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Bennett H. Alliss

Bennett H. "Ben" Alliss, 61, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died at 8:24 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2002. Ben died at his home, 8825 9B Road, following an extended illness, under the loving care of his family and friends.

Born in Plymouth on August 8, 1940, Ben was the son of George S. and Vera Louise Miller Alliss. He graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1959.

On June 29, 1974, in LaPorte, Ind., Ben and Janice A. Meloy were married.

A lineman for NIPSCO for 36 years, Ben retired in August 1995.

Mostly Ben loved being around people --especially his family. Always a friendly, outgoing person with a gentle nature and a good sense of humor, he enjoyed watching and feeding birds. Fishing and golf were two pastimes he enjoyed. Showing an unusual, and fun, side of his personality, he had a large collection of Beanie Babies.

He attended the Inwood United Methodist Church.

Ben is survived by his wife, Janice and by two daughters and two sons. His daughters are Kimberly Dawn and Jeff Marvel, Kingston Springs, Tenn. and Shelly Louise and Steve Harrison, Colorado Springs, Colo.

His sons are Bradley Herald Alliss, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Ty Brandon and Kelly Alliss, Elkhart, Ind.

Quang and Lisa Tran, looked upon as his "special" son, Bedford, Ind., also survives.

Ten grandchildren together with several nieces and nephews also remain.

A brother, Roger and Carol Alliss, Crete, Ill., survives Ben's death as do four sisters: Almary Knowles, Grand Tower, Ill.; Shirley and James Lake, Cimmaron, New Mexico; Virginia and Ernest Rowe, Plymouth, and Janet and Robert Lortie, Ligonier, Ind.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dale and George Alliss.

Friends may visit with the family to share their memories at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A 10 a.m. graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, in New Oakhill Cemetery with Shirley Snider, officiating.

Memorial gifts in Ben's memory may be made to the Hope Lodge in Indianapolis, Ind.

Margaret Elizabeth Ames

Margaret Elizabeth Ames, formerly of Bourbon and a long time Plymouth resident at 411 E. Washington St., Plymouth, died in Pilgrim Manor at 2:35 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2002. She was 94-years-old.

Born in Glidden, Wis., on Nov. 28, 1907, Margaret was the daughter of Charles H. and Della Mae Whittemore Amones. In 1909 the family moved to Indiana and Margaret was reared on a farm east of Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1925 and attended Nursing School.

On April 17, 1927, Margaret and Glenn A. Ames were married in Plymouth. After 63 years
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together, Glenn preceded her in death on January 27, 1990.

A retired real estate salesperson for over 25 years, Margaret was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She leaves to morn her passing one daughter, Glenda C. Hubbard of Plymouth, a grandson and his wife, Lane and Jennifer Laffoon of Plymouth; and two granddaughters, Jan E. Lanham and her husband, Daniel of West Virginia and Valerie J. Schafer and her husband, Robert of Plymouth.

Four great-grandchildren and three great-great grandsons, as well as a brother, Harold Amones and his wife Betty of Bixley, Oklahoma and three sisters; Beatrice Anders, Mildred Shively, and Geraldine and her husband, Robert Zimmerman all of Plymouth, also survive.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, two sisters; Venus (Mrs. Carl Chenowith) and Donna Jean (Mrs. Forest Brundige) and five brothers, Gerald, Donald, Dwain, Charles and Eldon Amones.

A celebration of her life and visitation with her family will be on Friday, April 26, 2002, from 4 – 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A funeral service for Margaret, officiated by Rev. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth will follow visitation at 7 p.m. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Olive Joan Amones

Olive Joan Amones, 87, went to be with the Lord at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2002, at the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth, where she was graciously cared for the past three years.

She was born on June 2, 1914, in Walkerton, Indiana; to Tony C. and Delphia (Bradford) South. Olive lived most of her life in Plymouth and was raised in the Walnut Street home which remains in the family today. She graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School in the year of 1932.

Olive was married to Gerald ‘Jerry’ Amones on the 31st of December, 1933, at the First Christian Church in Plymouth, and was a supporting member. She enjoyed working for many years with the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) program for children and had attended the Faith Baptist Church at 13th and Peach Roads.

A local business woman, she owned and managed the Plymouth Credit Bureau for over 20 years, until selling the business and retiring in 1983. She enjoyed times with her family; croquetting and crafts. She had collected thimbles, clowns and bells through the years, having an appreciation for antique toys.

Olive and Jerry raised their family of two daughters and one son at their home on Dixon Lake. Jerry died in February of 1977. Her daughters are; Joan Smith of Liberty, North Carolina and her husband Douglas and Ruth E. Doll of Plymouth, Indiana and her husband Peter J. ‘Jim’ Doll Jr. A son John Amones and his wife Chris, make their home in Sturgis, Michigan.

Olive was blessed with 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

A sister, Marcy Bowen of LaPorte, Indiana also survives.
Proceeding Olive in death were her parents, spouse and three brothers; Claude, Cecil and Jim South.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 21, 2002 from 5 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. Services will be held in the funeral home on Wed., May 22, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. the Dr. Paul Loder of the Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth will officiate. Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Olive’s memory may be made to the Faith Baptist Church, Missionary Fund.

Martha Marie Ault died of natural causes in the Walnut Creek Nursing Home, 309 Kingston Drive, Plymouth, at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2002. She had lived in Plymouth for the past eight years at 1816 Hope Blvd., coming from Knox where she resided for 30 years, formerly living in Chicago. Martha was 96 years old.

Born the daughter of Albert and Amanda H. Berg Kendall on March 24, 1906, in Ladysmith, Wis., Martha attended schools in Wis. and Ind., and graduated from Culver High School with the class of 1923. She attended Valparaiso University for a year.

Martha worked as a secretary in the Culver Military Academy prior to her marriage on September 24, 1928, in Chicago, to Harry Hugh Ault. Married, 55 years, Harry died on December 28, 1983.

She also worked with handicapped children while living in Chicago and following retirement age she was a sales clerk in a Chicago Sears store.

As a homemaker and mother, Martha sewed, making clothing for her family and Mission fields. She enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening. An avid reader, she spent time reading the Bible and learning about different subjects. With her daughter she attended the First Baptist Church of Plymouth as well as the Plymouth Brethren churches in Chicago and Knox.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Elaine Marie Henderson, Plymouth, and a son, Roger Dale (Jane) Ault, Oaklawn, Ill.

Granddaughters Amanda J. Ault, Oaklawn, Ill., Carol E. (Brian) Slager, Merrionette Park, Ill., and grandson, Stephen Howard Henderson, Plymouth, survive as well. Three great-grandchildren: Matthew and Scott Slager and Ashley Henderson also survive.

Martha was preceded in death by her spouse and Carl Ault, an infant son. Two brothers, Herman and Albert Ault and a son-in-law, Howard Henderson have also died.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 5, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Lonnie Nicholl pastor of the First Baptist Church, will be held in the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2002.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox, Indiana

Memorial gifts in Martha’s memory may be made to the First Baptist Church.
**Candice R. Geasey Baca**

Candice R. “Candy” Geasey Baca, 44, died at home, 14370 Union Rd., Culver, Ind., after a year-long battle with cancer at 2:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 11, 2002.

Candy was born in Mishawaka, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth M. Green Geasey, on Sept. 17, 1958. She was a 1977 graduate of Plymouth High School.

On Dec. 11, 1996, in Plymouth, Candy and Salvador “Chava” Baca were married.

She worked at A.O. Safety (formerly American Optical) on Jefferson St., Plymouth, for approximately twelve years.

Always smiling, Candy loved her family dearly and was a big supporter of many charities. She adored animals, country music and crocheting things for her family and friends.

Candy is survived by her husband and by two sisters; Deb Geasey and Pam Hunsaker, both of Plymouth.

Two nephews, Jade and Kalin Hunsaker and two great-nephews, Raynen and Daemon, all of Plymouth, survive as well.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Friends may call and visit with the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Indiana will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Candy’s memory may be made to the Pet Refuge, South Bend, Indiana or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

**Geneva A. Bacon**

Geneva A. “Gen” Bacon, 88, died unexpectedly at 10:44 a.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

A Plymouth resident since 1983, coming from Battle Creek, Mich., Gen, known as a sweet, kind-hearted person, will be missed by her many friends. She loved her church, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much and served them well.

Born in Mulkeytown, Ill., on Sept. 11, 1913, Gen was the daughter of Louie E. and Flora Agnes Overturf Lewis. She graduated from Sesser High School and earned a teacher’s certificate from University of Southern Illinois.

On December 29, 1934, in Christopher, Ill., Gen and Kenneth D. Bacon were married. Kenneth, her beloved husband of almost 65 years, died on December 17, 1999.

Gen worked with her husband for many years in motel management both in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and then in Battle Creek, Michigan’s Holiday Inn.

A collector of Desert Rose dishes, she loved to cook and entertain her family and friends. She enjoyed duplicate bridge and played with the Plymouth Club for many years and with the Delts-Bridgarama fund-raisers.
Gen, a dedicated Christian, was a Prayer Partner, a member of the Christian Women’s Club and the Seniors Group all with the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. In the Christopher Illinois Eastern Star Chapter, she served as Past Matron.

Gen is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Charlayne M. Bacon and by her grandson David M. and Kathy A. Bacon and their son, David Michael. A granddaughter, Kimberly D. and Phillip A. Scott and their children: Myles D., Mitchell P. and Meghan M. Scott, all of Plymouth.

Two brothers, Louis Lewis Jr. and Max Lewis also survive together with two special nieces: Karol Harris and Don Repovich of Bellville, Ill, Gloria and Francisco Lara, Baton Rouge, La. and nephew; Jeff and Dianne Troutt and their daughter, great niece; Jannelle of Christopher, Ill, along with numerous other nieces and nephews.

Gen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sisters: Betty McNeill and Bertha Troutt and two brothers; Evan and Gene Lewis.

Visitation with the family will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to the services in the church on Tuesday.

The Reverends Les Kephart and Robert Vardaman, pastors of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, will officiate at funeral services for Gen on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the church.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Bonnie E. Baker, 71, a Plymouth area resident most of her life, living in Argos since 1977, died of natural causes in her residence, 116 Broadway, on Feb. 26, 2002.

Bonnie was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Clifford L. and Perma M. Barts Geyer, on Jan. 18, 1931. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1949 and earned a business degree from Ivy Tech. She later furthered her skills with computer courses.

She worked in the clerical department of the State License Bureau and was also a former employee of the Marshall County Clerk, Treasurer’s and Auditor’s offices. From 1977 to 1996, Bonnie was employed by Aker Plastics in the accounts receivable and payroll department.

Interested in many things, Bonnie enjoyed sewing clothing and making comforters for each family member. She collected family heirlooms and was a crossword puzzle fan. She loved being at home; cooking and yard care were fun things for her to do. She was a good mom, who loved her grandchildren and enjoyed playing host to family holiday gatherings.

She was raised in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and was a life member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, Plymouth, # 1162.

Bonnie is survived by two daughters and their families. They are Deena K. Newcomer, Nappanee, and her children: Brett, Shannon and Samantha Burroughs and Tyler Newcomer. Her second daughter, Lisa A. and William Norris, of Plymouth, are the parents of three children: Deane and Malisa Norris and Bill III, father of Bonnie’s great-grandson, Koleman Norris.
A sister-in-law, Honey Geyer, Elkhart, two nieces and three nephews and Lela Perschbacher, a great-aunt, Plymouth, also survive.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and a brother, David L. Geyer.

Friends may visit with her family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services in the funeral home will follow visitation on Friday, March 1, 2002, at 7 p.m. Pastor Tony Schneider, pastor of the Walnut Grove Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Graveside services will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2002, in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos. Pastor Schneider will preside.

Memorial gifts in Bonnie’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Deane W. Baker

Deane W. Baker, 73, 15188 Union St., Burr Oak, died at 12:20 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2002, at Walnut Creek Care Center, Plymouth. Deane was a lifetime Marshall County resident.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1928, in Plymouth, the son of Ray O. and Jessie M. Turner Baker. A 1946 graduate of LaPaz High School, he had also attended classes at Valparaiso University.

Deane served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, during the Korean Conflict, and was a lifetime member of the Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162.

A police officer for many years, Deane served in the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department under Sheriff’s Harvey Phillips and Jerry Greenlee. He had also worked for the Plymouth Police Department. After his police career, he continued to work for the City of Plymouth in various Utility departments. He later retired from the Culver Military Academy as a grounds keeper.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Deane also loved to grow things in his garden, sharing his produce with family and friends.

Deane is survived by two daughters and their families. They are Deena K. Newcomer, Nappanee, and her children: Brett, Shannon and Samantha Burroughs and Tyler Newcomer. His second daughter, Lisa A. and William Norris, of Plymouth, are the parents of three children: Deane and Malisa Norris and Bill III, father of Deane’s great-grandson, Koleman Norris.

He is also survived by his special companion, Babe Anderson of Burr Oak, and her children Lynette, Susan and Jon, and a sister, Alyce and her husband Fawn Fritz of South Bend.

Deane was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Glen and Stanley Baker and two sisters, Erma Suter and Wilma Beyler.

There will be no visitation, Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11th, at Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth, with the Rev. Tony Schneider, pastor of Walnut Church of the Brethren, officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Heritage Trust Fund, for the preservation of Wildlife, or to the American Cancer Society.
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Bertha R. Balmer

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Bertha R. Balmer, 88, a lifetime resident, died of natural causes at her home, 324 E. Franklin Ave., Plymouth, at 11:04 a.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2002.

Born in German Twp. of Marshall County on Sept. 15, 1913, Bertha was the daughter of Peter Balmer Jr., and Marie Renas Balmer. She attended Marshall County schools.

Bertha had worked in various offices in Plymouth, South Bend and Chicago. She was a stenographer for many years at the South Bend Current Controller Company.

For many years, Bertha has remained close to home. She was a member of the Marshall County Humane Society.

Bertha is survived by a sister-in-law, Eloise Balmer, Bourbon, two nephews; Larry W. and Marsha Balmer, Plymouth, and Walter “Dick” R. and Jill Balmer, Bremen. Also surviving are two nieces Yvonne E. Balmer and spouse, Jim Shirley, Bloomington, Ind. and Darla Kaye and Patrick Finnegan of Bemidji, Minn. along with several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Walter, Richard and LaVon Balmer and a sister Ruth Balmer.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Chapel at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 1 p.m. in New Oakhill Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Charles Krieg of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Burial will be in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Bertha’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Bernard A. Bannon

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Bernard A. “Barney” Bannon, 76, a former resident of Culver, Warsaw and South Bend, died at 10:14 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at his residence, 14713 Acorn St., Plymouth, where he had lived for the past 12 years. Barney had been ill with a cancer related illness.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1925, in South Bend, Ind., the son of John M. and Margaret L. Holycross Bannon. A graduate of South Bend Central High School’s Class of 1943, he graduated with a business degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1949. Barney was proud to display his Indiana license plates, ND 49 and Irish 49.

Barney served in the United States Navy during World War II.

On Nov. 4, 1989, in Plymouth, he and Nancy J. Gullans were married.

For 18 years, he was a sales representative of the Continental Research Corp. of St. Louis, Mo. He loved his company and, at the time of his death, had not yet retired.

He enjoyed playing golf and following Notre Dame anything. Especially football. He attended all home games. At his home, he took great care of the yard and had a lovely flower garden.

A former member of the Knights of Columbus, Barney was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth.
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He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and by his two sons, a daughter, four grandsons, and a granddaughter.

His sons are Patrick J. Bannon, Plymouth and his son, Delaney; Terry and Roxanne Bannon and their sons, Mackin and Riley, Warsaw, and Nancy Ann Bannon, Tucson, Ariz. and her children, Sean and Rory Hardy.

In addition two step-daughters and a step-son and their children survive. They are Deborah and Don Smith and children; Brandon, Christopher and Jennifer Jackson and Angela Smith, all of Mattawan, Mich.; Teresa and Clint Graham and children, Jason and Justin Buchtel, Chandler, Ariz., and James R. Campbell, Tempe, Ariz.

A sister, Loretta Planck, South Bend, also survives.

Barney was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, John and Mark Bannon and a sister, Patricia Jordon.

A Memorial Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 2002, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 612 N. Center St. Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate. Interment will be in South Bend, Ind.

A time of sharing with family and friends will immediately follow services at the Christo’s Banquet Center, Plymouth. There will be no formal visitation.

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

Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Association or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Gerald D. Benway

Gerald D. “Jerry” Benway, 59, a Marshall County resident for 25 years, coming from Vermont, died, following an illness, on Saturday, May 25, 2002. Jerry died at 8:30 p.m. at his residence, 404 Simon St., Plymouth, in the care of his family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born the son of Donald and Pauline Thompson Benway on Feb. 5, 1943, in Hardwick, Vermont, Jerry attended Hardwick Academy.

On Nov. 14, 1986, in Plymouth, Margaret A. Vervynckt and Gerald D. Benway were united in marriage.

Jerry was a truck driver for 17 years and then a fork lift driver for the Lear Corp., Bourbon, Ind.

He loved driving truck and traveling over the road. He was an avid cribbage player and enjoyed gardening, especially the growing of flowers.

A member of the Plymouth Moose and Eagles’ Lodges, Jerry was a parishioner of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife and their three children, all of Plymouth. The daughters are: Rebecca S., and Melissa L. Benway. His son is Joshua D. Benway.

A sister, Jane A. and Ralph Devenger, Hardwick, Vt., and a brother, Robert C. and Wendy Benway, Cavot, Vt., also survive, together with a special niece, Cori Devenger.
August Vervynckt, Jerry’s father-in-law, of Plymouth, and several uncles, nephews, brother and sisters-in-law, survive as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation with the family will be held on Monday, May 27, 2002, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A rosary will be said at 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Jerry at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Hardwick, Vt.

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

Sister Laverne Berg, P.H.J.C., 88, died at 5:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., where she had lived since her retirement in February of 1995.

Sister Berg was born in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on January 30, 1914, the daughter of Anthony and Loretta Wyss Berg.

She entered the convent on June 25, 1931 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1934.

An obstetrical nurse most of her career, Sister began her nursing vocation as a nurse’s aide with the elderly in St. Mary’s Home in Carlyle, Ill. and later in St. Vincent’s Home in Quincy, Ill. Six years later, she became a student nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital in East St. Louis, Ill., and after obtaining her RN continued working there as a staff nurse.

From 1946 through 1972, Sister was an obstetrical nurse and OB supervisor at three different hospitals. From 1946 to 1948, she served in St. Joseph’s Hospital in Ashland, Wis.: from 1948 to 1962, she was at St. Mary’s Hospital in East St. Louis, Ill., and from 1963 to 1972 she worked in St. Catherine’s Hospital in East Chicago, Ill.

From 1972 to 1974, sister Laverne was head nurse at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, Ind.

In 1974, Sister Laverne went to St. Joseph’s Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where she was a staff nurse for 11 years, a patient registrar and receptionist for two more years and a volunteer for eight additional years until her retirement in 1995.

Sister Laverne is survived by five sisters: Marcella Becker, Hoagland, Ind.; Muriel Rossworm and Jane Ternet, both of New Haven, Ind.; Lucille Prouty, Roanoke, Ind.; and Doris Brager, Ft. Wayne, Ind. A brother, Maurice Berg, Hoagland, Ind., and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Visitation will be held in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., on Tuesday, December 10, 2002, from 4:30 to 9 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. in the Kasper Home on Wednesday, December 11, 2002. Father Edward Konerman, S.J. and Father William Kummer, St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth, Indiana, will officiate.
Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana.

Louise Berleman

Louise Berleman, 85, a former Plymouth resident of 1500 Kenwood Ave., died of natural causes in the East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Elkhart, Ind., at 2:17 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2002. Her Elkhart home was at 1900 Jeanwood Drive.

Louise was born on Dec. 8, 1916, in Owenton, KY. She was the daughter of Ransom and Carmen Bennett Souder.


Louise worked for a time at the Ben Franklin Store in Plymouth, and retired from Meister’s Ben Franklin in Bremen.

She enjoyed all sorts of crafts and was an excellent seamstress and loved to sew.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Louise is survived by two daughters and their families. They are: Carmeen L. (George L.) Johnston, LaCross, Wis., and Rochelle A. (Patrick L.) Fager, Union, Mich.

A brother, John Souder of Peoria, Ariz., eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband a son, John R. Ellington.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 11 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Rex Stairs, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Louise’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Larry D. Birk

Larry D. Birk, 58, died of natural causes at his residence, 4505 Olive Road, at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2002.

Born on March 16, 1944, Larry was the son of Ralph C. and Helena M. Fisher Birk. He attended LaPaz schools through the 9th grade.

Larry was a life time resident of Marshall County and he made his residence with his companion, Jean Hooker.

After 30 years as a mechanic and driving truck, Larry retired in 2000.

He enjoyed carpentry, mechanics and car racing as a hobby. An honorary member of the Blueberry Sams Chapter 63, he was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 27.

Larry is survived by five sons and three daughters.
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His sons are: Tim (Laurie) Birk, Lapaz, Larry Birk, Brent Birk and Jody Birk, all of Plymouth and Jeffery Birk of Argos. His daughters are Margo (Bill) Wallace and Susan Birk, both of Plymouth and Wanda (Moses) Alvelo, in N.C.

Three sisters, Norma (Devon) Dunnuck, Mentone, Ind., Dorothy M. Woolley, Plymouth and Esther (Harry) Paeg, South Bend, also survive, together with two brothers, Robert (Wilma) Birk of Roann, Ind., and Ralph (Sue) Birk of Peru, Ind.

22 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchild also survive his death.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Eleanor Lowman.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Monday, December 9, 2002, in the New Oakhill Chapel at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Orville L. Blessing

Culver - Orville L. Blessing, 75, a Culver resident for the past 45 years, coming from Knox, Ind., died at 5:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2002, following a courageous four-year battle with cancer. Orville died at his residence, 17563 14B Road, Culver, under the tender and loving care of his family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Orville was the son of Adolf and Hattie Schwartz Blessing. He graduated from Hamlet High School and served two years in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from Sept. 1950 until Sept. 1952.

On June 8, 1957, in Burr Oak, Ind., Orville and Charlotte Wallen were married.

He worked for Zechiel Farm Service in Culver for 25 years, then later was employed by Culver Academies as supervisor at the Academy post office. He retired in 1992.

Orville enjoyed camping and had traveled through most of the United States. He especially enjoyed the time he spent at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota.

An avid reader of Christian literature, he was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth.

Orville is survived by Charlotte, his loving wife of 45 years, and by three daughters and their husbands and ten grandchildren.

His daughters are: Shara and Rick Spicer, LaPorte, Ind., Marcia and Russ Madsen, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Nancy and John Kruyer, Argos, Ind.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bob Blessing.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Faith Baptist Church,
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12987 Peach Rd., Plymouth. The Rev. Dr. Paul Loder will officiate.

Military graveside honors will be accorded to Orville by the Plymouth V.F.W. #1162.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Ind.

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

Sister Elizabeth Boll

Sister Elizabeth Boll, 96, died in the Catherine Kasper Home at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2002. She served her God as a Poor Hand Maid of Jesus Christ for 73 years.

Born in Quincy, Ill., on March 29, 1906, she was the daughter of Henry J. and Frances Kreinberg Boll.

She entered the convent on July 21, 1927 and professed her first vows on June 27, 1929.

She earned Bachelors and Masters degrees and a Ph.D. in education.

Sister Elizabeth’s life’s ministry was in education. She was a school teacher and a principal. She taught for 16 years at St. Augustine School and St. Henry School in Chicago. She also taught at St. Mark’s in Gary, Ind.

In 1945, she became the principal of St. Mary’s in Trenton, Ill. She was a principal for 38 years, serving at St. Augustine, Chicago, Ill.; Angel Guardian, Chicago, Ill.; Mater Dei, Breese, Ill.; and St. Mark’s, Gary, Ind.

For one year, 1975 to 1976, Sister Elizabeth was the registrar at Ancilla College. She volunteered for work in the Ancilla College library from 1986 until her retirement in August of 2000.

Sister Elizabeth is survived by a brother-in-law, Maurice Garriga, of El Cerita, Calif., and by one nephew.

A celebration of her life and visitation with her fellow nuns will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 26, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, Donaldson, Indiana. The Rev. Father Edward Konerman, S.J., will officiate.

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

Bernice A. Books

Bernice A. Books, a lifetime Marshall County resident, residing at Lot 74, 805 E. Baker St. since 1991, died unexpectedly at 1:50 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2002. She died in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from complications of a fall at her home last Tuesday. An attentive and loving wife, mother and grandmother, she was 84 years old.

Born in West Township on November 23, 1918, Bernice was the daughter of Glen E. and Cleta M. Morlock Smith. She graduated from West High School in the Class of 1937.

On August 1, 1948, in Plymouth, she and Fremont P. Books were married.

Bernice had worked as a dental technician, then entered nursing at the Kelly Nursing Home in Argos and continued as a practical nurse at other locations. During W.W. II she was a radio
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tester for Meck Industries of Plymouth.

Bernice and her husband were a team. Co-owners of the B&B (Bernice and Books or Books and Bernice, depending on who you were talking to) Antique shops, they did a thriving business in buildings they constructed at 1000 and 1004 West Jefferson St. The merchandise was popular with collectors all over the northern Indiana area. Bernice kept the books and attended auctions with Fremont.

The couple retired in 1976 and spent many of their winters in Florida. They fished together all over the country. They enjoyed mushroom hunting and outdoor activities.

World travelers, in addition to the United States, they visited Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Mexico, Hawaii, France, England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Canada.

Bernice often said that her most rewarding joint venture with Fremont was the rearing of their three children.

She played bridge, euchre and all card games. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, doting on them and their activities.

A former Eastern Star member she entered her Christian faith at the Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by Fremont, her husband of 54 years and by their son, Glen E. (Jane) Books, Basking Ridge, N.J., and two daughters: Candy (Charles) Poor, Plymouth and Cindy Books and spouse Jonathan Gurland, Englewood, Fla.

Eleven grandchildren also survive. They are: Melissa R. Williams; Leilani L., Elysia A., Patrice L., Mellinda A., Miranda S. and Molly M. Poor.

Also Hannah Gurland and Mark E., Judith E. and Jennifer A. Books.

Two sisters, both of Plymouth, also survive: Edith Wilson and Bette Parrish.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Glenna McKee.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 22, 2002, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to the funeral service on Monday.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. David Kerkove, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, will be held at 11 o’clock on the morning of December 23, 2002, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bernice’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Charlotte J. Boomershine

Charlotte J. “Char” Boomershine, a Plymouth resident since 1973, died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2002 at Saint Joseph Regional Center, Plymouth. Char grew up in the Dayton, Ohio area, moving from there to Texas, where she lived for ten years before moving to Plymouth.

Born in Lewisburg, Ohio on June 13, 1933, Charlotte was the daughter of Clarence R. and Minnie A. Roselius Geeting. She graduated from Lewisburg High School in 1951; she then continued her education at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where she received a B.S. Degree.

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in Education in 1955. She continued her studies at Indiana University, South Bend, where she received her Masters Degree in 1982.

On June 17, 1956, Charlotte and Donovan E. “Don” Boomershine were married in Lewisburg, Ohio.

Char was a schoolteacher for many years. The last seventeen years of her teaching career were at Lincoln Junior High, Plymouth, from which she retired in 1998.

After retirement, she was able to spend more time with her grandchildren, whom she adored. She spent a lot of time sewing. She enjoyed making and mending clothes, and doing crafts and decorative sewing. Char also enjoyed playing Bridge.

An active member of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Char was also a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Don, her husband of 46 years, two sons, two daughters and their families survive her. Her children are: Brett and Stephanie Boomershine of Plymouth, Jeff and April Boomershine and their daughters Katie and Emily, all of Fishers, IN; Jill and David Klusczynski and their sons Ryan and Nathan, all of South Bend, IN; Ann and Brent Sobierajski and their children Sam and Beth, all of Fishers, IN.

A brother and sister-in-law, James F. and Elsie Geeting of Eaton, OH, and two nephews also survive.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dorotha Farrenkopf.

A time of visiting and sharing memories of Charlotte’s life will be from 4 to 8 p.m., local time, Tuesday, July 23, 2002, in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN, and also at the Calvary Lutheran Church on Wednesday, one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services for Charlotte will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN. The Rev. Steven J. Resner, pastor, will officiate the service.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. local time, at the Sugar Grove Cemetery, New Lexington, Ohio.

Memorial gifts in Charlotte’s name may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Tom E. Boyer

Lifetime Marshall County and longtime Bremen resident, Tom E. Boyer, 69, has died following an illness, at his residence, at 5:50 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2002. He died in the loving care of his family with the support of the Marshall County Hospice.

Born on Sept. 13, 1932, in Akron, Ind., Tom was the son of Everett E. and Margaret Kulscar Boyer. He graduated from Lapaz High School with the class of 1950.

He served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955.

On June 26, 1955, Tom and Carol A. Birkey were married in Bremen.

Tom retired from the South Bend Tribune in 1991 after 35 years of service. His position at
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retirement was that of a composing room foreman.

An avid sports enthusiast, he and his family, enjoyed 25 years of fishing in Ludington, Mich. His family, particularly his grandchildren, were the blessings of his life. He was a loyal supporter at their many school and athletic events.

A volunteer with the Bremen Meals on Wheels program, Tom interacted with all generations. His tastes were simple and quietly served those in need.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, and their three loving daughters and their families.

They include; Lori L. and Larry K. Verhaeghe, Bremen, and their three children: Ben and Courtney Verhaeghe, Dustin Verhaeghe and his fiancee Shannon Wagler and Meghan (Verhaeghe) and John Strang and their daughter, Tom’s great-granddaughter, Madison Strang.

Amy B. and Brian J. Lechlitner, Bremen, and their daughters, Brittany and Lindsey Lechlitner.

Kristi A. and Paul T. Harris, Leesburg, with Shaila and Breanne Howard.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, William Boyer and a sister, Willowdean Krivanek.

Friends may visit with the family on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., and for one hour prior to services on Wednesday in the church.

The funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in the Nappanee Missionary Church, 28061 CR 50, where Tom attended worship services. Pastors Norm Reimer and Dave McGee will officiate. Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen.

Memorial gifts may be made to the CARE Foundation, Inc., for construction of a facility for Cancer Treatment Center patients and their families needing overnight lodging during treatment. Donations may also be made to the Nappanee Missionary Church, or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Joseph Earl Branch

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Five-year-old Joseph “Joey” Earl Branch, formerly of Plymouth, died at his residence 3710 S. Michigan St., South Bend, at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002. Joey died of complications caused by a near drowning accident three years ago.

Born on May 9, 1997 in Plymouth, he was the son of John William and Marcia Marie Clark Branch.

Joey is survived by his parents, a brother, Benjamin Navy Branch and a sister, Mackenzie Marie Branch, all of South Bend.

His maternal grandparents, Earl and Norma Clark, Culver, Ind., and paternal grandparents, Navy and Geraldine Branch of Hanceville, Ala., survive his death together with his maternal great-grandmother, Dora Risner of North Judson.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, 2002.
Burial will be in the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver, Ind.

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

Wanda J. Braner

Wanda J. Braner, 91, died of natural causes at 1:45 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, in Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, Ind.

Wanda was born in Huntington County, Ind., on Feb. 19, 1911. She was the daughter of William E. and Iviva Nora Brown Bardsley. She graduated from Huntington County High School and the Ft. Wayne Business College.

On April 30, 1932, Wanda and Lawrence H. Braner were married in Rochester, Ind. Lawrence died on Oct. 24, 1998.

Wanda was the Postmaster of the Tyner Post office for 27 years. She retired at the age of 67.

She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, writing poems and doing crewel embroidery. She was a member of the Tyner Rebecca Lodge and the National League of Postmasters.

Wanda is survived by her four children, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Her children are Joyce (Roy) Burch, Glendale, Ariz., Larry (Cathy) Braner, Warsaw, Indiana, Judy Braner and Jerry Braner, all of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers and one sister.

Visitation with her family and a celebration of her life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, with a Tyner Rebecca Lodge service at 7:00 P.M. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Tyner United Methodist Church where Wanda was a long-time member. The Rev. David Inskeep, pastor of the church, will officiate.

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

Memorial gifts in Wanda’s memory may be made to the Tyner Methodist Church or the Marshall-Starke Development Center.

Glen M., Jr. Brown

Glen M. Brown, Jr., 55, 1112 Ferndale Ave., Plymouth, died at 12:30 a.m., following an illness, on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002, in Hospice House, South Bend, Ind. Glen had moved to Plymouth from Rensselaer in 1970.

He was born in Rensselaer on Oct. 7, 1946, the son of Glen M. and Ruby E. Hilton Brown. He graduated from Rensselaer High School in 1964, and was married to Beverly Peregrine on March 27, 1966, in Rensselaer.

He worked for 27 years for Sears as a heating and refrigeration technician, retiring in 1997.

An avid outdoorsman, Glen loved to travel. He enjoyed all kinds of music. Naturally, he was a handyman. Of all of his activities, he loved most being with his daughters and granddaughters.
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He was a member of the First Christian Church of Rensselaer.

Glen is survived by his wife, Beverly, of Plymouth, and by their two daughters and their husbands and children. They are Michelle and Dan Burgess, Granger, Ind., and Tracy J. and Mike Holloway and their daughters, Lindsey and Layne Holloway, all of Plymouth.

His mother, Ruby E. Brown of Rensselaer and two sisters, Marlene and Ronald Lashbrook, West Lafayette, Ind., and Linda and Jim Collins of Los Angeles, Calif., also survive.

Glen was preceded in death by his father, Glen M. Brown, Sr., in 1983.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2002, in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Bob Vardaman, a retired pastor of the church, will officiate.

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

Eugene E. Burns

Eugene E. “Gene” Burns, 77 a Lake of the Woods resident the past 24 years, has died following a long term illness. Gene, who resided at 4536 W. Shore Drive, Bremen, died at 1:40 a.m., Saturday, November 2nd at Hospice House of St. Joseph County, South Bend, with his loving wife and family at his side.

A former resident of Dalton , Ill. , Gene was born October 1, 1925 in Chicago to Edward P. and Mildred J. Sahs Burns. In Chicago he attended St. Theodore’s Grammar School and graduated from St. Rita High School in the Class of 1943.

A United States Navy Air Corp. veteran of World War II, Gene served his country in the South Pacific from 1943 to 1946.

Gene was a self made man, who was known for getting the job done. He began his working career as a truck driver, for Freer Motors of Chicago and worked his way to manager. During that time, he was presented the challenge of transporting the U505 German submarine for display at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, where it remains today.

He was then named General Manager for Jay Bee Cartage of Chicago , later he missed the independence of operating his own rig and began driving for the General Electric Co. and locally for Aker Plastics and Chase Leasing until his retirement in 2001.

Over the past 18 years, Gene shared his life and spiritual convictions with Lucille A. Rzonca-Rentz Burns, with whom he exchanged the vows of Holy Matrimony on May 12, 1984 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Walkerton, Ind.

Together they enjoyed time close to home with family and friends.

Mechanically inclined in many ways and willing to respond, he assisted with repairs and maintenance at St. Patrick’s Church and School, helped construct the Lake of the Woods Community Building and was keeper of the lake buoys.

Gene was a current member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth .

He is survived by his devoted wife, Lucille, two daughters; Jeanne I. Krasowski of Willow Springs, Ill. , and Irene M. “Renie” (Don) Drage of Peachtree, Georgia. Gene’s twin sister Eileen M. (Phil) Wengel of Alsip , Ill. and one brother Gerald E. (Katherine) Burns of South Holland , Ill.
also survive.

Grandchildren include; Jeffrey J. (Beth) Krasowski, Jason J. Krasowski, Justin J. Krasowski, John A. Drage and Tod Drage, along with great granddaughter Lauren Ann Krasowski.

Gene’s stepdaughter Lynn Marie Rentz of Schererville, Ind. and children; Michelle, Pamela and Eddie Myers survive as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Proceeding in death were his parents, a sister and brother-in-law, Bernice E. and Bill Englert, and a son-in-law Jerome Krasowski.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 8th from 2 – 9 p.m. (EST) in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where a Rosary will be said at 8 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9 a.m. (EST) Saturday, November 9th in St. Michael Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St. Plymouth. Father Robert Dombrowski Pastor of St. Dominick Church, Bremen and Father William Kummer, Pastor of St. Michael Church, Plymouth will concelebrate the Mass.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. (CST) in St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, Ill., where military honors will be accorded Gene.

Memorial gifts in Gene’s memory may be made to Hospice of St. Joe/Marshall County, 112 S. Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563 or Dr. Navari Cancer Center, 1915 Lake Ave., Plymouth, IN 46563.
awards for his vehicles both locally and nationally. Don was a former long time member of Hoosier Old Wheels and Vintage Chevrolet Club of America.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth from 2 – 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6th and from 10 – 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 7th followed immediately by services conducted by Rev. Warren Walmer of Poplar Grove United Methodist Church and Pastor Henry V. Sprunger of the Santa Anna Church. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association or the Tippecanoe Environmental Lake and Watershed Foundation.

Rev. Hugh W. Campbell

A memorial service will be held Thursday, January 9, 2003, at 11a.m. in the Walnut Church of the Brethren, 19056 Gumwood Rd. Argos, for Rev. Hugh W. Campbell. A resident of 312 Center St., Argos, Hugh died of natural causes on Sunday, December 1, 2002, in St. Joseph’s Medical Center, South Bend. The Rev. Tony Schneiders, pastor will officiate.

Hugh was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 29, 1935. He was the son of Edward Earl and Mary Elizabeth Campbell.

A minister for 41 years, Hugh received his Bachelor’s Degrees from Cedarville University and Bob Jones University. He earned a Master’s Degree from Indiana University, South Bend.

Hugh retired from the ministry in 1997, having pastored at the Christian Tabernacle in Dayton, Ohio for 13 years; the Faith Bible Church, in Joliet, Ill., for eight years and at Plymouth’s Sunrise Chapel for ten years. He also ministered at Faith Chapel, Harrisburg, Ill., and the United Methodist Church, Alma, Ill.

He was a former board member of both the Spanish World Gospel Missions in Warsaw, Ind., for 15 years and World Missionary Press, New Paris, Ind. for 12 years. He served for 30 years as Assistant Executive Director and board member of the Evangelical Christian Alliance, Bradley, Ill., and was also a member of the board of Correll Ministries for 15 years, doing mission work in 29 different countries.

His hobbies were reading, golf and running.

On June 27, 1992, in Argos, Hugh and Judith L. Dickinson were married.

Judith survives his death along with two sons, two-step-sons, a daughter and a step-daughter.

His sons and step-sons are Stephen M. (Michelle) Campbell, Atlanta, Ga.; Joel L. (Dana) Campbell, Stillwater, Minn.; David A. Truman, Plymouth, Ind., and Jeffery (Kimberly) Herrin, Macey, Ind.

Hugh’s daughter is Jill M. (Michael) Law, Melbourne, Fla., and step-daughter, Jennifer K. (Joel) Fox, Seattle, Wash.

Three brothers, Samuel (Mary) Campbell in San Diego, Calif., Kenneth in Largo, Fla., and John (Joan) Campbell, Darlington, Penn., and a sister, Ruth (Edward) Campbell Jones, Elkton, Md., together with five grandchildren, also survive.

Hugh was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Madison Law and a sister, Jane Campbell Dobbs.
Albert Carlson, 94, a longtime Donaldson area resident and farmer, died at 5:35 a.m. on Friday, May 10, 2002, in Renaissance Village Retirement Center, Ft. Wayne, Ind., where he has resided since February of this year.

A native of Bokon, Sweden, near Ronneby; Albert was born the youngest of five children, on Sept. 24, 1907, the son of Karl Johan and Olivia Anna Pearson Karlsson. His family were potato farmers, as they remain yet today. Albert moved to the United States in 1927.

On Sept. 24, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., Albert and Adaline Marie Gerber were married. Adaline died, six weeks ago, on March 28, 2002.

Albert worked many years as a carpenter in Chicago and the South Bend area, he retired as a member of the Carpenter’s Union Local #413. He did the finishing work at the family home in Donaldson.

He began farming in 1943, using ‘horse’ power before obtaining a tractor. Albert once said; “I would listen for the corn to grow.” He enjoyed farm animals and over the years he raised them all; including the usual dogs and cats.

Always a hard worker; rain or shine, from early morning till late at night. Following his retirement, Albert was there with helping hands, he was known to tinker, do a little work, visit, do a little more work and visit some more, endearing him to family and friends. He never knew a stranger.

He loved his church, Immanuel Lutheran, Donaldson, his family and, especially, his sweet Adaline of more than 66 years.

Albert is survived by a son, Max E. Gerber, Los Angeles, Calif., and two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra M. and William Dunn, Columbia, Maryland, and Joyce A. Hite-Moore, and her husband Curtis of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter also survive.

Those surviving in Sweden are: Astrid Ahstrom, nephews; Bertal Mauritson and Roland Karlsson, who resides on the family farm, and nieces; Gota Abramson and Vega Hogstrom and their families.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse, a son, Carl Albert Carlson and a brother; Henrik and three sisters; Beda, Hildagard and Signe.

Friends are invited to come to celebrate Albert’s life with his family on Monday, May 13, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m., in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services in the church on Tuesday.

The funeral services on Tuesday, May 14, 2002, will be at 11 a.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 6835 Union Road, Donaldson. The Rev. Brian Deckinger, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Albert’s memory may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Donaldson or the Alzheimer’s Research Foundation.
Adaline Marie Carlson, 88, 1015 Blue Stone Court, Ft. Wayne, formerly of Plymouth died at 12:50 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2002 at Select Specialty Hospital in Ft. Wayne, IN.

Born July 30, 1913 in Craigville, IN, she was the daughter of Daniel U. Gerber and Frances Alice Reimschisel Gerber. Adaline attended Craigville schools.

She was married to Albert Carlson on September 24, 1936 in Chicago, IL, who survives.

Adaline had worked at Swanson Hatchery for a while as well as for Menser Industries of Plymouth, retiring from Menser's in 1979.

“Aunt Addie,” as many referred to her, enjoyed canning vegetables, baking cookies and coffeecakes and sharing these treats along with a cup of coffee with friends. She loved tending to her flower garden and eating ice cream but most of all she cherished time spent with her family and grandchildren. She was a long-time devoted member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Donaldson.

Adaline is survived by her husband, Albert, a son, Max E. Gerber of Los Angeles, CA, two daughters, Sandra M. and William Dunn of Columbia, Maryland, Joyce A. and Curtis Hite-Moore of Ft. Wayne, Five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great, great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a son, Carl Albert Carlson, five brothers, Ezra, Perry, Edward, Eli, and George and four sisters, Ruth, Catherine, Aldine, and Amanda.

Friends visited with the family on Monday, April 1, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 North Michigan St. Plymouth and one hour prior to funeral services which were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Donaldson at 6835 Union Road, Donaldson with Rev. Brian Deckinger officiating.

Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Donaldson.

Memorial gifts in Adaline’s memory may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Donaldson or The Alzheimer’s Research Foundation.
Mr. Clarke is survived by two brothers, Eric G. (Esther) Clarke of San Pedro, Calif., and William C. (Rose Mary) Clarke of Indianapolis, and a sister, Patricia (Mrs. Charles) Cook, of Plymouth. His parents, a brother, Jack Clarke, and a sister, Joyce Drubert, preceded him in death.

Mr. Clarke attended Inwood and Washington Elementary schools and Plymouth and Argos High Schools, graduating from Argos High School in 1945. He left high school his senior year to join the United States Navy during World War II, serving from 1944 to 1946. He attended Indiana University and Boston College Law School and the University of Mississippi Law School, where he earned his L.L.B. degree in 1951. In law school, he was a member of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and was co-winner of the Phi Alpha Delta Final Moot Court Competition. Mr. Clarke was also a graduate of the Indiana Judicial College and the American Academy of Judicial Education.

Following graduation from law school, he was law editor for Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis. In 1952, he began law practice in Plymouth, and was appointed Marshall County and Third District Young Republican Chairman. In 1953, he became Assistant Secretary of the Indiana State Senate at Indianapolis. Later that year, he was appointed by United States Senator Homer E. Capehart to his staff in Washington, D.C., serving until August, 1954, where he authored the “Legislative History of the Export-Import Bank of Washington.” He returned to Marshall County to seek a seat in the State Legislature and was elected and represented Marshall County in the 89th Indiana General Assembly, where he served on Judiciary A and Judiciary B Committees of the House of Representatives. He received the Distinguished Service Award from Indiana Governor George N. Craig for his work in the legislature.

In 1959, Mr. Clarke moved his law practice and family to Bremen, where they lived until 1983. He served as the first Marshall County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. He also served 17 years as German Twp. Attorney, 10 years as Bremen Town Attorney and 11 years as Bremen School Attorney. He was a member and President of the Bremen School Board, President of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce and President of the Kiwanis Club. He was a Republican precinct committee man and a delegate to six Republican State Conventions. He held membership in the Bremen American Legion for more than 35 years and he was a member of the 1st. United Church of Christ. He was presented the Jaycee Outstanding Citizen Award at Bremen. He was also given the Distinguished Alumni Award by Argos High School. Clarke was also an Eagle Scout.

During the early 1970s, Mr. Clarke was appointed by Governor Otis R. Bowen to the State Office Building Commission and the Wage Adjustment Board.

Judge Clarke was presented with a commendation in 1988 from the Indiana Supreme Court for his judicial services. He was twice named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Governors Otis R. Bowen and Robert D. Orr for his service to the State of Indiana.

In 1983, Judge Clarke and Mrs. Clarke moved to Plymouth. While Judge, he served as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness, member of the Marshall County and Indiana State Bar Associations and the Indiana Judges’ Association. He was a long time member of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association and a life member of the Marshall County Historical Society. His biography has appeared in several editions of “Who’s Who in American Law.”

Services will be held at 11 A.M., Monday, April 8, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Revs. Dr. Ronald Liechty and Susan Sickelka will officiate. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Graveside military honors will be provided by the Bremen American Legion Post 191.
Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 6 P.M. Sunday, April 7, 2002. Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or charity of choice.

Juanita A. Creighbaum

Lifetime Plymouth resident, Juanita A. Creighbaum, 74, living at 822 W. LaPorte St., Plymouth, for the past 54 years, died, following an extended illness, at 4:45 p.m., Monday, March 4, 2002, in St. Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born on June 1, 1927, in Plymouth, Ind., Juanita was the daughter of John and Flora Mae Herndon Gilley. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School.

On March 29, 1947, in Plymouth, Juanita and Donald B. Creighbaum were married. Donald died on Feb. 9, 1998.

Juanita was a kind and caring baby sitter for her family and for area residents.

She enjoyed reading and cooking and was involved with her children and grandchildren’s activities. An animal lover, she was a Humane Society volunteer and assisted with their fund raising.

A former member of the Women of the Moose, she was active in the Marshall County Democrat Party.

Juanita is survived by three sons and their families: Daniel E., his wife Della, and their children; Nicholas, Benjamin, Emily, Jacob and Bethany Creighbaum. Kent J. Creighbaum, and Brent A., his wife Darla and their children; Krista, Tara and Jeana Creighbaum, all of Plymouth.

Two brothers, Al and Marge Gilley, Plymouth and Donald and Nancy Gilley, Nappanee, survive, together with a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marjorie and George Schlosser, of Argos. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, Ben Gilley, a brother and Mildred Enders, a sister.

Visitation with the family will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church where Juanita had attended services, will officiate at her funeral in the funeral home on Friday, March 8, 2002, at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Juanita’s memory may be made to either the Cancer or the Humane Society.

Fern L. Culp

Fern L. Culp, 74, a lifetime area resident, died following an illness, on Sunday, December 22, 2002, at 4:05 p.m., at her residence, 1601 Kenwood Ave., Plymouth.

Born in Hibbard, Ind., on May 2, 1928, Fern was the daughter of Charley and Mildred Hagenbush Bender. She graduated from Lincoln High School, Plymouth.

On January 25, 1947, in Plymouth, Fern and Claude Culp were married. Claude died on April
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14, 1981.

Fern was a dedicated homemaker and mother. An avid and expert seamstress, she sewed all of her own clothing and much of her family's and friend's wearing apparel. She loved to cook and was known affectionately as "Grandma Meatballs." Family oriented, Fern enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren. She loved to travel anywhere.

Bingo was her game and she indulged it as a member of the Eagles, the V.F.W. auxiliary and the Moose Lodge.

Fern is survived by four daughters. They are: Rita (Fred) Masterson and Melody (Patrick) Bottorff all of Plymouth; Nancy Masterson, Bluffton, Ind., and Claudia (Johnnie) Smith, Bourbon, Ind. Eighteen grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren survive together with two brothers: Clarence (Pat) Bender, Newygo, Mich., and Ray Bender, Plymouth.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, Debra L. Culp (who died May 14, 1977) and a great-grandson, Christopher Masterson.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Fern will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 27, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Max Hatfield will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Fern's memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Mabel M. Davenport

Mabel M. Davenport, a Marshall County resident most of her life, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, at 4:25 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002.

She would have celebrated her 100th birthday on Nov. 21, having been born in Elkhart County in 1902. She was the daughter of Charles and Flora Ellen Crone Buss. She attended Pine Creek School.

On Jan. 26, 1923, in South Bend, Mabel and George Davenport, Sr. were married. George died on Jan. 1, 1969. Mabel continued to live on their farm on Lilac Road until 1986.

A farm homemaker, she assisted with the farming duties, raised her family and served as a "Pink Lady" with Parkview Hospital for 39 years.

She enjoyed playing the piano, card games with friends and being with her family and friends.

Mabel was a 35-year member of the North Twp. Women’s Auxiliary and was very active in the community. For over 15 years she sang in the Marshall County Extension Chorus, was a member of the Happy homemaker Club of LaPaz and was an enthusiastic part of the LaPaz Women's Bowling League.

She is survived by a daughter, Deloris Lebler, Ft. Worth, Texas, and a son, George (Paula) Davenport, Jr., Avon Park, Florida, five grandchildren, Rick (Mickey) Davenport, Plymouth, IN, Jodi Graverson, Overland Park, Kansas, Kim (Ken) Horvath, Charlotte, North Carolina, Phillip (Mary Ann) Lebler, Durango, Colorado, Denise (Charles) Blume, Indianapolis, Indiana, 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren also survive her death.
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Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, George Sr., her spouse, and four sisters: Grace McIntire, Cecile Davenport, Dora Naragon and Mary Gardner. Three brothers: Delbert and Harold Buss and an infant brother, also preceded her in death.

A son-in-law, Everett Lemler, has also died.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, of which she was a long-time member, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Dave Kerkove will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren in Mabel's memory.

Lois O. Davenport

Lois O. Davenport, 86, 2375 Lilac Rd., Plymouth, a lifetime Marshall County resident, died of natural causes in the Bremen Health Care Center at 10:55 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2002.

Lois was born in Bourbon, Ind., on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1915. She was the daughter of Charles O. and Mary V. Dillingham McCollough. She graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1934.

In her parents home, north of LaPaz, on Mar. 23, 1939, Lois became the bride of Don L. Davenport. Don died on Jan. 30, 1999.

A homemaker, assisting in the family’s farming operation with her husband, Lois also had worked at the Blue Bell store in Bremen.

She loved gardening and always had a large vegetable garden, canning the produce for her family. She prized the summer times spent in Wisconsin, fishing, relaxing, playing euchre (a game she enjoyed) and being with her husband and children.

Lois is survived by her five sons and their spouses. They are: Don K. and Karen Davenport, Avon Park, Fla., Jon L. and Nancy Davenport and Steven M. and Regina Davenport, all of Plymouth, Ind., Robert L. and Cheryl Davenport, River Wood, Ill., Sam D. and Faye Davenport, Mishawaka, Ind.

Nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive together with two sisters, Mary Thomas, Bourbon and Catherine Baker, Mishawaka. Ann McCollough, a sister-in-law of LaPaz, survives along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and four sisters and two brothers. They are: Daisy Hartman, Fay King, Fern Zimmerman, Gladys Berkeypile, Harry and Clyde McCollough.

Visitation with the family and a celebration of her life will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Norman Replogle, pastor of the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren where Lois attended services, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2002, in the funeral home.
Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Lois’ memory may be made to the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, North Liberty, Ind.

Don E. Davidson, 71, 7434 11A Road, Inwood, suffered an unexpected heart attack and died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 12:26 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2002.

A lifetime Marshall County resident, Don was born in Inwood, the son of Edward W. and Edna Harris Davidson, on July 20, 1930. He attended Inwood and Plymouth schools.

During the Korean Conflict, Don served his country in the United States Army.

On July 23, 1953, at the Inwood United Methodist Church, Don and Doris L. Smith were married.

Self-employed as a painter and carpenter, Don was currently working part-time for the City of Plymouth at the Waste-Water Treatment plant, having started there on April 30, 1990. He also had been a Plymouth school bus driver for 28 years.

He was a friendly, out-going person and enjoyed having coffee with his friends at the truck stop. A loving family man, his best times were spent with his family and grandchildren.

Don is survived by Doris, his wife of almost 49 years and their children, three daughters and two sons.

The daughters and their husbands are: Ann and Mark Jones, Plymouth; Londa and Steve Masterson, Tyner, and Sherry and Terry Harman, also of Plymouth. His sons and their wives are: Donnie and Susie Davidson and Chris and Robin Davidson, all of Plymouth.

Ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive together with three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Dick Davidson, Howe, Ind., and Lysle “Skip” and Fran Davidson, Plymouth, and Ronnie Davidson, residing in Kentucky.

Both sisters live in Plymouth; Darla Carlberg and Barbara and Larry McCan.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Chester D. and Junior Davidson.

The family will receive friends and share memories of Don from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services in the funeral home will be at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2002. The Rev. Alice Archer, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren and the Rev. Mike Dixon, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Full military graveside services provided by the VFW Post 1162 will be held at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Raymond A. Davis

Raymond A. "Ray" Davis, 73, 612 S. Michigan St., a Plymouth resident since 1999, coming from Riverside, Calif., died, following an illness, at 8:36 a.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
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Born in Indianapolis, Ind., on Dec. 21, 1928, Ray was the son of Arch R. and Lorena M. Joyce Davis. He attended Indianapolis schools, earning his G.E.D. while a member of the United States Marine Corp.

Ray served his country as a Marine during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a member of the Plymouth V.F.W., #1162.

On Feb. 25, 1951, in Barstow, Calif., Ray and Nancy A. O’Dell were married.

After his retirement from the service, he was a cross-country truck driver and the owner/operator of the business.

His family was his biggest love. An avid reader, he was also a gun collector.

Ray is survived by Nancy, his wife of 51 years, and their son, Scott and his wife, An, and his father-in-law Leonard O’Dell, all of Plymouth.

A granddaughter, Nicole Davis, Plymouth, and two grandsons, Raymond J. Davis, of Plymouth, and Joshua and Jamie Davis and their daughters, Hannah and Rose, all of San Diego, Calif., also survive.

A daughter-in-law, Ruth B. Davis of Hemet, Calif., two nephews, Robert and Toni Tolbert, Plymouth, and Roland Jordan, Davenport, Iowa, and a niece, Janice Meredith, Plymouth, survive as well.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Josephine Jordan, and two sons, Arch and Timothy Davis.

Friends may visit with Ray’s family from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral service in the funeral home will follow visitation at 11 a.m. Pastor Paul Spasic, of the Plymouth Christ Fellowship of which Ray was a member, will officiate.

Military graveside services by Engineer Company B, 6th Engineer Support Battalion of South Bend will take place at the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made in Ray’s memory to the Disabled American Veterans.

Martha Mae Dean

Martha Mae Dean, 85, formerly of Etna Green, moving to South Bend in 1956, and then to Plymouth in 1997, died of natural causes at 10:47 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2002, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth.

Martha Mae was born on June 11, 1916, in Sheboygan Falls, Wis. She was the daughter of Glenn Angus Sherer and Dessie Ethel Shadley Sherer. She attended Plymouth schools.

On April 20, 1935, in Plymouth, Ind., Martha Mae and Theodore O. Dean were married. Theodore died on Sept. 29, 1996.

A homemaker and a cook at Etna Green High School for many years, Martha Mae also served as secretary at Westside Church of Christ, South Bend, retiring in 1997, when she moved to Plymouth.
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She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and sewing. She also was an avid gardener and liked to read and to write poetry.

Martha Mae is survived by a daughter, Marie Yancey, Mishawaka, Ind., and a son, Robert E. Dean of Plymouth.

A sister and brother-in-law, Glenna E. and Virgil Shuter, LaPorte, Ind., also survives together with ten grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Seven step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers: Terrence, Franklin and Dale Sherer and three sisters: Vivian, Rosella and Charlotte.

Visitation with the family will be at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services for Martha Mae will be held in the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2002. The Rev. Jim Nichols, pastor of the Westside Church of Christ, South Bend, where she was a member, will officiate together with the Rev. Larry Ferguson of Christ's Church, Plymouth.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Westside Church of Christ, South Bend, or to Christ's Church, Plymouth.

Eugene K., Sr. DeMien


Born in LaPorte, Ind., on Jan. 12, 1924, the son of George C. and Cecel M. Yockum DeMien, Gene attended Phillips, South Dakota elementary schools and graduated from LaPaz High School in 1942.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1942, in Plymouth, at the Heyde family home, Gene and Marjorie A. Heyde were married. Two months later, Gene went off to war. During World War II, he was a corporal in the United States Army, serving in the Pacific Theater from 1943-1945, stationed in the Philippines and in Japan. He lived in Plymouth most of his life, and following his return from service he joined the VFW Post #1162 and American Legion Post #27.

Gene worked at Bomarko for 18 years. He also moved houses, putting three on their farm. A pioneer in recycling metal products, he was widely known at industrial auctions, factories and bankruptcy sales across northern Indiana, buying scrap metal to cut up and brass and copper for resale. He loved auctions and attended until his illness would no longer allow.

Gene gave most of the treasures he found to friends. The church kitchen at the North Salem Church of God is furnished with Gene’s auction bargains: the stove, sink, cabinets...all from auction.

He was also an expert furnace installer and repairman.

A dedicated Christian, Gene was a member of the North Salem Church of God for over sixty years. A church trustee for many years he provided many services for his church.
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In addition to his devoted wife, Marjorie, Gene is survived by two sons and their families.

His sons are: Eugene K. Jr. and Penny DeMien, Plymouth, and their daughters Nicole L. and Barry Hiatt and their children, Bryton and Nathanael all of Plymouth and Erin DeMien, Indianapolis. Gene’s son, Stephen P. and Anna DeMien live in Honolulu, Hawaii, with their children, Angela G., Amy M., and Andrea G. DeMien.

Three brothers, Walter L. and Mary Lou, Plymouth, Wallace T. and Marian, Peru, Ind., and Fred G. and Helen, St. Charles, Ill., together with a sister, Carrol E. and Kenneth Alwine, South Bend, also survive along with several nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Elsworth DeMien and two sisters: Henrietta Beghein and Doris Julia Milkey.

Friends may visit with the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, Jan. 11, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services in the funeral home will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002. The Rev. Stanley L Lawrence, pastor of the North Salem Church of God, and Tim Pearson will officiate.

Full military honors will be accorded Gene at the graveside in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the North Salem Church of God or to the Marshall County Hospice.

David B. “Dutch” Denney

In 1954-1956, he served in Germany.

On September 23, 1958, in Dayton, Ohio, Dutch and Elizabeth “Beth” A. Robinette were married.

He worked for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad as an engineer for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

Dave loved fishing, hunting and playing golf. He enjoyed all sorts of wildlife, including birds, squirrels and especially his two cats, Barney and Shadow.

He attended the Wesleyan Church on Moeller Rd., in New Haven. He was a member of the Argos American Legion Issac Walton Post and supported Disabled American Veterans.

Dave is survived by his wife and two sons; Tim D. Denney, and Rod L. Denney, both of Monroeville, and grandchildren, Patia Denney of Monroeville and Caleb Denney of New Haven.

Two brothers also survive: Gerald R. “Tony” (Susie) and Roger D. (Pam) Denney, all of Argos. A sister, also of Argos, Patsy L. Fretz, several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2002, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home.
Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services officiated by the Rev. Richard J. Fletcher, senior pastor of the Moeller Road Wesleyan Church, Ft. Wayne, Ind. will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 2002, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts in Dave’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association or Diabetes Association.

**Phillip Edward Dills**

Phillip Edward “Phil” Dills, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died of natural causes at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. He was 47 years old.

Phil was born in Plymouth on January 16, 1955, the son of Harold and Phyllis E. Krouse Dills Kunze.

He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1973. An athlete, he was a wrestler and a football player. His friend, class and team mate, Bob Read, said that “Phil always kept things lively. He was a funny character and he will be missed.”

Phil was an electronic engineer for Indiana Electronics in Granger, Ind. for over 20 years. He designed and installed phone systems and computer systems throughout northern Indiana.

An outdoorsman, he had a genuine appreciation and respect for guns and hunting. A baseball coach, he took one local team to a national tournament in Texas, winning 1st place. He also was a coach for the Marshall County Junior Football League.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose #741 and Elks Lodges.

Phil is survived by his mother, Phyllis Dills Kunze and step-father, Kenneth E. Kunze, both of Plymouths.

A brother, Stephen R. (Vickie) Dills and their children, three nephews and a niece, Matthew, Nicholas, Adam and Morgan Elizabeth Dills, all of Jasper, Ind., also survive.

A step brother, James C. (Renate) Kunze, and two step-sisters, Lora (Bryan) Renz and Kathy (Jim) Bottorff, all of Plymouth, survive along with several cousins.

Phil was preceded in death by his father, Harold, in 1977.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.
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Loren Milo Dinkledine

Loren Milo Dinkledine, 83, a fifty year resident of 4441 Michigan Rd. Plymouth, died following an extended illness, Wednesday at 10:35 p.m. in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Bourbon, Ind., on March 13, 1919, Loren was the son of Milo and Lilia Freeman Dinkledine. In 1937 he graduated from Bourbon High School. Loren was an area resident most of his lifetime, yet lived in Hammond, Ind. from 1939-1949. It was there Loren would play semi-pro basketball for the Hammond Celtics.

On May 24, 1941, in Tyner, Ind. Loren took as his bride for the next 61 years, Mildred G. Logan, who survives. Always together, they were involved in both their children and grandchildren's many activities.

Loren made his living as a brick/stone mason and owned and operated Dinkledine Masonry Construction Co. of Plymouth from 1950 – 1987. He was a former Trustee at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Loren loved all sports, especially fishing and hunting, having experienced numerous trips to Michigan, Colorado and throughout the Mid-west. Much of Loren's past-time kept him close to home, as he had a passion for maintaining the nearby Fairmont Cemetery grounds for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife Mildred along with two daughters; Leila Emmons and Lorna (Ernest) Zartman all of Plymouth. Six grandchildren; Dennis (Joan) Emmons Jr.of Plymouth, Doug (Suann) Emmons serving in the U.S. Army, Korea; Debbie (Tracy) Rippy of Plymouth, Michael (Kristine) Zartman of Plymouth, Daryl (Beth) Zartman of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Lana (William) Hostrawser of Plymouth. Fourteen great grandchildren also survive along with one brother Dale (Betty) Dinkledine of Florida; two step-sisters, Waneta Klinefelter of Etna Green, Ind., Phyllis Stackhouse of Westfield, Ind. and a step-brother, John Houser of Brownsburg, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Hershel, Bill and Lewis Dinkledine and one step-brother Lloyd Houser.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd from 5 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where services will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will follow in the Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Loren’s memory may be made to the St. Michael's School, Fairmont Cemetery Care Fund or Donor’s Choice.

Mabel Castro Dowd

Mabel Castro Dowd, 92, died of natural causes at 5:50 am. on Christmas morning, Wednesday, December 25, 2002, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Mabel spent much of her childhood in North Judson. For a time she resided in Buchanan, Mich., but settled in the Plymouth area over 30 years ago and currently resided at 208 Cortland St., LaPaz.

Born the daughter of David and Catherine Bame Black, in Arlington, Ohio, on February 19, 1910, Mabel attended North Judson, Ind., schools.

She was first married in 1927, in Knox, Ind., to Walter Casto. Walter died in 1965. In 1972, Mabel and Everett Dowd were married in Culver. Everett preceded her in death on September 5, 1987.

She and Walter were owners and operators of a restaurant in North Judson, Ind., for a period
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of time. In Plymouth she worked at Vic Stockman's Parkside Laundromat.

Handy with her hands, Mabel was a seamstress for many years as well as being an expert crocheter and knitter. She enjoyed canning, bingo and traveling which most often included fishing trips with her husband Walter. She and Everett spent several winters in the Cape Coral area of Florida.

Mabel attended the First Community Church of God in LaPaz.

She was a former member of the Moose and Eagles Lodges of Plymouth.

Three daughters and two sons survive her death. They are: Marguerite (William) Mohr, Winamac; Shirley (Gale) Reese, Plymouth; Linda (Ed) Bope, LaPaz; Walter (Vera) Casto, Pinehurst, N.C.; and Howard (Anne) Casto, Smyrna, Tenn.

Fifteen grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands and three sisters and five brothers.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to funeral services on Saturday.

The Saturday, December 28, 2002, services will be in the funeral home at 2:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in memory of Mabel may be made to the First Community Church of God, LaPaz.

Mabel C. Eby, 87, LaPaz, Ind., a resident since 1951, coming from Elkhart County with a short stay in St. Joseph County, has died.

Mabel died of natural causes in the caring company of her family at 7:14 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, in the Bremen Health Care Center.

She was born in St. Joseph County, the daughter of William M. and Elizabeth Hunsberger Klein, on August 14, 1914. She graduated from the Madison Township School, near Wakarusa with the class of 1932.

On July 1, 1939, in Nappanee, Mabel and Robert C. Eby were married. Robert died on April 10, 1993.

She first worked in the 1930s at Ball Band in Mishawaka and later was employed at Superior Furniture, Nappanee and Jones Furniture, Wakarusa.

Adept with her hands, she enjoyed sewing and crocheting. A talented gardener, Mabel especially loved flowers.

Mabel had attended the LaPaz Church of God and the Indiana Chapel Missionary Church, northwest of LaPaz.

She is survived by two daughters and their families. Marilee A. and David Huber, Bremen, and Melba L. and Art Green, Elkhart.
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Four grandsons also survive: Dwayne Huber, Elkhart, Brian Huber, LaPaz, Brett and Sean Dolgos, both of Nappanee. Three granddaughters survive as well. They are: Michelle and Darrell Florey, Walkerton, Elizabeth and Brian Harrington, Louisville, Ky., Stephanie and John Rose, South Bend.

Jay and Helen Klein, a brother and sister-in-law of Wakarusa and Pauline Contat, a sister, living in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, survive as well.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a brother, Lewis Klein and two sisters, Ethel Brown and Florence Holdeman.

Visitation and a sharing of memories will be held from 3 to 7 p.m., on Sunday, July 14, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Mabel will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 15, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Ervin Mize, pastor of the Church of God, Bremen, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made in Mabel’s memory to Marshall County Hospice, Alzheimer’s or Diabetes Foundations.

Levi F. "Bill" Edgerley, 88, living at 13250 Rose Rd., Plymouth until July of this year when he moved to the Indiana Veteran’s Home, West Lafayette, died of natural causes at 10:45 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 16, 2002.

Levi was born in Delphi, Ind., on Dec. 1, 1913, the son of Walter and Emma Arion Edgerley.

He served in the United States Army during W.W. II., and was a member of the Lafayette American Legion Post.


Employed at the Harry B. Franklin Salvage Yard in Plymouth, Levi, a stock car racing fan, enjoyed fishing in the local lakes.

A sister, Thelma M. Ronk, Plymouth, survives his death. Also surviving are; a step-grandson, Jimmy Lee Edgerley, Fla. and two step great-grandsons. Nieces and nephews include; Shirley & Ed Rusher, Patsy & John Kuhn, Bill & Karen Ronk all of Plymouth, Peg & Mike Perdue of Rochester and Charley Brady of Michigan also survive.

Levi was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and James H. Farkas-Edgerley, a step-son.

Visitation will be on Friday, Oct. 18, 2002, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will be on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

Graveside military honors by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162 will be held at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
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Memorial gifts may be made to Real Services, 121 E. LaPorte St. Plymouth.

Dorothy L. Exley
Dorothy L. Exley, 85, a resident of 318 Ewing St. Plymouth the past 50 years has died following several years of failing health at 3:50 a.m. Sat. Oct. 5th in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Saegertown, Penn. On July 18, 1917, she is the daughter of Roy R. and Bessie Bossard King. She graduated from Academy High School in Erie Pennsylvania.

Dorothy was a mother and homemaker who had worked as a bookkeeper for the former Montgomery Ward Co. and Truman Motors in Plymouth and then retired from Bomarko Corp. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth where she had sang in the choir.

Her interests in life included a love of airplanes and the wonder of astronomy. She enjoyed playing the piano, listening to Country Western Music and some would say she had a fetish for hats.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverly A. (Jon) Dalton of Tallahassee, Florida and two grandchildren; Stacy A. Dalton Caffarelli and spouse Brian of Chicago and Dr. Jonathan A. Dalton of Evanston, Ill. Her brother Ronald (Marjorie) King, several nieces, nephews and special friends, Bryan and Elese Emond of Plymouth also survive.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a sister Betty Mae Rains.

Visitation with her family will be held from 9 – 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8th in the Johnson – Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where services will be conducted at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Charles Krieg, of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen.

Burial will take place in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy’s name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Rachel Elizabeth Fawley
Eleven-year old Rachel Elizabeth Fawley, died from severe complications of chicken pox at 2:02 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2002 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She was deeply loved and will be sadly missed by her family and her many friends.

Born on July 31, 1990, in Plymouth, Rachel was the daughter of Matthew R. Fawley of Bremen and Amy B. Streets of Grovertown.

She was an honor-roll student in the 5th grade at Oregon Davis Elementary. She loved playing sports, being outdoors, drawing and animals of all kinds.

Rachel is survived by her mother and stepfather, Amy B. and Steve J. Streets, Grovertown: her father and stepmother, Matthew R. and Kristine A. Fawley, Bremen. A sister, Ashley Nicole Fawley, also survives along with several stepsisters and brothers. They are: Tia Strang, Jennifer Keller, Deanna Streets and Stephen Streets. A nephew Cole Dowd also survives.

Her maternal grandparents, Howard and Dorothy White, Plymouth, survive as well as paternal grandparents, Robert Fawley, Knox, Ind., and Sue Hart, Louisville, KY. Also surviving are maternal step-grandparents, Calvin and Semmie Kruder, Culver, and paternal step-
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grandparents, Larry and Shelia Shivers, Orlando, Fla.

Numerous other family members: aunts, uncles, cousins and friends also survive.

Visitation will be on Sunday, May 26, 2002, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Rachel will be held in the funeral home, at 10 a.m., on Monday, May 27, 2002. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Preferred are memorial gifts to Rachel’s Medical Assistance Fund, c/o the funeral home.

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Evelyn M. Rash Fry, 89, a resident of the Bremen Health Care Center, since Nov., 2001, died, following an illness, at 9:24 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2002. Evelyn had lived in the LaPaz area most of her life, moving to Bremen four years ago and resided at 500 S. Montgomery St.

Born in Lakeville, Ind., on Dec. 7, 1912, Evelyn was the daughter of Judd L. and Grace M. Vories Moore. She graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1931.

In August, 1932, in Lakeville, Evelyn and William J. Rash were married. William died on Sept. 24, 1951. In July of 1959, Evelyn and John P. Fry were married in Plymouth. John died in 1980.

In the 1940s, during W.W. II, Evelyn was postmaster of Kingsford Heights, Walkerton and LaPaz. She worked a decade later at Bendix Corp., South Bend.

A family person, she adored her children and grandchildren and enjoyed times spent with them.

She collected antique glass ware as a hobby and enjoyed flowers.

Evelyn was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lakeville Chapter No. 479. She had also been an active member of the Royal Neighbors and the Lakeview Homemakers Club.


Seven beloved grandchildren also survive. They are: Greg, Curt and Bill Rash, Jon Anderson, Brenda Albrecht, Lisa Gay and Sherri Jaggers.

Thirteen great-grandchildren and three great-great children survive as well.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, her two spouses, a son, Richard C. Rash, a sister, Dorothea Moore and two brothers, Robert and Donald Moore.

A time of visiting and sharing memories of Evelyn’s life will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, July 15, 2002, in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Lakeville Chapter of the Eastern Star, will provide a memorial service at 7:30 p.m., Monday, in the funeral home.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, in the funeral
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home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, where Evelyn was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Evelyn’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice, Bremen Community Hospital or the Cancer Association.

Gertrude B. Garrison

Gertrude B. Garrison, 82, a longtime Oak Road resident, died following a brief illness, at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, August 6, 2002 in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth. A lifetime area resident, she has made 805 Baker Street, River Park her home the past two years.

Born in Bremen, Indiana, on October 21, 1919, she was the daughter of Walter Bellman and Polly Poyser Hochstetler. Gertrude graduated from Bremen High School.

Gertrude and Wilbur H. Garrison were married in Argos, Ind., on July 29, 1939, Wilbur preceded her in death on July 7, 1999.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother; Gertrude was a talented cook who enjoyed family fishing and camping trips, always taking a great interest in her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed reading, nurturing African Violets and at one time had an extensive collection of ceramic shoes.

Gertrude is survived by her daughter Barbara A. and Jerry Pearson of Plymouth and son Jeffrey L. and Donna Jean Garrison of New Castle, Ind., along with seven grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. A brother Richard and Mary Hochstetler of Moline, Ill. and a sister-in-law Aileen Bellman of Marysville, Wash. also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, spouse and one brother Lloyd Bellman.

Visitation with her family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. in the funeral home on Friday, August 9, 2002. The Rev. Charles Krieg, Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen will officiate.

Burial will be in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Gertrude’s memory may be made to Hospice of Marshall Co., 112 S. Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, Indiana 46563

Mary K. "Kate" Garrison

Mary K. "Kate" Garrison, 86, an area resident most of her life, died, following an illness, at 7:40 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth.

Kate was born in Warsaw, Ind., on March 4, 1915. She was the daughter of Chloie and Richard Bonnell. She graduated from Lincoln High School, Plymouth, with the class of 1932.

On November 25, 1933, in Etna Green, Ind., Kate and Jesse H. Garrison were married. Jesse died on August 9, 1997.

Kate worked at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant during World War II, after which she and her husband ran the Garrison Home Store in Donaldson for over 20 years. After leaving the store she devoted her time to being a homemaker and an avid collector of antiques.
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She also raised and collected African violets. She enjoyed watching wrestling and other sports on television.

Kate is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip L. and Kay Garrison, Plymouth.

A granddaughter, Melinda Garrison, Plymouth, and a grandson, Stephen and Lara Garrison, Orlando, Fla., survive as well, together with two great-grandsons, Brandon Moyer and Kalem Linville, both of Plymouth.

Betty and Ed Oaks, a sister living in Apopka, Fla., and James and Joey Bonnell, a brother in California, and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Kate was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, and a granddaughter, Kerri Garrison. Richard Bonnell, a brother, and Doris Bonnell, a sister, have also died.

Visitation with the family will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services in the Chapel will be officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, at 1 p.m., following visitation. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made in Kate’s memory to the American Cancer Society.

Barbara A. Gillenwater, 61, of 13781 Tyler Rd., Bremen, died of an unexpected heart attack at 6:52 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002, in St. Joseph Community Hospital, Mishawaka.

Barb, a lifetime area resident, was born in Lakeville, Ind., on Oct. 19, 1940. She was the daughter of George and Beatrice Donathan Roush. She received her G.E.D. after attending Lakeville schools. She later received a certificate of Secretarial Science from the Michiana College of Commerce.

On Aug. 6, 1994, in the Olive Branch United Brethren Church in Lakeville, where she remained a member, Barb and Dale E. “Sonny” Gillenwater were married. Sonny died on March 3, 2000.

Barb worked in the food services section of the Kaleidoscope Children’s Center in Plymouth.

An avid reader, she enjoyed working with crafts, especially sewing and crocheting gifts for her family and friends.

Barb is survived by two daughters: Debbie and Jim Roark and their daughters: Heather, Elizabeth and Samantha, all of Bremen, Ind., and Lynette Wiegand, Indianapolis, Ind.

A brother, Keith and Donna Roush, Lakeville, Ind., and a sister, Pat and Arlen Holderread, Plymouth, survive as well.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Sonny.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Kevin Skaggs, pastor of the Oak Grove Missionary Church, Wakarusa, Ind., will officiate.
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Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Always thinking of the children she worked with, memorial gifts in Barb’s memory may be made to the Kaleidoscope Children’s Center.

Sister Carol Glosemeyer, 85, of the Poor Hand Maids of Jesus Christ (P.H.J.C.), died at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Born in Quincy, Illinois, on September 20, 1916, she was the daughter of Theodore and Anna Tushous Glosemeyer.

She entered the convent on June 25, 1944, and professed her first vows on June 25, 1946.

As her primary ministry in life, Sister Carol took care of homeless boys for 26 years in three orphanages: St. Vincent Villa, Fort Wayne, Ind., Angel Guardian, Chicago, Ill., and St. John’s in Belleville, Ill.

She was a nurses’ aide for ten years at Loretta Hospital, New Ulm, Minn. and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Sister also spent six years as the Director of Occupational Therapy at Meredith Memorial Home in Belleville, Ill. In addition, for three years was a volunteer at St. Catherine Hospital in East Chicago, Ind.

After a lifetime of service, she retired in 1990, and entered the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson.

Sister Carol is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Father Edward Konerman, S.J., will take place in the Catherine Kasper Home chapel at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 25, 2002.

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

Lifetime Marshall County resident, Roger L. Greenlee, 73, died following an illness at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, May 06, 2002, in the Hospice House of St. Joseph County, Roseland; where he had been a patient since Friday evening. Roger and his wife Nila have made their home at 10732 King Road, Plymouth for the past 32 years.

Born in Plymouth on October 24, 1928, Roger was the son of John P. and Dorothy I. Deacon Greenlee. He was raised at Inwood and graduated from Bourbon High School with the Class of 1946. Following graduation he served in the United States Air Force as a staff sergeant stationed in Texas and Japan.

On November 16, 1952, at the Inwood Church parsonage, Roger took as his bride the former Nila J. Hendricks, this year marks their 50th Anniversary.

Roger was dedicated to his work and employer; the Bendix Corporation of South Bend, where he began his career prior to his stint in the armed forces and returned to continue working until
his retirement in 1994.

Much of Roger’s time following retirement was spent tending to his impeccable lawn, flower and vegetable gardens. He enjoyed fishing local lakes and spending time with his family was the only real hobby he needed.

He is survived by his wife Nila, a daughter; Marla K. and Clyde Morgan and their children, Michelle A., Joshua J. and Benjamin L., all of Battle Creek, Michigan. A son; Dave W. Greenlee and his son Jordan Taylor both of Plymouth.

Also surviving are his brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Wayne and Leota Hendricks of Plymouth, several nieces and nephews including Roger’s niece, Mary Ann Moeller-Avery, her husband Steve, and children; Drew and Skyler of Mt. Pleasant, SC.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister; Donna Pownall.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home, on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 10:30 a.m., officiated by the Rev. Paul McBride, Plymouth and Elder Tod Masters, Medaryville. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorial gifts in Roger’s memory may be made to Hospice House of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637-3437.

Sr. M. Vincenti Guetterman
Sister, M. Vincenti Guetterman PHJC, age 96, died at 1:00 p.m. Friday in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Sr. Vincenti was born on September 17, 1906 in New Athens, Ill. to John and Louise Hummel Guettermann. Sister entered the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ on July 21, 1927 and professed her first vows on June 27, 1929.

Sr. Vincenti worked four years as a cafeteria supervisor in the Catholic Central High School in Hammond, Ind. She achieved a degree in Nursing and completed her post graduate work. She then became a surgical supervisor at the following locations: St. Anne’s Hospital, Chicago, Ill. for 18 years, St. Francis Hospital, Superior, Wisconsin for 12 years, Holy Family Hospital, LaPorte, Ind. for two years and St. Joseph’s Hospital, Mishawaka, Ind. for over 18 years. In 1983 she retired to the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Survivors include two brothers, Norman Guetterman of Atchison, Kansas and Joseph Guetterman of Belleville, Ill. with several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Monday, September 23rd in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, Donaldson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 24th in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, Donaldson. Reverends. Fr. Edward Konerman and Fr. William Kummer will officiate.

Aloysius J. (Lou) Hahn
Aloysius J. (Lou) Hahn, 90, died of natural causes at 1:32 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind.
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Born on April 2, 1912, in Chicago, Ill., Lou was the son of Aloysius and Caroline Gollatz Hahn. He received his high school and college education at St. Joseph Seminary in Westmont, Ill.

On January 29, 1944, Lou and Elizabeth C. (Betty) Blattner were married. Betty died on August 1, 1994.

Lou worked in sales for Jessop Steel for over thirty years and was office manager for the company for approximately fifteen of those thirty years.

An avid traveler, Lou and Betty visited a different location every year. They wintered for over a dozen years in Winter Haven, Florida.

He enjoyed many things. Stamp and coin collecting were hobbies; he also had an extensive Lionel train collection. He also was a gardener, growing vegetables and flowers.

Lou was a member and past prefect of St. Anthony Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis. In addition, he was a founding and lifelong member of the Board of Directors of Mayslake Village in Oak Brook, Ill. He was also a past member of St. Augustine of St. Gall Catholic Churches in Chicago.

Lou is survived by two daughters, a son and a daughter-in-law. They are: Sister Nora Hahn, Dernbach, Germany, Margaret A. Hahn, Donaldson, Ind., Robert Hahn, Tinley Park, Ill., and Clare Hahn, Oak Forrest, Ill.

A brother, William L. Hahn and a sister, Ann Gaskin, both of Chicago, also survive together with three granddaughters and a grandson. They are: Sally and Brian Ziolkowski, Markham, Ill., Sharon Hahn, Tinley Park, Ill., Beth Hahn and Kevin Hahn, both of Oak Forest, Ill.

Two great grandsons, Ryan and Kyle Ziolkowski of Markham, Ill., survive as well.

Lou was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Mary Theresa Hahn, a daughter, a son, Kenneth Hahn, a daughter-in-law, Linda Moeller Hahn and two brothers, John and Joseph Hahn.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. with a special prayer service at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Chapel and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2002, in the Elliston Funeral Home, 60 Grant St. Hinsdale, Ill.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, May 31, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady’s Chapel at Mayslake Village, 1801 35th St., Oakbrook, Ill.

Burial will be in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Evergreen Park, Ill.

Memorial gifts in Lou’s memory may be made to the Franciscan Missionary Union, 3140 Meramec St., St. Louis, Mo., 63118, or to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, P.O. Box 1, Donaldson, Ind., 46563.

Mildred Marie Haines

Mildred Marie Haines, 81, a resident of Grace Village at Winona Lake, Indiana, the past nine months, died at 4:20 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2002. Her death came unexpected due to natural causes as she was currently a patient at Miller’s Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Mildred was a former resident of Shady Rest Home, Plymouth and lived most of her life in the Plymouth/Tyner area having spent many winters in Avon Park, Florida.
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She was born the daughter of Dow Bliss and Rose Marie Reaume McGowan on June 8, 1920 at home in Stillwell, Indiana in LaPorte County. She attended Linkville and LaPaz Indiana schools.

On July 26, 1940, in Tyner, Mildred became the bride of John L. Haines, he preceded her in death on April 23, 1996.

Mildred was a homemaker and was employed as a cook for the Tyner School System many years and then the Welco Truck Stop at Walkerton. She was an easy going person and while a resident of Shady Rest learned to quilt. She also enjoyed the game of Uno and outings throughout Marshall County with other residents of Shady Rest.

She is survived by her two sons; Larry D. and Judy Haines of Walls, Mississippi and Robert Dale Haines of Avon Park, Florida. Ten grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive along with two sisters; Flora M. Haines of Plymouth and Gladys H. Pickerl of Bourbon and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband and two brothers; Edward and Floyd McGowan.

Friends may visit with the family Monday, April 1, 2002 from 4 – 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth where services will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Krieg at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will follow in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts in Mildred’s memory may be made to the American Heart A

Doris Bell Hardin

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Our mother, Doris Bell Hardin, 98, a resident of Plymouth’s Millers Merry Manor for the past two years, died of natural causes at 4:25 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. Prior to moving to Millers, she lived at Marlou Place and spent 11 years in an attached wing at Eugene and Ida’s home on State Road 17.

Visitation with her family and a celebration of her life will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A memorial service at the funeral home will follow at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church where she was a member, will officiate.

A lover of nature, with a green thumb, Mother loved the springtime. It is appropriate that she departed this life at this time of the year.

The first child of Douglas and Eva Richardson Bell, Mother was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on July 31, 1903. She graduated from Maury High School and attended Southern Seminary College for Young Women in Blacksburg, Virginia.

On April 25, 1925, she and John J. (Jack) Hardin were married in Norfolk. Daddy died in November, 1969.

During World War II, Mother took some bookkeeping courses and became manager of the Naval Officer’s Club in Norfolk, Virginia.

A talented knitter, she later owned and operated a series of knitting shops. She constantly had knitting needles in her hands. At one time, she owned a shop in Plymouth, a city she learned to love and where, after retiring from her businesses in Virginia, she came to live in the early 1980s.
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She had a love of nature and all of its’ creatures. Mother could make anything grow; her flower box gardens were her joy. Every Mother’s Day, she and her granddaughter, Kelsey, planted her flowers. She loved wild birds and spent hours providing food and water for them and enjoying their company. She also always had at least one pet dog who was treated royally. Friends said that if there was another life, they wanted to come back as Mother’s dog.

Mother was a shark at cards and could beat you most of the time at any game...poker, gin rummy and particularly duplicate and party bridge. She was a member of the Plymouth Duplicate Bridge Club until her eyesight began to seriously fail.

She loved to read, especially mysteries. Most weeks she would check out 15 books from the library.

Mother is survived by us, her two children: Jonathon and Mary Lou Hardin, Waynesville, N.C., and their son, Jon Hardin III, Atlanta, Ga., and Ida and Eugene Chipman, Plymouth, and our children and grandchildren who are: Susan and Ron Nichter and their children, Jared and Hannah, Greenfield, Ind.; E. Nelson Chipman, Jr., and his children, “Chip” Chipman III, Mary Elizabeth and Maria, South Bend; Bryant M. Chipman and his children, Bryant Chipman Jr., Aaron and Christina, Plymouth; and Kelsey and Tom Flynn and their children, Katie, Thomas and Daniel Flynn, Plymouth.

A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and by three sisters: Ida Bell, Nancy Cutter Smith and Eleanor Bell Page and by one brother, Douglas M. Bell, Jr. An infant grandson and two infant great-grandchildren also have died before her.

Mother was a compassionate lady, a fighter and a survivor. She loved to dance, to tell a good joke and to visit with friends.

Her children and her grandchildren were the most important to her.

She will be missed.

Memorial gifts in her memory may be made to the Plymouth Public Library or the Marshall County Humane Society.

Elaine I. Haycraft, a resident of the Bremen Health Care Center, died following three years of illness on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 5:48 a.m., under the loving care of the Center, her family, and Marshall County Hospice. She had been a former resident of Argos and Plymouth.

Elaine was born in Teegarden, Indiana, on April 23, 1924, the daughter of Nelson and Gertrude Harley Baughman. She attended gradeschool at Teegarden, and Tyner High School.

Elaine was first married to Lee W. Reid on September 13, 1941. On September 4, 1971, she married Carlie Haycraft, who preceded her in death on July 25, 1986.

She was an at home mother while raising her family. She had worked at Wagner Wire in Plymouth; Hart, Schaffner and Marx in Rochester and after she and Carlie were married, they worked together as Haycraft Cleaning Service.

Overlooking the fact that she was legally blind, Elaine enjoyed crocheting items for her family and friends. She was a member of the Women’s Auxiliary of the Plymouth V.F.W., and the
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Woman of the Moose Lodge Chapter 1355, of Plymouth.

Elaine is survived by four children, Curtis and Sharon Reid of Cadillac, Michigan, and their children, Todd, John and Daniel, all of Cadillac, and Aaron and his wife Shannon of Lebanon, Ind. Donna and Rick Hartle of Dillon, Montana, and their children Angela and her husband Shawn Reed and Wade and Lisa Berger, all of Plymouth, Ind. Jary and Mike Bailey and their children Laurie and her husband Tim Nestor of Indianapolis, Ind. and Brandon Grolich of Plymouth, Ind. Steve and Jenny Reid, Sr. of Culver, Ind. and their children, Eric Reid of Plymouth, Ind. and Steve Reid, Jr. of Culver, Ind.

Five great grandchildren also survive, along with a step son, David and Diane Haycraft and a step daughter, Diana and Mike Hoover, all of Plymouth, three step grandchildren, a brother Harley Baughman of South Bend, Ind. And five sisters, Velma Mangus of LaPaz, Ind.; Opal Kranitz of North Liberty, Ind.; Marian Bralick of Orange City, Florida; Ruby and Robert Kaiser of Walkerton, Ind.; and Shirley and Roland Lichtenbarger of Teegarden, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Carlie, and a sister-in-law Margaret Baughman and two brothers-in-law, Quentin Mangus and Louis Kranitz.

Funeral Services will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2002 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with Pastor Tom Padberg, Chaplain of the Marshall County Hospice officiating.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, March 28, 2002 in the Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the funeral services, then immediately following the services until 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Sylvia J. Hepler, 96, a former resident of Plymouth, died at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, August 22, 2002 at Brighton Gardens Care Facility, Omaha, Nebraska. She has resided in Omaha since 1990, going there from Plymouth.

Born October 23, 1905 in Union Township, she was raised in the Plymouth area the daughter of Irvin W. and Flora Bell Warner Neidlinger. She attended Plymouth schools.

On February 14, 1935 in Plymouth, Clifford J. Hepler and Sylvia were married. He preceded her in death on August 13, 1962.

During WWII, Sylvia work at the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant and for many years with the Dietary/Food Service Department of Parkview Hospital, Plymouth. Following her retirement, she made her home with her brother Fred for the next seventeen years.

She was raised a member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren and had also attended the Inwood Methodist Church.

One daughter Betty J. (Mrs. Arden E.) Herrick of Omaha, Nebraska survives along with four grandchildren; Ardith (Mrs. Richard) Cowman, Jeane (Mrs. Vaughn) Watts, Paul (Sally) Herrick and Scott Herrick all of Omaha. Nine great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren also survive.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her spouse, a son Donald, four sisters; Dora (Morlock) Stickel, Goldie Aker, Vernie Neidlinger and an infant sister. Also, two brothers, Fred and Floyd.
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Friends may visit with the family from 3 – 5 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2002 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN.

Services will be held in the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 26, 2002, the Rev. David Kerkove, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren will officiate.

Burial will take place in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Sylvia’s name may be made to the Alzheimer’s Research Foundation, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60611.

Fern Alice Hill

Fern Alice Hill, 72, a lifetime Marshall County resident, died at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2002. Fern, formerly of Academy Drive, Culver, died in Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview Drive, Plymouth, where she had been a resident.

Born on Jan. 14, 1930, in Tyner, Ind., she was the daughter of Guy and Gertrude “Gertie” May Bradley Hill. She attended LaPaz schools, Grace Church, Culver and Christ Church, Plymouth. Flower gardening and quilting were a favorite past time.

Fern is survived by two nieces, Evelyn & Curtis Kiel, Bremen, Dorothy Pope of Plymouth and a nephew Richard Early Jr. of Bremen. Several great and great great nieces and nephews and cousins also survive along with her Pathfinder Services family who helped her experience joy despite a lifetime of disabilities for over 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers; Guy Earl Hill and Harold H. Hill. A sister Violet Early and niece Judy A. Holdeman also have died.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 26, 2002, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Larry Ferguson, pastor of Christ’s Church, Plymouth, will follow visitation in the funeral home at 2 p.m. Friday.

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

Memorial gifts may be made in Fern’s memory to the Marshall County Cancer Association, Hospice or Pathfinder Services.

Sister Elise Honkoski

Sister Elise Honkoski, 83 of the Poor Hand Maids of Jesus Christ (P.H.J.C.), died at 10:50 P.M. on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Born in Gary, Indiana on January 16, 1919 she was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Yukinya Honkoski.

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

As her primary ministry in life, Sister Elise took great pride in educating the youth. Sister taught the higher grades in the Parochial schools for 54 years. Sister taught in Indiana at St. Joseph School, Mishawaka, St. Mary School, East Chicago, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Hammond, Indiana and St. Mark and Blessed Sacrament, Gary, Indiana.
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In Chicago, Sister Elise walked the halls at Angel Guardian and St. Augustine School. June of 1993, Sister Elise retired to the Catherine Kasper Home.

She is survived by a brother, Joseph (Betty) Honkoski, Lake Station, Indiana, and a sister, Ann (Lou) Mikula, several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Friday November 22, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Father Ed J. Konerman S.J. and Father William Kummer, St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth, Indiana, will be held in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, November 23, 2002.

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

Robert L. Huffman

A lifelong educator and farmer, Robert L. "Bob" Huffman, 86, of Lawrence Lake, Plymouth, and Englewood, Florida, died, following a short illness, at 3:07 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Bob died in the Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ind.

A Marshall County resident all of his life, Bob was born in Tyner, Ind., on July 20, 1916, the son of Clarence and Grace Thomas Huffman.

He graduated from Tyner High School in 1934 and also from Indiana Wesleyan and Ball State Universities. He taught or served as a principal of schools for 41 years in Teegarden and LaPorte where he was principal of Washington and Park Elementary schools. He also served for 27 years as a trustee of Indiana Wesleyan University and spent a term as president of the Northern Indiana Principal's Association.

On June 22, 1940, in Nappanee, Ind., Bob and June Dumph were married.

In addition to his career as an educator, he spent 49 years in Tyner as a produce farmer, specializing in melons, sweet corn and strawberries.

A life-long member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, Bob held a variety of offices and was a delegate to state and denominational conferences for more than 40 years. In Englewood, Fla., where he spent his winters for the last 20 years, he was active in the Good Shepherd Church.

His interests in life were many. A devoted family man, he loved them all dearly and was especially fond of his great-grandchildren. An avid fisherman and traveler, he had traveled around the world. He followed all kinds of sports and was a dedicated Chicago Cub fan. He liked to read, particularly his Bible. He enjoyed working cross word puzzles, was a good cook and loved to garden, especially the raising of roses.

Bob is survived by June, his wife of 62 years and by their four children: James Huffman, Springfield, Ohio; Joanna (Mark) Burns, Mishawaka, Ind.; John (Barbara) Huffman, Plymouth and Judy Huffman, Marion, Ind.

Eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews survive him as well.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, a sister, a granddaughter and a daughter-in-law.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2002, at
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Funeral services for Bob will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2002, in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Revs. Les Kephart, pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and Robert Vardaman, a retired pastor of the church, will officiate at the services.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made in Bob’s memory to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church or to Indiana Wesleyan University.

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John H. Hull

Plymouth- John H. Hull, 74, of 715 Bayless St., was a Plymouth resident most of his life. John died, following an illness, at 11:40 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2002, in Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, Ind.

Born the son of Homer and Edna E. Neff Hull on Sept. 20, 1927, in Hanna, Ind., John graduated from Hanna High School and continued his education studying agriculture for two years.

He served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

He was first married to Bernetha Carlson on March 15, 1952; Bernetha died in 1982. On Aug. 4, 1990, in Plymouth, John and Essie M. Bradley were married.

John was a tower watchman for the Pennsylvania Railroad (Amtrak) for many years. He retired in 1989.

He enjoyed vegetable gardening and was very good in growing delicious produce, which was enjoyed by his family and friends.

A devout Christian, for several years, John would hold church services at local nursing homes. He had a large collection of religious books and materials that he shared with others. He enjoyed playing the piano and organ and played for the Church of the Nazarene for a number of years.

John is survived by his wife, Essie, Plymouth and by two sons: LaMar and Melody Hull and Stephen Hull, both of Danville, Ill. A step-daughter, Cathy and Greg Fornash, Plymouth, three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and by two brothers, William and Phillip Hull and a sister, Rhonda Hull.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church where John attended services, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in John’s memory may be made to the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, Plymouth.
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Claude M. Karn

Claude M. Karn, 90, a native of N. Manchester and a resident of the Peabody Retirement Center, died there at 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2002. Claude had been in failing health.

He had lived in Plymouth from 1976 to 1995.

Born in N. Manchester on June 11, 1912, Claude was the son of Jacob and Anna Mishler Karn. Claude attended N. Manchester High School, where he served as a yell leader.

On Sept. 16, 1940, in Milton, Ky., Claude and Mary E. Blickenstaff were married. Mary died a little over a year ago, on March 19, 2001. They had been husband and wife for almost 61 years.

Claude was the area manager for International Minerals and Chemical Corp. for 45 years.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golf and traveling with his loving wife.

In Plymouth, Claude was a member of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church, the Plymouth Lions Club and the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by a son, Thomas Karn of Atlanta, Georgia.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse and two brothers.

Friends may call at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2002, and at the Peabody Retirement Center Chapel, 400 W. 7th St., N. Manchester, for one hour prior to services at 2 p.m.

The Rev. Steven M. Mullin, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, will officiate at the funeral services. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, N. Manchester, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Claude’s memory may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, or to the Peabody Retirement Center.

Dorothy Kaser

Dorothy Kaser, 71, of 222 South Street, LaPaz, who had been living with her son for the last four years died of natural causes at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2002, in Plymouth’s St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center.

Born in Churubusco, Ind., on June 28, 1931, Dorothy was the daughter of Enoch and Ruby Arnett Cole.

On September 27, 1951, in the Walkerton Methodist Church, she and Clarence Kaser were married. Clarence died on October 13, 1984.

A homemaker, Dorothy’s main interests were being a good mother and grandmother. These things she did very, very well.

She is survived by a son, Jake (Cindy) Kaser, Plymouth, and four daughters. They are Judy (Dale) Lancaster, LaPaz; Carol (Mark) Groves, Walkerton; Sandy (Jim) Pollock, LaPaz and Betty (Bernie) Reichard, Tippecanoe.

Six brothers also survive: Ed (Paula) Cole; Vance Cole; Clyde Cole; Pete (Becky) Jimerson; Russ (Janella) Jimerson; Wayne (Stacy) Jimerson.

Five sisters survive as well. They are: Virgie (Carl) Eaton; Mary (Gene) Runyan; Mae Samuels;
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Phyllis (Al) Pohl; Donna (Richard) Gouker.

Eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother Roy and Thelma, a sister.

Visitation with friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Dorothy will be in the funeral home on Friday, December 20, 2002, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Steve Cox, pastor of the Cornerstone Fellowship, LaPaz, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Fair Cemetery, N.W of LaPaz, Indiana.

Goldie G. Kehoe

Goldie G. Kehoe went home to be with her Lord, at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Goldie, who has resided at the Muncie Health Care Center over the past eight years, died of natural causes in the company of her loving family.

Born at Inwood, Ind. on November 3, 1904, she is the daughter of Frank H. and Dessie Davidson Baker. She attended Inwood schools.


Goldie was a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren and practiced her Christian Faith to her fulfillment. She was also very business minded and owned and operated the popular Plymouth children's apparel store, The Lad and Lassie Shop from 1944 – 1952. She then operated the B-K Drive-In at Knox, Ind. from 1955 – 1970 at which time she retired and began to enjoy travel, especially the southwest states.

For over 25 years she made her home in St. Petersburg, Florida and in 1992 moved to the Muncie area where she could be closer to family.

Other interests in life included painting ceramic pieces and making jewelry. While residing in Plymouth she was a member of the V.F.W. Post 1162 Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include her daughter, former Plymouth residents, Jeane (R. Vernon) Snoke of Avon Park, Florida and two sons, Donald C. (Mary) Kehoe of Centerville, Ind. and Fred (Barbara) Kehoe of Muncie, Ind. Ten grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren survive along with one brother Lester Thomas of Plymouth.

Two sister-in-laws, Florence Thomas of Plymouth and Arlene Kletka of Mishawaka also survive. Goldie was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father; Clarence S. Thomas, Pius her spouse, two sisters; Thelma Appleman and Wilma Compton, two brothers; Charles Thomas and Harold “Bud” Baker and one granddaughter Susan Marie Kehoe.

Visitation with her family will be from 10 – 11 a.m. Saturday, December 21, 2002 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Sat. following visitation by the Rev. David Kerkove, Pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

Burial will take place in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Lena Marie Kellar, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002. A Marshall County resident most of her life, she had lived at St. Paul’s Retirement Home in South Bend for seven years, moving to Pilgrim Manor in 1999.

Lena was 103 years old.

She was born in Bourbon, Ind., on May 5, 1899, the daughter of L.G. and Lorretta Matz Harley. She graduated from Washington High School, Plymouth, with the class of 1918.

On June 6, 1921, in St. Joe, Mich., Lena and James Earl Kellar were married. James died on April 15, 1967.

Prior to her marriage, Lena worked at the First National Bank in Plymouth.

She was thought of as a “first class housewife and mother” by her family. She loved to travel and had traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. Her favorite overseas port was Greece.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Lena had received her 50 year pin from the Plymouth chapter of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by two sons: James Harley (Patricia) Kellar, Bloomington and John Earl Kellar, Granger, Ind.

Six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a sister, Dorothea Harley Kane, Coronado, Calif., together with four nieces and nephews survive as well.

Lena was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a daughter, Charlotte Kellar Rhoade, a brother, Russell Harley and a sister, Helen Agnes Harley.

A family services will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002, at the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. The Rev. Robert Berkey will officiate.

Robert J. Kelsey, 70, affectionately known as Barber Bob, living at 827 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, since 1968, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 12:45 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002.

Bob was born on Feb. 16, 1932, in Plymouth where he lived for most of his life. His parents were Isaac Jay and Mary Ethel Bergman Kelsey. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1950 and attended barber school as a serviceman, in Boston, Mass.

He served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War, from 1951 to 1954. He was a member of the Marshall County V.F.W. Post 1162, and a former member of Plymouth’s Phi Delta Kappa.

On March 29, 1958, Bob and Phyllis J. Hutchings were married in Plymouth.

Bob, a tonsorial expert with a large and faithful clientele, was the owner/operator of Barber Bob’s barber shop in Plymouth, his career spanned 38 years, from 1958 to 1996.
A true artist, he enjoyed oils and water color painting, scratch boards and working with clay. A Notre Dame football fan, he also loved to fish the area lakes.

Bob is survived by Phyllis, his wife of over 44 years and by their five children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The children are: Kurt A. (Bernadette) Kelsey, Warsaw, Ind.; Pat M. (Melissa) Moriarty, Pinkerton, Ohio; Beth (Bill) Vore, Raleigh, N.C.; Roberta J. (Rick) Schlinglof, Logansport, Ind.; and Nikki Moriarty, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Three brothers and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive. The brothers are: David L. (Lois) Kelsey, Zephyrhills, Fla.; George A. (Leslie) Kelsey, Cary, N.C.; and Charles “Chuck” Kelsey, Muncie, Ind.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and Marcia Smith, a sister.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 412 N. Center St., Plymouth, where Bob had worshiped for over 40 years. Father John Schramm will officiate at the funeral Mass.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery where military honors will be accorded Bob by the Marshall County VFW Post 1162.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Grace M. Koontz, 96, a lifetime resident of Marshall County, died at 8 a.m. Monday, September 16, 2002, at the Plymouth home of her daughter Mary Jane Yates-Faurote. Grace died of natural causes in the loving care of her family. She had resided at 6069 King Road, Plymouth since her marriage in 1925.

Grace was born April 30, 1906, at home on the family farm the daughter of Allen B. and Matilda A. Heyde Cummins. She was a 1923 graduate of Plymouth’s Lincoln High School.

On October 11, 1925, at the home of her parents, Grace became the bride of Harold W. Koontz, he preceded her in death on November 18, 1981.

Following high school, Grace worked at the Marshall County Bank & Trust until her marriage after which she assisted her husband on the family farm and became a mother and homemaker.

For over fifty years she attended the Shiloh Wesleyan Church and was a charter and faithful member of the Helpful Hour Home Economics Club for nearly 70 years.

She enjoyed traveling and music, especially Gospel and Country/Western, which led her to one of her favorite destinations, Branson, Missouri.

Grace is survived by a son Donald D. (Betty) Koontz of Plymouth, two daughters; Mary Jane Yates-Faurote also of Plymouth and Carol A. Warmbrod of Rochester, Ind.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, a brother George Cummins and three sons-in-law; they are Jim L. Yates, Richard E. Faurote and Carl I. Warmbrod.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 – 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 18th in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. Services will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 19th, the Rev. John Perkinson, Pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church will officiate.

Burial will take place in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Grace’s memory may be made to the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, 10532 4B Road, Plymouth, Ind. 46563

Marvin J. Kraft, 82, 10372 Pretty Lake Trail, died following an illness, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 5:10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

Born in Michigan City, Ind., on July 9, 1920, he was the son of Joseph and Carrie Baessler Kraft. He graduated from Niles high School, Niles, Mich. in 1938 and from Michigan State University, East Lansing, in 1942.

In the ROTC at Michigan State, Marvin served in World War II with the U.S. Army Coast Artillery unit. He was discharged as a major in 1945. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

On June 6, 1942, in Niles, Marvin and Dorothy Landeck were married. During their life together, the family lived in Union City, Mich., for 11 years, Battle Creek, Mich., for a year, Niles, Mich. for 13 years and New Castle, Ind. for two years. In 1969, they moved to Plymouth where Marvin became plant manager of Shamrock Homes for over 30 years, retiring in 1981.

He loved to play golf and was a fierce competitor of the game. He was a longtime member of the Plymouth Country Club, serving on many committees. He enjoyed watching collegiate football and basketball games, and was an expert at dominos and many different card games.

He could fix almost anything, enjoyed taking care of his homes in Plymouth and Florida where he and Dorothy wintered for many years, and could tell a good joke with gusto.

He was a devoted member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church and Eagles Lodge, both of Plymouth.

Marvin is survived by, Dorothy, his devoted wife of 60 years and by their children: a son, two daughters, three grandsons and a granddaughter.

They are: Dan Kraft and his son, Nicholas Kraft, both of Avon, Ind.; Lana and Michael Hand, Niles, Mich., and Patty and John Romano and their children, Jacob, Christopher and Kasey Ann, all of Elgin, Ill.

A brother, Howard and Lorna Kraft, Traverse City, Mich., and sister-in-law, Vella Kraft, of
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Kentucky, survive along with several nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Clara Kraft Lehman and a brother, Raymond Kraft.

Friends may come to share memories with the family at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St., Plymouth, on Saturday, July 27, 2002, one hour prior to a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Rev. Father Bernard Rosinski, a long-time family friend, will officiate.

Mass requests to St. Michael’s Church and Memorial gifts in Marvin’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Society, c/o P.O. Box 895 Plymouth, IN 46563

Sister Norine Kromm

Sister Norine Kromm, PHJC, 89, died at 8:20 a.m. on Monday, January 21, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home, at the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind.

The daughter of Frank H. and Lena McKenzie Kromm, Sr., Sister Norine was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., on September 7, 1912.

She entered the convent on June 15, 1932 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1934.

Sr. received a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Medical Technology from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO., in 1946. She had previously taken Nurses’s training at St. Mary Hospital in East St. Louis, ILL., in 1933. Sr. served the ministry of Health Care as a nurse in various hospitals in Wisconsin and Illinois.

She also spent 36 years as a lab supervisor at hospitals in Illinois and Minnesota, and also spent 12 years doing volunteer work at St. Anne and St. Elizabeth Hospitals in Chicago, ILL., until her retirement to the Catherine Kasper Home in 1994.

Sr. Norine is survived by a twin sister, Geraldine Hinton of Westchester, ILL. and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate her life, on Wednesday, January 23, 2002, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Fathers Edward Konerman, S.J. and Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

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

Angel Ann Lardino

Angel Ann Lardino, the infant daughter of Anthony and Karen Watts Lardino of 800 Lake Ave. died at 6:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

Angel is survived by her parents, Anthony and Karen Lardino and two sisters, ELisha M., twelve years old, and Danielle M., ten years old, all of Plymouth, Maternal grandparents, Lois and Richard Ebner, Plymouth, paternal grandparents, Joan and Paul McGlone of Knox and an uncle, Greg A. Watts, Plymouth.

There will be a graveside service held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 11, 2002 at the Burr Oak
Roderick W. Lilley

Roderick W. “Rod” Lilley, 69, residing at 14730 Candie Lane, Plymouth, Ind. for the past 13 years, coming from Vermont in 1974, died at 10 a.m., following an illness, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, Ind.

Rod was born the son of Roy G. and Marion M. Martin Lilley on Feb. 27, 1932, in Barre, Vermont. He graduated from Vermont’s Plainfield High School in 1950 and then from Vermont Technical College in 1951.

For two years during the Korean War, from 1953-1955, he served in the United States Army.

On Aug. 12, 1956, in Riverton, Vermont, Rod and Beverly J. Kenerson were married.

Raised on a farm, Rod remained involved in dairy farming. From 1967 to 1994, he worked for Ralston Purina in district sales, after moving to Indiana, he represented Ralston Purina in the Swine Division. He was always proud of his association with Purina and after his retirement in 1994, he continued to work as a consultant for three years.

Rod had a passion for golf and played almost daily. He was a member at Swan Lake Golf Course and played many courses in Florida. As a young man, he loved hunting and fishing. He coached Little League for many years and was a part of the group that founded the East Calais Recreation Assoc. and physically help build the ball fields they have today. He followed collegiate sports, especially Notre Dame and Purdue.

His neighbors appreciated his “neighborliness,” and his ability to always get the job done. He was a devoted family man and the involvement with his grandchildren’s activities was a priority in his life.

A member of Plymouth’s First Presbyterian Church, Rod was active in church activities. He was also a member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge and a V.F. W. member in Vermont.

Rod is survived by his wife, Beverly, and by their two sons and their families.

They are: Dr. Jay S. and Nan Lilley, Huntsville, Ala., and their children, Sara and Travis; and Todd M. and Tina Lilley, Laporte, Ind., and their children, Nathan and Tyler.

A brother, Douglas Lilley, of East Calais, Vermont and two sisters, Judith and Chester Cookson, Plainfield, Vermont, and Marcia St. Cyr, Barre, Vermont, also survive. In addition, Robert Thomas, a brother-in-law and Joan Maurais a sister-in-law survive with several nephews and nieces.

Rod was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marilla Thomas, and a brother-in-law, Ervin St. Cyr.

Visitation with Rod’s family will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson funeral home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Reverends Steve Mullin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, and former pastor, Lester Johnson, will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, February 23, 2002.

Interment will be at a later date in East Hill Cemetery, East Calais, Vermont.
Memorial gifts in Rod’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Mary Ruth Longmire

John & Danielson Funeral Home

Mary Ruth Longmire, 67, 600 Washington, Wabash, Ind., formerly of Knoxville, Tennessee died of natural causes at 2:03 p.m. on Sunday, June 16, 2002, in the American Living Center, Wabash, Ind.

Mary Ruth was born on Dec. 9, 1934, in Knoxville, Tenn. She was the daughter of Sherman and Shirley Brunch Holmes.

A homemaker who enjoyed gardening, Mary Ruth loved country music, especially George Jones. An animal lover, she was a friend to all animals, especially dogs and horses.

She was a member of a Tennessee Baptist Church.

Mary Ruth is survived by a daughter, Marilyn and Randy Craven of Fulton, Ind., and a son, Lawrence Eugene “Gene” Longmire, Warsaw.

A granddaughter, Gina Longmire of Bremen, and grandson Jason Longmire, Warsaw survive as well as her sister, Helen McGill of Knoxville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Evelyn McCollough, and two brothers, Bob and Leon Holmes.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Mary Ruth will follow visitation at 3 p.m. on Thursday. The Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Scott Allen Lowry

John & Danielson Funeral Home

Scott Allen Lowry, 39 a lifetime Walkerton area resident, died there Thursday evening. His death is under the investigation of the St. Joseph County Coroner’s office.

Scott was born in South Bend, Ind., the son of Gale and Sharon L. Schmeltz Lowry on April 28, 1963. He graduated from John Glenn High School in the Class of 1981. Following graduation Scott served with the United States Army for a period of two year.

Over the past twelve years Scott has worked in the building trades as a drywall installer, he was currently employed by K & K Construction.

Scott was good with a wrench and enjoyed fixing cars. His family knew him to be a protector and showed much interest in his nieces and nephews.

Survivors include his parents; Sharon and Gale Lowry of Walkerton, four sisters; Traci I. (Jim) Klingerman of Walkerton, Darla J. (Gary) Pantzer of South Bend, Robbyn R. Dehoff of Walkerton and Alicia J. (Ed) Adams of Indianapolis, Ind. Five nieces, three nephews and one great niece survive along with his maternal grandfather, Cecil L. Schmeltz of Plymouth.

Several aunt, uncles, cousins and friends are left to mourn his passing.

Preceding Scott in death were his paternal grandparents; Forest P. and Adaline Lowry and
maternal grandmother, Bertha I. Schmeltz.

Visitation will be held from 3 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 22nd in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 23rd in the funeral home. His uncle, the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen will officiate.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton, Ind.

A memorial donation in Scott's memory may be made to the American Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Abbygail Lowry

Abbygail Lowry, 5 month old daughter of Rachel M. Lowry and Jason L. Christlieb, died of probable Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, at her home, 1687 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. The Marshall County Coroners Office has set the time of her death as 9:47 a.m. Saturday, November 16th and remains under their investigation.

Abby was born May 17, 2002 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Ind. She has resided in Plymouth with her parents and one year old brother Douglas William Christlieb. She is survived by a sister Jessica Marie Christlieb, age 5, of Somerset, Kentucky and two other brothers; Casey Lee Christlieb, age 3 and Adam Robert Christlieb, age 2 also of Somerset.

Grandparents include maternal grandmother Mary Beth (Ed) Runyon of South Bend, maternal grandfather John Lowry Jr. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., maternal great grandparents; Shirley Rosander of Koontz Lake, Bernard and Lenora Gann of Argos and John Lowry Sr. also of Argos.

Paternal grandparents; Doug and Sherry Dixon of Bowling Green, KY and great grandparents; Lula Mae and DeVere Wallace of Argos and Joanne Hanthorne of Plymouth. Several aunt, uncles and cousins also survive.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 20th in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth, where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Rev. Dean Snyder, pastor of First Community Church of God, Lapaz will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to the family.

Remie C. "Ray" Maenhout

Remie C. "Ray" Maenhout, 82, 9722 1st Road, Bremen, Ind., died, following an illness, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Ray had lived in Bremen since 1961, coming from South Bend.

He was born on Dec. 3, 1919, in Walkerton, Ind., the son of Emiel and Pharaide Roegiers Maenhout. He graduated from Greene Township High School in St. Joseph County.

During World War II, Ray served in the United States Army and was stationed in Japan.

On Aug. 23, 1947, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in South Bend, Ind., Ray and Elsie M. Vervynckt were married.

A farmer, he also had worked at Bendix in South Bend and at Wells Aluminum in North Liberty.

He enjoyed fishing in local lakes and also did some hunting. A Cub baseball and Notre Dame
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football fan, he enjoyed watching their games.

He was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church and Farm Bureau.

Ray is survived by Elsie, his wife of 54 years, and their son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Patty Maenhout, all of Bremen.

Two grandsons and a granddaughter also survive. They are: Ryan and Jessica Maenhout, Kevin Maenhout and Angela Maenhout, all of Bremen.

A sister, Valeria LaCluyse, Mishawaka, survives as well.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Marsha Maenhout and by three brothers: Marcel, Noel and Alfred Maenhout. Two sisters, Margaret Van Driesche and Rachel Van Driesche have also died.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary Service at 8 p.m. will follow visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by the Rev. Father Anthony Gillespie, pastor of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, will be held on Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Michael’s Church.

David Alan Mahler

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

David Alan Mahler, 33, died, following an illness, at 11:32 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, in the loving presence of his family, at home, 19022 Queen Road, Culver, Ind. He was a lifetime Culver resident.

David was born in Plymouth on May 31, 1968. He was born the son of Alan M. and Marlene K. Morrison Mahler. He graduated from Culver Jr./Sr. High School with the class of 1986 and attended Blackhawk College in Kewanee, Ill.

On Jan. 3, 1987, David and Pamela Kay Birchmeier were married in Plymouth.

He worked as a hog buyer for Morrison Livestock for 13 years and, since 1999, as a carpenter with Bennett’s General Contracting Co. in Culver.

Since he was a young boy, David showed cattle for the 4-H Club and participated in the National 4-H shows. He enjoyed his children’s 4H activities, hunting and car shows of all kinds, especially the vintage variety.

A 4-H leader for 14 years, David, was a member of Culver Young Farmers, the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Lodge #373, and a lifetime member of the American Angus Association. He was of the Methodist faith.

David is survived by his wife, Pamela, and their two daughters: Ashley Ann, 14, a freshman at Culver Jr./Sr. High and Makaela Kay, 7, a first grader at Culver Elementary.

His mother, Marlene Mahler, Culver, and his father, Alan M. Mahler, also of Culver, survive as well, together with a brother, Chad Raymon Mahler, of Yorkville, Ill., and his fiancée, Natalie.
McGrew.

David’s maternal grandparents, Raymond and Esther Morrison, Culver, Leota Dickey, maternal great-grandmother and James Martin Mahler, paternal grandfather and his wife, Linda, also survive.

Several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins survive, together with Pattie Birchmeier, David’s mother-in-law, of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Ruth Mahler and his father-in-law, Richard Birchmeier.

Visitation will be Friday, April 19, 2002, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Lodge will provide a memorial service at 8 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

David’s funeral services will be in the funeral home on Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Sam Boys will officiate.

Burial will be in the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver, Ind.

Memorial gifts in David’s memory may be made to the Marshall County 4-H Club and to the Marshall County Hospice.

Hazel Ailene Mann, 77, of 313 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

Hazel died, following an illness at 4:13 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2002 in the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, Ind.

Born in Plymouth on September 6, 1925, in the house she was living in before going to the Kasper Home, Hazel was the daughter of Andrew Carl and Jennie Parks Furry.

She was a 1943 graduate of Lincoln High School and the Salutatorian of the class.

On July 19, 1943, in Whiting, Ind., Hazel and Alfred Mann were married. Alfred died on December 26, 1989.

She worked for the United Telephone Company, now Sprint, for 34 years, the only job she ever had.

An avid reader, she was a member of The Friends of the Plymouth Library, the Marshall County Historical Society, and the Marshall County Humane Society. She also was active with the Independent Telephone Pioneers.

Hazel is survived by a daughter and two sons. Her daughter is Cynthia (John) Dietrich, Plymouth. Her sons are twins, Terry (Sandy) Mann, Bremen and Larry (Linda) Mann, Plymouth.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Al and a brother, John David Furry.

Visitation with the family and sharing of memories will be held on Friday, November 29, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services for Hazel will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Maurice Grindle, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church where Hazel was a member will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society and the Catherine Kasper Life Center.

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**Susan Carol Scarberry Massey**

Susan “Susie” Carol Scarberry Massey, 1300 Fountain Ave., Evansville, Ind., died unexpectedly at 6:04 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2002, due to an aortic aneurysm. Susie, a former Plymouth resident, died in Deaconess Hospital, Evansville. She was 33 years old.

Susie was born in Plymouth on July 11, 1968. She was the daughter of M. Dale and Patricia A. Chambers Scarberry.

She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1986 and then attended the University of Evansville, majoring in music and communication.

On May 28, 1989, in Evansville, Ind., Susie and John P. Massey were married.

A homemaker and mother she was a delight to her family and friends. Active in the arts, speech, plays and creative writing, she loved music and had a voice everyone loved to hear.

Knowledgeable on the computer, she enjoyed setting up web pages and talking on line.

In Plymouth, as a young girl, she was active in the Rainbow Girls and was a member of the First United Church of Christ.

Susie is survived by her devoted husband and loving daughter, Jessica Leigh, a 7th grader, who was the light of her life.

Also surviving are her parents, four brothers and three sisters. The brothers are: Daniel and Sandy Scarberry, Henderson, Nev.; Geoff and Cheryl Scarberry and Rob Scarberry, all of Plymouth, and Tim and Michelle Scarberry of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Her sisters are: Dee-Ann and Mike Schroeder, Di-Ann and Glen Houin and Amy and Lawrence Harner, all of Plymouth.

Numerous nieces and nephews survive as well.

She is also survived by her father-in-law, John Massey, Poseyville, Ind.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, June 16, 2002, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Monday, June 17, 2002, at 11 a.m. The Reverend Drs. David Moffett-Moore and Ronald Liechty, pastor and former pastor of the First United Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Susie’s memory may be given to the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.
Lifetime area resident, Melvin M. “Mel” McNeal, Sr., 1110 Ohio St., Walkerton, Ind., died at 6 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2002, in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home following a six week battle with cancer. He was 64-years-old.

Mel was born in Tyner, Ind., on September 18, 1938, the son of Woodward W. and Goldie M. Cudney McNeal. He attended Walkerton schools and earned his G.E.D. Mel served in the U.S. Army from 1959 until 1963.

On November 19, 1966, in Walkerton, Mel and Penny E. Wenger were married.

He worked for Monaco Coach, formerly Holiday Rambler, in Wakarusa for 34 years as an electrician. Before that he worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as an engineer.

An avid fisherman and hunter, he loved the outdoors. He also enjoyed video games and bowling: he bowled in leagues for over 30 years.

He was a member of the Walkerton American Legion Post 189.

Mel is survived by his wife, Penny and by their children, three sons and a daughter. Their sons are: Rodney and Jeffery McNeal, both of Walkerton and Melvin McNeal, Jr., of Bloomington, Ill. Their daughter Michelle (Jeremy) Baker lives in Nappanee.

Nine grandchildren also survive, together with two sisters, Shirley (Ron) LaBere, Walkerton, and Caroline (Ralph) Ward, Culver, and four brothers: Richard (Margaret) McNeal, Bourbon; Gene (Sheila) McNeal, Plymouth; Terry Neal, Culver, and Tony (Brenda) McNeal, Lapaz.

Many nieces and nephews survive as well.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Jessie Allen Sickmiller.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. William Babbs will officiate.

Military graveside services at New Oakhill Cemetery will be provided by the Walkerton American Legion Post 189.

Gifts in memory of Mel may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Lifetime Marshall County resident, formerly of West Madison St., Faye E. Metcalf, 88, of 9510 Collins Drive, Plymouth, for the past year and a half, died, following an illness, at 2:35 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, in the Saint Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth.

Faye was born on March 17, 1914, in LaPaz, Ind. She was the daughter of Clarence C. and Fannie Mae Bachtel Couts. A 1932 graduate of LaPaz High School, she was the valedictorian of her class.

On May 1, 1937, in LaPaz, Faye and Ora Eldon Metcalf were married. Her husband died on April 1, 1970.

Faye was a nurse’s aide. She first worked in the Teegarden Nursing Home, followed by service
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in the Walkerton Nursing Home and then 25 years of service at Pilgrim Manor, retiring in 1996.

At the age of 77, she then became the oldest foot carrier of the Plymouth Pilot News, delivering papers for three years.

She enjoyed crocheting, vegetable and flower gardening and playing the piano. Mostly though, she loved helping others. Her family, particularly her grandchildren were of great importance in her life.

A member of the Teegarden 1st Brethren Church, she attended Gospel Lighthouse Church, Plymouth, where she played the piano.

Faye is survived by a son and a daughter and their families. Her son is Eldon LaMar (Betty) Metcalf and her daughter with whom she resided, Barbara K. ( Gary ) Dunlap, all of Plymouth.

Twelve grandchildren also survive. They are: Anette (Keith) Crandall, Bremen, Ind.; David LaMar (Jenny) Metcalf, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Terra L. Bunton, Brett Douglas (Michelle) Bunton, Kimberly Kreps and Tracey (Tim) Bittinger, all of Plymouth, Ind.; Jason James Dunlap, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; Melody (Scott) Keen, Columbus, Ind.; Kelly (David) Freet, Koontz Lake, Ind.; Christopher Lee (Angela) Dunlap and Brandon Lee Dunlap, all of Ft. Hood, Texas and Jeffrey Lee Dunlap, Mishawaka, Ind.

Fifteen great-grandchildren survive, as well as her friend and caregiver, Cathy Rush of Plymouth.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, Homer Couts, a brother and Chloedelle Finney, a sister.

The family will welcome friends to share memories on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Faye will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, in the funeral home. The Rev. Patrick Puglisi, pastor of the Plymouth Missionary Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the Morris Park Cemetery, Highway 6 West, LaPaz, Ind.

Memorials in Faye’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association, her Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Robert G. Miller

Robert G. "Bob" Miller, 68, a Marshall County resident all of his life, died at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2002. Bob died, following an illness, at his residence, 8241 Ethel St., Bremen, under the loving care and comfort of his family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Bourbon, Ind., on July 11, 1934, Bob was the son of John J. and Opal E. Smith Miller. He attended Inwood and Plymouth schools.

He served his country in the United States Army.

Bob had been an independent steel hauler for 23 years. He then worked for the Ben Hill Griffin and Proctor and Gamble companies for 18 years as a supervisor of the productivity department.

He was an inventive person, always fabricating some new thing to improve plant efficiency.

Bob was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and the Elks’ Lodge.
He enjoyed fishing and gardening, growing flowers and vegetables.

A daughter, two sons and a step-son survive his death. His daughter Melinda S. and her husband J.C. Daugherty live in Plymouth. Sons Mark Robert and daughter-in-law, Christina Miller, are also from Plymouth, while Matthew John Miller, lives in Bremen, and step-son, Michael Charles and Cindy Yates, reside in South Bend.

Eight grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren survive as well.

Bob is also survived by two sisters and two brothers. They are: Virginia and Robert Block, N. Manchester, Ind., Ida and Jacob Scher, Liberty, Ky., Marshall L. and Silvia Miller, Texas, and Orlan and Carolyn Miller, Vancouver, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Michelle Marie Miller, two brothers, John, Jr., and Eddison Wayne Miller and a sister, Katherine Crum.

Graveside services will be held in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2002. Rev. Delmas Stiles will officiate.

Military graveside honors will be accorded to Bob by the Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162.

Memorial gifts in Bob’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice and the American Cancer Society.

Margaret H. Miller, 725 Poplar St., died at 9:50 p.m. of natural causes on Monday, December 23, 2002, in the Rochester, Indiana, Life Care Center. She was 90 years old.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on May 6, 1912, Margaret was the daughter of Roy C. and Anna Friend Dygert.

On September 16, 1972, in Tyner, Ind., Margaret and Gale Miller were married. Gale died on January 14, 2000.

A homemaker, Margaret was acclaimed as a wonderful mother and grandmother. She loved to sew and to grow flowers and house plants.

She was a member of the Tyner United Methodist Church.

Margaret is survived by a daughter and three sons. They are: Carole S. (Wendell) Ringle, Rochester, Ind.; Charles Romig, Fayetteville, N.C.; Roger (Julie) Romig, Culver, Ind.; and Jon (Cindy) Romig, Argos, Ind.

Sixteen grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren survive, together with a sister, Evadean Kring, Argos, Ind.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Gale, a brother, a daughter, Marla Carmean and a granddaughter, Donna Treber.

Friends may visit with the family in a celebration of her life on Friday, December 27, 2002 from 12 to 2:00 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Margaret will be held following visitation at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dave Inskeep, pastor of Tyner United Methodist Church, will officiate.
Lillian "Bernice" Miller

Lillian ‘Bernice’ Miller, 84, died, following an extended illness, at her home, 12403 3A Road, in the loving care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice at 4:48 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2002.

Bernice was born in Culver, Ind., on Feb. 7, 1918, the daughter of Charles A. and Hattie C. Schadel Bixel. She graduated from Plymouth High School in the class of 1936.

Bernice lived almost all of her life in Marshall County with the exception of nine years, 1938 to 1947, when she was in the Chicago area.


A homemaker, Bernice was a member of the County Line Brethren Church where she headed the nursery and taught Sunday School for 12 years.

She was an avid reader of, among other works, the Bible, and she was a fan of Gospel music. She enjoyed flower gardening, cooking, crocheting and sewing clothes. Traveling and fishing were two of her interests and she and her husband often went south and to Wisconsin.

Times spent with grandkids and the preachers kids were a highlight of her day. Lawrence Welk and Tennessee Ernie Ford brought her much listening enjoyment.

Bernice is survived by two sons and six grandchildren.

They are, her oldest son, Roy A. and Kay Miller, Plymouth, and grandson, David and Marilyn Miller, Mishawaka, and granddaughter, Susan and Jeffrey Peterson, South Bend.

Arthur W. and Elizabeth Miller, Bernice’s second son, are the parents of four children: Michael and Angela Miller, Plymouth; Matthew Miller, Plymouth; Martin and Suzanne Miller, Mishawaka and Michelle Miller, Plymouth.

In addition to several nieces and nephews, five great-granddaughters also survive. They are: Stephanie, Jessica, Lindsey, Jillian and Eve.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and six brothers: Russell, Henry, Cecil, Omer, Ernie and Harold Bixel. Martha Carmean, a sister, has also died.

Visitation with the family will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Larry Hanson, pastor of the County Line Brethren Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Bernice’s memory may be made to the or to the Marshall County Hospice or County Line Church of the Brethren.
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Everett E. "Pat" Miller Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Everett E. "Pat" Miller, 86, a Plymouth resident for the past 62 years, living in River Park, 805 Baker St., Lot 7, since 1994, died of natural causes at 7:40 a.m. on Sat., June 1, 2002, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born in Mentone, Ind., on July 18, 1915, the son of Everett Earl and Marni E. Creakbaum Miller. Pat attended Beaver Dam High School.

He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He was first married, in Warsaw, Ind., on Dec. 7, 1941, to Virginia E. Zehner. Virginia died on Sept. 16, 1975. Pat and Lois H. Greer were married in Plymouth on Nov. 4, 1984.

From 1940 to 1954, Pat managed service stations in Plymouth. He then became a Marathon Oil agent dispensing bulk oil for home heating in the Marshall County area. He retired in 1989.

No stranger to work of any kind, Pat was an energetic gardener, growing flowers and keeping a fastidious yard. He enjoyed athletic events and followed Plymouth sports.

A member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Pat was active in the Builders Sunday School class.

He belonged to the Plymouth Kilwinning Lodge No. 149 and was a Past Master and a fifty-year member. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite – Valley of St. Joe and of the Maxinkuckee Odd Fellow Lodge, Culver. In addition, Pat was a member of the Eastern Star and was on the DeMolay advisory committee.

Pat is survived by his wife, Lois, and by two sons, one daughter and their families.

His sons are: Lewis E. and Donna Miller, Noblesville, Ind., and their children: Matthew Miller of Noblesville, and Scott and Aaryn Miller, Indianapolis. A great-grandson, Jaden Miller, son of Scott and Aaryn, also survives.

Jay A. and Gail Miller, Plymouth, and their children, Gene and Traci Renihan, Avon, Ind., and Patrick and Joseph Miller, Plymouth, survive as well.

Pat’s daughter Kay E. and Scott Miller, Plymouth, and their children, William, at home, and Gabriel and Sarah Miller, also survive.

In addition, step-son Jim and Judy Greer and their children, John and Krista Greer and great-granddaughter, Kasey, all of Plymouth, and step-granddaughter, Janet Greer, Indianapolis, survive.

Pat’s sisters-in-law, Joy Miller, Warsaw, Ind., and Doris Emmons, Plymouth, are survivors as well.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a daughter, Kris A. Ethier and many brothers and sisters.

The family will welcome friends to a celebration of Pat’s life at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Monday, June 3, 2002, from 2 to 8 p.m. Masonic Rites will be held at 8 p.m.

Funeral services for Pat will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, 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 in Pat’s memory may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Clifford J. Sr. Milliser

Lifetime Plymouth resident, Clifford J. Milliser Sr., 74, of 323 S. Walnut St., died, following an illness, at 11:35 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002, in the Walnut Creek Nursing Center, Plymouth.

Born in Plymouth on December 31, 1928, Clifford was the son of Earl and Bertha Sutherland Milliser. He attended Plymouth schools.

For 23 years he was a welder with Edward’s Iron Company of South Bend and a truck driver for Precision Pallets of Walkerton.

Clifford played the banjo and particularly enjoyed Bluegrass music. He also was adept in woodworking and enjoyed riding motorcycles.

He is survived by Margie Milliser, and by five children: two daughters and three sons, all from Plymouth.

The daughters are Betty J. and Bob Risner and Donna Cobb.

His sons are: Clifford “Sonny” Milliser, Jr., Mark A. and Pam Milliser and Kevin J. and Kim Milliser.

Ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also survive together with three brothers and four sisters. The brothers are: Dean and Imogene Milliser, Mishawaka; Paul Milliser, Phil Sr., and Judy Milliser, all of Plymouth. The sisters are, from Plymouth, Paula Jean Stewart, Phyllis and Vernon Stiles and June Mechling. The fourth sister, Jane and her husband Larry Stiles, live in Tenn.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Pam K. Milliser and two brothers, Don and Harold Milliser.

Visitation with the family will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the Chapel with the Rev. Jim Pippenger officiating. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Preferred memorial gifts in Clifford’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Marvin H. Moore

Marvin H. Moore, 67, died of natural causes in the Bremen Health Care Center, 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, at 2:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2002.

Born in Akron, Ind., on April 25, 1935, Marvin was the son of William F. and Charlotte M. Hattery Moore. He attended Plymouth schools.

Never married, he worked as a general laborer at AK Industries in Plymouth.

Marvin was a country music fan, enjoying the tunes of George Jones, Billy Anderson and Little Jimmy Dickens. He liked to read, especially the books of the Bible.

A deeply religious man, Marvin attended services at Trinity Methodist Church and the Union Church of the Brethren, both in Plymouth.
Two sisters survive Marvin. They are Margaret (Roland) Carr, Plymouth and Georgia (Fred) Kern, Upland, Ind. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

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

Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, Oct. 11, 2002.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002, in the funeral home. Pastor Charles Krieg, of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Indiana and Rev. Deb Peterson of the Union Church of the Brethren, Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will be in Hoover Cemetery, Athens, Indiana.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Cancer Association.

William D. Murray, 65, a resident of 305 N. Morgan St., Mentone, Ind., died unexpectedly at 1:38 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., due to complications of a Jan. 14th surgery.

Bill had been a Plymouth resident for ten years, coming from Los Angeles County, Calif. in 1990, before moving to Mentone in 2000.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on Mar. 7, 1936, he was the son of John and Beatrice Murray.

During the 50’s Bill served two years in the Army Air Force and then earned his G.E.D.

On Nov. 25, 1961, in Denver, Colo., he and Karen K. Stanley were married.

Very mechanically inclined, in California, he was a design engineer in Aerospace. He loved the California pines area where he bought land for his family to one day enjoy.

He currently worked as a security guard, part-time for Reese Security of Warsaw.

A true Scotsman, he was proud of his Celtic heritage and had traced his O’Knuckie family tree. He was very close to his grandfather, William Murray, for whom he was named. A kid himself at heart, Bill loved children and enjoyed doing things with his grandchildren.

He attended St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church and was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in LaPuente, Calif. He was also a member of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Bill is survived by his former wife, a son, two daughters and their families. His son is Kevin B. Murray and his children, Shawn and Shane, all of Santa Anna Heights, Calif.

The daughters are: Laraine D. and John Sparr and their children, Kayla, Jeffery and Brandi; Cara L. Murray and her children Josh, Frannie, Brent and Aaron, all of Plymouth.

Three sisters also survive. They are: Patricia Ellison and Sandra Dunbar, both of Calif., and Geraldine Reynolds, Elkhart. A sister-in-law, Elish Murray of Calif. also survives.

Numerous nephews and nieces also survive together with close family friends, Primo and Jesse Siepin.
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Bill was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, John Murray, Jr.

There will be no visitation; the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2002, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

According to Bill's wishes, cremation will take place.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church.

Charles R. “Charlie” Nemeth III, 45, living in the Plymouth area and in Florida most of his life, died at 10 p.m., Thursday, April 18, 2002. Charlie died in the familiar surroundings of his childhood home, 407 Ewing St., Plymouth, with his loving family beside him.

Born in South Bend, Ind., on Aug. 25, 1956, Charlie was the son of Charles R. Nemeth II and Helen Virginia Sellers Nemeth.

Born with Down’s Syndrome, Charlie brought much love and continued joy to the Nemeth household and to his neighbors throughout the years. He was a constant inspiration and a friend to many.

Together, Charlie and his parents enjoyed trips together, garage sales and eating in various restaurants.

He enjoyed TV, especially soap operas, reading magazines and had a collection of Elvis memorabilia. His favorite animal was the horse.

Following the death of his mother in Florida last July, Charlie returned to Plymouth and made his home with his brother Tim and Diana Nemeth and their sons, Jason and Stephen.

Also surviving is a sister and brother-in-law, Marcia K. and Dennis Santino, Odessa, Fla.

Charlie was preceded in death by his father on June 9, 1999, and his mother on July 7, 2001.

There will be no visitation or services.

Charlie was involved with the Marshall-Starke Development Center and memorial gifts in his name may be sent to them.

Paul S. Nicholas

Paul S. Nicholas, 79, a Plymouth resident for the past 30 years, living on E. Jackson St., has died of natural causes, following a lengthy illness, in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home. Paul, formerly of South Bend and Bremen, died at 12:15 a.m., Sunday, May 19, 2002.

Born at home in Bremen, Ind., on December 10, 1922, Paul was the son of George L. and Esther Emma Habeck Nicholas. He graduated from Bremen High School with the class of 1940.

He served in Europe during World War II as a Field Lineman in the U.S. Army from Jan. 1943-Dec. 1945. After the war, Paul attended Valpo Tech.

In 1948, in South Bend, Paul was first married to Phyllis Margaret Wilhelm. Phyllis died on
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For many years, Paul was an electrician with Allied Signal in South Bend, retiring in 1985.

He was an excellent and avid photographer through the years, leaving, as his legacy, thousands of slides for his family to enjoy.

He was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Knight of Columbus Council 1975.


Fifteen grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive together with a brother, George E. Nicholas, Akins, Ark., and two sisters, Mary Ann Nicholas Miller, New Orleans, La., and Ruth L. Nicholas Foley and her husband, Webb, of Nashville, Tenn.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his spouses and a sister, Vietta Nicholas Wood.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A parish rosary will be said at 7 p.m. following visitation, in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 612 N. Center St., Plymouth; Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate.

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

Memorial gifts in Paul's memory may be made to St. Michael's Church.

Cyrus Nifong

Eighty-nine year old J. Cyrus “Cy” Nifong, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living a 9331 Quince Road, died, following a brief illness, at 3:20 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2002, in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Cy once said that his family was truly a pioneering family with roots that went back to the Mayflower.

“We are however,” he wrote, “primarily a farming family yet public spirited and community minded with interest in this life and life eternal.”

A Marshall County Commissioner from 1976 to 1980, Cy worked on the renovation of the Shady Rest County Home and also helped to plan the construction of the present County Building. He was president for many years of the Marshall County 4-H Fair Board, was a director of the Marshall County Rural Electric Membership Corporation and the Bowen Center for Human Services in Warsaw.

A grain and dairy farmer, Cy served the West Township school system and the Plymouth Community Schools for 35 years as a bus driver. A member of the church for over 50 years, he helped to save and re-open the Union Church of the Brethren located on State Road 17. For
many years, Cy was on the board of trustees, a church chorister and a Sunday School teacher.

Born on December 8, 1913, on the farm homesteaded by his great-grandparents, Cyrus, the son of John and Almira Sellers Nifong, started first grade at the Stockman school, east of Plymouth. He was the only boy in his class. He transferred to the Inwood class when the school closed and graduated from Plymouth High School, where he was on the debate team, with the class of 1932.

Cy’s first wife, Loretta Jane Harley, became his bride in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren on June 11, 1936. Loretta died on November 14, 1998.


Cy is survived by his four sons. They are Loren (Shirley) Nifong, Plymouth; Larry (Sarah) Nifong, Walkerton; Ronald G. (Clare) Nifong, Ft. Wayne; and Ross Nifong, Plymouth.


Cy was preceded in death by his parents, his two wives and three brothers: Noble, Truman and Walter Nifong. Three sisters, Ivy Troyer, Vera White and Mae Walterhouse have also died.

Friends may visit with the family and share memories from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation will also be held at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Funeral services for Cy Nifong will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2002, in the Union Church of the Brethren, 10483 State Road 17, Plymouth. The Rev. Deb Peterson, pastor of the Union Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Cy’s memory may be made to the Union Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Norma F. Norton

Norma F. Norton, 88, 7599 Lincoln Highway, a Marshall County lifetime resident living in Plymouth since 1948, coming from Bremen, died on Friday, December 27, 2002. Norma died of natural causes at 5:20 p.m. in Pilgrim Manor Care Center.

Born on September 4, 1914, in Bremen, she was the daughter of Oscar and Almira Hochstetler Roth. She graduated from Bremen High School.

On December 11, 1948, Norma and Elias “Fred” Norton were married at Inwood, Ind.

Prior to becoming a full-time mother and homemaker, Norma worked as an x-ray technician at the South Bend Osteopathic Hospital.

An active woman with many interests, Norma enjoyed over 35 years of family fishing trips, primarily in Coldwater, Mich. She rode horses, did needlework and was excellent cook, favored for her great apple pie.

She was a member of the Yellowstone Home Economic Club of Marshall County.
Norma is survived by Fred, her husband of 54 years, one son, one daughter and their families.

Her son is Nelson O. “Duke” (Melody) Norton of Plymouth and children, Brooke Enyart of Kokomo and Micah Robertson of Plymouth.


Four great-grandchildren and Ina (Arthur) Laidig, a sister, of Palmetto, Florida, survive as well.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2002. The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ of which Norma was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Norma’s memory may be given to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Victoria Bernice "Bea" Odaffer

Victoria Bernice “Bea” Odaffer, 99, four months shy of her 100th birthday, died of natural causes at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth. Bea, formerly lived in the Ardmore area in South Bend and had also resided in Mishawaka’s 100 Center. She had been a resident of Pilgrim Manor since March of 2001, moving there from Shady Rest where she had lived for three years.

Born on a farm near Walkerton on Sept. 18, 1902. She was the daughter of Louis A. and Dora B. Hullinger Schmeltz.

Raised in the Tyner Church of the Brethren, Bea played the piano and organ and loved to sing. She graduated from Tyner High School with the class of 1922, where she was a pitcher on the girl’s softball team. She then completed the South Bend Business College in the class of 1923.

On Dec. 31, 1925, in South Bend, Bea and Thurmand “Devane” Odaffer were married. Her husband died on Dec. 6, 1973.

Bea was a bookkeeper for the Studebaker Corp. for 40 years, retiring in 1964.

Known simply as ‘Aunt Bea’, she displayed an acute sense of humor and enjoyed ballroom dancing and traveling.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, Chapter 2, the South Bend Progress Club and the General Federation of Indiana Women’s Clubs. She was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Elks #235, the Ladies Auxiliary of the South Bend Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite and a Woman of the Moose, #1057. Bea was always busy and an integral part of the South Bend social scene.

Bea is survived by a brother, Cecil Schmeltz, Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews.

A sister-in-law, Lucille (Mrs. Eugene) Schmeltz, Walkerton, survives as well, as the Danny Swindle family, Newport, Michigan, long time South Bend neighbors and forever friends.
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Bea was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, two sisters, Alice Wisenbaugh and Edna Miller and two brothers, Eugene and Robert Schmeltz.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial gifts in Bea’s memory may be made to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital.

Leonard W. O’Dell

Leonard W. O’Dell, 92, died of natural causes at 6:15 a.m., Friday, June 21, 2002 at the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

He was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the son of John and Mary Johnson O’Dell. Leonard moved to California in 1926 and worked in my different fields. He was a farmer and served on the Los Angeles Fire Department. He also owned and operated many different stores and restaurants.


Leonard had several interest and hobbies, they included square dancing, woodworking and working in his garden up until the age of 91. He also enjoyed reading, and a love for food. Leonard was and avid baseball fan and loved to see his Los Angeles Dodgers win.

His daughter, Nancy A. Davis, Plymouth, a grandson Scott and Ann Davis, a great granddaughter Nicole Davis, Plymouth, survives him. A special niece, Janice Meredith, and a special nephew, Robert and Toni Tolbert, all of Plymouth, and several other relatives from the Michiana area.

His parents, his two wives and several brothers and sisters preceded Leonard in death.

A celebration of his life and memorable times will be shared during visits with his family from 4 to 6:30 P.M. On Tuesday, June 25, 2002, in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, with Pastor Paul Spasic, officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, June 27, 2002 at San Jacinto Cemetery, San Jacinto, California.

Memorial gifts in Leonard’s memory may be made to the Gideon’s Living Memorial Bible Plan, or to Plymouth Christ Fellowship Church.

Dorothy A. Orr

Dorothy A. Orr, 88, 400 W. Washington St., Plymouth, a lifetime area resident, died of natural causes at 5:52 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2002. Dorothy died in the Plateau Medical Center, Oak Hill, West Virginia.
Born in Plymouth on Mar. 22, 1914, she was the daughter of Charles and Mary Alice Lowry Stiles. She attended Plymouth schools.

She was first married to James Rolland Rupert. Her second husband, C. Vernon Orr, and she were married on July 15, 1949, in Waveland, Ind. They have both preceded Dorothy in death.

Dorothy retired from Parkview Hospital, Plymouth, after 20 years as supervisor of their Central Supply department.

A Green Bay Packer fan all of her life, she loved to watch their football games on TV. She also enjoyed old western videos and liked to crochet, quilt and embroider, making lovely heirlooms for her family.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

Dorothy is survived by a son and two daughters, eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.


A brother, Elmer M. Stiles, lives in Plymouth, Ind.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, and a granddaughter, Jackie Mlekodaj.

Six brothers: Howard, Willis, Ellis, James, Robert and Arthur Stiles, together with three sisters, Bessie Cappus, Velva Hedges and Rose Webb have also died.

Friends are invited to share memories with the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Delmas Stiles, Dorothy’s nephew, will be held at 2 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 13, 2002, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Marshall County Cancer Association.
On April 18, 1946, in Plymouth, Larry and Annabelle K. Cowan were married.

For twenty years, Larry worked for the Indiana State Highway Department of Transportation, retiring in 1981.

A sports spectator, he enjoyed motorcycles, loved NASCAR racing, his favorite; Jeff Gordon. Larry was no stranger to most any keyboard instrument, guitar and the harmonica, mastered all by ear.

Larry is survived by his wife, Annabelle, who on April 18, 2002, would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary, and by their two sons: Larry Dale and Jayme-Ayne Peregrine, of Cassopolis, Mich., and their children Christian, Terry Ann and MacKenzie. Terry L. and Suzanne Peregrine, of Plymouth and children; Heather, William, Lisa and TJ also survive, together with nine great-grandchildren.

Larry’s sister, Geneva Thomas, and sisters-in-law, Adine and Jane Peregrine all of Plymouth, survives as well as do several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers: Wally, Calvin, Dale and Garold Peregrine.

Visitation and a celebration of his life will be held from 2 – 4 and 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, in the funeral home with the Rev. Charles Krieg and nephew Earl Krim officiating.

Military graveside rites in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, will be conducted by the V.F.W. and American Legion Posts

Memorial gifts in Larry’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Margaret V. “Peggy” Pozorski

Margaret V. “Peggy” Pozorski, 82, a longtime resident of 616 E. Marion St. Mishawaka, died at her home Saturday, October 12th of natural causes.

Peggy was born in Sauk Rapids, Minn. on May 8, 1920, the daughter of Felix M. and Gertrude V. Ostrowski Pozorski. As a child the family moved to Indiana and she graduated with the Class of 1939 from Monterey High School. She then completed courses at the South Bend Business College.

Her career with the Ball Band/Uniroyal Corp. of Mishawaka spanned over four decades in her employment department position of Industrial Relations. Peggy was proud of the company and joined other employees playing on the Ball Band softball and bowling teams.

An active person, Peggy enjoyed hunting, fishing, flower gardening and even canning homemade soup. Coming from a family of ten, she took great interest in the lives of her many nieces, nephews, great and great-great.

A member of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Michael’s in Plymouth was her Parish Church.

Survivors include three brothers; Ambrose M. Pozorski of Plymouth, Lawrence (Ardith) Pozorski of Warsaw, Francis (Kathleen) Pozorski of Kokomo and four sisters; Sr. Mary Victoria Pozorski, a Sister of St. Agnes Convent, Fond Du Lac, Wis., Florence “Polly” (Marion P.) Matthews of Winfield, Kansas, Mary Ann Best of Indianapolis Evelyn Pozorski of Plymouth.
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Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Berniece H. Davis and a brother Stanley Pozorski.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth from 4 – 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16th where a Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. following visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. William Kummer, Pastor at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 17th in St. Michael Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St. Plymouth.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Peggy’s memory may be made to St. Michael Church or the charity of the donor’s choice.

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Glen A. Quivey

Following a six year battle with Alzheimer’s and cancer, Glen A. Quivey, 1800 Hillcrest Ave., died in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home at 8:35 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2002. He was 81 years old.

Born in Plymouth on August 6, 1921, Glen was the son of Clarence and Nellie Irwin Quivey. He graduated from Culver High School with the class of 1939.

He attended Manchester College for a year before enlisting in the U.S. Medical Corps in August of 1941, as an x-ray technician. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed on December 7, 1941.

After serving for two years at Pearl Harbor and six months on Christmas Island, he returned to the states and was reassigned to Europe, ending his tour of duty in Berlin. Glen returned to the United States in November, 1945.

On August 10, 1946, Glen and Barbara R. Mahler were married in her parents, Leslie and Bernice Marsh Mahler’s home in Culver.

After his return from service, Glenn earned a Master’s Degree in Agriculture from Purdue University. He taught Vocational Agriculture for two years at Lagro High School. He was a farm loan agent for the John Hancock Insurance Co. for ten years and was with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, retiring after 29 years as Chief Appraiser of the Louisville District.

A workaholic, he enjoyed what he did. He was an avid fisherman and loved to fish in Canada. He enjoyed collecting guns and knives and working with photography.

Glen was past president of the Indiana Society of Farm Management and Rural Appraisers and was a life member of VFW Post 7262, Greenville, Ohio, and the Masonic Lodge 143 also of Greenville. He belonged to the Murat and Scottish Rite, Indianapolis, was a Kentucky Colonel and was a member of the Plymouth Lions Club.

Glen is survived by Barbara, his wife of 56 years and by their daughter Lois (Dwight) Crowther, Hingham, Mass.

A granddaughter, Barbara M. Crowther, Washington, D.C. and two brothers, Virgil (Frances) and Hugh (Eileen) Quivey, all of Plymouth, survive his death as well.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Albert and Ronald and two sisters,
Mary Alice Lannon and Rose Quivey.

Friends may share memories of Glen with the family in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, December 29, 2002, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Funeral services for Glen, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of which Glen was a member, will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2002.

Burial will be in the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial gifts in Glen's memory may be given to the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Nancy E. Reichert

Fifty-six year old Nancy E. Reichert, an area resident all of her life, died, following a lengthy illness, at her residence, 823 Poplar St., Plymouth, under the loving care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice, at 7:35 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002.

Nancy was born in Plymouth on Mar. 18, 1945, the daughter of Wayne L. and Edna Fear Weedling. She attended Plymouth schools.

On Mar. 5, 1976, in Plymouth, she and Joel L. Reichert were married.

A homemaker and mother, she spent most of her free time researching genealogy.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Joel, and by their four sons, a daughter, ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Her children are: Marc and Beckie Hessler, Bremen, Ind., Doug Hessler, Las Vegas, Nev., Mike and Sara Reichert, Webberville, Mich., Jay and Tina Reichert, Warsaw, Ind., and Annette (Reichert) Buck and her husband, Fred, Topeka, Ind.

Edna Weedling of Plymouth, Nancy's mother, also survives together with three brothers and a sister. They are: Walter and Mary Weedling, Peter and Mary Weedling and Mary and Ronald Hite, all of Plymouth and David and Patricia Weedling of Hawaii. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Nancy's father preceded her in death.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake United Methodist Church where Nancy had attended services, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Nancy's memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Emma Jean Replogle

Family services will be held Monday for Emma Jean Replogle, infant twin daughter of Travis L. and Bobbi (Daugherty) Replogle of 323 Lewis Street Plymouth. Emma was born at 7:09 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2002 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth and briefly shared life with her twin sister, Bethany May.
Emma is survived by her parents, thriving sister Bethany and her grandparents; they are: Maternal grandparents, Robert R. and Millie D. (Barno) Daugherty of Plymouth, Paternal grandparents, Mickey A. and LaVerne (Burkholder) Replogle of Tyner. Paternal great-grandparents, George and Betty Replogle of Sebring, Florida and Willard Burkholder of Tyner. Also surviving are aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her Maternal great-grandparents, Russell W. and Dorothy M. Daugherty and Frank and Mildred Barno, along with Paternal great-grandmother Winifred Burkholder.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth on Monday, February 25, 2002.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Ronald McDonald program in Emma's memory.

Homer Forest Riddle, 28 days shy of his 94th birthday, died, following an illness, at 1:40 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2002, in South Bend's Hospice House.

A lifetime Marshall County resident, living in West Twp. for many years and most recently residing at 816 E. LaPorte St., Plymouth, Shorty was a homespun philosopher who loved to visit with people.

Short in stature, he was tall in character.

Shorty carried a business card: one side read, "Wholesale Distributor of Smiles and Sunshine....in Business 90 years." On the reverse side was written: “Homer Riddle, He can't play the fiddle. He can't Sing a Song, He will Tell a Joke or Two, Make you Smile All Day Long.”

And he did. Always lighthearted, he would on occasion call himself, “Pierre”, and probably would have taken great delight in passing from this life on April Fool's Day.

Born in Argos, Ind., on April 29, 1908, Shorty was the son of George W. V. and Lorinda Weissert Riddle. He graduated from West High School in 1927. His last two years, he drove a school bus. It took some stretchin', he said, to reach the pedals; he could barely see over the steering wheel, but otherwise, had he not done the driving, he'd have had to walk to school.

Shorty drove the bus to basketball games too. He said in an interview, "I'd go around, pick up the players, play in the game and drive them home."

He played every position in the game. Anything and everything...except dirty. Only played dirty once," he divulged. "We were in a game where the refereeing was just plain out awful. Teammate, Jess Garrison looked at me and said he'd had enough of it. I agreed. We took out our opponents, one man at a time and never got called on it.”

Last year Shorty was honored as the oldest living and most faithful West High School alumna. He also had received two citations as an “Honorary Sheriff” for many years of service patrolling the dangerous curve of road by West High School. “One was” he said, “from Sheriff Harvey Phillips for helping people before help got there.” The second was from former Sheriff Ed Criswell.

When the five Plymouth firemen were lost in a tragic accident, Shorty directed traffic for five hours while NIPSCO installed new poles and the wreckers pulled out the pumper truck from the swamp.
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On April 24, 1947, Shorty and Ellen A. Smith Gangloff were married in Plymouth. He was four days shy of being 40 years old. "Smartest thing I ever did," he said. Ellen died August 8, 1987.

He also was the groundskeeper at the Plymouth Country Club for 12 years. Shorty retired from the McCord Corp. in 1973, after 32 years of service.

Prior to that, he worked at many jobs, enjoying them all. He cut corn and ran shredders on farms; was an electroplater, plating radio shelters for Studebaker; he hauled gravel at Tyner and worked at the H.J. Heinz plant.

Nobody was a stranger to Shorty. "I'm a talker," he said. "I could have been a preacher. Or a lawyer." He enjoyed good Gospel preaching and attended the Jordon Church in Argos and houses of worship at Pretty Lake and Inwood.

A proficient hunter, trapper and fisherman, Shorty hunted from Maine to Wyoming. He had a green thumb and always had a garden producing an abundance of beautiful flowers and vegetables.

In addition to the many friends who will miss his booming voice that needed no amplification, "have a good day," and "the best in the world is not too good for us!," Shorty is survived by a daughter, Rebecca K. Atkins, Plymouth; a son, E. Allen Riddle, Sarasota, Florida, and two step-children: Jim W. Gangloff of Plymouth, and SuzAnne Gangloff Lintz of Edwardsburg, Mich. and a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Gangloff of Plymouth.

Shorty has many grandchildren and great grandchildren from his combined family.

Several nieces and nephews also survive his death.

Visitation with the family and a celebration of his life will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Shorty will be in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2002. The Rev. Mike Dixon, pastor of the Inwood Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Shorty's memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or to the Nature Conservancy.

Olen S. Roahrig

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Olen S. “Oley” Roahrig, 84, widely known in the area farming community, died at 7:16 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2002. Oley died in the Bremen Hospital of natural causes.

Born the son of Ernest and Hazel Carpenter Roahrig on June 6, 1917, Oley graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School with the class of 1936.

Three years later, on Sept. 24, 1939, in Inwood, Oley and Lovette “Bettie” Rhoade were married.

A lifetime Marshall County resident, Oley and his wife bought the family farm in 1948. He also owned and operated Inwood Feed & Grain Elevator from 1960 until 1998. To the present he remained involved in farming, only giving up time on the tractor, last season.

Golf was a passion. He helped build the back nine at Fountainhead Golf Course. He was a
Chicago Cub fan and enjoyed watching his son, Dave, grandson Stanley O. Jr. and now a great grandson, race stock cars on the NASCAR and Ind’y circuit. His grandchildren’s many activities were a source of pride and joy to Oley and he enjoyed wintering in Avon Park, Fla., for the past 30 years, always involved in the Plymouth Day event.

He was a former member of the Inwood school board and past president of the Inwood P.T.A.

Oley is survived by his wife, Lovette of nearly 63 years, and by a daughter and two sons and their families.

His daughter is Judy A. and Roger McKinney, Argos, and his sons are David L. and Stephanie L. Roahrig and Stanley O. and Susie Roahrig, all of Plymouth.

Six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

A brother, Darwin and Marcele Roahrig, Avon Park, Fla., and Frances (Mrs. Willard) Lemler, Bourbon, together with several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Oley was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call on the family and share their memories of Oley from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, June 8, 2002, in the funeral home where Rev. Michael Dixon, pastor of the Inwood Methodist Church of which Oley was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Oley’s memory may be made to the Inwood Methodist Church.

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Verl Eldon Roose

Verl Eldon Roose, 83, of 1060 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, died at 8:26 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2002, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Verl was born on Mar. 25, 1919, the son of Clarence O. and Emma Mae Stouder Roose.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the military for four years.

On May 16, 1942, in the Methodist church in Mentone, Ind., Verl and Freda Roose were married. The couple just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on a trip to Wisconsin.

A salesman for Schlosser Bros. Dairy & Ice Cream for 40 years, Verl worked most days from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. He retired after working for five years for Bomarko of Plymouth.

He loved to travel; he and Freda visited every state in the union and every province in Canada and Mexico.

For years Verl enjoyed parking cars at the Blueberry Festival for the Masonic Lodge. He was a loyal member of Lodge 149 and of the American Legion Post 27 in Plymouth.

Verl is survived by his loving wife, Freda and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Charles and Wayne and one sister, Helen Brundige.
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Friends may come to share memories and visit with his family on Tuesday, June 4, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Masonic Memorial Rites will be provided at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, will be held in the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2002.

Military graveside services in the Mentone Cemetery will be accorded to Verl for his service to his country.

Jonathan B. Ross
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Jonathan B. Ross, a loving son and brother, who would have celebrated his 22nd birthday in six weeks, died on U.S. 6, east of Walkerton, at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2002. His permanent address was 16931 6th Rd., Plymouth, Ind.

Born in Mishawaka, Jonathan was the son of Jack D. and Jana Smith Ross. He graduated from John Glenn High School with the class of 1999.

In January, 2001, Jonathan joined the United States Army as a Private E-2. He took his basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia and was currently stationed in Vilsek, Germany.

Proud to be an infantryman and to serve his country during these difficult times, Jonathan found great satisfaction in the military discipline and physical training of the armed forces. He enjoyed his travels around Germany and was developing an interest in military and German history.

An outdoors man, he enjoyed nature and was an avid fisherman.

Jonathan is survived by his parents, Jack and Jana, Plymouth, and by two brothers: Brian Smith Ross, Lakeville, and Andrew W. Ross, Plymouth.

His maternal grandmother, Joanne Smith, Plymouth, and his paternal grandparents, Wayne and Lucille Ross, Walkerton, also survive, together with Vern Ross, an uncle, Plymouth and three aunts: Marilyn Skiles, Cape Coral, Florida, Judi Macy, St. Petersburg, Fla., Myra Farmer, Sweetser, Ind.

Nine first cousins also survive.

Jonathan was preceded in death by Gene E. Smith, his grandfather and Laurel Smith, an aunt.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at the Tyner Cemetery. The Rev. David Innskeep, pastor of the Tyner United Methodist Church, will officiate.

A military honor guard from Ft. Knox, Kentucky, will present full military honors at the gravesite.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in memory of this young man may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

M. Ethel Roth
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
A longtime area resident, M. Ethel Roth, 94, who resided on S. Michigan St., Plymouth, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 9:55 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2002.
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The mother of Ray Roth, a television news reporter/photographer of Plymouth and Marte Roth, a retired Air Force Maj., and his wife Patricia, of San Antonio, Texas, Ethel was admired for her friendliness and her devout religious beliefs. Having never driven a car, for years, rain or shine, she walked to work, daily Mass at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, grocery shopping and downtown errands.

Born in Earl Park, Ind., on July 6, 1907, Ethel was the daughter of Aloysius and Celesta Keller Gretter. She attended Iowa Schools.

On July, 1940, in Plymouth, Albert M. Roth, a studio photographer, and Ethel Gretter were married. Albert died on August 19, 1960.

Ethel was a telephone operator and supervisor for United Telephone for over 40 years. She retired in 1972 after witnessing much advancement in telephone technology.

She loved antiques, especially furniture and jewelry. She also had an extensive collection of hats, which she was often noted for wearing.

Ethel was quick to share her memories of years past.

As a devoted member of St. Michael’s, Ethel served in the Altar Rosary Society and for many years headed the group of ‘Pilot Lady Paper Stuffers’ from which numerous improvements occurred to the church and rectory.

Ethel is survived by her sons, her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Marte’s two sons, Randall Roth, and his wife Alissa, of Houston, Texas and James Roth, and his wife Melissa, who live in San Antonio. Ray’s son, Daniel P. Roth and daughter, Amy, her husband Bruce Knapp and their children, Emily, Joseph and Nathan, all reside in Plymouth. Two sisters and three brothers also survive. They are: Loretta Hope and Theresa Navarro, both of Long Beach, Calif., and Paul Gretter, Vero Beach, Florida; Urban and Rita Gretter of Ft. Myers, Florida and Cletus Gretter of Arizona.

Ethel was preceded in death by her spouse, an infant son, Roger Roth, three brothers, Bob, Clem and Mark Gretter, a sister Margareite Baxter and a daughter-in-law, Dawn Roth.

A celebration of Ethel’s life will be held on Friday, April, 12, 2002, from 4 – 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Parish Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Father Anthony Gillespie, will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2002, at 9 a.m. in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. Ethel will be laid to rest in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in her memory may be made to the St. Michael’s Altar/Rosary Society

Sister Theodorita Schotzko

Sister Theodorita Schotzko, PHJC, 85, a member of the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson, Ind., died Tuesday evening, June 11, 2002 in Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater, Minnesota.

The daughter of Theodore and Barbara Gimpl Schotzko, Sister Theodorita was born in Springfield, Minnesota on November 6, 1916.

She entered the convent on June 25, 1934 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1936.
Sr. received her basic nursing education at St. Joseph’s Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She had a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing Education from Loyola University, Chicago; a Master’s Degree in Administration of Nursing Education from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Hospital and Health Care Administration from the School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

Her health care background includes ten years as a nursing supervisor in various hospitals in Chicago, Ill., and LaPorte, Ind.; twenty years as Director of the School of Nursing, Fort Wayne, Ind.; five years as Assistant Administrator and three years as Administrator in hospitals in Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Sister has served as a member of the Boards of Directors of all Ancilla Domini Hospitals, and for six years, she was a member of the Provincial Council at Ancilla Domini Convent, Donaldson.

Sister Theodorita was the youngest of eleven children, and has been preceded in death by all of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Catherine Kasper Home to celebrate the life of Sister Theodorita on Thursday, June 20, 2002, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., a wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2002 at the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Father Edward Konerman, S.J. will officiate.

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

Esther L. Shaffer

Esther L. Shaffer, 82, Shalley Drive, Plymouth, passed away at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2002. Esther had been in failing health for the past year; she died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Born in Bourbon, Ind., on Aug. 6, 1919, she was the daughter of Lawrence and Pearl A. Miller Grossman. She was a life-long resident of Plymouth, graduating from Inwood School and Lincoln High School in 1937.

Putting her high school training in bookkeeping and secretarial skills to work, she was employed at Keiser Gypsum in Chicago for four years while her fiancé, Robert “Sam” Shaffer served in the United States Army during World War II.

Sam and Esther were married on April 21, 1946, in Plymouth. In Dec. of 1947, became the proud mother of their only child, a daughter, Elizabeth, lovingly called Beth. From that time on, she devoted her entire life to the happiness and welfare of her husband and child. Her beloved Sam died on Aug. 26, 2001.

Esther’s love for people and her service to them was evident in her secretarial responsibilities at the Plymouth Office Supply, the Marshall County Clerk’s office, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the County Highway Department and the Shaffer Construction Company. A tireless worker, she served the public well with her expertise and her cheerful personality.

She also worked as a volunteer with Bonnie Yeazel at the Child Daycare Center of Plymouth and for over 15 years at Miller’s Merry Manor and most recently with the Marshall County Red Cross.

She always enjoyed being with friends, especially “the Golden Girls,” a lunch group. She enjoyed knitting and loved a good game of Gin Rummy.
Esther is survived by her loving daughter, Beth and her son-in-law, Dick Webster, Bremen. Her grandson Michael Shively, his wife Paula, and their children, Seth and Morgan, all of Plymouth, survive as well.

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

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

Visitation with her family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. in the funeral home on Sunday, June 9, 2002. The Rev. Brian Deckinger, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Donaldson, where Esther was a long time member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Esther’s memory may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Marshall County Red Cross.

Mildred G. Shively, 83, of 1027 Warana Drive, Plymouth, died at 10:14 p.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2002 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, of natural causes.

An area resident most of her life, Millie was born in Bourbon, Ind., on July 26, 1919, the daughter of Charles H. and Della Mae Whittemore Amones. She was a 1937 graduate of Lincoln High School, Plymouth.

On February 1, 1940, in Etna Green, Mildred and Wayne O. Shively were married; he preceded her in death on December 29, 1999.

She had worked at Swearingen’s Shoe Store, Bosworth’s, and had been a co-owner of the Plymouth Credit Bureau.

Millie was an avid golfer, and enjoyed watching golf, basketball, and Notre Dame football on television. She and Wayne spent 22 winters in Avon Park, Florida, where they both enjoyed playing golf.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Plymouth.

Millie is survived by her son, Dan (Nickey) Shively of Plymouth, two grandsons, Tyler Wayne Shively and Michael C. (Paula) Shivley, all of Plymouth, Syndie Darnell, a step granddaughter of New Carlisle, and Jay (Katy) Darnell, a step grandson of Plymouth, along with six great grandchildren.

A sister, Beatrice Anders of Plymouth, and a brother, Harold (Betty) Amones of Bixby, Oklahoma, also survive.

Millie was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, brothers Donald, Gerald, Eldon, Dwain and Charles Amones, sisters Donna Jean Brundige, Venus Chenoweth, Margaret Ames and Geraldine Zimmerman.

Friends may visit with Millie’s family on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
The funeral service, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Bremen Salem United Methodist Church, will be in the funeral home on Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 1 p.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Millie’s name may be made to Plymouth V.F.W. ladies auxiliary or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Thomas B., Sr. Showers

Thomas B. Showers, Sr., 77, a resident of Plymouth, Ind. since March of 2001, coming from the Kansas City/Independence, Mo. area, died of natural causes at his residence, 2535 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, at 6:54 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2002.

Born in Mountain View, Mo., on April 19, 1925, Thomas was the son of Erman A. and Edna C. Benwell Showers. He attended elementary school in Washington State, and resided in an orphanage until the age of sixteen.

He then joined the Navy, serving in World War II from 1942 to 1946.


Thomas worked most of his life as a paint mixer for the Butler Manufacturing Co., in Kansas City, taking an early retirement.

He enjoyed genealogy and studied his family’s lineage. He was a member of the Assembly of God faith.

Thomas is survived by a son, a daughter, two step-sons and an adopted daughter.

They are: Thomas B. Showers, Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.; Helen Showers Curtiss Wells Pointe, Texas; Harold J. Showers, Milton, Wash.; Ronald Klinger, Ore., and Joan Benedikt, Plymouth, Ind.

Eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive as well.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse, a daughter, Sandra Grace Showers Wyche and a son, Mark Steven Showers.

Two brothers: Erman A. Jr., and William A. Showers and a sister, Amanda F. Showers Smith have also died.

Memorial services will take place on Monday, August 12, 2002, at 11 a.m. in the Olathe Wesleyan Church, 16320 S. Ridgeview Rd., Olathe, Kansas, with burial in the Oak Lawn Cemetery, Olathe, Kansas.

Gladys F. Smith

Gladys F. Smith, 93, of 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2002, in her home of natural causes following an illness. She had been a resident of Plymouth for 30 years coming from Detroit, Michigan.

Gladys was born May 9, 1908, in West Sonora, Ohio, the daughter of John A. and Grace Mackey Hogston.
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Gladys worked at various jobs over the years including working as a receptionist for her son-in-law, Dr. Walter R. Burns. She enjoyed being creative with ceramic, making many different items. Gladys was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty & Walter Burns of Plymouth, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter, they are: Granddaughter, Sharon Burns with her daughters, Michelle & John Miller and Kelsey Miller and her daughter, Christina Ecker, all of Plymouth, Grandson, Steve & Charlene Burns and their children Valerie and Austin all of Granger.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband and one brother, Ernest Hogston.

Friends may visit with the family on Friday, March 29, 2002 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. following the visitation at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. E. Dean Fager of the First United Methodist Church conducting the service.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Memorial gifts in Gladys's memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Jay Snyder, 64, a lifetime Marshall County resident and long time respected businessman, died, following an illness, at 5:10 a.m. on Monday, December 30, 2002, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Originally from Culver, Jay and his wife have lived at 6588 State Road 17 since 1977.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 23, 1938, Jay was the son of Lester C. and Carol L. Jacox Snyder. He graduated from Culver High School with the class of 1957 and from technical school, specializing in auto body repair.

He was a Sgt. E5 in the United States Army Reserve.

On May 10, 1964, in the Culver E.U.B. Church, Jay and Darlene E. Christensen were married.

He first worked for his father doing auto body repair at Snyder Motors in Culver. At the age of 21 he began his own business as owner-operator of Snyder Motors and Towing Service, Inc., and auto body repair, in both Culver and Plymouth.

After selling his business in 1986, Jay, who admitted his main hobby was work, continued with the popular Bargain Barn on N. Michigan Road. The Barn will carry on as a family business.

He enjoyed family fishing trips to Minnesota as his time away from business.

Jay was a member of the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. He was a former Cub Master in West Township and for over 25 years, beginning as a teenager, he was a volunteer firefighter with the Culver Fire Department.

Jay is survived by Darlene, his wife of 38 years and their sons, Christian Jay (Kris) Snyder, Plymouth and Mark Brian Snyder and his fiancee, Amanda Pynaert, both of Plymouth.

A sister, Carolyn S. (Thad) Jones, Bremen, a sister-in-law, Jeaneen Snyder, Plymouth and a brother-in-law, Dennis (Ellen) Christensen, Fish Lake, Laporte, IN, also survive together with several nieces and nephews.

Jay was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Sanford C. Snyder.
Friends are invited to visit with the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Jay will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Ind.

Gifts in memory of Jay Snyder may be made to the Riley Children’s Hospital or to the Marshall County Hospice.

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Richard N. Spaid

Richard N. Spaid, 74, 13274 W. 5th Road, Plymouth, died, following an extended illness, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Richard was born in LaPaz, Ind., on Aug. 1, 1927. He was the son of Alva L. and Ruth C. Miller Spaid Woolley of Plymouth. He attended West township school.

During World War II, Richard served two years in both the United States Army and the Merchant Marines. He was a 35-year member of the American Legion, Post 385 at LaPaz, the Voiture 40 / 8, Marshall County Post 1511, and the Bremen V.F.W. Post 8972 for 40 years.

On April 16, 1955, at Koontz Lake, Richard and Violet M. DuVall were married.

He was a heavy equipment operator for 29 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Operating/Engineers Local 150.

Richard enjoyed stock car racing, NASCAR events and watching his grandchildren in their sporting activities.

He is survived by his wife Violet of 46 years and his mother, Ruth C. Woolley of Plymouth.

His children and their families are three daughters; Dixie and Alan Geddes and their children, Misty and Joyce of Washington state; Linda J. and George Truhler and their son, Ronald, of Walkerton; Kathy L. Alexander and her children, Christopher, Jessica, Samuel and Joely of Plymouth.

Two sons also survive. They are: Garry L. Spaid and his children, Renee, Scott and Joshua of Florida, and Larry A. Spaid, his daughter, Danielle and his fiancee, Sharon, Plymouth.

Seven great-grandchildren also survive together with three sisters and four brothers. They are: Donna and Joe Paone and Nona and John Kuhn, all of Sebring, Florida; and Connie and Joe Castro, Plymouth. His brothers are: Earl and Cris Spaid, Elkhart, Russell and Eva Spaid, Plymouth, Louis and Kristy Spaid, Wheatland, Wyoming and David and Kristine Spaid, Linden, Tenn.

Four step-sisters and five step-brothers also survive together with numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, his step-father, Arthur Woolley and Mickey, an infant sister and a step sister.

Visitation will be on Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home.
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Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A 40 / 8 Memorial service will be held at 8 p.m., following visitation.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Morris Park Cemetery, west of LaPaz, where military honors will be accorded Richard by the LaPaz American Legion Post 385.

Memorial gifts in Richard’s memory may be made to the 40 / 8 Nurses Scholarship Fund or to the Marshall County Hospice, both in c/o 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, Ind. 46563

Linda G. Speirs, 47, lovingly called “Cookie,” by her family and many friends, died, following a lupus related illness, at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2002, in St. Margaret’s Hospital, Hammond, Ind.

Born on April 5, 1955, in Houston, Scotland, Cookie was the beloved daughter of Thomas and Gwen Monroe Speirs. The family came to the United States from Scotland in 1960 and lived in the Plymouth area most of her life.

Cookie attended T.F. North School in Calumet City, Illinois.

A homemaker, she enjoyed collecting Beanie Babies and talking to her friends on the C.B. radio using her handle of “Cookie.” An avid White-Sox fan, she enjoyed gardening and outside work.

Cookie is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Buffy Speirs and her three grandchildren, Levi, Cassidy and Tyler Speirs, all of Plymouth.

Also surviving are her parents, Thomas and Gwen Speirs, Plymouth, a paternal grandmother, Christina Speirs, Scotland, and a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Bernie Speirs, Cessna Park, Ill.

Michael Bobby, Cookie’s former husband and loving companion and Dorothy Bobby, her former mother-in-law and devoted friend, both of Plymouth, also survive, together with several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Friends may call to share their memories with her family from 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the New Oakhill Chapel at the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, will follow visitation at 3 p.m., June 6, 2002, in New Oakhill Chapel. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

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

Raymond LeRoy Stetler, 60, of 1008 Jackson Heights, Plymouth, died of natural causes, at 10:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2002, in St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Pete was born in Inwood, Ind., on November 9, 1942, the son of Raymond and Madeline (Lindsey) Stetler.

He graduated from Lincoln High School, Plymouth, Indiana.
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On January 25, 1986, Pete and Mona Dipert were married in the Inwood United Methodist Church.

He worked in production for Hoosier Tires for 22 years.

A NASCAR fan, he worked on race cars in his younger days. He enjoyed being with his family.

Pete is survived by his wife and by four step-daughters and a step-son. His daughters are Deana (Mark) Shields, Pope, Miss.; Amy (Stephen) Strickland, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Laurie (Billy) Landaw, South Bend, Ind.; and Jennifer Marie Gaines, Plymouth.

His step-son is Joey Gaines, also of Plymouth.

A step-brother, Jeff Stetle, Plymouth and a 2 step-sister Sue Sullivan, Linda Kern both of Inwood survive as well, together with 10 grandchildren.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents and Ambrose Jacobson, his step-father.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Pete will be in the funeral home on Thursday, December 5, 2002, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dean Snyder, pastor of the Community Church of God, Lapaz, Indiana will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Pete’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Society.

Anna “Jane” Stockberger

Anna “Jane” Stockberger, 87, a lifetime resident of Argos, died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2002 in the Life Care Center, Rochester. The former Railroad St. resident had been in failing health and had resided at Argos Garden Court for the past two years.

Born in Argos on June 15, 1915, she was the daughter of Frank M. and Pearl M. Bennett Wallace. She attended Argos schools.

On February 15, 1934 in Richland Center, Ind., she married Kenneth Sherman Stockberger; he preceded her in death on April 3, 1974.

Jane was a homemaker and thoroughly enjoyed caring for her large family including tasks like growing and canning their own vegetables. In earlier days she would find time for Square Dancing and always loved to watch her Hummingbirds.

She is survived by her three daughters, five sons, 20 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson. Her daughters are; M. Fern (Allen) Treesh and Pam J. (Jerry) Taylor of Plymouth and Judy K. Keck of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Her sons are; Wayne L. (Alice) Stockberger and Bill S. (Barb) Stockberger, of Argos, W. Ivy (Dorothy) Stockberger of Bald Knob, Ark., Carl D. (Tanya) Stockberger of Plymouth and Allen W. (Dreama) Stockberger of Warsaw.

A sister, Ruby Shively of Warsaw and two brothers, Frankie Wallace of Warsaw and Morris Wallace of Plymouth, survive along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her spouse, a son Merlin R. Stockberger, a granddaughter Ann.
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Stockberger and five brothers; Ray, Carl, Don, Kenny and Wayne Wallace.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27th in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 28th.

Burial will be in the Richland Center Cemetery, Richland Center, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

James L. “Jim” Stoops

James L. “Jim” Stoops, 46, living at 13473 Michigan Rd., Plymouth, has died. Before moving to Plymouth four years ago, he had lived in the South Bend – Mishawaka areas.

Jim died, following an unexpected illness, at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, November 28, 2002, in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Frankfort, Ind., on April 21, 1956, Jim was the son of William and Thelma Young Stoops. He is a 1974 graduate of LaVille High School.

On April 20, 2000, in Plymouth, Jim and Lynette L. Bronk were married.

He worked as a Sanitation Engineer for the Del Monte Corp. in Plymouth.

Known as a workaholic, he enjoyed spending time with his family and working outside.

A devout Christian, Jim was a member of the Christian Center in South Bend.

Jim is survived by his wife, Lynette, two daughters, Ashley Kay Stoops and Karisa Ann Stoops, both of Rochester, Ind., and a son, Joshua James Stoops, Plymouth.

A step-son and step-daughter, Gabriel M. and Celesta A. Torok, both of Plymouth, survive as well.

Jim’s mother and father also survive together with Edward D. (Melody) Stoops, a brother and Donita K. (Bill) Jarrell, a sister, all of Lake Wales, Fla.

His grandfather, Marvin J. Young, Sebring, Fla., several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews survive Jim’s death also.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers and a grandfather.

Visitation will be on Monday, December 2, 2002, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2002, in the funeral home. The Rev. Stefan Radelich, pastor of the Christian Center, will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the organization, Feed The Hungry.

Pearl A. Stutzman

Pearl A. Stutzman, 82, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, an area resident since Aug. of 1946, coming from South Bend, died, following an illness, at 9:40 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2002, in Walnut Creek Care Center, Plymouth.
Pearl was born on Sept. 16, 1919, in South Bend, Ind., the daughter of Herman F. and Ida M. Eichorst Wendt. She attended Riley High School in South Bend.

On August 3, 1936, in South Bend, Pearl and Daniel A. Stutzman were married. Daniel died on April 28, 1998, after almost 62 years together.

A homemaker, Pearl was a person with many varied interests. She enjoyed cross word puzzles, bowling and fishing, particularly in Wisconsin. At one time she had a large collection of match books, a favorite collectible, from her travels. She had visited many states, including a trip to Branson, Missouri.

Pearl is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard A. and Rosemary Stutzman, Crawfordsville, Ind., and by two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dan, a daughter, Connie A. Stutzman and a brother, Herman Wendt, Jr. and a sister Ruth Werntz.

Visitation with her family to celebrate her life will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home following visitation at 2 p.m. The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, of which Pearl was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Pearl’s memory may be made to the First United Church of Christ of Plymouth or Bourbon, or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Lillie Mae Harness Rhoade Sullivan

PLYMOUTH - Lillie Mae Harness Rhoade Sullivan, age 82, of Plymouth, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Aug. 17, 2002. She had been a patient at Miller’s Merry Manor in Plymouth after a brief illness.

She was born in Starke County on Feb. 14, 1920, the “valentine daughter” of the late Sylvester Bert and Laura Pearl (Stutsman) Harness.

Lillie was the valedictorian of the Grovertown High School Class of 1939. She married Donald (Tom) Eugene Rhoade on Nov. 25, 1944, at Pretty Lake; he preceded her in death in 1955. She married Ronald (Rocky) Lee Sullivan on Dec. 5, 1959, in the Inwood Methodist Church; he preceded her in death in 1987.

She worked several years as a cashier at Merriman’s Grocery Store in Plymouth; after her marriage to Ronald Sullivan, she became a full-time homemaker and business farm manager.

"Lil" was a member of the Inwood United Methodist Church and a former member of the National Rural Letter Carriers’ Association Auxiliary. She was an active leader in the Camp Fire Girls’ program of Plymouth and actively involved at Epworth Forest Church Camp earlier in her life. She was also an enthusiastic member of several bowling leagues for many years. She spent the past several winters in Avon Park, Fla., enjoying the warm weather and group activities.

Lil enjoyed traveling, Dr. Robert Schuller, Bob Barker, gardening, catfish and chicken wings, sewing and was an AVID sports fan--Scott Skiles was her hero!
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She is survived by one daughter, Janet Rhoad of Colon, Mich.; one sister, Ruby (Miller) Pendell of Ravenna, Mich.; three sisters-in-law, Venus Lindsey of Argos, Lovette Roahrig of Inwood and Margery Rhoad of Plymouth; three brothers-in-law, Dale Sullivan of Monticello, Robert Sullivan of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Russell Pletcher of South Bend; several nieces and nephews; special friends Alta Shively of Inwood and Edna Elliott of Plymouth, and “the best neighbors you could ever hope for.”

Lil was preceded in death by four brothers: Woodrow (Pat), William, Frank and Lawrence and two sisters, Omega Dettmer and Hazel (Kuchel) Davis.

Visitation will be held at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002.

Funeral services celebrating the life of Lillie Rhoad Sullivan will be held in the funeral home at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 2002. There will be visitation two hours prior to the service. Pastor Michael Dixon will officiate. Interment will take place in Bremen.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Inwood United Methodist Church, 11211 Hawthorn Road, Plymouth, 46563, or to the Salvation Army. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Lydia D. Taber

Lydia D. Taber, 80, 2124 N. Michigan St., a resident of Plymouth since 1942, coming from North Judson, died at 1 a.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2002. Lee died, following an extended illness, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born on May 22, 1921, in North Judson, the daughter of Sam and Pia Landi Seghetti, Lee graduated from North Judson High School.

On April 11, 1942, in North Judson, she and Raymond C. Taber were married. Ray died on May 13, 1986.

She was a homemaker and a devoted mother to their two daughters and loving grandchildren.

In earlier years, Lee enjoyed swimming, dancing and continued to enjoy playing duplicate bridge. She crocheted, knitted and was an excellent cook and pie baker.

A volunteer for the Marshall County Red Cross, Lee was a former member of Delta Theta Tau. A member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Lee had been active in the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Her family members are: Donna Rae and Robert Whitmer, Plymouth, Janet E. and Roger Leap, Converse, Ind., and their daughter, granddaughter Kelsey Lydia Leap, a Ball State University student, and grandson, Chad Raymond Leap, a student at Indiana University, Kokomo.

A brother, Bruno Seghetti and a sister, Ann Spenner, both of North Judson, and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2002, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A Mass of Christian Burial will follow visitation at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth, at 1 p.m. on Friday. The Rev. Father Anthony Gillespie will officiate.
Bonita Irene Thomas, 64, 707 Jackson Heights Road, Plymouth, died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., at 7:14 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2002. Known to her family and friends as "Bonnie," she had been in fragile health since 1989. A Plymouth area resident most of her life, she also had lived in Kewanna and Monterey, Ind.

Bonnie was born on July 30, 1937, in Monterey, Ind., the daughter of Everett E. and Bonnie Bell Hedges Lowe. She attended Monterey and Culver schools.

She made her home with her long-time, loving companion, William "Bill" Hoppe.

For many years Bonnie waitressed in local restaurants. For nearly 20 years, until her health deteriorated, she worked as Laundry Supervisor in Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Bonnie enjoyed country music and visits over coffee with family and friends. She loved her children and grandchildren and was involved with their many activities.

A member of the Methodist faith, she was a former member of the Women of the Moose and the American legion Auxiliary # 27.

In addition to Bill Hoppe, Bonnie is survived by two daughters, a son, three step-sons and two step-daughters.

They are: daughters; Debbie and Rod Shock, Houghton Lake, Michigan, and Daryla Monesmith, Warsaw, Ind. Her son is Douglas and Vicky Harmon, LaPaz, Ind.

Step-sons are: Robert L. Thomas, Koontz Lake, Ind., Brian and Jo Etta Hoppe, Plymouth, Ind., and William T. Hoppe, South Bend, Ind. The step-daughters are Anita and Larry Boetsma, Culver, Ind., and Susan Sheehan, Plymouth.

Sixteen grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews also survive, together with a sister, Virginia Adams, El Cajun, Calif., a brother, Alfred "Bud" Lowe, Cassopolis, Mich., Janet (Mrs. Harold) Lowe, a sister-in-law, Rochester, Ind., and Don Thompson, a brother-in-law, Knox, Ind..

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, three sister and three brothers. The sisters are Eleanor Rubarts Marjorie Sellers and Erma Jean Thompson. The brothers are Harold, Everett, Jr., and Lawrence Lowe.

Visitation with Bonnie’s family will be from 3 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, 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 Bonnie’s memory may be made to the Leukemia Society of America.
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Eileen J. Thomas, 81, a longtime resident of 700 Lincoln St. Plymouth, died at the family home of her daughter Cheryl, Sunday at 2:15 p.m. She had been in the care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Plymouth, on April 5, 1921, she is the daughter of Russell D. and Ollie F. Webster Shearer. She was a 1939 graduate of West High School.

On January 24, 1942, in Plymouth, Eileen married Lester L. Thomas who survives. She was a devoted mother and homemaker, always helpful to family and friends and enjoyed cooking and gardening. An avid Plymouth sports fan, she and Les could be seen quite often at various events.

Eileen was a faithful member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include her spouse of sixty years, two daughters; Cheryl S. (Michael) Mertes of Plymouth and Patricia A. (Mark) Schutts of Mishawaka and one son; Matthew S. (Stacy) Thomas of Terre Haute, Ind. along with six granddaughters, three grandsons, three great granddaughters and four great grandsons. Two sisters; Gwen (David) Scheetz of Plymouth and Jeanette Doran of Parma Heights, Ohio and one brother; Dewey (Phyllis) Shearer of North Webster, Ind. together with several nieces and nephews also survive.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents and one son Michael Thomas in August of 1969.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 10th in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St. A gathering of family and friends will be held immediately following services in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Interment will take place in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Eileen’s name may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Church.

Mary Virginia Thomas, 80, died as a result of an extended illness at 3:05 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2002. Mary died at her home, 12328 W. 11th Rd., Plymouth, in the dedicated care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice.

She was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Milton and Angela McLochlin Bottorff Aug. 5, 1921. She graduated from West High School with the class of 1940.

On Jan. 2, 1947, in the Divine Heart Seminary, Donaldson, Mary and Howard A. “Tony” Thomas were married.

A devoted wife and mother, Mary was a homemaker. She loved antiquing and going to garage sales. She had scores of baskets and angels, collected or given her as gifts through the years.

A member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Mary served as treasurer of the P.T.A. when her children attended St. Michael’s parochial school. She always volunteered to help with various school and church projects.

Mary is survived by Tony, her husband of 55 years and by their three daughters and twin sons.
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Her daughters are: Victoria Thomas, Teresa J. and Donald Campbell and Annette M. Thomas, all of Plymouth.

Her sons: Michael A. Thomas and Paul M. and Veronica Thomas, also of Plymouth, survive together with five grandchildren.

A brother, Dr. John Bottorff, Sr., Plymouth, survives also with several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Robert, Thomas and Joseph Bottorff.

A celebration of her life and memorable times will be shared during visits with her family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be said at 8 p.m., following visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 625 N. Center Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 22, 2002, at 10 a.m. Fr. Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Mary’s of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, Culver, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mary’s memory may be made to St. Michael’s Church or the Marshall County Hospice.

Carmella R. Tondola, 66, living on Plum Street, has died of natural causes, May 18, 2002 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana. Carmella is a former resident of Chicago, Illinois, and the daughter of the late John and Mary (Calabrese) Tondola, born February 29, 1936.

Carmella is survived by her two sons, Joseph and Michael Aguirre, two grandchildren Alexa and Anthony and three sisters Theresa and (Richard) Schmidt, Mary Ann and (John) Barlog, Susan and (Michael) Doronzo and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be held from 3 to 9 P.M. on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at Richard-Midway Funeral Home, 5749 Archer Ave. Chicago, Illinois.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, May 23, 2002 in Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Burial will be in the Mount Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois.

Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, Indiana is in charge of local arrangements.

Leslie T. Urbanek, 57, of 11217 10th Road, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 9:50 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002.

Leslie, the son of Thaddeus E. and Virginia E. Simon Urbanek, was born in Chicago, Ill., on May 1, 1945. He graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School in Chicago, Ill.

Never married, Leslie enjoyed following politics, working on cars and collecting stamps.

He was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth.
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Surviving his death are three sisters: Luane V. and Joe Williams, Copper Canyon, Texas; Lorelee A. and Jim Boyd, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; and Lynette C. Noell, Peace Corp., Armenia.

Several nieces and nephews also survive his death.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Tuesday August 13, 2002 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Plymouth, with Father William Kummer officiating.

Memorial gifts in Leslie’s memory may be made to St. Joseph’s Health Center, Plymouth.

Cecelia Rose Veclotch

Cecelia Rose Veclotch, 84, died, following an extended illness, at 6:41 p.m. in John F. Kennedy Hospital in Lake Worth, Fla., on Monday, March 11, 2002. She had been a resident of Lake Worth, for over 25 years, coming from Lake of the Woods/Bremen, Indiana area.

Cecelia was born on Sept. 29, 1917, in Plymouth, Ind. She was the daughter of George and Anna Christine Sester Emenaker. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1935.

On May 4, 1944, in Plymouth, Cecelia and Andrew J. Veclotch were married. Andrew died a little more than two years ago, on Feb. 21, 2000.

A devoted wife, Cecelia co-owned and operated Veclotch’s Resort and Lodge with her husband at the Lake of the Woods, near Bremen, Ind. a very popular family spot for many years.

She was a member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, and in Lake Worth, the Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church.

Cecelia is survived by two brothers-in-law: Harold W. Price and Dr. John M. Bottorff, Sr., both of Plymouth. Several nieces and nephews also survive, along with care-giver and long time friend Josephine Lawrence of Lake Worth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and five siblings. They are: two brothers, Louis and George Emenaker and three sisters: Frances Myers, Carol Bottorff and Regina Price.

Visitation with her family will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Father Emmanuel Chikezie, associate pastor of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2002, in the church.

Burial will be in St. Michael’s Catholic Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Cecelia’s memory may be made to the St. Michael’s Mission 2000 Project Fund, c/o 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN 46563

Bertha Mae Wallskog

Bertha Mae Wallskog, living at 1323 Lake Ave., Plymouth since 1955, died of natural causes, at 4:10 a.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2002. Bertha died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center,
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Plymouth. A lifetime Marshall County resident, she was 91 years old.

Born in her family’s North Township home near LaPaz, on May 29, 1911, she was the daughter of Benjamin and Dora Brown Kaser and attended North Township's Waner School in rural LaPaz.

On June 26, 1928, in LaPaz, Bertha and Russell E. Wallskog were united in marriage. Married 66 years, Russell died on January 22, 1994.

During the depression, the Wallskogs owned and operated a neighborhood grocery at the corner of Pierce & Walnut Streets in Plymouth. She worked at the Kingsbury Munitions plant during World War II and later at Joyner's Manufacturing in Bourbon as well as clerking for various retail stores in Plymouth.

She was an avid Bingo player. She enjoyed playing old time music by ear on the piano and organ.

Bertha had attended the First United Church of Christ, Plymouth, and was a member of the Women of the Moose.

She is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Her surviving daughter is Janet I. (Richard A.) Born of Plymouth.

A granddaughter, Jennifer J. (Keith) Nordstrom of Indianapolis, survives, together with two grandsons: Brady R. Born, Aurora, Colo., and R. Samuel (Kristie) Hendricks, Park City, Ky.

A sister, Ruth Fall, Plymouth, and a son-in-law, Robert Hendricks, Crawfordsville, Ind., along with numerous nieces and nephews also survive as well.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter, Esther M. Hendricks, Brett A. Born, a grandson and four brothers and three sisters.

Friends are invited to celebrate her life with her family from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1, 2003. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Liechty will officiate.

Burial will be in the Fair Cemetery, North Liberty, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Bertha's memory may be made to the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., where she had recently resided, c/o P.O. Box 1 Union Road, Donaldson, IN 46513.

Louise Walz

Ninety-year-old Louise Walz, an active and vibrant lady living in the Bremen Manor Retirement Apartments, 515 S. Whitlock, Bremen, died of natural causes at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, in the Bremen Health Care Center.

Born in Genoa, Ohio, the daughter of Peter and Daisy Draper Gackstetter on Feb. 6, 1912, Louise graduated from East Tawas High School, East Tawas, Mich.

Married to Theron S. Walz in Bay City, Mich., Louise was a housewife and mother. In addition to those duties she was an operator for Bell Telephone in East Tawas and operated her own beauty shop in East Tawas and Bay City, Mich. She worked at one time as a secretary for Dow
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Chemical Co., Midland, Mich., and in her retirement she drove a school bus for the Bay City Public Schools.

As if those activities weren’t enough, Louise was an avid golfer and former member and past president of the Sebring Florida Women’s Golf Association. She enjoyed sewing and creating hooked rugs.

Louise is survived by William Gackstetter, her brother of East Tawas, Mich., and a niece, Rose M. Shoemaker of Bremen, Ind. Numerous other nieces, nephews and friends will also be among those who miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Theron, who died in 1983, and their son, Gene Chris Walz.

Three brothers: Lewis, John and Rollie Gackstetter and two sisters, Marie Schuler and Luella Anderson have also died.

Louise’s burial will take place at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Arrangements are being made by the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

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

Sister Theresa Wappel

Donaldson, Ind. - Sister Teresa Wappel, 86, a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, died at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on May 29, 1916, she was the daughter of Frank and Teresa Graf Wappel. She entered the convent on June 25, 1934 and professed her first vows two years later on June 25, 1936.

An educator, she held a master’s degree in education. Sister Teresa was an elementary school teacher in parochial schools in Indiana and Illinois for 51 years. She served as a principal for seven years.

In Indiana she taught in Gary at St. Ann and St. Mark. For 11 years she was at St. Monica’s in Mishawaka. She also taught at St. Mary’s in Hammond and at St. Catherine’s in Siena.

She taught in Chicago at St. Henry’s, Angel Guardian and St. Augustine’s. In Belleville, she was at St. John’s and in Edwardsville at St. Boniface.

In 1990, Sister Teresa retired at the Catherine Kasper Home.

She is survived by John Wappel, a brother in Westwood, MA., and by several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, from 4:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Catherine Kasper Home.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Teresa will be officiated by the Rev. Edward Konerman, S.J., at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002, in the Catherine Kasper Chapel. Interment will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Ind.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind, is in charge of the arrangements.
Colleen Louise Warner

Colleen Louise Warner, 50, a former resident of Plymouth and Wabash, Ind., and living at 1729 Bancroft Ave., Rochester, Ind., since last July, died at 6:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2002. Colleen died in Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, from complications arising from heart surgery ten days prior.

Born in Plymouth on March 27, 1952, Colleen was born the daughter of Oma (Back) and Charles Warner, Sr. She attended school at LaVille and David, Kentucky, after which she completed some college course study.

Colleen worked in nursing home care and in area restaurants until her health would no longer allow her to continue over the past ten years.

She was intrigued by computer science, she built several units for her family and would spend countless hours exploring their capabilities. She enjoyed dancing, cooking and music. She had a collection of clowns and music boxes.

She was a member of the Church of God.

Colleen is survived by her mother, Oma L. Slone of Rochester a sister, Penny J. Fisher of Bourbon and three brothers: Robert L. and Dixie Warner and Nick Warner, all of Plymouth, and Charles Jr. and Adrea Warner, of Freeport, Ill.

Several nieces and nephews also survive, together with Greg Robinette, her longtime companion from Wabash, Ind.

Colleen was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Christopher, and Greenville Slone, her step-father.

Visitation with the family will be from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Colleen will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2002, in the funeral home with the Rev. Mike Dittmer, pastor of the Family Bible Fellowship of Walkerton officiating. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

John Robert "Bob" Webster

Lifetime Plymouth resident, John Robert “Bob” Webster, 89, 439 Charles St., died of natural causes after a one year illness, at 6 a.m. on Friday, December 27, 2002. Bob died in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Born in West township on October 3, 1913, Bob was the son of John Richard and Bessie Dee Webster. He attended Plymouth High School.

On May 14, 1949, in Logansport, Ind., Bob and Lois Jean Cook were married.

For 35 years Bob drove for the Indiana Motor Bus Company. During all of that time, he never had a chargeable accident.

He loved gardening and yard work. He was an expert at refinishing antique furniture and did chair caning as a hobby.
Bob was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Twenty-seven years ago, Bob had quadruple by-pass heart surgery, the first to be performed in South Bend and was a member of the Mended Heart Club.

Bob is survived by Lois, his wife of 53 years and a son, Gary L. (Louise) Webster, Noblesville, Ind.

Three granddaughters, a grandson, and two great grandsons also survive. The granddaughters are: Dr. Emily (Marc) Szewczyk, and their sons Paul & Evan, of Indianapolis; Lisa (Ryan) Moore and Erin Webster and grandson Joseph Webster, all of Noblesville, Ind.

Of the 17 siblings in Bob's family, two sisters Evelyn Claeys, Bremen, and Phyllis Cook, Goshen, survive together with R. Clarence Webster, a brother, living in Plymouth.

A brother-in-law, Dr. Theodore Decker and a sister-in-law, Leona Webster, both of Plymouth, plus numerous nephews and nieces survive as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 14 brothers and sisters.

Visitation with family and friends will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 30, 2002, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart or Lung Associations.

Howard P. "John", Jr Weedling, 67, a Plymouth resident most of his life, died, at 5:39 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2002, having been diagnosed with cancer this past year. John died at his residence, 402 E. Adams St., Plymouth. His death is under investigation by the Marshall County Coroner.

He was born in Plymouth on Oct. 21, 1934, the son of Howard P., Sr., and Nellie Eloise Eaton Weedling.

A graduate of Plymouth High School with the class of 1952, John served in the Army National Guard from 1955 to 1961.

On Nov. 28, 1953, in Plymouth, he and Sandra K. Craig were married. Sandra died a little over two years ago, on May 20, 2000.

He used to say of himself that he was "a barber by trade." He had his own shop, John's Barber Shop, and cut hair over a period of 25 years. He also worked for R & J Manufacturing a division of Hoosier Racing Tires.

John loved speed. He enjoyed NASCAR racing. He raced stock cars at the Plymouth Speedway and participated in the Demo Derby and in motorcycle racing. He also enjoyed camping with his young family and hunting and fishing in the local lakes, particularly, Cook Lake.

He had been a member of the First United Church of Christ.
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John is survived by a son and three daughters. His son is: Jeff L. and Shirley Weedling, Mooresville, Ind. His daughters are: Terry L. and Roger Keller, Argos, Barb J. Biggs, of Lapaz and Kimberly K. and James Van Overberghe, North Liberty.

Thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

Clayton Thomas, John’s step-father of Lapaz, and Shirley and Bill Sweeten, a sister, of Donley, Texas, survive as well.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse, and an infant sister, Carol Jean.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Thursday, June 6, 2002, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Helen A. White

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Helen A. White, 73, who has resided for the past 12 years at the home of her son, Jack, and his family, 17429 Tomahawk Trail, Plymouth, died of natural causes following an extended illness, at 11:11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Helen came to Plymouth from West Virginia and was formerly of Ligonier, Ind.

She was born in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, on April 30, 1928, the daughter of E.A. and Ida Mae Binnion Carrol. She attended Leewood Junior/Senior High School.

In April, 1945, in Cabin Creek, Helen and Robert E. White, a veteran of WWII, were married. Robert died on April 25, 1974.

In Ligonier, Helen worked for the Ligonier Rubber Company doing work for the automotive industry. Later she was a nurses aide for nursing homes in West Virginia, near Charleston.

Helen had an extensive doll collection which included dolls and angels of all types. A green thumb gardener, she spent a great deal of quality time with her grandchildren.

Helen is survived by four sons and two daughters and their families.

Her sons are: Robert E. and Mary White, Cabin Creek, W. Va.; Roger L. and Alma White, Charleston, W. Va., and Jefferey A. White and Jack W. and Priscilla White, all of Plymouth.

Her daughters are: Sandra K. and Raymond Cook, Charleston, W. Va., and Pamela S. and Brandon Eidson, Goshen, Ind.

Nineteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren survive together with one brother, E.A. Carrol, Jr., of Globe, Arizona.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, spouse, two grandsons: Trenton Andrew White and Joey Beverly. One sister, Mildred Carrol has also died.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, in the funeral home,
Joanne Therese Winter, 69, 1709 Westgate Ave., Plymouth, a 44-year resident of the city, coming from the Chicago area, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 11:10 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002.

One of the lovely things she will be remembered for is her love of, and pride in, her children and grandchildren. Her caring for others, so moved her family, as to enroll her in the American Red Cross Donor Program following her sudden death.

Born in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Elmer and Hildegard Hanley Knudsen on Oct. 13, 1933, she graduated from Chicago Vocational High School with the class of 1951.

On May 26, 1951, in Chicago, Joanne and William E. Winter were married. Bill was an accomplished Plymouth photographer for many years and Joanne was his faithful assistant. An artist in her own right, one of her accomplishments was, before the advent of color photography, to color with oil paints, black and white photographs. Her husband Bill died on Nov. 21, 1998.

Over the past 23 years Joanne assisted her daughter with the daycare center she provided in her home.

A handy person, she enjoyed painting still life pictures with water colors. She enjoyed shopping and respite at the family’s Myers Lake property.

She was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth and the Women of the Moose #1355.

Joanne is survived by two sons, a daughter and their families. The sons are William Joseph (Ellen) Winter, Baton Rouge, La.; and Daniel Edward (Deborah) Winter, Valparaiso, Ind. Her daughter is Therese A. (Eugene) Ley, Plymouth.

Six beloved grandchildren also survive. They are: Daniel P. and Emily W. Ley, Plymouth; William R. and Matthew D. Winter, Baton Rouge, La.; Benjamin R. and Mark D. Winter, of Valparaiso, Ind.

Six nieces and three nephews survive as well.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, Andrew Winter, a grandson and James Knudsen, a brother.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services on Wednesday in the church.

A Rosary will be said for Joanne at 12:15 p.m. on Wed, Nov. 13, 2002, at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.

The Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by the Fr. Emmanuel Chikezie, will be held at St.
Michael’s at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002.

Burial will be in St. Michael’s Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Joanne’s memory may be made to the St. Michael’s Capital Development Fund or to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Albert E. "Bud" Woldman

Albert E. "Bud" Woldman, 73, died at 1:58 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, following a sudden illness. Bud has lived at 805 Baker St., Lot 17, for the past 12 years, coming from Elmhurst, Ill. He and his wife Tracy have spent the past several winters at Bonita Springs, Fla.

Bud was born in Chicago on Dec. 8, 1928, the son of Edwin Peter and Grace Jager Woldman. He attended Chicago Christian High School.

Following school, Bud worked as a career lithographer over a period of 40 years; both for the Newman-Rudolph Lithograph Co. of Chicago and during the Korean War, while stationed in Germany where he printed maps. He retired in 1987.

Bud was proud to have served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953.

On Dec. 8, 1950, in the 1st Reformed Church of Berwyn, Ill., he took Tracy Herlien as his bride.

Bud and Tracy loved to bowl and roller skate as a couple. Self taught, he became an accomplished musician who first played the accordion, soon the piano and then the organ much to the delight of his family and friends. He enjoyed Gospel music and was an enthusiastic Chicago Cubs fan. The couple enjoyed travel, Bud loved the mountains and spent much time visiting and hiking in the Colorado Rockies.

He sang bass in the Trinity United Methodist choir and he and Tracy were known to many as they delivered “Meals on Wheels” for over 10 years.

Bud is survived by his devoted wife and their children and grandchildren. Daughter Beverly R. Woldman (Patrick J.) Woods, Plymouth, and their children, Christine P., Gregory A. and Matthew R. Woods; son Edward A. Woldman, Elmhurst, Ill. and his twin daughters, Alison Rae and Carrie Ann Woldman; and daughter Debra L. Woldman and friend, Lynda Stickelmaier, who Bud and Tracy considered to be their adopted daughter, both of Warrenville, Ill.

Two sisters, Evelyn (Dan) Teune, Willowbrook, Ill., and Janet Braun, N. Riverside, Ill., numerous nieces and nephews and a much-loved church family survive Bud’s death as well.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Visitation with the family will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002 from 3 to 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. EST on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, 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 in Bud’s memory may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church.
Walter Woolley, 87, a lifetime Marshall County resident, died of natural causes in Walnut Creek Nursing Center, 309 Kingston Dr., Plymouth, at 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, June 20, 2002.

Walter, the son of Arthur T. and Lilly Truex Woolley, was born in Culver, Ind., on Sept. 19, 1914. He attended Plymouth schools.

On Nov. 2, 1941, in Niles, Mich., Walter and Dorothy M. Birk were married.

Walter was a machinist. He retired from Torrington Company in South Bend in 1969 after many years as a highly accomplished worker.

He enjoyed camping and was a former member of the Good Sam Camping Association. He loved gardening and was an avid wood worker. He was a former member also of the Plymouth Moose Lodge, #741.

Dorothy, Walter’s devoted wife of nearly 61 years, survives, together with their two sons and daughters-in-law: Ronald E. and Carolyn Woolley and Terry L. and Mary Woolley and their daughter, Gloria and her husband Bill Espich, all of Plymouth.

Six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and Ruth Woolley, his step-mother, survive as well.

Also surviving are four sisters and four brothers. The sisters are: Helen Swanson, Rochester, Ind., Erma Weiger, Culver, Ind., Alma Watkins and Deloris Rowlands, both of Lafayette, Ind.

His brothers are: Willard Woolley, Naples, Fla., Donald Woolley, Tepe, Ariz., and Delbert and Kenneth Woolley, both of California.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Hazel Woolley and Thelma Thomas, a brother, Robert and a granddaughter, Amanda Marie Woolley.

Visitation with the family to celebrate the life of Walter Woolley will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2002, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services in the funeral home, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2002.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Walter’s name may be made toward cancer research.

Devon Lee Yockey, 55, of 309 Kingston Dr., a Plymouth resident most of his life, died, following an extended illness, at 10:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, in Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Ind.

Devon was born in Plymouth on March 31, 1947, the son of Elwyn Lamar and Irene Elaine Ritchey Yockey. A 1965 graduate of Plymouth High School, he earned a B.S. in Music at Indiana State University and a Master’s degree in Music from Miami University, Miami, Ohio, where he was a Graduate Assistant.

During college he was a sales representative for Selmer Clarinet. He taught marching and symphonic band at Zanesville, Ohio, and later, managed an L&K restaurant both in Ohio and in
Devon directed the LaVille-North Liberty Community choir for 13 years. He was Choir Director both at the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church and the Sumption Prairie Methodist Church.

For a number of years, Devon was a sales representative for Shirk’s Music in Mishawaka and Hedman’s Music in South Bend and Elkhart.

Always involved in music, Devon was a member of the Sojourner’s Quartet. For years, he was the coordinator of the bands for the South Bend Ethnic Festival and had also assisted with the bands at the Marshall County Blueberry Festival.

Devon is survived by his mother, Irene E. Yockey and by his sister and her husband, Rita Mae and Larry Thornton, all of Plymouth.

Three nieces, also of Plymouth, survive as well. They are: Jessica and James Clements and their daughter, Kiara; Jennifer Thornton; and Julie and Jason White and their son Rilee.

Devon was preceded in death by his father, Elwyn and a sister, Beverly Ann Yockey, and a niece, JoAnn Thornton.

Visitation with Devon’s family will be on Friday, April 19, 2002, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday, April 20th.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church where Devon was a member, will be in the church, 10532 4 B Road, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 20, 2002, at 10 a.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Devon’s memory may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation or the Shiloh Wesleyan Church.

Likable and respected former manager of Yoder’s Sports Center store, Newell W. Yoder, 84, has died. Newell, a lifetime resident of this area, died, following an extended illness, at 10:20 p.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2002, at his home, 12590 11B Rd., in the care of his family.

Born in Nappanee, Ind., on Sept. 2, 1917, he was the son of Jesse and Mary Myers Yoder. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1935.

On July 9, 1939, in Davenport, Iowa, Newell and Patricia “Pat” Hartman were married.

For nine years, Newell worked as an agent out of the U.S. Census Bureau’s Chicago office. He managed the popular sporting goods store from 1970 to 1989.

He was an avid reader and loved Big Band music, especially Jazz. He followed all of the Plymouth sports teams and enjoyed watching his professional teams: the Chicago Bears, Bulls and Cubs. He was an outdoorsman, appreciating nature and her creatures. He liked to fish, garden and spend time with his family.

A member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Newell was a two-term Center Township Trustee. He was a life-long member of Phi Delta Kappa and the Plymouth Moose Lodge No.
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741. In the early 1970s, he helped organize the Plymouth Summer Basketball League.

Newell is survived by Pat, his wife of sixty-three years, and by their four sons and two daughters.

His sons are: Stephen K. and Marcia Yoder, Fishers, Ind.; Jeffrey L. and Phillip A. Yoder, both of Plymouth and James N. and Betty Yoder, Bremen.

His daughters are Kristy K. and Louis Spaid, Wheatland, Wyo., and Nickie A. and Dennis Weidner, Plymouth.

Nineteen grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson, also survive.

Ward Yoder, a brother, Plymouth, and Dorothy Holland, a sister-in-law, living in Ft. Wayne, together with several nieces and nephews, survive as well.

Newell was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren, a great-grandchild; Maynard Yoder, a brother, and Mary Jane Emond, a sister.

Friends are invited to celebrate his life and share in his memory at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2002.

A memorial service will be held on that evening at 7 p.m., following visitation at the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate.

Interment will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

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Lucinda E. York

Lucinda E. “Linda” York, 93, 730 School St. Culver, died at 2:10 a.m. Tuesday, October 29th of natural causes. She had resided at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver since 1994 and previously had been a long time resident of Hamilton Grove Village in New Carlisle, Indiana.

Born on January 30, 1909, near Tyner, Indiana in Polk Township, Lucinda was one of ten children in the Watson S. and Mary Alice Andrews York family. She graduated from Tyner High School in the Class of 1927 and was raised a member of the Tyner United Methodist Church.

Following high school, Lucinda became the “Nanny” for the Davies Family of South Bend, Indiana, caring for the children and household for several years. She then moved to Connecticut, taking with her the talents she had developed and went to work as a seamstress for the Berger Garment Company of New Haven and retired after 25 years of service.

Lucinda enjoyed life, family and friends, with whom she remained in close contact. She spent several winters in Sarasota, Florida. She loved being by the sea where her artistic ability was peaked through oil and acrylic paintings of seascapes, nature, flowers and birds. Most members of her family have one or two as a keepsake of her interests.

Survivors include one sister, Beulah Y. Philbrook of Elkhart, Ind. and two brothers; Welcome “Frank” York of Lebanon, Ind. and Charles J. York of Franklin, Ind. and his wife Ruth; and a brother-in-law; Willard Burkholder of Tyner. Numerous nieces and nephews into the fourth generation of the York Family also survive.

Preceding her in death were five sisters; Hazel J. Ellis, E. Merle White, Cecile R. Raffay,
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Mildred A. Baker and Winnifred N. Burkholder. One brother Aaron Wilbur York also has died.

Family services will take place at a future date with burial in the Tyner Cemetery. Memorial gifts in Lucinda’s name may be made to Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

Arthur H. "Art" Yung

Arthur H. “Art” Yung, 64, a resident of 6780 St. Road 17, Plymouth, died Thursday at 11 a.m. in his residence following a cancer related illness. Art had lived in Plymouth since 1976 coming from Starke County.

Born in Summerville, Mich., on December 26, 1937, Art is the son of Raymond and Hazle C. Dickeson Yung. He attended schools in Niles, Michigan and Grovertown, Ind.

On June 7, 1958, at the Eagle Creek Church in Starke County, Art married Martha L. Schoff.

Art never quite left his first love of farming behind, even after 30 years as a truck driver for the Plymouth Fertilizer Co. He collected anything John Deere and enjoyed working with livestock, especially the Quivey Farms Belgium horses.

He was a member of the First United Church of Christ, Plymouth for over 25 years. Art loved being with his family and had been involved with his children in 4H and school projects.

Surviving with his wife Martha are their children; two daughters Janis M. Weldon of Plymouth, Sheri L. Yung and fiancé Jeff Mora of Culver and two sons; Carl H. Yung and fiancé Rachelle Hall of Plymouth and Kenneth C. Yung and wife Jackie also of Plymouth.

Art cherished his six grandchildren; Jon, Chris and Raymond Haines, Zachary and Melissa Yung and Brian Mora. One brother also survives, Leo R. (Sandra) Yung of Hamlet, Ind.

Preceding Art in death were his parents, a sister Hazel R. Yung and a niece Candy Stailey.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29th from 3 – 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth and one hour prior to the 11 a.m. services in the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St. Plymouth. The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor’s choice.

Geraldine Zimmerman

Geraldine Zimmerman, 76, a resident of 125 Elliott Ave. Plymouth, died at her home following a cancer related illness, at 3:35 p.m. Friday, August 23, 2002, in the care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Bourbon on December 16, 1925, she was a twin daughter of Charles H. and Della Mae Whitemore Amones. She attended the Inwood school, Tyner and graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School in the Class of 1944.

On September 17, 1950 in Plymouth, she married Robert D. “Bob” Zimmerman, who survives. They were winter residents to Avon Park, Florida for 22 years.

Geraldine had worked for Meck Industries of Plymouth, from 1944 – 1957. She was a homemaker who along with her husband took great care of their property and landscaping. Together they enjoyed the annual hunt for mushrooms in the State of Michigan for over 20
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She attended the Faith Baptist Church of Plymouth and an active member of the R4U Seb Deb Club.

Survivors include her husband Bob, two sisters; Beatrice Anders and Mildred Shively both of Plymouth and a brother Harold (Betty) Amones of Bixby, Oklahoma. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Geraldine was preceded in death by brothers Donald, Gerald, Eldon, Dwain and Charles Amones, her twin sister, Donna Jean Brundige and sisters Venus Chenowith and Margaret Ames.

Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2002 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. The Rev. Dr. Paul Loder, pastor of Faith Baptist church will officiate.

Entombment will follow in the New Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Geraldine’s memory may be made to the Marshall Co. Hospice, the Church or the Cancer Fund.