survived by his wife Pat, two daughters, two sons and their families: Vickie A. Kuskye of Plymouth, Candie L. and Loren Riddle of Lakeville, Ind., Richard C. Kuskye II, and spouse Susan; Kirk E.M. Kuskye, spouse Kimberly all of Plymouth. Grandchildren include, Richard C.
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Kuskye III, his wife Jennifer and their daughter Zoë. Grandsons; Simon Kuskye and Richard Cibryon Kuskye, along with Kirk Kuskye II and son Jacob; granddaughters, Tiffany and Cassondra. Three sisters and three brothers also survive; Viola “Dodie” and Richard Reese, Evelyn and Bill Wenino, Scarlett Kuskye, Lawrence and Marilyn Kuskye, Elson “Duke” Kuskye, Ralph and Pat Kuskye all of Plymouth. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Everett Kuskye.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday Dec. 4 from 3 – 8 p.m. Visitation will conclude with a Masonic Memorial Service at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Wed. Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial gifts in Rich’s name may be made to the Salvation Army or Shriners Children’s Hospital.

Sister Roselia La Plume, PHJC, 89, died at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home, at the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind.

She entered the convent on June 27, 1929, and professed her first vows on June 25, 1931.

Sr. held a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Education and served the ministry of education as teacher for 45 years, teaching in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. She also was a tutor in Belle Plaine, Minnesota for 11 years, and an administrator in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 6 years, retiring in 1993 to the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Sr. Roselia is survived by a sister and her husband, Sue and David Schmitz of Carlyle, Ill., and one niece.

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate her life on Tuesday, December 18, 2001, from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December, 19, 2001 at the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Fathers Edward Konerman, S.J. and Anthony Gillespie will Officiate.

Interment will be in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana.

Kathleen Lee Lampkins, 14581 Dixon Lake Trail, Plymouth, died on Friday, March 30, 2001, in Riley’s Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis.

Kathy, a strong-willed, tough “little angel,” suffered a sudden illness a week ago and died at 4:15 p.m.

She was only nine years old.
Her enduring strength and courage, her love of life and people, touched the lives of all those who knew her. She leaves an emptiness that only love and happy memories of her too short life can fill.

Kathy was born the daughter of Michael J. Lampkins and Kaye R. Manuwal Lampkins, on June 8, 1991, in Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Enrolled in the hearing impaired class at Washington Elementary School, Kathy was in Judy Newberg’s 1st grade class.

Her special education teacher of three years, Pat Lancet, said "Kathy was a vibrant young lady who loved life. She clearly demonstrated her enthusiasm as well as her love for others in everything that she did.

"All who have known Kathy have been truly blessed by her presence.

"Loving memories of Kathy will always be with us."

Kathy was especially fond of her speech interpreter Kiscia McCane.

She was like any other little girl. She loved anything to do with "TAZ." She held a spirited ongoing competition with her 13-year old sister, Michele, challenging her at computer games.

She loved the outdoors and riding motorcycles.

Kathy is survived by her parents and their friends, all of who loved her dearly: her mother, Kaye R. Lampkins and Mike Doll, Plymouth, and her father, Michael J. Lampkins and Brigitte Tholl, Hamlet. Her sister, Michele, also lives at home.

Maternal grandmother, Mary Jane Manual and paternal grandparents John and Beverly Lampkins, all of Plymouth, survive as well, together with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

This brave little girl was preceded in death by John Manuwal, her maternal grandfather and by infant brother, Samuel Wayne Lampkins and infant sister, Ann Marie Lampkins.

Visitation with the family where friends will be welcomed will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2001, and one hour prior services in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and for one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Services celebrating her life will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Kathy’s memory may be made to the Hearing Impaired Program of the Plymouth School Corporation or Riley Children’s Hospital, Indianapolis.

Della E.A. Larson
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Della E. A. Larson, 83, a Plymouth resident for 10 years, coming from Westmont, Ill., died at 6:50 p.m. of natural causes, on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, Ind.

She was born the daughter of Bernard and Hannah Wolf Burzloff in Lemont, Ill., on May 10, 1918, and attended a country school in Lemont.
She married Ray Larson on Dec. 16, 1974. Della worked at the Hinsdale Laundry in Hinsdale, Ill., for several years.

She enjoyed crocheting, embroidering, putting jigsaw puzzles together, working word search puzzles and playing solitaire.

Della is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her son and his wife is Don and Janice Burzloff of Plymouth, and her daughter, Shirley Speice of Illinois.

A sister, Lorraine Waite of Lockport, Ill., and a brother, Rudy Burgloff of Joliet, Ill., also survive, together with several nieces and nephews, including Adra Fisher of Plymouth.

Della was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roy who died Aug. 2, 1975, two sisters and a brother: Elsie Rungger, Martha Grown and Elmer Burzloff.

A lifetime resident of Marshall County, Gerald R. "Jerry" Lehman, living at 12307 11th Rd., Plymouth, for the past 16 years, died of natural causes at 3:32 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2001, eight days shy of his 89th birthday. Jerry, a patient for five days, died at the Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born in Wakarusa, Ind., on May 26, 1912, the son of Lloyd and Zola Truex Lehman. He graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1932. He attended barber school and later had a barbering shop in Bremen.

On August 5, 1933, Jerry and Emma Josephine Becker, a high school classmate; were married in Elkhart, Ind.

Jerry first worked as a farm laborer. He barbered for awhile and then went into residential construction as Lehman’s Construction. He became a union carpenter and worked at the Bridgeman Power Plant, at that same time he operated a mower repair service. Following his retirement, he worked at Miller’s Coast to Coast and then Ace Hardware as a floor salesman where he was known to many in the area.

Jerry loved gardening, both flowers and vegetables. He enjoyed watching birds, fishing and working with wood and stained glass projects.

He had attended the Sunrise Chapel.

Jerry is survived by his wife of almost sixty-eight years, a son, Douglas D. Lehman, San Antonio, Texas, and a daughter, Linda J. and Larry Gibson, Plymouth.

Five grandchildren also survive. They are: Shane Lehman, Lance Lehman, Jacqueline Richardson, Kenneth Gibson and Suzanne Gibson. Two great-grandchildren and a sister-in-law, Juanita Lehman, Plymouth, survive as well.
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Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, a great-grandson, Michael Richardson and a brother, Donald Lehman.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Sunday, May 20, 2001, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Jerry will be in the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2001. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Jerry’s memory may be made to World Vision, P.O. Box 78481 Tacoma, Washington 98481-8481.

Eva R. Lemert

A dynamic professional business woman, Eva R. Lemert, 97, and lifetime Plymouth resident, has died.

Eva, who drove a pink Cadillac with the license plate, “Foxy Lady,” died of natural causes, on 2:10 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2001. In failing health for the past eight years, she died in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, 222 Parkview Drive, Plymouth.

Born on the family homestead on 11th Rd., Plymouth, Eva was the daughter of William H. and Nancy V. Bowell Reed. She attended Inwood grade schools, graduating from Lincoln high school in Plymouth in 1920.


After she was married, Eva worked in the first Montgomery Ward Store for a salary of $12 for a sixty hour week. Later she worked in the Recorder’s office in the Court House.

She and her spouse owned and operated the Marshall County Sale Barn-Livestock Auctions north of Plymouth. They were also agents for John Deere Farm Equipment and operated Oldsmobile Cadillac Sales and Service from 1942 through 1950.

In 1948, she confidently ran the Lemert Engineering firm with her spouse until his death, continuing as president of the company until her retirement in 1986. Some of the innovative products developed by Lemert Engineering were: Sea Trim Afterplanes, Airflex Riveters, Selectrol Water Injection System and the Level Air Shock Absorbers.

She was a horsewoman and the first secretary of the Marshall County Horse Association, serving for six years. She showed horses in the Three and five Gaited as well as the Five Harness Classes in Plymouth and throughout the state.

Eva was a past matron of the Eastern Star #26 and Past Mother Advisor of Rainbow Girls, serving many additional years as Advisor. She was a Past Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of Business and Professional Women, Marshall county Historical Society, a member of the Farm Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce and was written up in “Who’s Who.”

Eva loved traveling and fishing with her family in Canada and Florida.

She is survived by two daughters: Bonita M. Gehring, Plymouth, and Sue E. and Mike Gill, Warsaw. Six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren also survive.
In addition to her parents and her husband, Eva was preceded in death by a brother, James Reed and a sister, Helen Stockman.

Visitation with her family in a celebration of Eva’s remarkable life will be on Monday, July 16, 2001, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

An Eastern Star Service will follow visitation at 1:45 p.m. and the funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. The Rev. Father John Schramm, pastor of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of which she was a lifetime member, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Eva’s memory may be made to St. Thomas Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Jane Levett

Jane Levett, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, 300 Baker St., Plymouth, a resident of Plymouth since 1956, coming from Allegan, Michigan, has died.

Jane died on Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at 8:05 a.m. in St. Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth. She was 77 years old.

Her enduring strength and courage, her dedication to the highest principles and her willingness to help those around her, will be long remembered by her family and friends.

She was born Betty Jane Arnold on July 25, 1923, in Marshall, Mich., the daughter of Bates W. and Elizabeth Arnold. She graduated from Marshall, Mich. High School with the class of 1941. She attended Michigan State University, which is where she met Milan J. Levett, her husband.

Their 56th wedding anniversary would have been on July 7, 2001.

The couple was married in Junction City, Kansas, where Milan, in the service at the time, was stationed.

Jane was active in the family business from 1960 to 1980. She served as the Center Township Assessor of Marshall County from 1983 to 1995 and remained involved in the Republican Party.

Her family and friends were important to Jane. She was a wonderful cook and excellent baker and enjoyed sharing this gift with her friends and church. She enjoyed traveling and watching athletic events.

A longtime active member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Jane was involved in many church groups and activities, freely giving of her time to worthy causes. For many years she served on the church Memorial Committee.

Jane is survived by her husband, Milan, and by a daughter, Sue A. and Dick Stinson, Plymouth, and a grandson, Eric Stinson, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Two sons and their families also survive: Mark A., and Marabeth Levett of Columbus, Ind., and their three daughters: Jenny Levett, Indianapolis, Amy and Mitch Unger, Evanston, Ill., and Megan Levett, Columbus, Ind. Paul E. Levett and his daughter, Whitney and son, Adam, all of Plymouth, survive as well.

A sister- in- law, Gloria Arnold of Marshall, Mich., and several nieces and nephews also survive.
Her brother Edward Arnold preceded her in death.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Dr. E. Dean Fager, of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate at memorial services for Jane at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2001, at the church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Jane’s memory may be made to the church or to the Marshall County Hospice.

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Dorothy M. Lohse

PLYMOUTH, IND. – Dorothy M. Lohse, 79, a resident of Walnut Creek Care Facility, Plymouth, the past two years, died of natural causes at 5:50 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001 in the company of her family at the care facility.

Dorothy had resided at 14027 12th Rd. Plymouth, coming from Hammond, Ind. with her husband in 1947. Born February 2, 1922 in Hammond, the daughter of Shirley Tratebas and Margaret Klemsman Tratebas, Dorothy graduated from Hammond Tech School.

On August 23, 1941, in Hammond, she was married to Wilbert H. Lohse. Wilbert died on October 10, 1993.

Dorothy was a homemaker who enjoyed raising her family and living a Christian life. She was a member of the Calvary Lutheran church of Plymouth since 1947. One favorite personal past time was embroidery.

Survivors include three sons and one daughter. Her sons and daughter-in-laws are; Clyde J. and Barbara Lohse of Argos, Ind. James W. and Carol Lohse of Leesburg, Ind. and David L. and Carol Lohse of Plymouth. Her daughter Shirley M. Hardesty resides in Huntington, Ind. Eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and a son-in-law, Lloyd Hardesty.

Visitation with her family will be on Friday, April 27, 2001, from 4 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson – Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and on Saturday, April 28, 2001 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth where services will be held at 11 a.m. Pastor Steven Resner and Vicar Robert Bower will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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Clara M. Mangun

PLYMOUTH, IND. – Clara M. Mangun, 80, a Plymouth resident most of her life, formerly of W. Jackson St., died at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001. Clara, a resident of Miller’s Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, for the past two years, died at the nursing home following an extended illness.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1921, in Plymouth, the daughter of John M. and Mary Ellen Linderman Hill. She attended area schools.


A homemaker, Clara enjoyed the time spent raising her family. She did handwork, especially embroidery and quilting. She appreciated the outdoors, flower and vegetable gardening.
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Raised in the First Baptist faith, she had an extensive collection of quotes and inspirational thoughts. A stay-to-home person, Clara enjoyed 50s’ and old “bluegrass” music and working jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters, 25 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Her children are: Donald W. and Maria Mangun, Milford, Ind., Paul G. and Stephanie Mangun, Mentone, Ind., Rosemary Patrick and Pamela I. Melton, both of Plymouth and Wanda M. and Gorman Patrick, Michigan City, Ind.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Cindy, and two sons, Eugene and Ralph Mangun. A grandson, Mike Mangun and a great-grandson, Bobby Jo Patrick have also died, together with two brothers, Ralph and Marion Hill.

Visitation with the family will be on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Clara will be officiated by Rev. Tom Padberg, Chaplain for the Marshall County Hospice, at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, 2001 in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Clara’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Dorothy M. Marks, 79, 4076 Lipton St., Bremen, Ind., died of natural causes at the Lu Ann Nursing Home, Nappanee, Ind., at 7:35 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2001.

A longtime Marshall County resident, having grown up in Battle Creek, Mich. She was born on May 20, 1922 in Lakeview, Mich. near Battle Creek and adopted as the daughter of Harry and Alice Barrett. Dorothy graduated from Battle Creek High School. From there she attended Business School and became a secretary.

On July 11, 1942, Dorothy and Glen A. Marks were married in Bryan, Ohio. Glen died on November 21, 1997.

Dorothy first worked at the Lone Star Boat Company of Bremen. She was also employed at Berkey Auto Parts in Plymouth and at one time was a secretary for the Costello Auction Service. She retired in 1988 from AAA Construction, Bremen, where she assisted in disaster clean up.

She bowled with several Bremen and LaPaz bowling leagues and enjoyed working crossword puzzles and doing embroidery work. She was an avid reader and enjoyed her trips to Florida. Dorothy adored cats and had a collection of ceramic felines.

She was a member of the Bremen V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, # 8972.

Dorothy is survived by two sons and a daughter. Her sons are Dale A. and Lyla Marks, Lake of the Woods, and Lyle D. and Sue Marks, South Bend. Her daughter is Marie S. and Dale Holdeman, Bremen.

Twelve grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, together with several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Nelson L. Marks, who died in 1994.
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Visitation with Dorothy’s family will be on Monday, August 27, 2001, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2001, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Martin Debban, of the Trinity Assembly of God, Lakeville, where Dorothy attended services, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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**Anna D. Martin**  
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Anna D. Martin, 90, a longtime resident of W. Washington St., Plymouth, living in Miller’s Merry Manor for the past nine years, died there of natural causes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22, 1901.

Born the daughter of Charles “J.C.” and Ella Reimers Dahlke in Ellicottville, New York, on May 12, 1911, Anna was educated in Ellicottville schools. She lived in New Carlisle, Ind., prior to moving to Plymouth in 1948.

On April 12, 1930, Anna and Charles F. Martin were married in Rochester, Ind. Charles died on Dec. 15, 1975.

A Licensed Practical Nurse, Anna formerly held a position with the Mayflower Nursing Home and did private duty home-care. Anna’s grandchildren and her church, the Blissville Church of the Brethren, of which she was a member for over 40 years, were of great importance to her.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Marjorie M. Martin of Plymouth, seven grandchildren, 29 great and 27 great-great grandchildren.

The grandchildren are: Ehler and Barbara Martin, Rochester; Alan and Donna Martin and Charles and Diane Martin, all of Argos; Tony Martin, Elkhart; John and Brenda Martin, Rogers, Ark.; Bruce Martin and friend Mary Ellen, Baldwinsville, N.Y.; and Kathy and Al Schaeffner, Macy, Ind.

Two sisters, Ella Robbins, Alexander, N.Y., and Ruth Casella, Salamanca, N.Y., also survive.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, John W. and Charles W. Martin, three sisters and five brothers. Four grandchildren have also died.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2001, from noon to 2 p.m.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul McBride, former pastor of the Blissville Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Anna’s memory may be made to the Blissville Church of the Brethren.

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**Alice E. Martin**  
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PLYMOUTH, IND. – Described by her family as “Little, but mighty”, Alice E. Martin, 71, who has bravely fought cancer since 1989, died at her residence, 8225 King Road, Plymouth, on Thursday, April 12, 2001. Alice died at 3:40 a.m., in the devoted and loving care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice.
A Marshall County resident since 1949, coming from Washington, Ind., Alice and her family has resided on King Road the past 33 years.


On April 17, 1948, in St. Patrick’s Church in Corning, Ind., Alice and Charles D. Martin were married.

A busy, energetic person with a great sense of humor, she had worked as a Sears sales clerk and as a cashier at Gas America. She was also a librarian at Lincoln Jr. High school, retiring in 1985.

Her grandchildren were all very dear to Alice. She especially enjoyed taking walks with them. She made it a point to be present for almost all of their activities. Alice was fond of needlepoint work and collected handmade quilts.

Alice enjoyed traveling, she and her husband visited Germany twice and spent many winters in Texas.

An excellent golfer, she enjoyed playing the game with her husband and family, many times outranking them all. She was the Northern Indiana Director of The Golf Card for Seniors. At Plymouth Rock she was the A Flight Champion known for her long drives and was a popular choice in scramble play.

A member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Alice was past-president and a member of the Altar Rosary Society and Harvest House. She was a member of the Women of the Moose, Plymouth Lodge 1355 and the NIPSCO Golf League.

Alice and her husband, Charles, would have celebrated their 53rd anniversary on Tuesday, April 17th. Charles survives her death together with their four sons and two daughters.

The surviving families are: Richard D. and Sherri Martin and children, Shannda, Chad and Jessica, all of Plymouth,

Charles E. and Cathy Martin and their daughters, Pamela, Erica and Sarah, of Lakeville, Clifford L. Martin and his daughter, Heather, of Port St. Lucie, Florida. William J. and JoAnn Martin and children, Alex and Lauren, all of Bourbon, Mary Anne and Steve Hepler and sons, Nicholas and Anthony Levechio, all of Bourbon, and Susan K. and William Allen and their sons, Cord and Jace, all of Plymouth. Alice was also able to enjoy her great-granddaughter, Taylor Saxon.

Two brothers, Harold and his wife, Louise Walker, of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Ambrose and Mary Ruth Walker, Washington, Ind., and a sister, Mary and Harold Seal of Cannelburg, Ind., several nieces and nephews also survive.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, one brother LeRoy Walker and a sister Carol Walker.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Saturday, April 14, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2001, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s will officiate.
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Burial will be in St. Michael’s Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Alice’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Lymphoma Foundation P.O. Box 15335 Chevy Chase, MD 20825

Doris Lavern McFarland

Doris Lavern McFarland, 71, a Plymouth resident all of her life, died at her home, 1018 W. Monroe St., Plymouth, under the loving care of her family and hospice, at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2001.

Doris was born in Plymouth on January 15, 1930, the daughter of Samuel and Alma Pike Hite. She attended Plymouth schools.

On May 3, 1996, in Plymouth, she and Terry L. McFarland were married.

An industrious lady, Doris cleaned churches, offices and homes. Everyone was a part of her family and she was known as Grandma Doris.

She loved to crochet and baby-sit. An avid church-goer, Doris was dedicated to God. She was a member of the Bethel Tabernacle at Argos, Ind.

She is survived by her husband, Terry, of Plymouth, a daughter, Nancy and her husband Jim Rogers of Oklahoma City, Okla., and a son, Ken and Carol Landrie, Plymouth.


Eight grandchildren, thirteen step-grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren survive as well.

A brother, Chester and Helen Wilcox, two sisters, Sharon and Ray Bope and Marie Masterson, all of Plymouth, also survive.

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

Visitation with the family will be on Thursday, June 28, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Doris’ funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 29, 2001, at the Bethel Tabernacle, 17809 S. Michigan Rd., Argos. The Rev. J. R. Pippenger will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Doris’ memory may be made to the Bethel Tabernacle.

Ronnie Lee “Bucky”, Sr. Mellott

Ronnie Lee “Bucky” Mellott, Sr., 46, died at 4:01 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2001, from injuries sustained in an industrial accident at Pioneer Hybrid International, 7900 Pine Rd., Plymouth.

Bucky lived at 2403 N. Michigan Rd., Plymouth, a resident here for three years, coming from Texas.

Born in Austin, Texas, on September 9, 1955, Bucky was the son of Sam Edward and Margaret Anna Burrell Mellott. He earned his high school diploma through the United States Army in the
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state of Washington.

A Vietnam veteran, Bucky had served one tour of duty in both the United States Marines and the United States Army.

On February 21, 1989, in San Antonio, Texas, Bucky and Sheri Y. Craig were married.

He had worked at Pioneer Hybrid International for the past six months and before that, was employed at Dean Pickles and Pactiv.

An avid baseball fan, Bucky also liked to fish and spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife and by five sons and four daughters. The sons are: Brian, Michael and Sam Mellott, all at home in Plymouth, and Ronnie Lee Jr., and Jimmy Mellott, both in Texas. His daughters, all in Texas, are Nancy, Edna Mae, Maria and Beatrice Mellott.

His mother, Margaret Anna Mellott, Texas, together with his father and stepmother-in-law, Dave and Mary Craig, Plymouth, and several aunts, uncles and cousins, also survive.

Bucky was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Cecilia Collins.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Bucky will be at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, in the funeral home with Pastor Rustin Krapfl of the Sunrise Chapel officiating.

Military graveside rites by the Plymouth V.F.W. #1162 will be held in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Zelma R. Mercer

Zelma R. Mercer, 89, formerly of 619 E. LaPorte St., where she made her home with her devoted son, Michael, died of natural causes at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11. 2001. Zelma died in the Walnut Creek Nursing Home where she had lived for the past two and a half years.

Born January 26, 1912, in Huntington, West Virginia.

After her high school graduation in 1928, she attended the South Bend College of Commerce and worked for the Westinghouse Corp. When Westinghouse left South Bend, Zelma became the secretary of the First Christian Church of which she was a member. She worked with its’ beloved pastor, Dr. Elmer Ward Cole.

Throughout her life, she remained a faithful and active member of First Christian, serving in many capacities.

The church was the central focus of her life and the life of her family.

On Nov. 19, 1933, in the First Christian Church, Zelma became the bride of Harold A.. Mercer. She devoted the next 17 years to being a full-time wife and mother.

For 27 years, from 1950 until her retirement in 1977, and part-time until 1982, Zelma was a teller, then head teller for the St. Joseph Bank and Trust in South Bend. It was work she dearly loved.
Zelma was known for her sense of humor, her quick intelligence and her strength of character.

She is survived by a son and daughter: Michael K. Mercer, Plymouth and Marilee A. Mercer-Wead, and son-in-law, Gordon R. Wead of Wilmette, Ill. A sister-in-law, Helen Mercer, Plymouth, also survives as well as a niece, Betty Howard, of Lakeland, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harold who died on Nov. 2, 1988, a sister, Edith Gunter and twin brothers, Harold and Gerald Runyon.

Visitation with Zelma’s family will be on Saturday, July 14, 2001, from 12 to 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 1101 E. Jefferson Blvd., at Eddy Street, South Bend.

Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Bert Handwork, an Elder of the church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery, South Bend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Zelma’s memory may be sent to First Christian Church, 1101 E. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN., 46617.

Sr. Lourdes Meyer, PHJC, 88, died at 11:50 p.m., on the millennium eve of Christ’s birth, Monday, December 24, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home, at the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Indiana.

She first entered the community on October 15, 1933, the same year she graduated from the School of Nursing. In March of the following year she completed her State Board exams and embarked on a 50 year career of service as a nurse. Sr. Lourdes worked in nearly every hospital department, including teaching in schools of nursing as well as State University.

In 1965 Sister left the Community of the Poor Handmaids, then nearly twenty years later she re-dedicated her life to Christ and re-entered the novitiate on June 9, 1984 and again professed her vows on June 8, 1986. She continued her service to Christ, her Community and the people through her volunteer work at St. Joseph Hospital, Ft. Wayne until her retirement in May of 1996.

Survivors include one sister, Mary Nerger of Park Ridge, Ill. along with dear nieces and nephews

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate the life of Sr. Lourdes on Wednesday, December 26, 2001, from 4:30 – 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2001 at the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Fr. Edward Konerman, S.J. and Fr. Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

Interment will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana.

Eighty-seven year old Charlotte V. Miller, died of natural causes at 4:55 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2001, in the Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center, South Bend, Ind., where she had been a resident since Monday. Charlotte was a former resident at 234 E. Lake St. Plymouth and, most recently, of the Walnut Creek Care Center, Plymouth.

Charlotte was born October 26, 1913, in Jacksonville, Fla., to Ralph Charles Miller and Vesta
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Snowdrop Knowles Miller-Sherman. She attended high school in Chicago, Ill., and moved to Plymouth with her family in 1930.

Never married, from 1940 to 1952, Charlotte worked at the Ball Band company in Mishawaka, often working 12 hours a day. For the next 2 years she worked at the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant, 1953-55. She next worked at American Optical Company in Plymouth before retiring twenty years later, in 1975.

She loved nature. Her favorite hobby was watching and feeding the birds and raccoons who visited her yard in the evening. She kept pretty close to home and enjoyed cats and dogs, particularly, “Baby,” her last and most favored cat.

Charlotte is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Hey are: David and Cheryl Lee, New Carlisle, Ind., Richard and Peggy Lee and Ron and Virginia Sisco, all of Austin, Texas, and Walter and Mary Jane DeBates, Mishawaka. Also surviving are William and Sharon Lee and Stephen and Terry Lee, all of Plymouth and Barbara “Sharlene” Blackwood, Las Vegas, NV.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Omer Lee.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the New Oakhill Chapel, Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. James Pippenger, pastor of the Argos Bethel Tabernacle, will follow visitation in the chapel at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Charlotte’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.
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Thirty-seven grandchildren and thirty-eight great and great-great grandchildren also survive.

Four sisters and two brothers survive as well. They are: Phyllis and Roscoe Markwith, Reelsville, Ind., Charles W. and Virginia King, Lakeville, Ind., Carol and Larry Verrill, Carmel, Ind., Doris and Harold Barnett, Lost Creek, Ky., Sara and Rudy Grumbacher, Carmel, Ind., and Glen M. and Wanda King, Kokomo, Ind. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jimmy, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, a brother, Malcolm King, and a sister, Rowena Kemery.

Friends may call on the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2001 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Anna will be in the funeral home on Friday, July 20, 2001, at 11 a.m. Brother-in-law Harold Barnett, pastor of the Brethren church in Lost Creek, Ky., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Anna’s memory may be made to the American Lung Association or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Esther M. Montgomery, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at Garden Courts East, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, for the past 2 1/2 years, has died. Esther, 72, died, following an illness, at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2001, in Hospice House of St. Joseph County, South Bend.

Esther was born in St. Joseph County on October 31, 1928. She was the daughter of Paul O. and Elizabeth M. Grieger Gunther. She graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1946.


Esther was first employed at Montgomery Ward. She later worked at Krogers, J.C. Penny’s and Yoders. For 22 years she was a sales clerk and then manager at Dorothy’s Hallmark Store, retiring in 1993.

She was adept at all kinds of handiwork, especially quilting and crocheting. She made Raggedy Ann dolls for all of her grandchildren and quilts for most every member of the family.

Esther enjoyed playing euchre, Cubs baseball and her two son’s softball games. She took a particular interest in her grandchildren and their activities.

She attended the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Esther is survived by two daughters, two sons, a step-daughter and step-son.

Her daughters are Linda D. and Jim Manring and Deborah A. Van Blaricom, all of Plymouth. Her sons are: Steven W. and Mary Montgomery, South Bend and Todd L. and Bethany Montgomery, Plymouth, and step daughter Toni L. and Larry Morris, Mishawaka, and step-son, Delbert W. and Stephane Montgomery, South Bend.
Surviving, in addition to her 12 grandchildren, she has 14 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Gunther Heflick, Plymouth, and Maude Gunther, Titusville, Fla.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and by two brothers, Fred and Oscar "Pete" Gunther.

Visitation with the family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Paul McBride, will follow visitation at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice House of St. Joseph County.


Born on Nov. 24, 1914, in Marshall County, Shirley was the daughter of Lloyd and Ruth Abair. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1933.

On Feb. 13, 1937, Shirley and Floyd A. Morlock were married in Plymouth.

A homemaker and mother to their children, Shirley helped her husband on their farm.

She was an avid quilter and enjoyed sewing and gardening. She spent most of her free time embroidering, stitching or doing something with her hands.

Shirley was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and was a past member of the Pretty Lake Home Extension Club. For many years she was a volunteer with the Marshall County 4-H Clubs.

Floyd A. Morlock, Shirley’s husband of over 65 years, and their four daughters, twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren survive her death.

Her daughters and their husbands are: Lillian and Dean Slonaker, Plymouth, Ind., Charlotte and Jim Barnhart and Nancy and Jerry Barnhart, all of Bourbon, Ind., and Jane and Owen Row, Monroeville, Ind.

Three sisters also survive: Dollie and Warren Hoover, Plymouth, Ind., Bea and Thomas Mertens, Muncie, Ind., and Alice and Dick Opal, Richmond, Ind.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Nina, a brother, Donald, and a sister, Virginia.

Visitation with her family will be from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, and for one hour prior to services in the church on Friday.

At 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, the Reverends Robert Vardaman and Les Kephart of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., will conduct funeral services at the church.
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Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Shirley’s name may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Joyce P. Morris

An area resident most of her life, Joyce P. Morris, 62, 11240 9A Road, Plymouth, rose up into the loving embrace of our Heavenly Father at 5:50 p.m., on July 6, 2001. As was her wish, she died at home in the loving company of her family and members of the Marshall County Hospice team.

Born in Gary, Ind., on July 6, 1939, she was the daughter of William and Pearl Erickson. Raised by her aunt and uncle, Alvin and Hulda Holm from the age of five until adulthood, Joyce fondly remembered and was grateful to the couple. She said that she looked forward to greeting them in heaven.

On Nov. 2, 1958, Joyce and Richard C. Morris were married in Tyner, Ind.

Joyce raised her children while working alongside her spouse in the family-owned business. Hardworking, she kept the books and managed the office, first at Morris Motors and Carwash to the present Gold Coast Motors.

After helping her family to become happy and secure adults, Joyce gave her maternal love and skills to her grandchildren. She experienced pure joy in spending time with them and participating in their activities.

For the past 17 years, “Grandma” has beamed with the pride, joy and love in having Kara, Rick, Sam, Matt, Holly, Emily, Sydney and Grace. Joyce had great respect and love for her daughters-in-law, Monica, Lynn and Paula, enjoying a special relationship with each.

This past year, Joyce became a member of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church, Walkerton, Ind. The spirit of God, the strength of the ministry and the love of the congregation served to strengthen her faith and offered her great comfort.

Among her favorite hobbies were decorating cakes for family and friends and collecting photos of her family. She was also an avid reader and a firm supporter of the Plymouth Public Library.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Richard and her three sons and their wives: Michael and Paula Morris, James and Monica Morris and Joseph and Lynn Morris. A daughter, Julie Morris, eight grandchildren, a brother, Joseph William Erickson and many nieces and nephews survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her aunt and uncle, Alvin and Hulda Holm, a sister, Mary Ann Allen, and a nephew, William G. Erickson.

Family services were held on Monday, July 9, 2001. Entombment was in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Joyce’s memory may be made to the Koontz Lake Missionary Church of Walkerton, Ind., to Friends of the Library, Plymouth or to the Marshall County Hospice.
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Grace M. Baker Nifong


Grace was formerly a 60-year resident of South Bend.

Born in Plymouth on Aug. 30, 1913, she was a twin daughter of Samuel P. and Alta M. Foreman Baker. Her twin sister, Gladys Gardner, died on May 29, 1991.

Grace graduated from West High School with the class of 1932. Completing her education at South Bend Business College, she worked for Associates of South Bend before becoming a mother and homemaker. She later worked for 16 years as the office manager of the First United Methodist Church of South Bend, retiring in 1979. Thereafter she donated her time to charities such as the Thrift Store in Mishawaka. Grace was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church of South Bend. She enjoyed visiting shut-in members. She also was interested in genealogy and was a member of the Schuyler Colfax Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

A talented china painter, she enjoyed painting tea sets and dishes for her family and friends.

She loved to travel and had visited Europe, the Holy Land, and the state of Hawaii.


Grace is remembered for her strong sense of family. Following the traditions set by her mother, Grace delighted in bringing the whole family together for celebrations.

She is revered for being a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

Grace is survived by her husband, Cyrus, and her son and daughter-in-law, Karl R. and Barbara Matz of McPherson, Kan. Her pride and joy, two granddaughters, also survive. They are: Michelle K. and Todd Huddle, McPherson, Kan. and Jennifer R. and Mike Vermeulen together with two great-grandsons, Jacob and Andrew Vermeulen, all of South Bend. A brother, Orville and Pauline Baker, South Bend, survives as well.

Other surviving family members are her beloved nephew Dan Gardner and his family of Osceola, a much loved niece, Dawn Brown and her family of Colorado Springs, Colo., other nieces and nephews, including Judy Hite, Plymouth, and four step-sons and their families: Loren and Shirley Nifong, Plymouth; Larry and Sarah Nifong, Walkerton; Ronald and Clare Nifong of Ft. Wayne and Ross Nifong, Plymouth, including fifteen step grandchildren and eleven step great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel P. Baker Jr, and Kenneth Baker, along with a sister Clarice Volkman.

Friends may celebrate the life of Grace Nifong with her family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to funeral services in the church on Thursday.

The Rev. Ross Cook, of Nappanee and Rev. Deb Peterson of the Union Church of the Brethren will officiate at the funeral services in the Union Church of the Brethren, 10483 St. Road 17, Plymouth, at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.
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A graveside burial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, in St. Joseph Valley Cemetery, 375 W. Cleveland Road, Granger, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Grace’s memory may be given to the Marshall County Hospice or to the Union Church of the Brethren.

Martha G. Barth Ogden

Martha G. Barth Ogden, 96, of 17421 18th Road, died at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, July 14, 2001, in Culver, Indiana. Mrs. Ogden was born September 1, 1904, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the daughter of William J. Barth, Sr. and Marie Catharinas. She was a graduate of Fort Wayne Art School and attended the Snow Froelich School of Industrial Art in New York, the Chicago School of Art Education and the University of Chicago. From 1924 – 1927, Mrs. Ogden was the art supervisor in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She was an art teacher in South Bend from 1927 – 1930, and then taught in Fort Wayne Junior High School.

On June 18, 1936, in Chicago, she married George R. Ogden, who died in 1950. Surviving are one son, George R. Ogden, of Knox, Indiana, one daughter, Martha Ogden Arnold, of Boulder, Colorado, and three grandsons. Three sisters and a brother preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ogden had lived in Culver since 1948. For seven years she taught art in area schools until retiring in 1970. She was a world traveler and an avid bird watcher. She was a member of the Culver City Federated Club and the Associate Tri Kappa.

There will be no visitation or services. Mrs. Ogden had requested cremation. Contributions may be made to the Culver Union Township Public Library or the Audubon Society.

Marie D. Palumbo

Marie D. Palumbo, 95, who made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Rosemarie and Walter Wozniak at 10181 Quince Rd., Plymouth, for the past seven years, having lived in Chicago for 88 years, has died.

Marie died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor at 1:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2001. She was born the daughter of Vito and Della Stolfa Altier in Chicago, Ill., on June 19, 1906. She attended Chicago schools.

On Nov. 12, 1933, in Chicago, Marie and William J. Palumbo were married. William died on August 10, 1958.

A homemaker, Marie loved to cook. She crocheted beautiful handiwork and enjoyed playing bridge and solitaire. She had favorite soap operas she liked to watch.

Marie is survived by her daughter Rosemarie and son-in-law, Walter Wozniak, Plymouth, and by a son, William J. and Sue Palumbo, Denver, Colorado, and a daughter-in-law, Sara Palumbo, Scottsdale, Ariz.

Called ‘Grammie’ by her seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, she was devoted to them all. They, and many loving nieces and nephews survive as well.

Marie was preceded in death by her spouse and by a son, Robert Joseph Palumbo and three brothers: Daniel, Charles and Joseph Altier. A sister, Lucille Lungo, has died also.

Visitation with the family to celebrate the life of their beloved mother and grandmother will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Marie will be at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 20, 2001, in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church of which she was a member. Father Tony Gillespie of St. Michael's will officiate.

Also at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 20, a dedication service presided by Darragh Connelly of Ireland will be held in the Queen of Heaven Mausoleum Chapel, 1400 S. Wolf Rd., Hillside, Ill. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum.

Memorial gifts in Marie’s memory may be made to the Foundation for Epilepsy or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

James H. Phillips

James H. "Jim" Phillips, 124 Shalley Drive, Plymouth, died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 6:31 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2001. Jim had been a Plymouth resident for the last 20 years coming from Anderson, Ind. He was 48 years old.

Born in Seymour, Ind., on Feb. 5, 1953, he was the son of James and Bertha Day Phillips. He graduated from Anderson High School and later attended classes in order to receive his real estate license.

On July 26, 1986, in the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, Jim and Sharon M. Rowe were married.

He worked as an insurance adjuster for a number of years and was also self-employed in construction for many years.

Jim liked to hunt and fish and was a member of the Elks' Lodge in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon, Plymouth, and by two sons and two daughters.

His sons, both in Plymouth, are Justin Phillips, 12, and Joshua Phillips, 8 years old.

His daughters both live in Anderson, Ind. They are: Jamie Newte and her daughter, Jaylynn, and Ginger Phillips.

Jim's mother, Bertha Phillips and two sisters, Judy and Frank Presley and Debbie and Billy Mahoney, all of Anderson, also survive, together with a third sister, Terry Kyle of Moorehaven, Fla. and his mother and father-in-law, Gene and Patty Rowe of Argos, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, August 17, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Funeral services on Saturday, August 18, 2001, will be at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Rev. Les Kephart, pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church where Jim attended church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.
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John B. Reeder Sr., 84, died, after an extended illness, at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. He had made his family's home at 801 S. Michigan St., Plymouth.

John was born on August 9, 1916, in Florence, Alabama, the son of Dr. & Mrs. F. B. Reeder. He graduated from Florence State Teachers College, now the University of North Alabama.

He was thought of by his friends as the epitome of a perfect Southern gentleman; he was kind, thoughtful and soft-spoken.

He first joined Montgomery Ward at Huntsville, Ala., then serving at Blytheville, Ark., thus beginning a forty-five year period of service with Wards, interrupted only by World War II.

He was married on March 28, 1936, in Iuka, Miss., to Kathleen K. Kinnibrugh, the couple were devoted to one another for over sixty-five years.

After three years in the United States Navy, serving in the Pacific Theater, he returned to Wards in Paris, Ill., then later to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Nashville, Tenn., followed by Bluffton, Marion and Greencastle Indiana stores.

After coming to Plymouth in 1956, he requested that no more moves be made. He appreciated the high quality of the schools and other important considerations of life in Plymouth. A highly respected and competent executive, his wishes were honored. He managed the local store for seventeen years until it was closed.

John was then transferred to the Grand Rapids, Mich. facility and the Ludington, Mich. store which he managed until he took early retirement in 1979. He and Kathleen then returned to Plymouth, their chosen home.

During his life in Plymouth, John was a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Plymouth Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #149, the Scottish Rite Consistory and the Toastmaster's Club. A member of the First United Methodist Church, he served as a volunteer treasurer for sixteen years.

He was an avid reader and interested in the growth of the Plymouth Public Library. The Young Adult Room, a first for Plymouth, will be in the new section of the library and will be named the John B. Reeder Family Young Adult Room.

Susie Reinholt, director of the library said “we are so grateful. It is so amazing to me,” she said, “that the family, in the middle of this very difficult time, thought so much of the community that they wanted to give us all a gift.”

In presenting the gift, John’s last statement was that the family wanted to publicly express their appreciation of the quality of life that they have enjoyed in Plymouth.

John is survived by his spouse and their two children, a daughter, Ann R. Powell, Indianapolis, Ind., and a son, John B. Reeder, Jr., of Bryan, Texas.

Three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive as well.

His parents and a brother preceded John in death.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, May 22, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Larry Houseman, pastor of the church, will be held at
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11 a.m. following visitation in the church.

A burial service will be held at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville, Alabama at 3 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2001 with Rev. John Johnston officiating. The Spry Funeral Home, 2411 Memorial Parkway NW, Huntsville, Alabama is in charge of local arrangements.

Preferred memorials in the memory of John Reeder may be made to the First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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**Norman D. Rhoads**

Norman D. Rhoads, 97, Garden Courts Downtown, 315 W. Garro St., Plymouth, a resident of Marshall County most of his life, died of natural causes at 6:37 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was to many a combination of Johnny Appleseed and Daniel Boone. One of a vanishing generation: proud, honest, hard working and self-sufficient.

Norman will be remembered for lots of things, but mostly as being "the perfect father" to his sixteen children, four of whom are deceased.

In a 1999 interview, he wasn't “for sure” how many grandchildren, great-grands or great-great-grandchildren he had, but he knew there were a bunch.

Born on June 19, 1904, in Wabash, Indiana, he was the son of Richard and Lena LaSonde Rhoads. He attended Wabash schools.

When he was 14, he and his dad worked for the Kokomo Brass Company. “That was in World War I,” he said. “We helped make bomb casings.”

Norman got married when he was 17: his bride, Hazel Kumley, was 13. After her death, he then married Maudie I. Gaines on Oct. 6, 1953, in Plymouth. Maudie died on May 17, 1991.

He was a self-employed licensed tree surgeon and pest controller and had worked in 38 states. Most of his knowledge came from working with woods and reading all he could about them.

Years ago he worked for the G&G Grocery. “Chuck” Glaub told him that “no matter what it costs, keep that magnolia tree in the middle of the parking lot healthy.” Norman did until he retired. His boys then took over from him.

A man of the earth, Norman made a potion of ginseng, garlic, vinegar and other good stuff that he boiled and drank twice a day. He said he kept him young for over 25 years.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Norman last went deer hunting two years ago when he was 95. He loved nature and flowers. He carved beautiful sassafras walking sticks which he decorated with vines carved to look like reptiles and topped with coyote tails.

Norman loved telling stories about the old days. About how he and his father used to shell on the rivers, gathering mussel shells that they sold to the Wabash Button Factory. He’d talk about the depression days. Without a job, he was forced one time to steal a bag a flour to feed his family. “I had to feed them,” he said, “I had to feed them. My kids were hungry.”

He helped to build the inter-urban bypass in Wabash, doing pick and shovel work for 30 cents an hour. “But that was O.K.,” he said. “Thirty cents would buy something then.”

Norman is survived by four daughters and eight sons. His daughters are: Neppi Harman, Celina, Ohio, Marilyn J. Moreno, Plymouth, Ind., Linda R. and Lester Williams, Walkerton, Ind., and...
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Martha D. and Jack Guerra, Bourbon, Ind.

His sons are: Charlie and Ruth Rhoads, Anderson, Ind., Armand and Rachel Rhoads, Tacoma, Wash., George and Peggy Rhoads, Wabash, Ind.,


Three sisters also survive. They are Willadean Staggs, Lagro, Ind., J Leanell Scott and Ruthetta Jines, both of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, his spouses, two daughters, Donreatha and Lena Rhodes and two sons, Billy Joe and Dickie Rhodes. Two brothers, Samuel and Emmett and two sisters, Carman and Myrtle, have also died.

Visitation with the family to celebrate Norman’s life will be on Friday, August 24, 2001, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2001, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Norman’s memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Ervin G. Rhodes

Eighty-three year old Ervin G. Rhodes, a resident at 5000 West 37th Ave., Gary, Ind., having moved there 34 years ago from Plymouth, died following an illness at 11:30 p.m., Friday, December 28, 2001, in Plymouth’s Millers Merry Manor where he had been a patient since Thursday.

Ervin was born in Lady Smith, Wis., the son of Clarence and Ruby Rhodes, on April 18, 1918. He attended school in a one-room schoolhouse in Wisconsin.

He was first married to Kathryn M. Meek on January 12, 1940 in Bourbon, Indiana, she died in December 21, 1983.

Ervin, a member of the Pentecostal Faith, he pastored a church in Rochester and later worked at Studebaker’s in South Bend for 22 years. A millwright, he then worked for the U.S. Steel Company in Gary for 18 years, retiring in 1983.

A hard worker, Ervin enjoyed building houses, a favorite pastime was hunting for herbs especially ginseng.

He was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Gary, Indiana.

Ervin is survived by four sons and seven daughters. His sons are: Nathan J. Rhodes and James G. and Audra Rhodes, all of Plymouth, Calvin J. Rhodes, Koontz Lake, Ind., and Garland G. Rhodes, Indianapolis.

His daughters are: Connie Arrequin, Valparaiso, Ind., Alberta and Larry Lines, Chesterton, Ind., Jane K. and Donnie Gillum, Flatwood, Ky., Donna L. Rhodes, N. Judson, Ind., Ruby I. Elam and Aquila Rhodes, both of Westville, Ind., and Lisa Rhodes, Gary, Ind.

Twenty-five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

Ervin was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn, two infant daughters: Ruth Elaine and
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Areatha Rhodes and two other daughters: Lela R. Harner and Pricilla Rhodes and a son Arthur Rhodes.

Four brothers also preceded him in death: Arnold, Harold, Carroll and Wayne Rhodes, and one sister, Elsie Heisler.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., and for one hour prior to services in the church on Thursday.

The funeral services for Ervin will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at the Plymouth United Pentecostal Church - House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail. Pastor Tommy Doughty, of The Church of Jesus Christ, Gary; and Rev. Donnie Gillum, a son-in-law will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in memory of Ervin, may be made to the House of Prayer, Plymouth or The Church of Jesus Christ, Gary.

Harley O. Rice

Lake Station – Harley O. Rice, Sr., 90, of 2560 Wells St., Lake Station, died Friday, April 20, 2001, at his residence.

Harley was born on December 10, 1910 in Tiosa, IN, to A. J. and Hannah O’Blenis Rice.

He retired in 1972 as a construction supervisor with NIPSCO.

Harley was a talented musician and played with various bands in the area, also on area radio stations and on WLS National Barn Dance.

He was a life member of the Musicians Union; Lake Station Senior Citizens; AOPA Pilot Aircraft and Pilot’s Association.

Survivors are his loving wife of 69 years, Pearl, of Lake Station; three daughters, Madalyn and John Miller of Portage Twp.; Juanita and Bruce Ross of Lansing, IL; and Betty and Jim Klassen of Valparaiso; 17 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Myrtle Rice of Tucumcari, New Mexico, and a cousin, Edna Dubois of Argos, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Harley, Jr. and Alan J. Rice; a grandson, Bryan Miller; two brothers, Alva and Paul; and a sister, Mary “Bonnie” Sissel.

Friends may visit with the family on Monday, April 23, 2001 from 3 to 9 p.m. at Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Ave, Portage, IN, and on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Gerald T. Walworth will follow visitation at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, in the funeral Home.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, IN.

Memorial gifts in Harley’s memory may be made to: Mary Bartz VNA Hospice; The First Church of the Nazarene in Hobart, IN; or to the charity of the Donor’s choice.
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Betty P. Riley

Betty P. Riley, 57, died, following an illness, at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, October 4, 2001. Betty died at her residence, 7615 11th A. Road, Plymouth, in the loving care of her family and Hospice. She was born in Plymouth on May 28, 1944, the daughter of John "Jiggs" and Mary E. Cudney Hill. Betty attended Plymouth High School.

On May 6, 1990, she and Iley C. Riley were married.

She was first, and foremost, a homemaker. Betty also enjoyed collecting dolls.

Betty is survived by her husband, Iley, of Plymouth and by three sons and a daughter. Her daughter is Julie A. and Marshall Sheets, Rochester, Ind., and her sons are Clyde E. and Melody Avery, Jr., Plymouth, Richard A. Avery, Argos, Ind., and John H. and Melanie Avery, Plymouth.

Carl and Kay Hill, a brother, living in Lake, Miss., and two sisters, Mae Kile and Evelyn Wilcox, both of Plymouth, also survive, together with ten grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no visitation or funeral service.

Memorial contributions in Betty's name may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

John R. (Jack) Robinson

John R. (Jack) Robinson, 73, of 5206 Michigan St., a Plymouth resident since 1954, coming from Delphi, Ind., died, following a short illness, at 4:35 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Ind.

Born in Chicago, Ill., the son of Raymond and Ann Kalis Robinson on June 9, 1928, John graduated from St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Delphi and from Delphi High School in 1946, where he ran track and pole vaulted. In 1964, he received his diploma from LaSalle Extension University. He later took computer and data processing courses at Ancilla College.

John was a Corporal in the National Guard from 1948 to 1952 serving as a light weapons infantryman and rifle sharpshooter. He was a member of the LaPaz American Legion Post 385.

On September 8, 1952, in Delphi, John and Janet A. Boyer were married. Janet died on July 5, 1996.

Employed for 38 years on the railroad, John retired in 1990 from Conrail. For the past thirty years, he operated a part-time income tax service.

John loved stock car racing and owned a race car for twenty years. He was an avid golfer. He loved gardening and was a part-time bee keeper.


Five grandchildren also survive: Lexie, Cassie, Christine, Cyndie and John R. Robinson, all of Huntsville, Ala. A brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Mary Ann Robinson, of Delphi, together with four nieces and a nephew, survive as well.

John was preceded in death by two sisters: Mary and Jean Robinson.
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Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2001, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind., where military honors will be provided by the LaPaz American Legion Post 385.

Memorial gifts in John’s memory may be made to the Marshall County or the American Cancer Fund.

Robert L. Romine

Robert L. “Bob” Romine, 52, 824 N. Plum St., Plymouth, a resident of Marshall and Starke Counties all of his life, died, following a lengthy illness, at 1:52 a.m. on Monday, June 18, 2001, in Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, Ind.

Bob was born on April 27, 1949, in Ober, Ind. He was the son of Bernard and Florence Dickson Romine. He attended Ober schools.

Never married, Bob did janitorial work at Culver Academy. He also mowed lawns and did outside work when he was able.

He enjoyed rebuilding lamps and restoring and collecting antique radios. He was an enthusiastic Bingo player and enjoyed the games.

Bob attended church in Ober.

He is survived by two sisters and two brothers. They are: Darlene and her husband, Clifford Merkel, Wanatah, Ind., Inez Earnest, Ron Romine and Bernard Romine, all of Ober.

Vernon Parrott of Plymouth, whom he raised as a son, also survives.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Donald Romine and Joy Shepperd, his companion of 21 years.

Visitation with his family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

The Rev. Robert Kirby, pastor of the New Life Pentecostal Church, Hamlet, will officiate at funeral services at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2001, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, North Judson, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Loretta K. Rosenstiehl

Loretta K. Rosenstiehl, 58, died of a cancer-related illness, at 9:35 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7, 2001, in the Hospice House of St. Joseph County. Loretta of 7928 Rose Road, Plymouth, was a Marshall County resident most of her life. She had however, lived in Melbourne, Fla. from 1984 until her recent return this spring.

Loretta was born in Havre De Grace, Maryland, on December 15, 1942. She was the daughter of Benjamin F. Colvin and Mildred E. Couts Colvin Reid.
A 1962 graduate of Plymouth High School, she also had attended West School and course work at Ancilla College.

In the Florida area, Loretta worked in the field of marketing and sales for residential building trades.

She had a strong appreciation of art and enjoyed many things such as bowling, movies, dancing and spending time with her family.

Loretta was baptized and attended services at the Christian Center in South Bend. She witnessed to others by her conviction of faith in God, and helped lead them to salvation. A caring person, she often prayed for those who were sick or in need.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Mildred and Lee W. Reid, Culver, and by two daughters and a son. Her children are Jennifer L. Snyder, Plymouth, Elizabeth A. Saluter, Cocoa, Fla., and Michael W. Snyder, Plymouth.

Two granddaughters, Jennifer K. and Matt Astle, Cocoa, Fla., and Lisa M. Wagers, Argos, also survive together with two grandsons, David M. Saluter and Joshua Saluter, both of Merritt Island, Fla. Two brothers survive as well; they are: Larry D. Colvin, Ft. Myers Beach, Fla., and Bruce W. Colvin, Canaveral Groves, Fla.

Loretta was preceded in death by her father and by Ronald L. Colvin, an infant brother.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services in the funeral home will follow visitation at 7 p.m.

A Pastor from the Christian Center, South Bend, will officiate at Loretta’s services.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Loretta’s memory may be made to the Feed the Children program of LeSea Broadcasting.

Dorothy L. Sahlhoff

Lifelong Marshall County resident Dorothy L. “Dot” Sahlhoff, 56, of rural Walkerton, Ind., died at 10:57 a.m., on Thursday, November 8, 2001, at Hospice House, South Bend.

Dot was born on April 19, 1945, in Plymouth. She was the daughter of Harry A. and Zulene F. Studebaker Hohman. She graduated from Bremen High School with the class of 1963 and earned an Associate degree from Ancilla College in 1993. She then received her Certificate in Accounting.

On April 4, 1964, in Plymouth, Dot and Leo W. Sahlhoff Jr. were married.

She was employed at the Penn Harris Madison School Corporation in accounting for the past five years, having previously worked for eight years at Martin’s Chevrolet, Bremen.

A member of the Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Dot served on the Board of Evangelism and was, among other positions, a former church treasurer.

A former Polk Township 4-H leader, she enjoyed swimming, reading and collecting unique baskets. She was known for her great love for her family, especially her grandchildren.
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Dot is survived by her husband, Leo and their three daughters: Karmen K. and Chris Leeper, Bremen, April L. and James Schmidt, Winona Lake, Ind., and Rhonda S. and Dustin Davis, Mentone. Six grandchildren also survive.

Two sisters, Patricia and Larry Cramer, Plymouth and Dora Jean and Rollie Allen, Odessa, Texas, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a twin brother, Dale L. Hohman and a son, Tony L. Sahlhoff.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2001, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. There will also be visitation for one hour at the church prior to the services on Monday.

Funeral services will be in the Calvary Lutheran church, 1314 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, the Rev. Steven Resner, pastor will officiate on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001 at 11 a.m.

Memorial gifts in Dot’s memory may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church building fund.

Cyril E., Jr. Sarber

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Lifetime Tyner area resident Cyril E. “Cy” Sarber, Jr., 73, living at 5119 Sage Road, Plymouth, for 41 years, died, following years of chronic emphysema, at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2001, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Born in Tyner on April 28, 1928, Cy was the son of Cyril E. Sarber, Sr. and Hazel M. Stout Sarber. He graduated from Tyner High School with the class of 1946.

Cy served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #385, LaPaz and the V.F.W., #1954, North Liberty.

On April 19, 1956, in Tyner, Cy and Carol A. Krieg were married.

A truck mechanic for Shippers Dispatch, South Bend, for 31 years, he retired in 1986, as the Service Manager.

He loved cars...fixing them and driving them. As a young man he was a stock car racing driver.

Cy enjoyed being with his family and grandchildren, supporting them in their 4-H animal projects. He liked to ice fish area lakes.

He was a 50-year member of the Tyner United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Tyner Oddfellows Lodge 821.

Cy is survived by his wife and their two daughters and a son. The daughters are Julie C. Spitznagle of Carlisle, Ind., and Laurie A. and Steve Weiand, Fishers, Ind. His son, Craig E. and Sandy Sarber live in Walkerton, Ind.

Five grandchildren also survive: Jay Spitznagle, Morocco, Ind., Andrea and Brianna Weiand, Fishers, and Cahill and Cole Sarber, Walkerton.

Cy’s mother, Hazel M. Skinner, of Tyner, and two brothers, Dean and Joyce Sarber, Plymouth, and David “Lou” and Nancy Sarber, Anchorage, Alaska, together with numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Dwight Sarber.
Visitation with the family will be on Monday, June 25, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Tyner Oddfellows memorial service will take place following visitation at 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, Cy’s brother-in-law, the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will conduct the funeral service.

Special military graveside rites will be given by the LaPaz American Legion Post 385.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Lung Association in memory of Cy.

Irene Eve Sarna, 66, 11520 E. 50 N, Knox, Ind., where she had lived since 1980, died in the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, following an illness, at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2001.

Born in Chicago on April 1, 1935, she was the daughter of Peter and Caroline Szczepanski Amanowicz. Irene came to Plymouth from Chicago in 1938 as a child of three years old. She received her grade and high school education at Ancilla Domini.

In September of 1953, at the age of 18, Irene went to work for the Cressner Abstract and Title Company. Morris Cressner said of her that she was the first, and the best, secretary he ever had. She was his right-hand and was extremely proficient in her work. Diligent, with attention to detail, Irene was admired and trusted as one of the best in the field of abstract examiners. She was made a partner in the business 25 years ago and upon Cressner’s death became the sole owner.

On May 16, 1980, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Irene and Cyril M. Sarna were married. Cyril died on June 16, 1997.

A lifelong caregiver to many in her family and community, Irene’s quiet conviction to her faith and benevolence to those in need was well known. She expected very little in return.

She had a great interest in flying. She loved birds and nature. A devout member of St. Michael’s, she was also an associate of Ancilla Domini.

Irene is survived by James J. Sarna, her caregiver and step-son, Knox, and two step-daughters, Arlene E. Sarna, Elmhurst, Ill., and Marie Hollon, Knox.

Six step-grandchildren, several step-great-grandchildren and two nieces and nephews also survive together with Betty J. Sarna, a daughter-in-law, Plymouth, and Genevieve Apicella, a sister, living in Chicago.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and Sylvester R. Sarna, a step-son.

Visitation with her family will be on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, Donaldson. A Rosary and Evening Vigil will take place a 7 p.m. in the chapel. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 9 – 11 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2001, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of the church, will officiate.
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Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to Ancilla Domini or to St. Michael's Mission 2000.

**Bertha Irene Schmeltz**

Lifetime area resident, Bertha Irene Schmeltz, formerly of 9216 Suter Rd. died of natural causes at 4:20 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001, in Walnut Creek Care Center where she had lived since 1999. Bertha would have celebrated her 86th birthday in two weeks.

Born in Teegarden, Ind., on July 25, 1915, Bertha was the daughter of George Washington and Ida May Weaver Thomas. She attended Teegarden schools.

On December 31, 1937, in South Bend, she married Cecil Paul Lewis Schmeltz.

A homemaker....and a good one. Bertha was an outdoor person. She enjoyed gardening, vegetables and flowers. She canned the fruits of her garden and was an excellent cook.

She liked to crochet and sew and made much of the family's clothing.

A former member of the Teegarden Brethren Church, Bertha attended the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church. A 25-year member of the Women of the Moose, #1355, she was a Past Chairperson of Moose Heart and was an Escort to the Academy of Friendship in the Moose.

Bertha is survived by Cecil, her spouse of 63 years, and their four daughters. The daughters are Sharon L. and Gale Lowry and Donna K. and Donald Wood, all of Walkerton: Margaret M. Birk and Gloria I. and Charles Krieg all of Plymouth.

Eighteen grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren together with Bernice Odaffer, a sister-in-law of Plymouth, also survive.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers: Willard and Clarence Thomas and Nancy Mangun, a sister. An infant son, Paul Lamar Schmeltz and an infant grandson, David Louis Wood, have also died.

Visitation with her family to celebrate Bertha’s life will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A special Moose Ladies Ritual will be held at 8 p.m. following visitation.

Funeral services for Bertha will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, Bertha’s son-in-law and pastor of the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Memorial gifts in Bertha’s name may be made to Moose Heart or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Sister Mary Ellen Schuhmacher

Sister Mary Ellen Schuhmacher, PHJC, 91, died at 11:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3, 2001, in the Catherine Kasper Home, at the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind.

The daughter of John and Mary Harbough Schuhmacher, Sister Mary Ellen was born in Hecker, Ill., on June 14, 1910.
She entered the convent on June 28, 1928, and professed her first vows on June 26, 1930.

Sr. held a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Education and served the ministry of elementary education as a teacher for 40 years. She also did clerical work in Chicago and Ft. Wayne, Hospitals for eleven years, retiring in 1981 to the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Sr. Mary Ellen is survived by two nieces and great nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate her life, on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2001 at the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Fathers Edward Konerman, S.J. and Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

Interment will be in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana.

Robert F. Shaffer

Robert F. “Sam” Shaffer, 85, a lifetime Plymouth area resident, has died after a brief illness, at 4:10 p.m., on Sunday, August 26, 2001.

Sam, who lived with Esther, his wife of 55-years, at 217 Shalley Drive, Plymouth, since 1976, died in the Emergency Room of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Tippecanoe, Ind., on October 3, 1915, Sam was the son of John E. and Elizabeth A. Hardesty Shaffer. He graduated from Tippecanoe High School in 1933.

He first worked at Morris Lumber Co., as a yardman and in delivery with his brother Bud, and lifelong friend Robert Cook.

When World War II came, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving four years.

On June 6, 1944, with the 16th Infantry Division of the First Battalion, Sam landed on Omaha Beach where he was wounded and later was awarded a Purple Heart and a Silver Star.

Once home, Sam and Esther L. Grossman were married in Plymouth on April 21, 1946.

He and his brother, Bud, formed the Shaffer Brothers Construction Company. They were well regarded in the field specializing in remodeling and room additions. He retired in 1978, but continued in the carpentry trio of Sam, Bob Cook and Bill Snyder until June of this year.

Three years ago Sam and Bill Snyder went to Americus, Georgia, to help on a Habitat for Humanity project.

He was also a Plymouth firefighter for 25 years, starting in 1955, and was part-time chief from 1967 to 1978. Mayor Chuck Glaub appointed Sam as Plymouth’s first full-time Fire Chief, serving from 1978 to 1980 when he retired. He was instrumental in the addition of the 1970, 80-foot Am LaFrance aerial truck that was just replaced.

A supporter of Plymouth’s Big Red sports teams, Sam belonged to the Plymouth Kilwinning Lodge #149, serving as Master in 1956. A member of Valley of South Bend Scottish Rite, the Ind. State Fireman’s Assoc., and was a life member of the V.F.W. #1162.

Sam is survived by his devoted spouse Esther and their loving daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth A. “Beth” and Dick Webster, Bremen.
Also surviving is a grandson, Michael C. and Paula Shively, Plymouth. Their great-grandson, Seth Shively, and great-granddaughter, Morgan Shively, survive as well.

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Durward “Dude”, James W. “Bud” and Cloyse “Pete” Shaffer and two sisters: Donna B. Shaffer and Doris Anglin.

Visitation with Sam’s family will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A Masonic service will be held at 8 p.m., following visitation.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2001, in the funeral home. The Rev. Brian Deckinger, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Donaldson, where Sam was a member, will officiate.

A special salute will be give at the Plymouth Fire House.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where military honors will be accorded Sam by the VFW Post 1162.

Former Mayor Chuck Glaub said it best. " Sam Shaffer was a gentleman. He will be missed by many."

Memorial gifts may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Gordon A. Smith

Gordon A. “Gordy” Smith, 93, died of natural causes at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, 2001, in the Walnut Creek Care Center, Plymouth. Gordy grew up in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan, but had spent most of his life in the Rochester, Plymouth and Argos areas.

Born the son of Curtis E. and Etta Fay Gordon Smith, he was born on Jan. 7, 1908, in Tiosa, Ind. He was educated in Michigan schools and later attended a drafting school at night.

On June 15, 1930, at her parents home in Fulton County, Ind., Gordy and Lola F. Munn were married in a double ceremony with Lola’s sister Ethel, and Gilbert Simons, by the Rev. Ralph Handchew.

Gordy’s first job, for 15 years, was as a foreman at Edwards Iron Works in South Bend. He farmed for several years and then became a self-employed contractor doing business as Smith Remodeling Service. Later he became the first building inspector for Marshall County.

An avid fisherman, Gordy enjoyed woodworking, rabbit hunting and being with his family.

He loved to travel and visited most of the United States and a number of foreign countries.

Gordy was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren where he was a Deacon for six years. He was also a member of Gideons International and was on the Boards of Directors of the Marshall County REMC and Farmer’s Mutual Insurance.

He is survived by his Lola, his wife of 71 years and by their two daughters and sons-in-law: Doris L. and Don Davidson, Inwood, Ind., and Norma Jean and Dwight Carlisle, Fresno, Calif.

Eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchild also survive together with four sisters and a brother. The sisters are Thelma Peddycord, North Liberty, Ind.,
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Miriam and Don Badgley, South Bend and Ardelle Campbell and Helen Durham, both of Mishawaka, Ind. His brother is Paul Smith of Elkhart.

Gordy is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Harold D. Smith.

Visitation will be on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001. The Rev. Alice Archer, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Gordy’s memory may be made to Gideon International and the Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren.

Lifet ime Plymouth resident, Irene M. Snook, 85, died at her residence, 11540 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, in the company of her family at 9:38 a.m. on Sunday, October 14, 2001. Irene had battled a cancer-related illness since 1996.

Born in Plymouth, the daughter of George H. and Martha E. Littman Towle on July 29, 1916, she grew up in West Township and received her education at West High School.

On January 4, 1936, in Culver, Ind., Irene and John V. Snook were married. John preceded her in death on June 15, 1995.

For 19 years, until 1972, she and her husband were the owners and operators of the Plymouth Dairy Queen.

Irene enjoyed flower gardening, shopping, visiting and working crossword puzzles. Her social life was primarily time spent with her family and her church.

She was a member of the Central Church of Christ for many years.

Irene is survived by two sons and a daughter. Her sons are Robert V. Snook, Lynnville, Tenn., and John E. Snook, Ft. Wayne. Her daughter is Janet L. and Ed Ousnamer, Tampa, Florida.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson, together with Ida Wagoner, a sister, and Pat and Bill Kyser, a sister and brother-in-law, all of Plymouth. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Irene was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and by Jake Snook, a great grandson. Two sisters, Dorothy Comford and Florence Anderson and three brothers, Howard, George, and Harold Towle, have also died.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Thursday, October 18, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. Brother Byron Henbest, of Bowling Green, Ky., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Preferred memorial gifts in Irene’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.
Ray L. Snyder, 80, a lifetime LaPaz resident and known to many in the area as “Snyder the Decorator”, has died. Ray, who resided at 13010 W. 1st. Road, died following an illness at the home of his daughter Pam, in Bristol, Ind.

Born on October 30, 1920 in Lapaz, Ind., he was the son of Solomon F. and Cacelia M. Boone Snyder. He attended Lapaz schools and served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Philippines where he received the Bronze Star.

At the early age of sixteen, Ray joined his father in the painting and decorating business which he continued until his retirement in 1998. Ray was known for quality work and having a friendly disposition.

On February 11, 1950, in South Bend, he and Marcia L. Hostetler, were married. Marcia died suddenly, one year ago, May 10, 2000.

Ray took pride in helping others by fixing and repairing things, sometimes a challenge, but eager to try. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking and reading.

A member of the Nappanee First Church of God, where he was involved in the W.H.O. ‘We Help Others’, adult Bible class. And had also served as a Sunday School teacher. He was a former member of the LaPaz First Community Church of God.

He is survived by one son, Dean R. and Theresa Snyder of Defiance, Ohio, two daughters, Pam J. and Terry Garber of Bristol and Deb K. Snyder of Goshen. Eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive along with one sister and two brothers. They are, Betty and Rev. Hilton Bryant of Hammond, Roy and Lorena Snyder of Plymouth and Paul and Eyvonne Snyder of Bremen. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Ray was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Jean Fay, a twin to son Dean, his parents, spouse and two brothers, Leo and Don Snyder.

Friends may visit with the family today Tuesday, June 19, from 4 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson – Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ray will be conducted by the Rev. Emeritus Robert Fields, of the Nappanee First Church of God and family friend Bro. Dave VanCuren. The funeral will be held in the LaPaz First Community Church of God, 601 S. Michigan St. LaPaz at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, where friends may call one hour prior services.

Burial will be in Fair Cemetery, northwest of LaPaz. Military graveside services will be accorded Ray by the Lapaz American Legion Post 385.

Memorial gifts in Ray’s memory may be made to the Nappanee First Church of God, LaPaz First Community Church of God or the Goshen Hospital Community Hospice Program.

LeRoy R. Sporner

Leroy R. "Lee" Sporner, 63, died of natural causes at his home, 17329 9th Rd., Plymouth, on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2001. Lee had lived there since 1983, coming from German Valley, Ill.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1938, in St. Mary’s, Penn., the son of Joseph A. and Emma L. Cowan Sporner. He attended St. Mary’s Elementary in Pennsylvania and in Plymouth St. Michael’s and West High School after which he joined the United States Navy.

Farming was in the Sporner Blood and Lee appreciated the solitude Marshall County offered him. A dairy farmer since 1983, Lee had previously drove truck as a Teamster for Mayflower &
Beacon Van Lines for over 20 years in the moving industry.

He enjoyed woodworking and was a radio Cub fan.

Lee is survived by two sisters: Bernece M. Pomeroy, South Bend, and Viola M. Sporner, Warsaw. A sister-in-law in Florida, Patricia A. Sporner, also survives together with many nieces and nephews.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents and by six brothers: Robert, Melvin, Raymond, Kenneth, Leonard and Carl Sporner.

Visitation with the family will be at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 from 12 to 2 p.m.

Funeral services will follow in the funeral home at 2 p.m. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church of which Lee was a member, will officiate.

V.F.W. Post 1162 will provide military honors at the New Oakhill Cemetery graveside.

Gifts in memory of Lee may be made to the Mission 2000 of St. Michael’s Church.

Kenneth Wayne Stewart

Kenneth Wayne Stewart, 516 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died unexpectedly at 11:53 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2001, in the Emergency Room of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Wayne was 35 years old and had lived in Marshall County all of his life.

He was born on November 14, 1965, in Plymouth, the son of Eugene N. Stewart, Sr. and Naomi E. Egnor Stewart. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1984.

Wayne served his country in the United States Army and later worked as a laborer.

He enjoyed following Michigan State University sports, fishing the local rivers and camping at Jellystone Park. An outdoorsman, he was always in charge of the campfire and enjoyed cooking, indoors and out. He loved being with his nieces and nephews and spending time at home.

Wayne is survived by his parents, Eugene and Naomi, Plymouth and by three brothers and seven sisters. The brothers are: James L. and Sharon Stewart, Plymouth, the Rev. Arthur “Allen” and Betty Stewart, Dyersburg, Tenn., and Carl A. and Linda Stewart, Bourbon.

His sisters are: Pat and Raymond Harness, Mary E. and Dennis Hostetler, Grace E. and Raymond Hummel, Betty V. Pflugshaup and friend Doug Whiteman, Candy L. and Michael Shufelt and Samantha G. Stewart, all of Plymouth and Ellen D. and David Kaiser, Walkerton.

Numerous nieces and nephews also survive as well.

Wayne was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene M. Stewart, Jr. and two nephews, Michael and Tony Stewart.

Visitation with the family will be on Monday, November 5, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to Tuesday’s services in the church.

The House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail, where Wayne attended worship, will hold funeral services on Tuesday, November 6, 2001, at 11 a.m. Ronald Humphrey, pastor of the church, together with the Rev. Allen Stewart, brother of Wayne, will officiate.
Special military graveside rites at New Oakhill Cemetery will be conducted by the VFW, #1162, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in memory of Wayne may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Marshall County Mental Health Association.

Ruth I. Stoneburner, 82, Tyner, Ind., a Marshall County resident most of her married life, coming from Springfield, Missouri, died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton, at 7:52 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001.

Born in Springfield, Mo., on August 21, 1919, she was the daughter of Alfred and Laura Alice Huggard Chandler. She attended Springfield schools.

She was first married to William Victor Williams who preceded her in death. On Nov. 4, 1961, in Plymouth, she was married to Henry E. Stoneburner, Sr. Henry died on Dec. 29, 1996.

In 1981, after being there for over 20 years, Ruth retired from the Marshall County Parkview Hospital as the Linen Supervisor. In addition, for many years, together with Henry, she was co-owner of the H& R Lamp Supply in Tyner, Ind.

Ruth loved to sew and cook for her family. She was an avid flower gardener and collected Rockwell collectibles and salt and pepper shakers among many other items.

She is survived by three daughters, a son and three step-sons. They are: daughters, Shirley and Richard Krull, Plymouth, Norma Rowe, Elkhart, and Carol and Wayne Pontius, Walkerton. Her son is William and Sandra Williams, LaPorte, and her step-sons are Henry E. and Leona Stoneburner, Jr., Hesperia, Mich., Richard and Carol Stoneburner and Robert L. and Linda Stoneburner, all of Plymouth.

Eighteen grandchildren and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren, together with several nieces and nephews also survive.

A brother, Alfred Lee Chandler, Bradenton, Fla., and a sister, Fay Osborn, Springfield, Mo., survive as well.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, a son, Robert Williams, a grandson, Tech. Sgt. Michael Stoneburner and a granddaughter, Lisa Stoneburner. A brother and a sister have also died.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2001, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and also for one hour prior to funeral services at the church on Wednesday.

Funeral services for Ruth will be held in the Sunrise Chapel, where she was a member, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001. The Rev. Bob Beyler and Pastor Rustin Krapfl will officiate.

Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Ruth’s memory may be made to the Sunrise Chapel or to the Marshall County Heart Association.
Des Neiges Swisher

Des Neiges “Denny” Swisher, 79, a Plymouth resident most of her life, died at 4:17 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2001. Denny died of natural causes at her home, 905 Berkley St., Apt. 22, Neidlinger Garden Court.

She was born in Plymouth on Dec. 6, 1921, the daughter of J.R. and Agnes Nanick Klapp. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1941.


Denny was the former co-owner of the Plymouth Office Supply. They sold the business in 1965 and moved to the Venice/Naples, Florida area, returning to Plymouth in 1983.

Denny was a lady of many talents with a great sense of humor. She was a people-person, very social and helpful to family and friends.

She liked to shop for antiques and enjoyed playing golf and doing arts and crafts, especially ceramics. She enjoyed bird watching and playing bridge.

She was a former member of Delta Theta Tau, a philanthropic sorority and a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church.

Denny is survived by four daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Her daughters are: Pamela J. and Dean Kennedy, Clinton, Ind., Peri J. and Arleigh Nelson, Dayton, Minn., Paula J. Swisher, South Bend and Patrice J. Swisher, Niles, Mich.


Denny was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and Robert Klapp, a brother.

Visitation with the family will be on Monday, July 23, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the New Oakhill Chapel, Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2001. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Denny’s memory may be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Maxine Thomas

Former LaPaz resident, living in Marshall County most of her lifetime, Maxine Thomas, 78, 12833 Walnut Hill Drive, Lakeville, died at 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at the Nephrology Inc. unit, 6201 Nimitz Parkway, South Bend. Maxine died of an apparent stroke during dialysis.

Maxine was born in LaPorte, Ind., on January 17, 1923, the daughter of Vern and Mabel Barber Dipert. She graduated from Plymouth High School in the class of 1941.
On September 13, 1941, Maxine and Paul “Bill” DeVon Thomas were married in Nappanee. Paul died on June 30, 1980.

Maxine had worked as the Food Service Director for the Plymouth Community School Corp. for twenty-three years. She retired in 1993.

Her main hobby was reading and collecting cook books and she enjoyed trying out new recipes. She liked cooking for a large crowd and catered weddings receptions in the area. After Bill died, for many summers she cooked at the Kiwanis Crippled Children’s Camp.

An active and caring person, Maxine was a member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren and was past-president of the Plymouth Hospital Auxiliary, the Happy Homemakers and the Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Larry Weiss of Lakeville, with whom she lived and her two grandsons and their families: Kirk and Christy Weiss and their daughters Kailyn and Kiley of Lakeville and Jeff and Donna Weiss of Indianapolis.

Three sisters and two brothers also survive. The sisters, all from Plymouth, are: Betty and Carl Coplen, Marian Paton and Ruth Ann and Don Anders. Her brothers are: Paul Dipert, Avon Park, Florida, and Gail and Jan Dipert of Michigan.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers: Deane, Richard, Robert and Roger and an infant granddaughter.

Visitation with the family will be on Thursday, May 10, 2001, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Maxine will be at 11 a.m., Friday, May 11, 2001, in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Dave Kerkove, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Maxine’s memory may be made to the Plymouth church of the Brethren.

Raymond W. Ullery, 85, of South Bend, died of natural causes on Thursday, August 9, 2001, at 4:08 p.m. in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He was born the son of Frank P., and Marjorie Ross Ullery on June 9, 1916, at home in Tyner, Ind. Raymond attended Tyner High School.

On October 24, 1937, in Plymouth, Raymond and Cecile I. Markley were married.

Raymond was a lifetime member of the Church of the Brethren, most of those years at Plymouth. A transporter for Redman Homes Inc. of Topeka, Raymond retired in 1978 after 16 years on the road. He previously had worked for Skyline Corporation.

His hobby, like his vocation, was trucks and cars. Raymond enjoyed traveling and dinner dates with his wife of nearly 64 years. That love for driving took them to most every state in the Union. He was an outdoorsman and no stranger to yard work.

Raymond is survived by Cecile, his wife, their two sons, Larry W. and Barbara Ullery, Hallsville, Texas, Randy E. and Joanne Ullery, Bremen, Ind., and a daughter, Judy R. and Rod Miller.
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A grandson and three granddaughters also survive. They are: Richard and Dawn Ullery, Bremen, Melinda and Kyle Hawkins, Valparaiso and Cari Miller and Kenzie Miller, both of Plymouth. Four great grandchildren and two sisters, Lelah Hendry of North Manchester, Ind. and Dorothy and Howard Mitchell of Rochester survive as well.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lester Ullery.

Visitation with the family will be on Sunday, August 12, 2001, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2001, in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren with visitation one hour prior to services. The Rev. David Kerkove, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Raymond’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

Anita A. Warner, 83, 626 Miner St., Plymouth, died at 2:55 a.m., in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a brief illness, on Thursday, August 16, 2001.

A resident of Plymouth since 1955, Anita had lived in California and moved east to Nebraska, St. Louis, and Illinois before making Indiana her home.

Born on Oct. 30, 1917, in St. Louis, Missouri, she was the daughter of George and Pauline Hunsicker Erbs.

She graduated from St. Elizabeth’s Academy in St. Louis. Very active in sports, she played volleyball, softball and field hockey. She was a U.S.O. volunteer during World War II.

On April 17, 1948, in Reno, Nevada, Anita and Denzil “Randy” Warner were married. Denzil died on Sept. 27, 1980.

She worked alongside her spouse running the family business, Randy’s Frozen Meats, from 1955 until 1973. She then worked at Wagner Wire until her retirement in 1983.

An avid walker, Anita enjoyed traveling throughout the United States. She took a lot of pride and pleasure in her family and their activities and kept up with them all. She crocheted, embroidered and tatted. She loved to read.

Known and appreciated for her sense of humor, Anita also enjoyed the company of cats.

She is survived by three daughters and a son. Her daughters are Janice D. and Don Kinney Jr., of Plymouth, Karla S. and Lee Krendl, Van Wert, Ohio, and Vickie Hendricks, all of Plymouth. Her son is Dan J. and Emily Warner of Austin, Texas.

Also surviving are step-daughter, Elaine and Jim Hocom and step-son Steven A. and Marsha Warner, all of Freemont, Calif.

Seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, a sister, Nell Erbs and a brother, Art Erbs, both of St. Louis, Missouri, together with several nieces and nephews, also survive.

Anita was preceded in death by her spouse, three brothers and five sisters.
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Visitation with her family will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A rosary will be said at 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2001, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, where Anita was a member, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Anita’s memory may be made to St. Elizabeth’s Academy, Alumnae Association, St. Louis, Missouri.

Rose M. Webb

Lifetime resident of the Marshall County area, Rose M. Webb, 3113 Quince Rd., Walkerton, where she had lived for sixty years, died after an extended illness, at 12:20 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2001. Rose died in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton, where she had been a patient since August of 2000. She was 95 years old.

Born in Plymouth on Nov. 12, 1905, Rose was the daughter of Charles W. and Mary Alice Lowery Stiles. She attended Marshall County schools.

On Christmas Eve of 1941, Rose and Glenn T. Webb were married. Glenn died on May 23, 1967.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband in his farming operation.

Rose loved to cook, garden and she enjoyed crocheting. She liked to fish with her family in Wisconsin.

A sister, Dorothy A. Orr and a brother, Elmer M. Stiles, both of Plymouth, survive Rose’s death. Numerous nieces and nephews, including greats and great-greats, also survive.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents and her spouse, two sisters; Bessie Cappus and Velva Hedges, and six brothers; Willis, Ellis, James, Robert, Arthur and Howard Stiles.

Visitation with the family will be on Monday, May 21, 2001, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Following calling at 7 p.m., funeral services, officiated by her nephew, Rev. Delmas Stiles, will be held in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorials in Rose’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer fund.

John Cletus White

John Cletus White, 90, a compassionate, thoughtful and well-respected man, died of natural causes at 2:10 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2001. John, who formerly lived at 16290 Pretty Lake Road, Plymouth, died in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

Born on January 23, 1911, in Marshall County, John was the son of John A. and Inez Dreitzler White. He graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1929.
On October 20, 1935, in the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, John and Savannah Barkley were married. Savannah preceded her husband in death on June 18, 1996.

Both the Whites were very active in their church, the First Presbyterian. They served in many capacities. He was a member of the Presbyterian Session and active in church affairs for over half-a-century.

John had a long and illustrious career in the dairy products business. He was associated with Schlosser Brothers, Plymouth, for 31 years as assistant General Manager, Secretary and Vice-president of the company. For 22 years he was employed by Hawthorn Mellody, successor of Schlosser Brothers, as General Manager, President of the Indiana-Michigan Division and as Corporate Vice-president. He retired in 1980.

In 1969, he served as President of the Indiana State Dairy Products Association and on the Dairy Advisory Board of the State of Indiana’s Board of Health.

That same year, John went to Brazil as a member of a governmental committee commissioned to assist South American countries to develop their dairy industry.

He also had served 24 years on the Board of Directors of the Bowen Center and was elected president of the board twice.

John White also served seven years on the Plymouth Community School Board and held the office of president for two terms.

He was Past President of the Kiwanis Club, a Past Master of the Argos Masonic Lodge and Secretary of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

A veteran of World War II, John served in the United States Navy as a communications expert in the Pacific Theater in the spring of 1944.

John is survived by two daughters and one son: Judy B Albert of Bettendorf, Iowa, Beverley J. and Richard Turner of Crawfordsville, Ind., and John B. and Nola White of Lima, Ohio.

In addition, he is survived by seven grandchildren: John H. and Fawn Turner, Eau Claire, Wis., David W. and Sally Turner, Crawfordsville, Robert E. and Beth Turner of Waynetown, Ind., Marcia L. and Brian Kendall of Indianapolis, Ind., Savannah C. and Ron Boege of Tallahassee, Fla., John B. and Cindy White of Cedarville, Ohio and Stephen D. and Nicole White of Columbus, Ohio.

Other survivors include 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, John was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Patricia Ann Turner. Two brothers, Samuel White, who died in Marshall County in 1938, and Paul White, who died in Claire, Mich. in 1976, and one sister, Bernita White Goodyear, who died in Denver, Colo., preceded him in death also.

Visitation with the family will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2001, in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Walnut Street, Plymouth.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., following visitation, by two of John’s grandsons: John B. White and Pastor Robert E. Turner.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, to the Marshall County Hospice or to a charity of the donor’s choice.
Local businessman Jerry L. Wyman, 69, who lived at 10139 Queen Rd., Plymouth, for the past 26 years has died. A 12-year resident of Culver and formerly of Warsaw, Jerry died following an illness, at 10:53 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2001, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Jerry was born in Warsaw, Ind., on Sept. 9, 1931. He was the son of Herbert and Theresa Hubler Wyman. He graduated from Warsaw High School in the class of 1950 and, later, from insurance training school.

From 1951 to 1955, he served in the United States Navy on submarine duty. He was a member of the Warsaw American Legion.

On Sept. 5, 1953, in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Jerry and Beverly J. Ruff were married.

He was employed in the insurance offices of the State Exchange Banks in Culver and Plymouth and later the Valley American Bank in Plymouth. He retired from the Morrow Insurance Agency in 1997.

He loved to fish and would go anytime, to any place. An Indiana University and Notre Dame fan, he enjoyed watching their sporting events.

He never got enough golf. An excellent player, Jerry played as often as he could and was a valued member of the Plymouth Country Club. He often walked the course outside his door, barefooted. "I love the feel of the grass and the earth on my feet," he said. "It is a communion with nature."

He attended St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and was a member of that faith for over 44 years. He also was a member of the Plymouth Kilwinning Masonic Lodge. A man of strong convictions, Jerry served the community in many ways and was a stalwart supporter of many worthwhile organizations, serving on their boards and committees.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Bev, and by a daughter, Kimberly K. Miller and by a son, Thad W. Wyman, all of Plymouth. A granddaughter, Courtney and Lauran Herrimann, also survives.

Two brothers, Tom Wyman, Warsaw, and William Wyman, North Providence, R.I., Loretta Ruff, his mother-in-law and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and by Sally Wyman, a sister.

A Memorial Mass to honor Jerry’s life will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2001, in St. Thomas’ Episcopal Church, 412 N. Center St., Plymouth. Father John Schramm, pastor of St. Thomas, will officiate.

Immediately following the Mass a reception for family and friends will be held in Bishop Sheridan Hall adjacent to the church.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Jerry’s memory may be made to the Boys & Girls Club or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Anna Lee Wyman

Anna “Ann” Lee Wyman, 89, will be remembered as a devoted mother and grandmother with a kind and gentle attitude, loved by all.
Ann, living at 400 W. Washington St., was a Plymouth resident for five and one-half years, coming from the San Diego, California area. She died of natural causes at 11:37 p.m., on Friday, May 11, 2001, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She was born in Lake Victor, Texas, on June 17, 1911, the daughter of Joseph H. and Pearl Gilmore Wood. She graduated from a high school in Texas.

On March 5, 1946, in Denver, Colorado, Ann and Whitney Kenneth “Ken” Wyman were married. Ken died on July 28, 1990.

Ann had worked in retail sales in a department store in Calif., and was also co-owner of a jewelry store with her husband, Ken.

She enjoyed raising cactus plants. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the Nile.

Ann is survived by two sons and two daughters and their families. Her sons are: Robert W. and Kay Chambers, San Diego, Calif., and William K. and Ruth Wyman, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Her daughters are: Patricia A. and John Russell, Cave Creek, Ariz., and Sandra K. and Stan Ellsworth, Plymouth, Ind.

Eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ken, and two brothers.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ann will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Todd Kauffman, assistant pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, Rochester, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association.

Jane E. Young, 72, 1013 Highland Ct., a resident of Plymouth, Ind. for the past 41 years died, following an illness, at 11:25 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001. Jane died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Keith Nash, a "forever friend" of forty years, of Jane and Bob Young, said, "Jane was a special person. Very generous and very kind and thoughtful of other people.

"She had a terrific sense of humor and even though she had been ill, she never lost it."

Born in Canton, Ohio, on March 18, 1929, Jane was the daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Reiber. She was a 1947 graduate of Redford High School in Detroit, Michigan. She worked as a telephone operator for several years after her graduation.

On October 25, 1952, in Detroit, Jane and Robert Young were married. Bob died on June 13, 1992.

Jane was a vivacious and active woman. Accomplished in sports, she was an avid golfer and fierce competitor. She and her husband, Bob, co-founder of Young Door Company, Plymouth.
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Now operating as Doorcraft of Indiana a Jeld-Wen Corporation.

A member of Tri-Kappa, she was also an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Jane is survived by a daughter and a son: Nancy Harper, Chelsea, Michigan, and Robert S. and Trish Young, Bloomington, Ind.

A devoted and doting grandmother she is also survived by two grandsons, Andrew Robert, 9, and Alexander James, 7.

A sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Richard Corsette, Grayling, Michigan, also survive.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2001, at 1 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Walnut St., Plymouth, Ind. The Rev. Les Johnson will officiate. Arrangement by the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

Memorials in Jane's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Justine D. Ziegler

Longtime Plymouth educator and resident, Justine D. Ziegler, 4839 Michigan Rd., died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, of a cancer-related illness at 7:35 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2001. She was 73 years old.

Justine was born in Mishawaka on April 13, 1928, the daughter of Edward J. and Elizabeth D. Huemmer Harris.

She graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1945 and from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a Bachelor of Science in 1949. She was an English major and earned her teacher's certification.

On August 25, 1951, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Plymouth, Justine and Charles A. Ziegler were married. Charles died on December 7, 1979.

Justine first taught English for one year in Victor, Colorado and then returning to this area, she taught at the LaPaz Elementary school. For the next 20 years she fulfilled her career as she served on the faculty of Plymouth High School, from 1966 to 1988. After retirement she was a volunteer tutor, teaching English as a second language.

She enjoyed reading and had a deep appreciation of classical music. A nature lover, she was a bird watcher. She liked to shop and eat out at interesting places. An active person, she was involved with the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Justine is survived by four sons and a daughter. They are: Dr. Charles E. and Ziegler, and his wife Janna, Louisville, Ky., Michael G. and Sandra Ziegler, Knox, Ind., Stephen P. Ziegler, Deptford, N.J., and James P. Ziegler, and his wife Katie, Waukesha, Wis. Her daughter is Christine G. Ziegler of Bedford, Ind.

Four grandchildren also survive. They are: Alan, Angela, Aaron and Jennifer Ziegler.

Three sisters survive as well. They are Jeanette and Jack Knight, Houston, Texas, Sherri Garcia, Germany, Karlin and Harry Fleming, Stafford, Virginia. Several nieces and nephews also
Justine was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and a sister, Rita Ziegler.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Mass of Christian Burial will take place in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, September 13, 2001, at 11 a.m. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Justine’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.