Frederick D. Cook

Robert (Fred) D. Cook, 70, of 101 North Liberty Street, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 3:10 p.m. at the Hospice House in South Bend, Indiana.

He was born on September 27, 1934 in Goshen, Indiana to George and Dorothy (McCloskey) Cook. Fred married Sandra Snyder, in Plymouth, on October 9, 1955.

Fred was a member of the Eagles, American Legion Post #27, and the V.F.W. Post #1162 all of Plymouth. He was in the Indiana National Guard for ten years. He worked for Cook Brothers Furniture.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; their daughter, Nancy Jo and Craig Belting of Osceola; their sons, Fred (Dan) and Lori Cook of Jackson, Tennessee, and James (Jim) Cook of Plymouth; his brothers, Dick and Mary Evelyn Cook of Plymouth and Donald and Eileen Cook of Rochester; and his sister, Joyce and Dave Roseberry of Walkerton, Indiana. Also surviving are five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Helen; and his brother, G. Edward.

Services will be held Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 10:30 a.m at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Douglas Jividen officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 5, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 112 South Center Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Mary Hope Winenger

Mary Hope Winenger, 90, of 402 Weidner Street, Argos, Indiana, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 3:15 p.m., at Goshen Hospital in Goshen, Indiana.

She was born on December 20, 1914 in Green Township, Marshall County, to Jacob and Elva (Bowen) Mechling. Mary married Alfred J. Winenger on June 30, 1933. He passed away in 1989.

Mary helped her husband, as a secretary, in his office, with the Marshall Farmers Mutual and also helped him when he was the Green Township Trustee.

She was a member of the Jordan Baptist Church in Argos and the Green Township Home Makers Club.

She is survived by her sons, Dwight and Eva Winenger of Desert Hot Springs, California and James Winenger of Plymouth; her daughters, Mary and Jerry Becker of Argos and Bonnie and Robert Rice of Milford, Indiana. Also surviving are eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Arley Mitchum and the Rev. Tom Tupps officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 4, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.
The family requests that memorial contributions be given to The Jordan Baptist Church, 11447 19th Road, Argos, Indiana, 46501.

Edward J. Woodward

Monday, January 03, 2005


Edward was born on January 12, 1921, to William E. and Frances (Carpenter) Woodward at Delong, Indiana. He was married to Phoebe Wertz in 1942. She preceded him in death in 1979. He then married Carol Kuhn. She preceded him in death in 1992.

He is survived by his son: Daniel E. (Peggy) Woodward of Fort Bragg, California; daughter: Jane A. Woodward of Berkley, California; brother: Richard Y. Woodward of Culver, Indiana; sisters: Lucille Bennett of Bremen, Indiana, Pauline Archambeault of Orland, California, Gayla Morris of Palm Springs, California, and Violet Mikesell and Susanna Kemple of Culver, Indiana; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Friday, January 7, 2005, from 9:30 - 11:00AM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Services will follow at 11:00AM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery with veteran's rites conducted at the graveside by Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919. Memorial contributions may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, Indiana.

Lois E. Fritz

Friday, January 07, 2005

Lois E. Fritz, 81, of 7399 North Michigan Street, Plymouth, passed away Friday, January 7, 2005 at 2:20 p.m. at her home in Plymouth, Indiana.

She was born on December 1, 1923, in Marshall County, to Lawrence and Mary (Senff) Burch. Lois and Dallis Fritz were married on August 21, 1942. He passed away on November 22, 1999. Lois helped her husband with his businesses, Fritz Excavating and Fritz Roofing. She attended the North Salem Church of God in Plymouth.

Lois is survived by her son, Edward and Rose Fritz of Plymouth; her granddaughters, Tisha and Tim Fletcher of Plymouth and Angela and Cory Kring of Argos; her grandsons, Eric and Kari Fritz of Plymouth, and Nathan Fritz of Argos; her sister and brothers, Evelyn Fisher of Niles, Michigan, Roy and Joyce Burch of Arizona, Martha and Lewis Ulrey of Florida, Larry and Sue Burch of Rochester, and Ernest and Jamie Burch of Florida. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Warren, Norman, and Vernon; her sister, Velma Pearish.

Memorial services will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, with Pastor Darrell Cardwell officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 12, 2005 from 1:00 p.m., until the time of the service, at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 112 North Center Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Marietta Eastlund

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Marietta Eastlund, 81, living at 501 Pennsylvania Ave. (F-2), Garden Court East, since 1992, died, following a short illness, in Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend, at 11:21 a.m. on Sunday, January 9, 2005.

Marietta dearly loved her family and they treasured her. She always saw the good in people.

Formerly of Nappanee, Marietta had lived in Plymouth since 1988, coming from Carrollton, Texas.

She was born in Bremen, Ind., on September 5, 1923, the daughter of John A. and Olive G. Manuwai Kaufman. She attended Inwood schools and received her high school diploma through the Plymouth Adult Education Program long after she attained senior citizen status, an accomplishment she was very proud of.

On May 9, 1970, in Nappanee, she and Allen E. “Ed” Eastlund were married.

For over 25 years, Marietta worked as a shoe sales clerk for Swearingen’s Shoe Store in Plymouth and later in Nappanee. She was a part-time computer operator with Real Services, Inc. for over nine years.

A dedicated and devoted volunteer for the Marshall County Museum, she and her husband both, were valued helpers.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting and traveling.

She had been a member of the First United Church of Christ since 1988 and was active in Mary’s Circle.

Marietta is survived by her loving husband and by two daughters and three step-children.


Eighteen grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren also survive, together with a brother, Art Kaufman of Plymouth and two sisters-in-law: Rose Kaufman, Lakeville and Pat Kaufman, Plymouth.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Marietta was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Julia Mitchell and two brothers, Lowell and Bill Kaufman. A daughter-in-law, Barbara Eastlund has also died before her.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services in the church on Wednesday.

Church services on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, will be held in the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, at 11 a.m. The Rev. John M. Gantt, pastor of the church and the Rev. Dr. Ron Liechty, a former pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Marietta’s memory may be given to the First United Church of Christ or to a charity of the donor’s choice.
Donald L. McAfee

Sunday, January 09, 2005

Donald L. McAfee, 66, of 8859 East 7B Road, Plymouth, passed away Sunday, January 9, 2005 at 9:06 a.m. at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on May 16, 1938, in Mishawaka, Indiana, to Guy E. and Mary E. (Hanes) McAfee. At the age of six, the family moved to Marshall County, where Don attended Bourbon Schools.

Don and Carolyn Joyce Staley were married on August 31, 1958 at the Inwood United Methodist Church. Don was a faithful member of the church, holding various offices, and an active member of the Helping Hands Sunday School Class. His faith and church were of utmost importance to him.

Don was employed at Dodge Manufacturing Company, Division of Reliance Electric Corporation in Mishawaka for 25 years. Don's hobby, being the challenge of mechanical work, he opened a part time general repair and arc welding shop in 1971. In 1983, until closing due to ill health in 1999, he was self employed as owner and operator of Don's Repair Shop. He was involved in farming, at a young age with his parents, and in partnership with his father-in-law and more recently with his son, Lee.

Don enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He especially enjoyed family Sunday dinners, with his children and grandchildren, either at his home or at the cabin along the Yellow River. He also enjoyed league bowling with his friends, driving on scenic road trips, and jigsaw puzzles.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; their son, Lee and Renee McAfee of Plymouth; their daughter, Lynn Wilcox of Plymouth; their granddaughters, Jennifer McAfee and Mallory McAfee of Plymouth; their grandson, Ethan Wilcox of Plymouth; his brother, James McAfee of Plymouth; and his sister, Marjorie Lightner of Osceola, Indiana. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Floyd, and Wendell McAfee; and two sisters, Jean Davenport and Betty Herr.

Services will be held Saturday, January 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Inwood United Methodist Church, Inwood, with Pastor Gail Law officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Friday, January 14, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Inwood United Methodist Church, 11211 Hawthorne Road, Inwood, Indiana.

Thelma M. Payne

Thursday, January 13, 2005

Thelma M. Payne, 85, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, for the past year, died of natural causes in the facility at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2005.

She was born in Kokomo, Ind., on December 21, 1919, the daughter of David and Stella Wiles Hutchins and was educated in schools in the Tipton area.

On July 21, 1939, in Kokomo, Thelma and John W. Payne were married. John died on October 18, 1999. She and her husband were longtime residents of Argos.

A dedicated homemaker and farming wife, Thelma enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their various activities.
For over 15 years, she and John spent their winters in the Port Charlotte, Fla. area. They enjoyed music and often gathered with friends to play various instruments.

Thelma was a member of the Home Economics Club and a Bunko Club.

She is survived by her daughter Carole J. and her husband, Bob “Butch” Kepler, Plymouth, with whom she had made her home. A daughter-in-law, R. Elaine Payne of Plymouth also survives along with two grand-daughters, both of Plymouth; Cindy J. and Roger Danielson and Kristi K. and Ed Ruiz. A grandson, John J. Payne of Mishawaka survives as well as four great-grandchildren. They are: Braxdon Davidson, Trevor Danielson, Gabriella Ruiz and Leah Payne. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a son, John Michael Payne, seven brothers and one sister.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Thelma's life with her family from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2005, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Thelma will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 17, 2005, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials in Thelma's memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309 or Marshall Co. Hospice.

Beatrice Miller

Monday, January 17, 2005

Beatrice (Bea) Miller, 82, of 18850 4B Road, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Monday, January 17, 2005 at 8:35 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Life Care Center, Donaldson, Indiana.

She was born on February 10, 1922, in Marshall County, to Nilas and Lottie (Eaglebarger) Brown.

She was a member of the Tyner Rebekah Lodge #865, the Tyner United Methodist Church, and the Farm Bureau. Bea and Welcome (“Buddy”) L. Miller were married on October 18, 1942 in Bourbon Indiana. They moved from Bourbon to Tyner in 1952. He passed away June 25, 1995.

She is survived by her daughters, Betty and Ralph Berkeypile of Plymouth, Lucy and Ken Riemer of Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Jill Stacy of Grovertown, Indiana; her sons, Nilas and Beverly Miller of Plymouth, Terry Miller of Walkerton, and his fiancee Lavonda Simon; her sister, Christina (David) Rinkebeng of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, January 21, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Tyner United Methodist in Tyner, with Rev. Cheryl Stratton officiating. Burial will be in the Morris Cemetery, LaPaz, Indiana.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 20, 2005, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a Rebekah Lodge service to be held at 7:00 p.m., at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana. There will also be visitation from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Tyner United Methodist Church on Friday, January 21, 2005.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Tyner United Methodist Church, Tyner Rebekah Lodge or Catherine Kasper Life Care Center.
William Michael Daly

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

William Michael Daly, 8 days old, of 601 Harrison Street, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at his home, in Walkerton.

He was born on January 10, 2005 in Mishawaka, Indiana to Charles and Wendelyn (Dittmer) Daly, Jr.

He is survived by his father and mother, Charles and Wendelyn Daly; his maternal grandparents, Rev. Mike and Lynne Dittmer of Walkerton; his paternal grandmother, Shirley Daly of Niles, Michigan; his maternal great-grandmothers, Carol Dittmer of Reno, Nevada and Hildred Golomb of Plymouth; his uncle, Ric Daly of South Bend, Indiana; and his aunt and uncle, Rebecca and Tim Taberski of Plymouth.

Services will be held, Friday at 3:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Rev. Charles Frick officiating. Burial will be in the Morris Cemetery, LaPaz, Indiana.

Visitation will be Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

Ethel V. Heckaman

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Ethel V. Heckaman, 93, a lifetime area resident, died, following an illness, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in the Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

Born in Plymouth on February 28, 1911, Ethel was the daughter of Laotis "Jim" and Clara Pfender Sisk. She attended Plymouth schools.

On January 7, 1930, Ethel and Jesse E. Heckaman were married in Plymouth at the home of Bev Appleman. Jesse died on October 4, 1997.

A telephone operator for a few years, Ethel became a homemaker for her husband and daughter.

She enjoyed doing crafts and flower gardening. She shared her beautiful bouquets of flowers with her family and friends.

She was a member of the First United Church of Christ, Plymouth and was the last living charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles Lodge, Plymouth.

Ethel is survived by a daughter, Kathy Dawn Wszolek of Valparaiso and by three grandsons, all of Valparaiso. They are Christopher J., Michael K., and Robert K. Wszolek.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, Helen Phillips and two brothers, Chet and Harold Sisk.

Visitation and a celebration of her life will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ethel, officiated by the Rev. Ted Lester, will follow visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Memorial gifts in Ethel’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

James L. Humes

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

James L. Humes, 62, of South Bend, Indiana, died at 9:30AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, South Bend, Indiana.

James was born on October 24, 1942, to Cecil and Margaret (Young) Humes at Rochester, Indiana. He was married on August 10, 1963, at Culver, Indiana, to Marjorie J. McGaffey. She survives.

He is also survived by his loving son: Keith A. Humes of South Bend, Indiana; daughter: Sandra K. Lambert of Tucson, Arizona; brothers: Charles Humes of Culver, Indiana, Larry Humes of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Paul Humes of Ashly, Indiana; sisters: Pat Kelly of Auroa, Colorado and Betty Thorn of O’Fallon, Illinois; and granddaughter: Cassandra Watins of Tucson, Arizona.

Visitation with the family will be Friday, January 21, 2005, from 5:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. James Harper will officiate services on Saturday, January 22, 2005, at 11:00AM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Ralph E. Milkey

Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Ralph E. Milkey, 79, of 11043 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, died at 3 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind. Ralph’s death was caused by injuries from an auto accident on December 28, 2004.

Born in Mishawaka, Ind., on March 20, 1925, Ralph graduated from Mishawaka High School.

On July 5, 1947, in Plymouth, Ralph and Doris Julia DeMien were married. They shared a great love affair for 52 years, until Julia died of chronic heart failure on May 20, 2000.

Retired from Bomarko, Ralph was a Cubs and Notre Dame fan.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Family Center and was a Son of the American Legion, Post #27.

Ralph is survived by two sons: Ted and Paula Milkey, Indianapolis and Russ Milkey, Noblesville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Julia DeMien Milkey.

Friends may visit with his family on Friday, January 21, 2005, from 11 to 1 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Lyle Breeding, will be held in the funeral home following visitation at 1 p.m.

Memorial gifts to a service dear to Ralph’s heart should be donated to the Marshall County Hospice.

Eddie F. Ruffing

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Area resident, Eddie F. Ruffing, 63, 10926 Hawthorn Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 6:50 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born on July 5, 1941, in Argos, Ind., Eddie was the son of Frank and Edna Hooker Ruffing. He graduated from Argos High School.

On August 11, 1978, in Plymouth, Eddie and Patricia Carpenter were married.

A foreman for Michiana Contracting, Eddie enjoyed golf. Called “Mr. Fix-It!” by his family and friends, he loved working on his home. He was an avid bird watcher and liked feeding the wild birds and stray cats who came to his door.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Patricia, Plymouth, and by their three children and four step-children.

They are, two sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Judy Ruffing, Argos, and Bruce and Cindy Ruffing, Fennville, Michigan. His daughter and son-in-law are Valerie and John Cooke, Knox, Ind.

His step-son and his wife, David and Dawn Carpenter, Bremen, and three step-daughters also survive. They are: Penni Carpenter, LaPaz; Rebbecca Easterday and Tina Toral, both of Warsaw, Ind.

Nineteen grandchildren and 7 and 1/2 great-grandchildren survive as well, together with two sisters, Joyce and John West of Bourbon and Lois and Paul McGriff of Tennessee.

Eddie was preceded in death by his parents and by Fran, a sister.

Friends may visit with the family on Friday, January 21, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Eddie will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2005, in the funeral home. The Rev. Gail Law, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Eddie’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Barbara J. Snyder

Barbara J. Snyder, 68, of Culver, Indiana, died at 5:11AM on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at her residence.

Barbara was born on January 27, 1936, to Wilber and Beatrice (Harris) Taylor at Bedford, Indiana. She was married on October 7, 1956, at Culver, Indiana, to F. William (Bill) Snyder. He survives.

She is also survived by her loving family - son: Michael W. (Shirley) Snyder of Culver, Indiana; daughters: Dr. Susan E. Snyder of Lafayette, Indiana and Lynda (Galen) Hershberger of Middlebury, Indiana; brother: Dr. Robert (Suzanne) Taylor of Longmont, Colorado; grandchildren: Tammy (Wade) Shedrow, Tim (Candi) Peters and Jason (Tracy) Peters; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, January 22, 2005, from 1:00 - 2:00PM, at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Karen Altermott will officiate services on
Saturday, January 22, 2005, at 2:00PM at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver, Indiana. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, Indiana, the American Cancer Society, PO Box 655, Plymouth, IN 46563, or the Bill & Barbara Snyder Memorial Scholarship, c/o Marshall County Community Foundation, PO Box 716, 2701 N Michigan, Plymouth, IN 46563.

John R. Masten

VanGilder Funeral Home

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

John R. Masten, 56, of 14758 West 5th Road, Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2005 in an auto accident in Bremen, Indiana.

He was born on May 2, 1948 in Argos, Indiana, to Ralph and Letty (Kelper) Masten. John married Jackie Smith Baltes on May 14, 1988 in Plymouth. John was a graduate of the class of 1966 at Lakeville High School.

He was a member of the Bremen United Pentecostal Church and Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge #821. John was a truck driver for VanVactor Trucking in Plymouth.

John is survived by his wife, Jackie Masten; his mother, Letty Masten of Plymouth; his daughters, Tammy (Dennis) Harrell of Plymouth, Trella (Bobbie) McGee of Plymouth, and Amanda (Kevin) Freed of Enta Green, Indiana; his sons, Steve (Paula) Baltes of Argos, Indiana, Larry (Crystal) Baltes of Plymouth, and Alan Baltes of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren; and his brother, Dan (Gloria Jean) Masten of Plymouth. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph C. Masten on January 9, 2004.

Services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Pastor John Bollinger officiating. Burial will be in the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver, Indiana.

Visitation will be Monday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth. There will be a Tyner I.O.O. F. Lodge service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Bremen United Pentecostal Church, Bremen, Indiana.

Jean K. Moore

VanGilder Funeral Home

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

Jean K. Moore, 77, of 525 South Michigan Street, Apartment 5, Plymouth, Indiana passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 3:38 p.m. at her home in Plymouth.

She was born on June 11, 1927 in Pulaski County, Indiana, to Leo and Marie (Shaffer) Weisenburger.

Jean married Lewis R. Moore on August 9, 1945 in Winamac, Indiana. They moved to Plymouth in 1980 from Lakeville, Indiana.

Jean was a member of Saint Michael's Catholic Church of Plymouth. She worked for Easy Heat Wire, in Lakeville, for 23 years.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis of Plymouth; their daughter, Judy and Richard Fox of Plymouth; their sons, David Moore of Houston, Texas and Gary Moore of Granger, Indiana; her sister, Donna White of Mishawaka, Indiana, Dorothy Callahan of Winamac, Indiana and Betty Colgrove of Winamac, Indiana; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Michael in October of 1992.
Private family services were held at the Van Gilder Funeral Home.

William Leslie Smith  
Saturday, January 22, 2005

William “Bill” Leslie Smith, 7769 Tippecanoe Shores, Tippecanoe, coming from Plymouth four years ago, died of natural causes at 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2005, in the Hospice House of St. Joseph County. He was 52 years old.

Bill was born in Muncie, Ind., the son of Wayne L. and Doris V. Bigelow Smith, both of Warsaw, Ind., on September 4, 1952. He attended Muncie Central High School.


On March 21, 1983, in Warsaw, Bill and Mary Kay Schmidt Dew were married.

A truck driver, both local and long distance, Bill was a man of many talents. He enjoyed fishing, loved animals, leather working and crafting jewelry. He loved listening to Rock ‘n Roll hits from the 50s and 60s.

Bill cherished his family and the times they could be together.

A non-denominational Christian, his spirit was fulfilled by the teachings and readings of the Bible.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, and his daughter, Candi Jo Smith Lobo, living in Nokomis, Fla., and his step-daughter, Regina Marie Clevenger and her husband, Jeff, of Tippecanoe.

Two grandsons, Tyler and Tristan Smith also survive, together with his parents and Ruby and Kenneth Nelson, his in-laws, of Troy, Mo.

Two sisters in Warsaw, Ind., Susan A. Cummings and Carolyn J. Sudlow and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Bill was preceded in death by an infant brother, Michael Smith and an infant sister, Judith Smith.

Family services were held on Sunday, January 23, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Herbert Clark, of the Kingdom Hall Jehovah’s Witnesses of Rochester, Ind., gave the discourse.

Memorial gifts in Bill’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Paul T. Bullock  
Tuesday, February 01, 2005

Paul T. Bullock, 83, of 14699 Candie Lane, Plymouth, Indiana passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 5:10 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born on January 24, 1922 in Syracuse, Indiana, to Joseph and Lucy (Budzanski) Bullock.

Paul is survived by his wife, Virginia of Plymouth and their son, Paul T. Bullock, Jr. of Albany, New York.

There will be no visitation or funeral services taking place.
Essie M. Franz

Tuesday, February 01, 2005

Essie M. Franz, 70, of Logansport, Indiana, died at 10:16AM on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at St. Elisabeth Medical Center, Lafayette, Indiana.

Essie was born on August 18, 1934, to Mitchell and Eva (Sluder) Mauck at Leicester, North Carolina. She was married on August 4, 1956, at Gary, Indiana, to Robert C. Franz. He survives.

She is also survived by her loving daughters: Linda (Ernest) Parke of Richmond, Kentucky, and Eva (Joseph) Stogsdill of Alvarado, Texas; sister: Hattie Hook of Merrillville, Indiana; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ernest A. Rogers

Tuesday, February 01, 2005

Ernest A. Rogers, 88, of 17841 West 12th Road, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2005 at 11:35 a.m. at his home in Plymouth.

He was born on June 25, 1916 in Knox, Indiana to Alfred and Vonnie (Seider) Rogers.

Ernest married Eve Stettler on March 3, 1945. She passed away on August 29, 2000. He retired from Agway Seed Company after working there for 35 years. He also worked for the Koala Center and Jellystone Park Camp Resort in the maintenance departments. He was reading meters for R.E.M.C. until November of 2004. Ernest was a member of the Civil Defense until their dissolution.

He is survived by his daughter, Jackie and Robert Silveus of Plymouth; his son, Roger (Buzz) and Judy Rogers of Culver; sons, Art and Gerry Schrom of Tennessee and Dale and Samia Schrom of Plymouth, a daughter, Jackie Arbuckle of Fort Wayne, Indiana; his sister, Eileen Quivey of Plymouth; and his sister-in-law, Alice Rogers of Culver, Indiana. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services will be held Friday at 2:00 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 112 South Center Street Plymouth, Indiana.

Brock K. Miller

Wednesday, February 02, 2005

Brock K. Miller, 85, of 805 Baker St., Plymouth, Ind., formerly a 69 year resident of Allenford, Ontario, Canada, died in Miller’s Merry Manor of natural causes at 3:39 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. He had been a Plymouth resident since 1988.

Born in Park Head, Ontario, Canada on October 6, 1919, Brock was the son of James E. and Mary Dornan Miller. He graduated from High School in Allenford, Ontario, Canada. Brock served
in the Canadian Army for four years.

On May 19, 1988, Brock and Dixie Frazier Lattimer, who met in Florida, were married in Plymouth. Dixie preceded Brock in death on December 9, 2003.

A retired farmer and greens keeper at Sauble Golf Course for 22 years, Brock loved to golf and enjoyed watching sports, especially tennis.

He was a member of the Legion in Ontario, Canada, and attended the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

Brock is survived by a step-daughter, Rebecca Hindman of Elkhart, Ind, and three step-sons: Michael G. and Suzanne Lattimer of Leesburg, Ind.; David C. and Wanda Lattimer of Argos, Ind. and John C. and Gwen Lattimer of Muncie, Ind. A sister, Rena Kennedy of Guelph, Ontario, Canada; a brother-in-law, Albert Wilkinson of Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dixie, a brother Lloyd Miller, and two sisters: Clara Miller and Amy Wilkinson.

There will be no visitation. A family service will be held.

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

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

Ida May Oliverius

Ida May Oliverius, 91, of Culver, Indiana, died at 10:10AM on Thursday, February 3, 2005, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

Ida May was born on June 23, 1913, to Samuel and Millie (Kenyon) Sellers at La Porte, Indiana. She was married on April 16, 1939, at Knox, Indiana, to Harry Oliverius. He preceded in death on October 29, 2001.

She is survived by her loving brothers: Harold J. Sellers of Monterey, Indiana, and Paul and James Sellers of Knox, Indiana; sister: Glenda Salzer of Knox, Indiana; and sister-in-law: Marguerite Oliverius.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, February 6, 2005, from 3:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Edward Hasnerl will officiate services on Monday, February 7, 2005, at 1:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Bass Lake Cemetery, Knox, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be given to the Bass Lake Cemetery Association.

Kathryn Elizabeth Kreighbaum

Kathryn Elizabeth Kreighbaum, 79, died of natural causes at 7:30 p.m. in Miller’s Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, on Friday, February 4, 2005.

A lifetime Marshall County resident, Kathryn was born on February 28, 1925, the daughter of Charles LeRoy and Florence Amelia Kaufman Rains.

On March 17, 1946, in Plymouth, Kathryn and Jacob Ray Kreighbaum were married. Ray died on October 1, 1990.
A graduate of West High School, Class of 1944, Kathryn was involved on the family farm and later in life, proudly served as a nursing Geriatric aide at Miller’s Merry Manor for 15 years, retiring in 1985.

She was very attentive to her family and also loved her cats and dogs. She enjoyed sewing, collecting dolls, cooking and baking. Her homemade noodles were a particular favorite of her family.

A sports enthusiast, she especially followed her family’s activities.

Kathryn, a member of the Sunrise Chapel, since 1990, baby sat in the nursery and had assisted with 4-H projects.

She is survived by two daughters, two sons and their spouses.

Her daughters are: Sandra K. and Roy Sickman, Plymouth, and Norma J. and Paul Harness, Argos, Indiana. Her sons are Larry D. and Virginia Seitz Kreighbaum, LaPorte, Indiana, and Carl E. and Martha Kreighbaum, Spring Hill, Tennessee. Three granddaughters, seven grandsons and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Two sisters, Rose Aline MacLain, Plymouth, and Betty Darlene and Bryan Green, Rochester, and a brother, Charles LeRoy Rains, Silver Creek, Mississippi, survive together with numerous nieces and nephews.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ray and by four brothers: Loren, Donald, Robert and Dave Rains. One granddaughter, Paula Jean Harness has also died.

Friends will be welcomed by her family on Monday, February 7, 2005, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Rustin Krapft, pastor of the Sunrise Chapel will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Kathryn’s memory may be made to the Sunrise Chapel’s Children’s Program.

**Joseph C. Raymond**

**VanGilder Funeral Home**

**Friday, February 04, 2005**

Joseph C. Raymond, 59, of 613 South Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away at 12:07 a.m. on Friday, February 4, 2005 at his home following an extended illness.

He was born on November 30, 1945 in New London, Connecticut, to Joseph and Mary Madeline (Fisher) Raymond.

Joseph was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church. He served his country in the Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked for NIPSCO for 29 years, with the past 24 years in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Sharie; and their son, Joseph C. Raymond, III of Plymouth; his brothers, Michael David Raymond, John Paul Raymond, and Bernard Francis Raymond all of New Mexico; his sisters, Mary Beth Raymond of San Pedro, California, Mary Jo Anne Rickard, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and Margaret Rose Marie of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Nancy and Candaice Heminger of Walkerton, Indiana, Calvin Joseph Raymond, Benjamin Arlin Raymond, and Joseph C. Raymond, IV of Plymouth; 12 nieces and
nephews; and a great-nephew. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Madeline of Corydon, Indiana.

Private Family services were held and burial was in Saint Michael Cemetery.

Van Gilder Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Betty S. Moss  
Bonine-Odom

Saturday, February 05, 2005
Betty S. Moss, 78, of Culver, Indiana, died at 6:09PM on Saturday, February 5, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

Betty was born on April 19, 1926, at Carmi, Illinois, to Otis and Helen (Feeher) Simpson. She was married in 1949, to James M. Moss. He survives.

She is also survived by her daughters: Rebecca M. (Tom) Brovont of Rochester, Indiana, Deborah M. (Curtin) Kelley of Columbus, Ohio, Barbara M. (John) Porter of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Elizabeth M. (Dennis) Gilley of Flossmor, Illinois, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Visitation will be Monday, February 7, 2005, from 6:00 - 8:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Indiana. Chaplain Thomas Steffen will officiate memorial services on Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at 11:00AM, at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow in Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Betty S. Moss Memorial Fund at Culver Academies, CEF, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, Indiana 46511.

Juanita R. Ivins  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Sunday, February 06, 2005
Juanita R. Ivins, 76, formerly of Randolph St., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 12:20 a.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2005.

Juanita was born in Plymouth on March 1, 1928, the daughter of Harry F. and Cecilia B. Hartman Brundige. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1946.


A homemaker, she lived most of her life with her husband in Illinois.

She enjoyed movies, working on puzzles and traveling. During her years of traveling Juanita and her husband collected souvenirs from all over the country.

She was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Juanita is survived by a brother and sister. They are Forest V. and Darlene Brundige, Frostproof, Florida, and Helen Haines, Plymouth.

Three nephews and two nieces survive as well. They are Tom Haines, Plymouth: Harold and Sarah Davidson, Elkhart: Connie and Cecil Ottow, Jr., Plymouth: Cathie and Ed White, Clarkston, Michigan and Leslie Dyer, White Lake, Michigan.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ilene and Gene Davidson, a sister and brother-in-law.
Friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Juanita’s memory may be made to the American Council of the Blind, 1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004, Washington, D.C. 20005

**Michael Frank Leachman**

Wednesday, February 09, 2005

Michael Frank Leachman, 56, 21601 Overseas Highway, Cudjoe, Florida, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 9:45 p.m. of complications from surgery for circulation problems.

He was born on March 8, 1948 in Valparaiso, Indiana to Frank and Lucille (Richardson) Leachman. The Leachman Family moved to Plymouth in 1951.

He graduated from Plymouth High School, in 1966, and attended Ball State University. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Michael served for 22 years in the Green Beret special forces of the United States Army, and retired as a Sergeant Major. He also served in Vietnam. When he retired, from the military, he taught ROTC at the University of Wisconsin. He then retired and moved to Summerland Key, Florida.

Michael is survived by his wife Diane; his step-sons Chad and Jessica Chasteen of Savannah, Georgia and Jacob and Maggie Chasteen of Madison, Wisconsin; his step-grandson, Roman; his mother Lucille (Lucy) Leachman Kniggendorf of Plymouth, Indiana; his brothers, Larry Leachman and Matthew Leachman both of Miami, Florida; and his sisters, Becky and Michael Matosich of South Bend, Indiana and Kelly Pynaert of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Frank W. Leachman, in 1990, and his son, Sean Michael Leachman in 1993. His son died of Cystic Fibrosis.

There will be a Memorial Service, for his family and friends, on Sunday, February 27, 2005 at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 North Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana, at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Steven Resner officiating.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1361 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46260.

**James E. Stevens**

Wednesday, February 09, 2005

James E. Stevens, 61, 1211 Bancroft, Rochester, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on February 21, 1943 in Plymouth, Indiana to George and Lucille (Pentecost) Stevens.

Jim served his country in the United States Army serving during the Vietnam Conflict.
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He is survived by his sons, Darren and Angie Stevens of Plymouth, Indiana, Shannon and Shanda Stevens of Plymouth, Indiana, and Chad Stevens of Plymouth, Indiana; his daughter, Paige and Kent Hanson of Colorado, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and also his brother Charles, who died on December 29, 1964.

There will be no visitation or funeral service.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Ruth Mae Edwards

Thursday, February 10, 2005
Ruth Mae Edwards, 71, Plymouth, died peacefully in her daughter's home on Thursday, February 10, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on September 4, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, daughter of the late Elizabeth and Milton Rowe.

Ruth moved with her family to Plymouth from Detroit in 1968.

Married to her late husband, C. Warren Edwards for 31 years, she was first and foremost a devoted and beloved mother and wife.

She was also a volunteer at the American Red Cross in Plymouth for the past 20 years, twice receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award. She was very passionate about education and dedicated her time during the past two years, working toward the approval of Option K for improvement of the Plymouth Community Schools.

Ruth enjoyed bowling, golfing, attending exercise classes, traveling and spending time with her friends and family.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Douglas Everidge of Fishers, Indiana, and by three grandchildren: Jacob, Abigail and Allison.

A sister, Ann Cowley, of Las Vegas, Nevada, and three brothers and their spouses also survive. Her brothers are: Richard and JoAnne Rowe of Terre Haute, Indiana; Thomas and Emita Samuels Rowe of Denver, Colorado, and Daniel Rowe of Whitmore Lake, Michigan.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Warren, in 1995; her son, Todd, in 1992 and her brother, Doug Rowe of Canton, Michigan, in 1990.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Memorial services, conducted by Pastor Greg Bouck, pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will be held at 4 p.m. in the funeral home following visitation.

Memorial gifts in Ruth’s memory may be made to the Indiana University Cancer Center, the American Cancer Society or the Jake Hardee Fund.

James E. Bower

Monday, February 14, 2005
James E. Bower, 78, of 5310 North Michigan Road, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Monday, February 14, 2005 at 12:47 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth due to
several complications with diabetes.

He was born on October 8, 1926 in South Bend, Indiana to Charles and Ollie (Miller) Bower. Later they moved to Plymouth, where James spent most of his life.

James served his country in the United States Navy during WWII from 1944 to 1947. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #1162 and the American Legion Post #27 both in Plymouth.

He worked a short time at Ball Band. He then worked for McCords, in Plymouth, for over 40 years, until his retirement.

He loved to bowl and play golf, and he did both very well. His favorite past time was watching sports on T.V. He also loved his family very much, and especially enjoyed having his nieces and nephews stopping in to visit.

Jim cared for his mother and father for many years, and also helped care for his sister.

He is survived by his sisters; Shirley and Ivan Magnuson of Plymouth, Lucille and Charles Miller of Plymouth, and Norma Young of Plymouth; and his brother, Charles Bower of Plymouth. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Irene Baker and Mary Jane Brumfile; and two nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana with the Rev. Dr. Dean Fager officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Friday, February 18, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Diabetes Association, 10872 Queen Road, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Shirley Frost
VanGilder Funeral Home

Monday, February 14, 2005
A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF Shirley Frost, age 64, will be held at Crossroads Evangelical Church on Oak Road at 10:30 a.m Monday, February 14, 2005. Shirley went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 10th, 2005 at 10:20 p.m. in her home at 7478 Queen Road, Plymouth, Indiana.

She was born in Monticello, Kentucky on June 23, 1940. Shirley graduated from Wayne County High School. Shirley eloped with Willard Frost, in 1959, while attending Bowling Green Business School of Western University in Kentucky. She and "Willie" celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in 2005. She and Will made their home in New Castle, close to his family for thirteen years, before moving to Plymouth in 1972. While living in New Castle, Shirley was very active in Grand Avenue Baptist Church, where she held a variety of positions, including; Director of the Young Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School Teacher of all levels, Sunday School Superintendent, Bible School Director, Ladies Auxiliary Leader, Children's Church Director, Bible School Director, as well as other positions. She was also active in the community, which involved; PTA officer, Brownie Leader, and County Extension Club. She also worked part time in the office of Consumers. After moving to Plymouth she immediately went to work in the Plymouth Community Schools, as an aide, and then as educational secretary, in both Washington and Jefferson Elementary schools. There she remained for 27 years loving each and every day. Every day was a blessing to her, as she came into contact with so many children, as well as their parents. She enjoyed the amusing stories that went with the every day life involving children. She retired from there to travel with her husband in the fall of 1999 and to help in the family business, Northern Equipment Company. She and Will loved traveling over the country
and taking advantage of their working trips. Shirley always planned something fun to be included in their many travels. She was always blessed by God's intervention in her life, loving and enjoying her children and grandchildren, traveling with family and friends, volunteer work, oil painting, flower gardening, and reading. She was a member of Crossroads Evangelical Church, County Extension Club, Whipstitchers, and Citizens Against Landfills. Shirley was an officer in the organization (CALs) which worked for fifteen years resulting in a landfill not being implemented in Marshall County. She was also an associate of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and Hospital Auxiliary. Shirley was a volunteer of Camp Bird Women's Society and for Hospice of Marshall County, where she served in various capacities for many years before being diagnosed with cancer. She loved visiting the nursing homes, especially with those that didn't have family available to visit.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Will; their daughter, Tamara and Roger Osborn and their sons, Parker and Zac; their son, DJ and Rhonda Frost and their children, Zachary, Jon, Nelson, and Whitney. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Marcellus Denney II and Beulah Denney of Monticello, Kentucky; her brother Marcellus Denney III, her sisters, Mildred Coomer and Lena (Dolly) Guffey. Also surviving is her brother, Charles Denney of Monticello, Kentucky; and her sisters, Marjorie Zimmerman of Somerset, Kentucky, Phyllis Bertram Monticello, Kentucky, and Myrt Coomer of Greensburg, Indiana. Shirley also left behind a great number of relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made, in lieu of flowers, to Hospice of Marshall County, Crossroads Evangelical Church, or Camp Ray Bird Camp in South Bend. Funeral Services, for Shirley, will be held Monday, February 14, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at Crossroads Evangelical Church, 1650 North Oak Road, Plymouth. Pastor Bill Walder will officiate. Visitation, with the Frost family, will be on Sunday, February 13, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, and also one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, in Plymouth.

Herbert J. Mitchell VanGilder Funeral Home

Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Herbert J. Mitchell, 81, of 16469 U.S. 6, Walkerton, Indiana passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2005 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Plymouth, Indiana.

He was born on December 22, 1923 in Saint Joseph County, Indiana.

He is survived by his sons, Ed Mitchell of Walkerton, Indiana, Duncan Mitchell of Bloomington, Indiana, John Mitchell of Cheverly, Maryland, and Harmen Mitchell of Chicago, Illinois; his sister, Fern of South Bend, Indiana; and his brother, Harmen Mitchell of Florida.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 22, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana. There will be no funeral service.

Sister Marlene Ardelean Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Thursday, February 17, 2005
Sister Marlene Ardelean, 90, died at 11:27 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2005, in St. Catherine Hospital, East Chicago, Ind.. She had been a resident of the Catherine Kasper Home since her retirement in 2002.

She was born in Aurora, Illinois, on October 6, 1914, the daughter of George and Mary Istrovan Adelean.

Sister Marlene was a dedicated primary teacher from 1934 until her retirement. She taught at St. Vincent Villa, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Boniface School, Germantown, Ill.; St. Mark's School, Gary, Ind.; St. Augustine School, Chicago, Ill.; St. Ann's School, Black Oak, Ind.; St. Augustine School,
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Hecker, Ill.; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Hesville, Ind. and St. Catherine of Siena, Hammond, Ind..

She is survived by a sister, Sister Lucille Ardelean of Donaldson, Ind., two brothers: George Ardelean of Huntsville AL. and Ted Ardelean of Sarasota, FL., along with a sister-in-law, Anita Ardelean of Hammond, Ind. and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel. The Reverend Father Edward Konerman, S.J., will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, Ind., is in charge of the arrangements.

David M. Tatar VanGilder Funeral Home

Thursday, February 17, 2005

David M. Tatar, 61, 19399 3B Road, Walkerton, Indiana passed away Thursday, February 17, 2005 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

He was born on June 13, 1943 in South Bend, Indiana to Julius and Margaret (Desich) Tatar.

He was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church.

He is survived by his sisters, Mary (Jim) Smith of Plymouth, Indiana and Cathy Verhostra of South Bend, Indiana.

Services will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church, in Plymouth, with Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in Saint Michael Cemetery, Plymouth.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, is in charge of the arrangements.

Friends may call Tuesday, February 22, 2005 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service, at 10:30, at Van Gilder Funeral Home.

Anna Belle Whitesell VanGilder Funeral Home

Thursday, February 17, 2005

Anna Belle Whitesell, 93, of 805 Baker Street Lot 67, Plymouth, passed away Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 12:17 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth, Indiana.

She was born on October 6, 1911 in Crown Point, Indiana to Charles and Hazel (Miller) Ginder. Their family later moved to Plymouth.

Anna Belle met and dated William Whitesell from 1932 to July 11, 1936, when they were married in Plymouth.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Plymouth, and United Methodist Woman, of the church, and helped with in the church any way she could. She loved music. She played by ear and composed some of her own music. She quilted and crocheted and made a lot of special gifts for her grandchildren. She was a homemaker and also worked for six years at the Bearcat Store in Plymouth.
She is survived by her husband, William of Plymouth; their daughters, Janet and Thomas Rough of Scottsdale, Arizona and Patty and Mike Kyser of Bremen, Indiana; her sisters, Alberta Davis of Plymouth and Jean Hoover of Warsaw, Indiana; her brother, Max Ginder of Plymouth; her grandsons, Thomas E. Rough of Phoenix, Arizona and Timothy Kyser of Plymouth; and her granddaughters, Michelle LaFree of Plymouth and Elizabeth Cristen of Yorktown, Virginia; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Milford Ginder.

Services will be held Monday, February 21, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Sunday, February 20, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 625 South Michigan Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Linda Michele Snyder Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Friday, February 18, 2005

Linda Michele Snyder, a lifetime Plymouth resident, living at 10181 Windsor Square, died of natural causes in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, at 12:15 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005.

Linda, who had fought a long and courageous battle with breast cancer, was only 57 years old. Her courage was an inspiration to everyone.

She was born in Plymouth, the beloved daughter of Robert and Betty Jane Gordon Howard, on July 15, 1947. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1965. Linda had an incredible personality and a particular talent for making people feel at ease.

On Christmas Eve of 1965, Linda and John Snyder were married in the chapel of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth. In 1990, they renewed their vows on their 25th anniversary.

After high school she worked at the Culver Bank and was a hostess at Schori’s restaurant where her mom was the manager.

She was a volunteer with the United Way campaigns and helped with her family’s rental business.

Linda enjoyed time spent at Jellystone Park. She was talented in many different arts and crafts -- especially Christmas crafts and was a member of the Marshall County Whipstitchers. She and her husband, John, designed their unique home and she had an aptitude for decorating.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church from the time she was a little girl.

Linda is survived by her husband, John, and by their daughter, Michele Snyder and a grandson, Trevor Roberts, all of Plymouth.

An aunt, Dora Holland, and three brothers in law and their spouses also survive. They are: Bill and Sharon and Don and Marla Snyder, all of Plymouth and Gene and Gladys Snyder, of Argos. A sister-in-law, Sharon Powell, Argos, survives as well.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, an infant brother and Rose Ann O’Dell, a sister-in-law.
Friends will be welcomed by the family to share their memories of Linda from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2005, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Linda will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005 with calling beginning at 1:30, at the Trinity United Methodist Church, S. Michigan at Williams St., Plymouth. The Reverends William Kaster and Charles Green will officiate.

Interment will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Linda’s name may be made to the Bremen Dollars for Scholars Fund, the Three C’s Scholarship, or the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Margot M. Jones
Saturday, February 19, 2005
Margot M. Jones, 73, of 10380 Pretty Lake Trail, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2005 after a courageous ten month battle with cancer.


Margot was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Red Hat Club. She graduated from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. Margot and Merlin owned Anco Office Products before retiring.

She is survived by her husband, of 51 years, Merlin; their daughter, Sheri (Jim) Thompson and their children, Tyler, Tisa, and Trevan of Reed City Michigan; their son, Jeff (Lenore) Jones and their children, Brandon and Taylor, of Plymouth; their son, Jonathan Jones of Plymouth; her sister, Suzon (Pete) Capparelli of Idyllwild, California; and her uncle; Yale Funk of Seal Beach, California.

Margot's love of family, friends, and life will be cherished by those who knew her.

Visitation will be held Friday, February 25, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth. Memorial services to celebrate her life will follow, at 3:00 p.m., with the Rev. James Campbell officiating.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Lyda F. Garnand
Sunday, February 20, 2005
Payton Taylor (P.T.) Garnand, Jr. 9/2/1919 - 1/25/1999


They were "buddies" together for over 55 years; it is fitting they be remembered together in death.

P.T. was born on September 2, 1919 in Plymouth, IN to Payton Taylor and Elizabeth Long Garnand. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles. Lyda was born on November 5, 1916 to Elijah and Ada McNett Moore in Lampassas, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Wendell. They are survived by their daughter and son-in law,
Glenda and Donald Lamont of South Bend; son, Richard Lynn Garnand of Gary, IL, and grandson, Gregory Garnand of Woodstock, IL.

P.T. enlisted into the Army Air Corp on November 22, 1941 and was stationed in Big Spring, Texas. He was later transferred to Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas. One of his responsibilities at Randolph Field was processing personnel transfers in anticipation of Operation Overlord. He was honorably discharged from the Army Air Corp on January 3, 1946 at the rank of Sergeant Major.

It was in Big Spring, Texas that P.T. & Lyda met. They were married there on August 18, 1946 and moved to the South Bend, IN area where they lived, worked and raised their children.

P.T.’s career was in sales management. He was Sales Manager for Norwalk Truck Lines, Fasteners, Inc. and Monogram Industries. Once Glenda and Lynn were in junior high school, Lyda resumed her career in office management and bookkeeping, working at Dincolo and Christman, CPAs, Dincolo, Stump and Willson, CPAs and McGladrey, Pullen and Company, CPAs.

P.T. & Lyda retired in 1984 and began spending summers at their home on Hamlin Lake, Ludington, MI. Their Hamlin Lake friends were happy to see them and P.T. and Lyda spent many enjoyable summers at the lake. P.T.’s hobbies included fishing and amateur radio. As WD9GYJ, P.T. made friends in the amateur radio community, locally and around the world. Lyda’s hobbies included reading, fishing and watching wildlife.

Private family services have been held and P.T. & Lyda are buried in the family plot in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, IN. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth handled the arrangements. Memorials may be given to Hospice of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637 or Tanglewood Trace Retirement Community Employee Appreciation Fund, 530 W. Tanglewood Lane, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Robert Hill Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Monday, February 21, 2005

Robert Hill, 61, State Road 17 North, died at his residence of natural causes.

A lifelong Marshall County resident, Robert was born on August 30, 1943, the son of Marion and Dorothy Smith Hill. He attended high school in Detroit, Michigan and on June 21, 1962, enlisted in the United States Army.

He was a truck driver for 16 years for US Scrap.

Robert was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge, Indiana ABATE and the Culver Eagles.

He is survived by two daughters and their spouses: Doreen and Dewayne O’Connor and Renee and Jake Davenport, all of Plymouth.

Four grandchildren also survive. They are Christopher O’Connor, Stacy Vangiesen, Austin O’Connor and Dalton Davenport.

Also surviving are six great-grandchildren. They are: Madysen O’Connor, Chayse O’Connor, Mekenna O’Connor, Masen O’Connor, Brenden Carey and Tianna Reed.

A sister, Betty O’Connor of Bremen survives as well.

Friends will be welcomed by Robert’s family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2005, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.
Military graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2005, in the Leiters Ford Cemetery, Leiters Ford, Indiana.

Robert L. Osborn  
Bonine-Odom

Tuesday, February 22, 2005
Robert L. Osborn, 87, of Culver, Indiana, died at 1:50PM on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

Robert was born on June 19, 1917, to Ralph A. and Musetta (Morin) Osborn at rural Culver, Indiana. He was married in 1942, at Hinsdale, Illinois, to Dorothy A. Anderson. She survives.

He is also survived by his loving sons: Robert F. and Daniel L. (Brenda) Osborn of Culver, Indiana, Thomas A. (Judi) Osborn of Rome, Italy, and William A. (Cathleen) Osborn of Winnetka, Illinois; grandchildren: Kristen, Brooke, Allison, Morgan, and David; and great-granddaughter: Carly.

There will be no visitation. Chaplain Thomas Steffen and Rev. Karen Altergott will officiate services on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at 3:00PM at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel in Culver, Indiana. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver, Indiana.

Harold E. Hatten  
Bonine-Odom

Thursday, February 24, 2005
Harold E. Hatten, 86 of 52303 Brighton Park, South Bend, Indiana, died at 11:55 PM on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at Hospice House of St. Joseph Co. in South Bend, Indiana.

Harold was born to Arthur F. and Elva Ruth (Zechiel) Hatten on April 22, 1918 in Culver, Indiana. He was married on August 25, 1944 at Culver, Indiana to Katheryn M. Gibbons. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Harold is also survived by his Son - Paul (Anita) Hatten of Greenwood, Indiana, Daughter - Barbara R. Howlett of South Bend, Indiana, Granddaughters - Emma Hatten of Greenwood, Indiana, and Cara (Steve Strathmann) Hatten of Wauconda, Illinois, Grandsons - Chad (Rachel) Hatten of Noblesville, Indiana, and Jerry MacQuire of Orlando, Florida, Great Granddaughter - Delainey Sue Hatten of Noblesville, Indiana, Brother, Robert A. (Betty) Hatten of Mesa, Arizona, and Sister, Vivian (Vaughn) Albert of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Visitation will be at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home on Sunday, February 27, 2005 from 2:00 - 4:30 & 6:00 - 8:00PM with a Masonic memorial service 7:30PM and on Monday, February 28, 2005 from 9:00AM to the time of service at the Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery in Culver, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth Street, Culver, Indiana 46511 or to Hospice of St. Joseph County, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, Indiana 46637-3437

Larry E. Geiselman  
Bonine-Odom

Sunday, February 27, 2005

Larry was born on October 13, 1936, to Wilbur and Myra (Wagoner) Geiselman at Plymouth, Indiana.

He is survived by his loving sister: Sue Bendy of Culver, Indiana; niece: Lori Bendy of
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Indianapolis, Indiana; and nephews: James (Susan) Bendy of South Bend, Indiana, Daniel (Lisa) Bendy of Avon, Indiana, and Thomas (Wendi) Bendy of Culver, Indiana.

There will be no visitation. Rev. Ronald Liechty will officiate services on Friday, March 4, 2005, at 3:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, Indiana, or the Culver-Union Township EMS.

Eunice A. Schrimsher  
Bonine-Odom

Sunday, February 27, 2005

Eunice A. Schrimsher, 74, of Culver, Indiana, died at 9:20AM on Sunday, February 27, 2005, at her home.

She was born on July 9, 1930, to David B. and Frieda M. (Reed) Burns at Culver, Indiana. She was married on May 28, 1955, at Bourbon, Indiana, to Glen E. Schrimsher. He survives.

She is also survived by her loving sons: Glen (Greta) Schrimsher and Scott (Dee) Schrimsher of Culver; daughter: Cheryl Schrimsher (Alfred Nyby) of Culver; brothers: David M. (Shirley) Burns, Douglas Burns, Ricky Burns, and David B. (Elizabeth) Burns; sisters: Betty (John) Rosebaum, Helen Norman, Nancy Jimenez, and Susie (Jason) Weldon; and grandchildren: Chase, Chelsea, Nick (Jill), Alyssa, Trayden, and Jordan.

Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, March 2, 2005 from 1:00 - 8:00PM and Thursday, March 3, 2005 from 1:00 - 8:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Indiana. Father Jeff Largent will officiate services on Friday, March 4, 2005 at 10:30AM at the Culver Elementary Gymnasium. Memorial contributions may be given to Culver Community High School or Grade School.

James Michael Morrissey  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Monday, February 28, 2005

James Michael Morrissey moved to Plymouth with his wife, Rosella and the first two of their children, shortly after World War II where he had just purchased Harold Roush’s tractor and implement business.

All of his life, he was a tractor and bulldozer man.

Born in Shenandoah, Iowa, on March 20, 1911, to James B. and Catherine Nestlebush Morrissey, he attended schools in Iowa, completed high school in Omaha, Nebraska and then attended Creighton University.

In 1933, after both Jim and his brother Paul had finished school, they established a John Deere and Caterpillar sales and service business known as the Morrissey Farm & Orchard Supply, in the fruit belt of that state, just north of Grand Rapids, Mich.

By 1939, until he became involved in the war effort, Jim was working out of Peoria, Ill., as a field engineer in the western states for Caterpillar Tractor Co.

During the war, Jim was put in charge of the Ordnance Plant in Decatur, Ill., where they built thousands of indispensable Caterpillar tractors with bulldozers used by American Army soldiers and U.S. Marines.

Jim and Rosella Colgan, married in Peoria, Ill., on the 2nd of July 1942, moved to Indiana after the war and for the next 30 years, Jim operated the Plymouth Farm Supply, a John Deere sales and service business.
He sold out his business to follow his dream of writing books.

During his retirement years, he wrote four historical and humorous non-fiction books. One, about the perils of tractors and converting horse farmers into tractor-operators which had to be reprinted three times due to its popularity attributed in part to radio shows and magazines. He never failed to respond to comments from readers around the globe.

Always very articulate, he also penned numerous articles for the church archives and other publications.

In later years, Jim was a strong advocate for maintaining river beds to reduce flooding in Plymouth. Based on his personal experience -- having suffered losses at his dealership during the great flood of 1954 -- Jim campaigned to safeguard farmland from similar losses for regional farmers.

He served his church with devotion and dedication.

He was a member of Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church for nearly 60 years. He was an usher and served on the Board of Trustees during the years when the new Saint Michael's school was built and was instrumental in securing the needed property for the building in 1953. Years later, he eagerly endorsed the expansion project of the school that his dear wife, Rosella, derived such pride from as a teacher and first lay administrator.

He was a contributing member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 1975.

He and his wife spent several weeks during the winter in the Ft. Myers, Fla., area and summers at the family cottage on Koontz Lake.

Jim Morrissey died on Monday, February 28, 2005, at 2:05 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth. He would have soon been 94 years-old.

His life was a shining example of decency and commitment. He touched and inspired thousands with his writing --his wit, laughter and ceaseless charity inspired others through his long and fruitful life.

Jim is survived by his four daughters, their spouses and children. They are: M. Kathleen Scholl and Anne C. Morrissey, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; Patricia J. and Herbert Hillenmeyer, Carmel, Ind.; and Susan C. and C. Randall Finger, Colorado Springs, Colo.

His grandchildren are: Heather A. Scholl, Maureen E. Hillenmeyer, Elaine M. Hillenmeyer, Elizabeth C. Finger and Ryan Morrissey Finger.

A sister, Yvonne Hall, LaVerne, Calif., also survives.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Rosella, who died on December 24, 1995. Three brothers and four sisters have also died. They are John, Paul V. and Albert J. Morrissey and Charlotte LeClerc, Kay Morrissey, Irene Riordan and Lucille Schaben.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate the life of Jim Morrissey on Thursday, March 3, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. and continuing after 7 a.m. Friday.

A rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial, celebrated by the Rev. William J. Kummer, pastor of Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.
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Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in memory of Jim may be given to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, Ind. Chapter, 8465 Keystone Crossing, Suite 235, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 or St. Michael’s School.

Elsie H. Hill

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Thursday, March 03, 2005

Elsie E. Hill, 75, living in Plymouth since 1944, coming from Rensselaer, Ind., died at her residence, 1031 W. Adams St., Plymouth, at 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2005. Elsie died, following a cancer related illness, in the supportive care and company of her loving family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Rensselaer, Ind., on August 13, 1929, she was the daughter of Maston and Eliza Miller Bailey. She attended schools in the Rensselaer area.

On June 3, 1944, in Plymouth, she and Ralph S. Hill were married. Ralph died on January 20, 2000.

Elsie worked as a Qualified Nursing Assistant for 45 years. She had been employed at both Pilgrim Manor and Miller’s Merry Manor in Plymouth.

She enjoyed sewing and quilting and loved tending to her flower gardens.

She was a member of the Aldine United Baptist Church of North Judson.

Elsie is survived by three sons and a daughter and their spouses.

They are, sons: Richard S. Hill, Plymouth; James E. and Sue Hill, Fairfield, Ohio; and Joseph and Karen Bailey, Plymouth. Her daughter is Diane Sue and James O’Brien, Plymouth.

Seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive together with a brother, Edgar Bailey, Knox, and Ethel White, a sister, of North Judson.

Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, a sister and three half-brothers.

Friends will be welcomed by the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Saturday, March 5, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services for Elsie will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2005, in the funeral home. The Rev. Everett Mann, pastor of the Aldine United Baptist Church, North Judson, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Norman L. Martensen

VanGilder Funeral Home

Thursday, March 03, 2005

Norman L. Martensen, 62, of 17780 2B Road, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 1:30 a.m. at his home after ten years of ALS.

He was born on January 18, 1943 in LaPorte, Indiana to Carl and Edith (DeWitt) Martensen. Norman married Sandy Hutts on August 24, 1963 in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. They moved to Marshall County on January 18, 1975 from Rolling Prairie.
He was a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren and the American Quarter Horse Association. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. Norman had been a welder for Nipsco, a dairy farmer, and a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; their daughters, Lisa and Tim Bemish of Tippecanoe, Indiana and Lori Martensen of Culver; his brothers, Carl and Doris Martensen of Cassopolis, Michigan and Herbert and Lille Martensen of Monterey, Texas; his sisters, Helen Bennett of LaPorte, Indianna, Lois and Vernon Mandey of Avon Park, Florida, and Doris Bennett of Sebring, Florida.

Services will be held Monday, March 7, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Blissville Church of the Brethren in Plymouth, with Pastor Jim Baker officiating. Burial will be at the Swedish Cemetery Donaldson, Indiana.

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 6, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana and one hour before service time at the church.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the ALS Association, Indiana Chapter at 1980 East 116th Street, Suite 105, Carmel, Indiana 46032.

Ann M. Rensberger

Thursday, March 03, 2005

Ann M. Rensberger, 78, died unexpectedly of natural causes at her home, 10830 9A Rd., Plymouth, at 8:07 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2005.

She had been a Plymouth resident for the past forty years and was a loving supportive mother and grandmother.

Born in Chicago on January 5, 1927, she was the daughter of Patrick A. and Anna McDonald Hogan. She graduated from Chicago’s Spaulding High School with the class of 1945 and attended DePaul University for two years.


She worked for the Chicago publishing company of Scott-Forseman, as a billing clerk, until moving to Plymouth as a full-time homemaker for her husband and children.

Ann loved reading. She was an expert seamstress and enjoyed cooking for her family. Working with ceramics was a fun hobby of hers.

A life-long long distance swimmer, she was a member of the Chicago Swim Club and continued her exercise in a water aerobics class that met at Ancilla College, and later at the Super 8 Motel.

An election day volunteer, Ann worked at the polls. She also volunteered at the Kiwanis Camp for Children as well as a Cub Scout Leader and 4-H mother for years.

She was a member of Saint Michael’s Roman Catholic Church and was a volunteer in the bookstore, the gift shop and served with the Altar and Rosary Society.

Ann is survived by three sons and a daughter. Her sons are: Terry L. and Jill Rensberger, South Bend; Paul A. Rensberger, Vancouver, Washington; and Bill H. Rensberger, South Bend, Ind. Her daughter, Judy A. and Raoul Donati live in Osceola, Ind.

Seven grandchildren also survive their devoted grandmother's death.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a daughter-in-law, Debbie Greenlee Rensberger. A sister, Lorraine Senn, has also died.

Ann’s family will welcome friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and continue after 7 a.m. Tuesday. A rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Saint Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 S. Center St., Plymouth. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to Saint Michael’s Tuition Assistance Fund.

**Stephen J. Gunn**

**Bonine-Odom**

**Sunday, March 06, 2005**

Stephen J. Gunn, 61, of Culver, Indiana, died at 3:00PM on Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver, Indiana.

Stephen was born on November 8, 1943, to {au; amd Gabriella (Van Der Brugen) Gunn at Kewanee, Illinois.

He is survived by his loving son: Paul A. Gunn of Culver, Indiana; daughters: Marian L. Gunn of Upland, California, and Susan Gunn of Plymouth, Indiana; sisters: Rebecca J. (Paul) Hannah of East Moline, Illinois, and Grace H. (Calvin) Sears of Watseka, Illinois; and granddaughter: Sabrina J. Gunn of Mooresville, N. Carolina.

There will be no visitation. Rev. Rustin Krapfl will officiate memorial services on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at 11:00AM at the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

**Clifford J. "Sonny", Jr. Milliser**

**Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home**

**Monday, March 07, 2005**

Clifford J. “Sonny” Milliser, Jr., 55, a lifetime resident of Plymouth, Indiana, died following a cancer related illness, at the St. Joseph County Hospice House in South Bend, Indiana at 8:24 am on Monday March 7, 2005.

Born in Plymouth, Indiana to Clifford J. and Margaret J. Warner Milliser Sr., on May 1, 1949. Sonny was a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1971 to 1975 attaining the rank of SP 4.

Sonny has worked for Jeld –Wen Interior Doors, since May of 1999 serving as a door repairman.

He was a former member of the Plymouth American Legion Post 27 and Plymouth VFW Post 1162. Sonny was an avid outdoorsman he enjoyed fishing the local lakes and rivers and camping at Lake Hoffman, he also was a NASCAR enthusiast.

His mother, Margaret of Plymouth, two brothers and two sisters and their spouses survive Sonny.

They are, brothers: Kevin J. and Kim Milliser, Plymouth, Mark A. and Pam Milliser, Plymouth, His sisters are, Betty Ann and Bob Risner, Plymouth and Donna J. Cole, Plymouth.

Numerous nieces and nephews along with several aunts and uncles also survive.
His father, Clifford Milliser, Sr., on April 1, 2002 and a sister, Pamela Kay Milliser, preceded Sonny in death.

Friends are welcome by the family at the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel on Thursday March 10, 2005 from Noon to 2 P.M. Funeral services for Sonny will be following the visitation at 2:00 P.M. in the cemetery chapel with the Rev. Jim Pippenger, pastor of the Bethel Tabernacle, Argos, Indiana officiating.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Indiana with V.F.W. Military honors.

Memorial gifts in Sonny’s name may be made to Marshall County Hospice.

Robert E. Hundt

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Tuesday, March 08, 2005

Robert E. “Bob” Hundt, 69, an area resident all of his life, died at 6:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at his home, 13680 W. 5C Road, Plymouth, Ind.

Bob, who had suffered from a cancer related illness for a number of years, died under the loving care of his family and the Marshall County Hospice.

The local Hospice organization helped to care for Bob, one of their first patients, during the last 8 1/2 years of his life. Bob, in a newspaper interview in June of 1999, attributed his extended lifetime to the care of Hospice.

Bob said then: “Whatever time I have left, I know I am in the hands of the Lord.”

And he was. And is.

He was born in Hanna, Ind., the fourth of 17 children of Arthur W. Sr., and Helen Hazen Hundt, on July 30, 1935. He attended Tyner High School.

On October 30, 1955, Bob and Bonnie M. McCoige were married in Argos, Ind. Married for 43 years, Bonnie died on July 19, 2000.

Bob first worked at Studebakers and had been a foreman at the Plymouth Foundry for 21 years before he started his own business. He became the owner-operator of Hundts Auto Parts where he worked for over 30 years.

An avid outdoorsman, he loved to fish and hunt. He liked to bowl and play golf, especially as a 10-year member of the Golden Boys Golf League. When he was able, he enjoyed spending the winters in Florida.

He was known for his wonderful smile, a firm handshake and a great sense of humor.

Bob was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church of Plymouth and the Moose and Eagle Lodges of Plymouth.

He is survived by two children: a daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Terry A. Doody, Plymouth, and a son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Leigh Ann Hundt, also of Plymouth.

Four grandchildren, a great-grandson and Mona Miller, a special friend, also survive.

Five brothers and their spouses survive as well. They are: Paul and Chris Hundt, Plymouth; Frank and Robin Hundt, Granger, Ind.; Richard and Loretta Hundt, Plymouth; William and Donna Hundt, Bremen and George Hundt, Wheeling, Ill.
Eight sisters and their spouses also survive. They are: Kathy Garza, Plymouth; Tina and Mike Walenga, Bremen; Barbara and Steve Harrington, Bremen; Lila and Bill Harmon, Fla.; Carolyn and David Colburn, Newark, Oh.; Judy and Richard Lowhagen, Fla.; Louella Powell, Plymouth and Patty and Ray Igleski, Wabash, Ind.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Arthur W. Hundt, Jr., and two sisters, Deloris Ogle and Beverly Davis.

Friends will be welcomed by Bob’s family to celebrate his life at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2005, and continue after 7 a.m. Friday.

Funeral services for Bob will be held in the funeral home at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2005. The Rev. Tom Padberg, Chaplain of the Marshall County Hospice and Center for Palliative Care, the Rev. Steven Resner, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church and the Rev. Lloyd Howard, pastor of the Argos Church of Jesus Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the Marshall County Hospice will be appreciated.

Isabelle M. Van Hoecke VanGilder Funeral Home

Isabelle (Izzy) M. Van Hoecke, 84, of 710 Rex Street, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 6:55 a.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

She was born on January 3, 1921 in Mishawaka, Indiana to Jules and Leona (Brient) Van Hoecke. They moved to Plymouth in 1931 from Mishawaka.

Izzy was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, and when she was able to attend, Harvest House and Altar Rosary Society. She worked for Kroger's, as a head cashier for 43 years, before retiring.

She is survived by her sisters, Agnes Van Hoecke of Mishawaka, Indiana, Gabrielle and Arthur Newhouse of South Bend; her brother, Leon Van Hoecke of Plymouth, her nieces, Julie Goldman of Chicago, Illinois and Nancy Carrales of Austin, Texas.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth, with Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Saint Michael Catholic Church or to the choice of the donor.

Isabelle M. Van Hoecke VanGilder Funeral Home

Thursday, March 10, 2005

Dorothy E. Kinney Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Dorothy E. Kinney, 81, of 12939 4A Rd., Plymouth, died at 3:45 p.m on Friday, March 11, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, Ind. A lifetime Marshall County resident, she had suffered from pulmonary fibrosis for the past several years.

Born in Bremen, on October 29, 1923, Dorothy was the daughter of Roy E. and Anna R. Aeppli Carlson.
Dorothy is a 1941 graduate of Plymouth's Lincoln High School and was later an insurance agent with the Sivan Long Agency.

On August 22, 1947, in Plymouth, Dorothy E. Carlson and Donald D. Kinney, Sr. were married. Together for 50 years, Don died on March 2, 1998.

In 1966, Don and Dorothy and their family built the Tri-Way Golf Course and Drive-In Theater, a source of entertainment and pleasure for thousands of people from miles around. The facilities, family owned and operated, are still in business north of Plymouth. The drive-in theater is one of the few existing drive-ins left in the Midwest. Dorothy has long been a supporter of North Township and LaPaz Community projects.

Dorothy was an avid gardener who also enjoyed arranging silk flowers, making candles and doing, crewel, crocheting and macrame handiwork. She was expert in many crafts and loved spending time making beautiful and useful articles for her family.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Lakeview Home Economic Club.

The couple raised a family together of three sons and a daughter. They are: their daughter, Dee Anna and her husband Tom Drake of Simi Valley, Calif., and their sons, Donald D. Jr. and Jan Kinney, Plymouth; Dana L. and Debra Kinney, South Bend; and David R. and Wannita Kinney, of Plymouth.

Three grandsons and four granddaughters also survive. Her grandsons are: Donald D. Kinney III of Glendale, Ariz.; Daniel K. Kinney of South Bend, Ind., and Tyler of Simi Valley, Calif. Her granddaughters are; Tina and Tom Salley of West Bloomfield, Mich.; Denice and Diane Kinney, both of South Bend and Danielle and Danae Drake of Simi Valley, Calif.

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

The family will be present to welcome friends to celebrate Dorothy's life on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. Friends may also call at the funeral home after 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning until time of services.

Funeral services for Dorothy will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Hospice Chaplain Tom Padberg will officiate.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy's memory may be given to the Marshall County Hospice or in memory of her love for animals, to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Entombment will be in the New Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth.

Mildred L. Huls

Mildred L. Huls, Bonine-Odom

Saturday, March 12, 2005

Mildred L. Huls, 84, of Plymouth, Indiana, died at 5:00AM on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at her residence.

Mildred was born on June 13, 1920, to Harrison B. and Salina (Held) Smith at Indiana Harbor, Indiana. She was married on August 28, 1940, at Marion, Indiana, to Albert G. (Buck) Huls. He preceded in death on August 11, 1991.

She is survived by her loving sons: Curtis G. (Ike) of Plymouth, Indiana and Bruce A. of Bellows Falls, Vermont; sister: Hazel Senn of Albuquerque, New Mexico; nephews: Edwin D. (Marianne)
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Anderson of Elkhart, Indiana and Howard (Betty) Anderson of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania; 2 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Monday, March 14, 2005, from 5:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Paul McBride and Rev. Deb Peterson will officiate services on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 11:00AM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Marshall-Starke Development Center Auxiliary of Hospice of Starke County.

William Reed Ollett

Saturday, March 12, 2005

William Reed Ollett, 16, of Culver, Indiana, died at 1:59PM on Saturday, March 12, 2005.

Reed was born on June 24, 1988, to Frederick B. and Martha E. (Reed) Ollett III at Evanston, Illinois. They survive.

He is also survived by his loving brothers: Frederick Benjamin and Robert Reed Ollett of Denver, Colorado; sister: Martha Elizabeth Ollett of Culver, Indiana; paternal grandparents: Frederick Beatty and Carolyn Welty (Bortz) Ollett Jr. of Signal Mountain, Tennessee; and maternal grandparents: William Allen and Martha Elizabeth (Myrick) Reed of Sanford, North Carolina.

Chaplain Tom Steffen will officiate memorial services on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 2:00PM at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel, Culver, Indiana. Interment will be private.

Goldie Maude Ringer

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

Goldie Maude Ringer, 100, formerly of 16147 Muckshaw Road, Argos, died Tuesday at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include one daughter, Lenora Gann, Argos; two sons, Lloyd Ringer, Port Charlotte, Fla., and Eugene Ringer, Culver.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to her service Friday.

Marie K. Cultice

Thursday, March 17, 2005

CULVER - Marie K. Cultice, 97, of Culver, died at 1 a.m. on Thursday, March 17 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by a son, Robert (Frieda) Cultice of Culver; two sisters: Anna Mae Cultice of Culver and Ruth Miller of South Bend; two granddaughters; two grandsons; three great-grandsons; three great-granddaughters; and a great great-granddaughter.

Visitation is Monday, March 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Monday, March 21 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver.
Thursday, March 17, 2005

Marie K. Cultice, 97, of Culver, Indiana, died at 1:00AM on Thursday, March 17, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, Indiana.

Marie was born on August 12, 1907, to Harry A. and Delila E. (Pitts) Smeltzer at Hamilton County, Indiana. She was married on September 25, 1925, at Peru, Indiana, to Emmitt E. Cultice. He preceded in death on August 21, 1968.

She is survived by her loving son: Robert L. Cultice of Culver, Indiana; sisters: Anna Mae Cultice of Culver, Indiana, and Ruth Miller of South Bend, Indiana; 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Visitation with the family will be Monday, March 21, 2005, from 9:00 - 11:00AM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Services will be on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 11:00AM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver, Indiana.

Edith Pauline Maxson Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Edith Pauline Maxson, 96, a lifetime area resident, died at 11:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2005 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth.

Born in Culver on February 17, 1909, Edith was the daughter of Oral B. and Daisy I. Fear Hayes.

Edith attended Culver High School and later graduated from Tobias Beauty College in South Bend. She worked at the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant and John Meck Industries during World War II. After graduating from Beauty College, she owned and operated a Beauty Shop in La Paz for many years.


An avid reader, Edith also liked to crochet and enjoyed visiting with her neighbors and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She had been a member of the Beautician's Association of Marshall County.

Edith is survived by three Daughters: Mary Jane and Gerald Clark of Indiana, Darlene J. Chaney of Des Moines, Iowa, and Betty P. Freese of Plymouth, IN., a son: Devere W. and Kiyoko Muffley of Ocala, FL. Seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren, four great- great grandchildren along with a brother, Raymond O. Haynes of Leesburg, FL., also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, hers husband, a grandson, three sisters and two brothers.

Friends may visit with Edith’s family from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005 at the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth, IN.

Funeral services will be held in the New Oakhill Chapel immediately following visitation at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005.

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

Memorial contributions in Edith’s name may be given to the Arthritis Foundation.

Christopher D. Frey Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Christopher D. “Chris” Frey, 51, 14450 Crest Lane, died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 1:26 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2005, of a sudden heart attack.

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 17, 1953, Chris was the son of Donald and Barbara Brinkerhoff Frey. He graduated from South Bend’s Adams High School with the class of 1972 and from Indiana University with a degree in English.

On August 1, 1976, in the Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol, Ind., Chris and Marsha Hisey were married.

He was the manager of the Plymouth G.L. Perry store from the time it opened until it closed in Plymouth. He then managed the Dollar General until taking a position with the Tim Martin Buick, GMC, Pontiac dealership in Plymouth.

Chris enjoyed water sports including scuba diving. He loved to fish, play golf, read, go to movies and was a Jimmy Buffet music fan.

Chris was dedicated to his and other children’s education. A member of the I.U. Alumni Association.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and past president of the local Red Cross chapter.

Chris is survived by his wife, Marsha and by their three children. Stacie, an I.U. graduate in Secondary Education and her husband Erik Klumpp, Rochester Hills MI.; Lauren Frey, Plymouth, a senior in Marketing at I.U.; and Adam, Plymouth, a junior at Purdue University in the professional flight school.

A brother and sister-in-law, Dr. James and Judy Frey, Fort Wayne and a sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Chris Hancock, South Bend.

His mother-in-law, Maxine Hisey, Sebring, Fla., and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2005, in the Zion Lutheran Church, 53176 County Road 19 Bristol, Ind. There will be an hour of visiting with the family prior to the services. The Rev. Paul Baglien, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church will officiate.

Interment will be in the Zion Lutheran Church, Bristol, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Red Cross or the Zion Lutheran Church, Bristol, Ind.

Ann Montgomery Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Ann Montgomery, formerly of 805 Baker St., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 7:00 a.m on Sunday, March 20, 2005. She was 88 years old.

One of her finest attributes to all who knew her was that she was a very good and loving mother to her three children.

Ann was born in Philadelphia, Penn., on August 27, 1916. She was the daughter of John O’Connor and Agnes O’Connor Murphy. She graduated from a Philadelphia high school.
In November of 1940, Ann and Richard James Montgomery were married in Philadelphia.

She worked as a clerk and office worker in Sears and Roebuck.

She enjoyed line dancing, knitting afghans and playing cards. She loved to feed the wild birds and she took care of feeding Ritz crackers to her daughter Mary’s dog, Poncho.

A strong faithed Catholic she rarely missed attending Mass at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church were she was a devoted member.

Ann is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Joe Stein, Argos, and Margaret and Edwin Kuehale, Bensalem, Penn. A son Richard J. Montgomery, Plymouth, survives as well.

One sister, Tam O. Lake of Oreland, Penn., also survives Ann’s death.

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Ann at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St., Plymouth, Ind. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

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

Memorials in Ann’s memory may be made to St. Michael's Church, 612 N. Walnut St. Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Audrey Wasson

Sunday, March 20, 2005
Audrey L. Wasson, 29, of Kewanna, Indiana, died at 3:47AM on Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Audrey was born on March 26, 1975, to Gail Payne at La Grange, Georgia. She was married on July 14, 2004, at Las Vegas, Nevada, to Thomas Wasson. He survives.

She is also survived by her loving daughter: Jade Seal of Kewanna, Indiana; step-daughters: Candice Robinson of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Ashley Wasson of Kewanna, Indiana; and her sister: Kimberly Martin of Phenix City, Alabama.

Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, March 23, 2005, from 4:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Dave Welsh will officiate services on Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 12:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at a later date in Georgia. Memorial contributions may be given to help support her daughter, Jade.

Marjorie H. Fisher

Monday, March 21, 2005
Marjorie H. Fisher, 80, of 805 Maple St., Plymouth, died at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth, A Plymouth resident for over 40 years, Marjorie had also lived in Hartford City, IN; Superior, AZ; Yuma, AZ and Hamlet, IN.

Born on November 27, 1924 in Losantville, IN, she was the daughter of James C. and Isie M. Sutton Hardwick.

Marjorie was married to Delmar Fisher, who died on March 11, 1969.
Marjorie was salutatorian of the Hartford City High School class of 1943. She then attended Olivet Nazarene College for two years, and graduated from Ball State University in 1949 with an AB in education and library science. She also received graduate credits from Butler University, I.U., Arizona State College, Ball State University and Indiana State University.

She was a teacher and librarian for many years, retiring from Plymouth Schools in 1995 after serving 38 years as the Director of Library Services. While at Plymouth High School, she completely automated the library. Marjorie also served as librarian at Devine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, IN, organizing their library.

Marjorie and her son Deljon developed a library card catalog printing system via computer. She also contributed articles to library journals, was active in Indiana School Library Association, held a state office for Hoosier Library Assistants and was a member of the American Library Association, serving as reporter for their national convention in St. Louis.

She is survived by her son, Deljon R. and Valerie Fisher of Pierceton, IN and her daughter, M. Denise and Roger Gaines of Plymouth, IN. Also surviving are grandchildren: Sarah and James Wadkins of Claypool, IN; Jesse Fisher of Warsaw, IN; Roger A. Gaines, Jr.; Kelly Gaines; Klay Gaines all of Plymouth, IN, and great grandsons: Matthew Gaines; Michael Wadkins and Caleb Wadkins and great granddaughters: Aubrey Gaines; Tylene Wadkins and Kelly E. M. Gaines, and a brother: John and Barb Hardwick of Hartford City, IN.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister: Nilah Jean James and two brothers: James E. Hardwick and Raymond Hardwick.

In following with her career as an educator, Marjorie has donated her body to the Indiana University School of Medicine for medical research.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Memorials in Marjorie’s memory may be given to the Easter Seal Society.

William P., Jr. Hunt VanGilder Funeral Home

Monday, March 21, 2005
William P. Hunt, Jr., 76, 805 Baker Street, Lot 49, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Monday, March 21, 2005 at 10:05 p.m. in his home.

He was born on September 25, 1928 in Washington D.C. to William, Sr. and Helen (McMullen) Hunt.

Bill and Joan Newberg were married on May 12, 1979 at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Donaldson, Indiana. He and his family moved to Plymouth in 1969, to work as an accountant for Young Door Company. He was later part owner of H.N.P. and was the accountant for the business. At the time of his death, he was the owner of Hunt & Associates Office Supplies.

Bill was a member of The Moose Lodge #741, The American Legion #27, and The Elks Lodge, all in Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Hunt; his daughters, Linda and Ed Houin of Plymouth and Kathleen and Frank Smith of Perrysburg, Ohio; his son, William P. Hunt, III and Jane Hunt of Temple, Texas; his brother, Richard Hunt of Washington, D. C.; and his grandchildren, Marlo, Kristen and Nick Houin of Plymouth, Justis, Lucas, and Marcus Hunt of Temple, Texas, and Nolan, Fiona, and Kelsey Smith of Perrysburg, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church, at the corner of U.S. 30 and Union Road in Donaldson, with the Rev. Denise
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Robert A. Miller  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home  

Tuesday, March 22, 2005  

Robert A. “Bob” Miller, 78, of 2601 Oakland, Elkhart, IN, died in Elkhart General Hospital at 2:46 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, following an illness. Bob moved from Michigan to Plymouth, IN, in 1943, and to Elkhart in 1998.

Born in Kalamazoo, MI on July 30, 1926, Bob was the son of Robert K and Helen Burlingham Miller. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and attended Arkansas State Teachers College.

On April 12, 1951, in Plymouth, Bob and Della J. Lacher were married. Della died on July 20, 2000.

Bob was a Veteran of W.W. II, and had worked for Bethlehem Steel for 22 years as a strand operator, retiring in 1987. An avid golfer, he worked at Swan Lake Golf Course after he retired. He enjoyed reading and listening to Jazz music.

Just prior to, and following his military service, Bob played Professional Minor League Baseball in Kingsport, TN and Borger TX. He played on the Plymouth Merchant League in 1948 and 1949.

Bob was a member of the Plymouth American Legion and Moose Lodge.

Bob is survived by a daughter, Lisa and Brian McKee of Plymouth, IN and two sons: Kurt and Debra Miller of Elkhart, IN and Brent and Faith Miller of LaPorte, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and two brothers also survive. They are: Dythia Miller of Mena, AR, Rosie and Larry Lowry of Walkerton, IN, Bruce E. Miller of East Amhurst, NY, and Douglas and Betty Miller of Plymouth.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Charles Miller.

Visitation with Bob’s family will be on from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2005 in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by Bob’s brother, Bruce Miller, will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, March 25th, in the funeral home.

Interment will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, IN.

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

Eugene C. Gruwell  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home  

Wednesday, March 23, 2005  

Eugene C. “Gene” Gruwell, 16514 Sheryl Court, Plymouth, died at 6:45 p.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, from an apparent heart attack on Wednesday, March 23,
Gene was born on January 5, 1936, in Springdale, Iowa. He was the son of Francis and Frieda Pedersen Gruwell. He graduated from West Branch High School.

From 1958 through 1960, Gene served in the United States Army.

On June 28, 1986, in Iowa City, Iowa, Gene and Ginny Blankenship were married.

He was a retired supervisor for United Technologies.

An outdoorsman, Gene liked to work outside. He especially liked being with his grandchildren and enjoyed animals of all kinds.

He is survived by his wife, Ginny, and their nine children and twenty grandchildren.

His children are, sons: Dean Gruwell, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Eric Coulter, Muscatine, Iowa; Larry Loring, Ft. Lewis, Wash.; and Chris Loring, Keokuk, Iowa.

Gene’s daughters are: Lori Gruwell and Kelly Dooley, both of Des Moines, Iowa; Toni Favorite, Plymouth, Ind.; Tari Hansen and Judy Forman, both of Iowa City, Iowa.

Other survivors are three brothers and three sisters. They are: Ron and Bernice Gruwell, Berryville, Ark.; Ed and Leona Gruwell, North Liberty, Iowa; Polly and Pat Maher, West Branch, Iowa; Thelma Baysinger, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Robert and Reta Gruwell, West Branch, Iowa; and Marilyn Marshall, Calinesa, Calif.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Dustin Paul Loring.

Friends are welcome to visit with the family on Saturday, March 26, 2005, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services for Gene will be in the funeral home following visitation at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2005.

Additional visitation will be at the Henderson - Barker Funeral Home in West Branch, Iowa, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2005. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Interment will be in the West Branch Cemetery, West Branch, Iowa.

Memorial gifts in Gene’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Margaret C. Stiles

Margaret C. “Marge” Stiles, 57, of 315 W. Garro St., Plymouth, IN, died at 4:10 p.m. on March 23, 2005 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth, from complications of kidney dialysis. Marge was a lifetime Plymouth area resident.

Born in Michigan on December 19, 1947, Marge was the daughter of Charles and Lila Sarber. She attended Plymouth Schools.

She had worked as a nurse’s assistant at Pilgrim Manor and Miller’s Merry Manor. Marge was an avid shopper, she loved going places, and drinking coffee with her friends.
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Marge is survived by a daughter, Angela Beatty and her fiancé, Duane Alexander of Plymouth, a son, Rick Stiles of Plymouth and five grandchildren: Kayla Beatty, Derrick Beatty, Duane Alexander II, Tyler Stiles and Shawn Stiles, all of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation with Marge’s family will be from 10 to 11 am Monday, March 28, 2005, in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Monday in the New Oakhill Chapel. Rev. Stephen Patrick, pastor of the House of the Lord, of which Marge was a member, will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Marge’s memory made be made to the Kidney Foundation.

Bessie L. Clark

Thursday, March 24, 2005

Bessie L. Clark, 700 Berkley St., Plymouth, died of natural causes on Thursday, March 24, 2005, in Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, Ind. She was 73 years old.

Her family will remember her as a great wife, mother and grandmother.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on April 23, 1931, Bessie was the daughter of Lloyd and Ethel M. White Wilson. She attended Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Ind.

On December 1, 1947, in Indianapolis, Bessie and Elmer L. Clark were married.

She had lived in Marshall County since 1947, coming from Indianapolis and had worked in manufacturing as a skilled laborer.

Bessie loved to dance.

She enjoyed flowers --most especially wildflowers, birds and animals.

She is survived by Elmer, her husband of 57 years, and by their eight children, 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

There are two daughters and six sons who survive her death. Her daughters are: Elizabeth Ann Johnson, Ohio and Sheila and Joe Dixon, Talma, Ind.

Her sons are: Kenneth F. and Joan Clark, Argos, Ind.; Michael L. Clark, Ken.; Jack E. and Ada Clark and Charles H. Clark, all of Hamlet, Ind.; Kirk D. and Pat Clark, Plymouth, Ind.; and James L. Clark, Bourbon, Ind.

Two sisters, Cora Jane Kelso and Katherine Burris, Indianapolis, survive as well.

Visitation with Bessie’s family will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., from 12 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

At 2 p.m. on that Tuesday, March 29, 2005, following visitation, a funeral service will be held in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the County Line Brethren Cemetery, Lakeville, Ind.

Memorial gifts in memory of Bessie may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.
Richard E. Ruff  
VanGilder Funeral Home  

Friday, March 25, 2005  

Richard E. Ruff, 86, of 19735 5th Road, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Friday, March 25, 2005 at 7:45 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton.

He was born on December 26, 1918 in Saint Joseph County, Indiana to Ennis and Dorothy (Bare) Ruff. Richard married Thelma Lemert on December 21, 1950. He worked for the Marshall County Highway Department as a parts manager. He also farmed, which he loved doing, and drove a school bus for Tyner School.

He was a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren and a 50 year member of the Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge #821.

Dick is survived by his wife of 54 years, Thema; their daughters, Vivian and James Barrett of Walkerton and Kathy and Dan Guseilla of Plymouth; their son, Robert and Linda Ruff of Plymouth; his two sisters, Joyce Roush of Plymouth and Mary Alice and Leon Pentelow of Plymouth; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister Betty Kane.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Blissville Church of the Brethren, Plymouth, with Pastor Jim Baker officiating. Burial will be in Morris Cemetery, LaPaz, Indiana.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 28, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, and also one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday. There will be a Tyner I.O.O.F. Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Blissville Church of the Brethren or to Marshall County Hospice.

Elna Stallwood  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home  

Friday, March 25, 2005  

At the age of 98, Elna went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 25, 2005. She was born December 20, 1906, in Plymouth, IN, the oldest of eight children. She married Canadian, Robert Stallwood, in 1929 and bore three children, Verna Jean, Robert and Larry. Elna was widowed in 1961.

She had been employed for many years at Blocks Department Store in Indianapolis. Elna loved to crochet afghans, garden, read and pray for her family, friends and those in need. She moved from Indianapolis to East Lansing, MI in 2000 to live with daughter, Verna Jean and son-in-law Dr. Joseph Hess.

In October of 2004 a hip fracture and failing health led to her spending her final days in Burcham Hills Health Center, East Lansing. Elna is survived by two siblings, a sister, Frances Crockett of Englewood, FL., and brother, Dr. Arthur Beyler of Cape Cod, MA; daughter, Verna Jean; son, Robert of Indianapolis; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 1 great - great grandchild.

Elna was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, her parents and a son, Larry in 1961.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at 2:00 pm in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, IN with visitation being held one hour prior to the funeral. Interment will be held in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.
Robert G. Spicer
Saturday, March 26, 2005
Robert G. Spicer, 39, of 216 Franklin Street, Plymouth, Indiana passed away Saturday, March 26, 2005 at 6:00 a.m. at his home in Plymouth.

He was born on December 6, 1965 in Santa Monica, California to Richard and Linda (Behmer) Spicer. Robert married Anita Whitaker on June 22, 1991. He graduated from Culver High School in 1984. He served his county in the United States Navy for six years and was employed by Michiana Contractors for the past ten years.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741 and the American Legion Post #27 of Plymouth.

Robert is survived by his wife, Anita; his mother, Linda and Bill Bartlett of Henderson, Nevada; his father, Richard and Roberta Spicer of Draper, Utah; his brothers, Richard and Shara Spicer of Wichita Falls, Texas, and their children, Jacob, Zachary, Jessica and Emily; Craig and Melissa Spicer of Argos, and their children, Noah and Aaron; his maternal grandmother; Marville Lowery of Plymouth; his paternal grandmother, Onalee Spicer of Florida; his uncles Robert Spicer of Utah, Dale Spicer of New York, and John Behmer of Elkhart, Indiana; his aunt, Anne Behmer of Indianapolis; his brother-in-laws, Bruce Whitaker of California, Kirby Whitaker of Plymouth, and Mark Whitaker of Plymouth; his sister-in-laws, Shelley Shafer of Argos, Indiana, and Gayle Smith of Plymouth; ten nieces and nephews; three great-nieces and great-nephews; his mother-in-law, Lillian Whitaker of Plymouth; and aunt, Mary and Paul Resendez of Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Pastor Rustin Krapfl officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 31, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

Jeanette Abene
Sunday, March 27, 2005
If there is dancing in heaven -- and she was sure there is -- Jeanette Abene, 89, will be in the line up.

She danced all her life, this diminutive Chicago native who moved to Plymouth from Indianapolis two and a half years ago, was also a former resident of Des Plaines, Ill.

"When I was 16," she said in an interview a year ago, "I was a singer and tap dancer." A lover of ballroom dancing, she was particularly fond of the cha cha.

Jeanette died, appropriately enough, on a day of celebration, Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, at 6:10 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Rosario and Catarina M. (Bellizia) Candella, she received her education in Chicago schools.


More than a homemaker, she was a happy, friendly person who enjoyed people and activities of all kinds. Music filled her life. She played violin in the Berwyn Symphony Orchestra and was a pianist and organist.
She was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Moose Lodge in Plymouth.

Jeanette is survived by two children. Her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Robert and Patricia Abene, live in Plymouth with grandson, Andrew K. Abene.


Jeanette was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband and a brother, Philip Candella.

Jeanette’s family will welcome friends to celebrate her life from 4:30 to 8 p.m. (EST) on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

A rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Wed. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Jeanette will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at 11 a.m. (EST) in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St., Plymouth, with visitation from 10 – 11 a.m. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

A special entombment prayer service will be held in the main chapel of All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, Ill., at 11 a.m. (CST) on Friday, April 1, 2005.

Memorial gifts in Jeanette’s memory may be made to the St. Joseph Health Center 116 E. Washington St. Plymouth.

**Vincent R. "Red" Moore**  
*Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home*

**Wednesday, March 30, 2005**

Vincent R. “Red” Moore, 90, 316 Klinger St., Plymouth, died at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, in the Pilgrim Manor Care Center.

Born in Plymouth, Ind., on June 22, 1914, Vincent was the son of John E. and Louise T. (Nagel) Moore He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1933.

Married to Lizzie F. Ham on May 30, 1937, in the rectory of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, the couple had two children.

The tall, friendly redhead, nicknamed “Red,” worked for Montgomery Wards in Plymouth for over 25 years as in retail sales and as a manager. His career also included serving as a sales representative for a New York children’s apparel company.

He lived in Plymouth for many years before moving to Mission, Texas. He also enjoyed his summer home in Wisconsin on the back waters of the Mississippi River from 1978 to 1991. He returned to his Plymouth home just a year ago.

Sports lover of all kinds he was admittedly a Cubs fan.

Red was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, and the Knights of Columbus, Plymouth, Ind.

Red is survived by his wife, Lizzie F. Moore, Plymouth, their daughter and her husband, Jo Ann and Henry Stukenborg and his five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.
Grandchildren are: Stephen (Kathleen) Stukenborg, Mountain View, Calif, Theresa (James) Coonan, Fort Wayne, Ind., Mark (Sara) Stukenborg, Clemmons, N.C., Henry John (Charity) Stukenborg, Tampa, Fla. and James Stukenborg, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A brother, George (Joda) Moore, Richmond, Ind., and a sister, Mary Deckard, of Plymouth, also survive.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, a son, John W. Moore and a sister, Dorothy Moore.

The family of Red Moore will welcome visitors to celebrate Red’s life in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St., Plymouth, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2005.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:30 a.m. by the Rev. Father William J. Kummer, pastor of the church.

Funeral arrangements are by the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Red’s memory may be made to St. Michael’s School.

Oscar M. Mikesell

Oscar M. Mikesell, 86, of Culver, Indiana, died at 2:30AM on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at Bremen Community Hospital, Bremen, Indiana.

Oscar was born on May 22, 1918, at Culver, Indiana. He was married on Jamuary 31, 1947, at Argos, Indiana, to Violet M. Woodward. She survives.

He is also survived by his loving daughters: Carole Joyce (Jack) Kowatch of Culver, Indiana, Barbara (Ron) Ritter of South Bend, Indiana, Vicky (Alan) Huys of Plymouth, Indiana, and DeAnn (Richard) Florea of Granger, Indiana; sister: Opal Benedict of Culver, Indiana; 6 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, Indiana. A private interment will be in Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Marshall Co., Grace United Church of Christ, or the American Cancer Society.

Freda F. Roose

Freda F. Roose, 88, 1060 Lincolnway East, died in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 4:45 am on Thursday, March 31, 2005.

Freda was born in Mentone, Ind., on December 14, 1916. She was the daughter of Linus C. and Mary E. Riddle Borton. She attended Mentone High Schools.

On May 16, 1942, in Mentone, Freda and Verl E. Roose were married. Verl died on June 1, 2002.

Freda worked for 12 years as the office manager for Burns Bakery, retiring in 1945 to become a housewife.
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She enjoyed cooking, baking, reading and working outside in her garden.

Freda was a member of the Warsaw, Ind. Royal Neighbors of America.

She is survived by her niece, Sue Pyle of Mentone and was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Friends will be welcomed from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Freda will be held following the end of visitation at 2 p.m. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate.

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

**Samuel E. Haines**  
Samuel E. Haines, 77, of 920 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Sunday, April 3, 2005 at 3:38 p.m. at his home in Plymouth.

He was born on June 16, 1927 in Mount Vernon, Posey County, Indiana to Simon and Pearl Haines.

Samuel was a member of the American Legion Post #27, Plymouth. He retired as a maintenance supervisor from a building complex. He moved back to Plymouth in 1982. Sam served his country during WWII, in the Army, and was on Normandy Beach.

Sam is survived by his daughters, Kristene Drew of Sarasota, Florida, Dorrene and Bill Wallace of Plymouth, Lorrene and Jeff VanBlaricom of Plymouth, Norrene and Rex Sullivan of Plymouth, and Sidney and Terry Anders of Plymouth; his sons, David Lee Haines of Ellenton, Florida and Samuel E. and DeAnna Haines of San Antonio, Texas; 24 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. The American Legion Post #27 will present the military graveside service.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

**Jeruldene B. "Jerry" Miller**  
Jeruldene B. "Jerry" Miller, 83, a lifetime area resident, died at 9:55 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2005 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, following an extended illness.

Born in Bourbon on October 30, 1921, she is the daughter of Clifford Carl and Ada M. (Dillingham) Brown.

Jerry is a 1939 graduate of LaPaz High School and a proud veteran of WWII. In the U.S. Navy she received her Licensed Practical Nurse’s training and finished second in her class. Following the war she continued to work as a nurse until which time she took a job at Wagner Wire.

She was married to John “Jack” Miller, they would later divorce and he preceded her in death in 1998, together they had three children.
A person who loved the outdoors, Jerry enjoyed fishing, gardening and watching birds. She liked watching all types of sports and as a cancer survivor; she took great pride in walking in the American Cancer – Relay For Life for the past five years.

Jerry had attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church where she had been a Sunday School teacher and was a former member of the American Legion.


Proceeding in death were her parents, a sister Velma Jean Everdon and three brothers; DeWayne “Bud”, Kenneth and Carl “Bill” Brown.

Friends may visit with Jerry’s family from 3 – 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, and after 7 a.m. Monday where services will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will follow in Grovertown Cemetery, Grovertown, Indiana with military honors accorded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall Co. Post 1162. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society – Relay For Life.

Doris A. (Long) Lamborn

Johnston & Danielson Funeral Home

Saturday, April 09, 2005

Doris A. (Long) Lamborn, 80, died following a cancer related illness at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2005. A resident of 13634 W. 6A Road, Doris died at home in the care and company of her family and the Marshall Co. Hospice.

She was born January 10, 1925 in North Liberty, Ind., the daughter of Francis Arthur and Ollie M. (Johnson) Long. At the age of 7 the family moved to Marshall County where she attended school and graduated from Tyner High with the Class of 1944.

Doris immediately began working for Meck Industries in Plymouth and then on July 27, 1946 in Kingman, Ind. she became the bride of Ralph C. Lamborn. In 1950 Doris decided to leave Meck’s and worked at home with her husband in his business answering the phone and keeping records as she also raised their two children.

In 1966 Doris went to work at Town & Country Press, which then became Indiana Press and after 20 years of service, she retired on December 31, 1986. In her spare time she enjoyed crocheting, making ceramics and working in her flower and vegetable garden, often giving extra produce to neighbors and friends.

She especially enjoyed camping with family and friends for many years in the woods at the home of Glenn and Margaret Markley. Doris new a good hand of cards and played to win while wearing her infectious smile.

Doris is survived by her husband Ralph of 58 years and their daughter; Debra Sue (C. Jon) Bixel of Plymouth and son; Dennis Brian (Gloria) Lamborn of Mishawaka, along with five granddaughters; Amy (Ted) Rotering of Grovertown, Melissa Bixel of Plymouth, Melanie (Matt) Brown of Argos, Holly Lamborn Hostetler and Forest Ann Lamborn both of Mishawaka and one grandson; William (Cosette) Hesler of Vancouver, Wash. Five great-grandchildren include; Christine and Aron Rotering of Grovertown, Bailey Porter and Leita Hesler of Vancouver, Wash., and Victoria Hostetler of Mishawaka.
Three sisters, Betty Geible of Sebring, Florida; Grace (John) Hutchings of Enid, Oklahoma and Mary Dare of Teegarden survive along with a sister-in-law Janet Long of South Bend and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Doris in death were her parents, two brothers Glenn and Art Long, a sister-in-law Helen Long and brothers-in-law Clark Dare and Harry Geible.

Friends may visit with the family from 3 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth and continue after 7 a.m. on Wednesday until time of services at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Close family friend, Rev. Paul McBride will officiate, assisted by Rev. Wm. Kaster pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church where Doris was a member.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice, 112 S. Center St. Suite C, Plymouth, Indiana 46563 or to the Donor’s Choice.

Winifred Geneva Jacobson VanGilder Funeral Home

Monday, April 11, 2005

Winifred Geneva Jacobson, 91, of 19650 West 6B Road, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Monday, April 11, 2005 at 2:55 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton, Indiana.

She was born on October 22, 1913 in LaPorte, Indiana to William Carl and Cloie Maude (Bolenbaugh) Schultz. She attended school in Teegarden and graduated from Tyner High School in 1931. She and Tobias Custer Jacobson were married on March 29, 1935. He passed away on August 19,1978.

Winifred was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the quilting circle, at the church, and the Dorcas Society, where she helped piece thousands of quilts for sick children around the world. She was a charter member of the Tyner Rebekah Lodge #865.

Winifred enjoyed her family, fishing, bowling, Bingo, Bunco, Scrabble, traveling, and baking Swedish rye bread and milk pies for her grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

She lived most of her life on a dairy farm in Polk Township. During the war she worked at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant. Later she worked at Price's Abattoir, in Plymouth, and Swanson's Egg Hatchery.

Winifred is survived by her son, David (Jayne) Jacobson of Plymouth; her daughters, Marilyn (Alan) Grobe of Portland, Oregon and Sue Ann Fontanes of Plymouth; her brother, Joyce Schultz of Mishawaka, Indiana; her nine grandchildren, Art (Hope) Fontanes of Florida, Sueann (Doug) Emmons of Tennessee, Jaun (Susan) Fontanes of Texas, Tod (Therese) Jacobson of Plymouth, Mark (Valerie) Jacobson of Wisconsin, Kevin Jacobson of Plymouth, Hoa (Chanret) Pung of Michigan, Kim (Tom) Tessier of California, and Shawn (Patty) Grobe of Plymouth; 14 great-grandchildren, Nicohlas and Natalie Fontanes of Florida, Dennis (Emily) Emmons and Ashleigh and Whitney Emmons of Tennessee, Austin Fontanes of Texas, David and Cody Jacobson of Wisconsin, Chloe, Julia, and Cole Jacobson of Plymouth, and Jacob, Kaleu, and Arron Pung of Michigan.

Services will be held Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church on Union Road, north of Donaldson, with Pastor Dennis Wenzel officiating. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, and one hour prior to the service at the
church on Thursday. On Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Rebekah Lodge memorial service for Winifred, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the American Cancer Society, or Hospice.

Lourane Holtzclaw

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Lourane Holtzclaw, 74, of Deborah Lane, Plymouth, died April 12, 2005 in her residence of natural causes. She had been a Plymouth area resident since 1966.

Born in Jackson, Kentucky, on March 10, 1931, Lourane was the daughter of Benton and Lucy Ritchie Mann. She attended schools in Kentucky.

On December 30, 1950 in Kent, Indiana, Lourane Mann and Darrell Sampson were married they proceeded to be the parents of five children.

Lourane and Joseph P. Holtzclaw were married in March, 1973 in Plymouth. Joe preceded her in death on June 2, 1975.

She had been a Sales Representative before retiring.

An avid shopper, she also enjoyed listening to Country Music and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Lourane was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge, the Plymouth Elks Club and the Plymouth American Legion.

She is survived by two sons: Edwin and Konnie Sampson of Mishawaka and Tom and Juli Sampson of Plymouth, three daughters: Lisa and Brian Huff and Vicki Washburn all of Plymouth and Deb and Gerald Treesh of Argos, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are six sisters: Vessie Bridgewater of Scottsburg, IN; Dellie Hiel of Gary, IN; Hazel Palmer of Wasuseon, OH; Phyllis Cripe of Bolingbrook, IL; Ruth Napier of Well Lake, MI and Mary Fugate of Winchester, KY, along with a brother, Adam Mann of Walkerton, IN.

Lourane was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Joe, and six brothers.

Friends may visit with Lourane's family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005 in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home. 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2005. The Rev. Mike Dixon, pastor of the Mishawaka East United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart or Cancer Societies.

Bonnie J. Frushour

Sunday, April 17, 2005

Bonnie J. "B.J." Frushour, 73, passed away at home, following an extended illness at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005 in the care of her family, friends and the Marshall County Hospice.

Bonnie has resided at 10286 Pretty Lake Trail since 1973 and as a long time member, she will be greatly missed on the fairways of the Plymouth Country Club.
She was born in Rochester, Ind., the daughter of Willis E. and Florence A. (Woolington) Hartman on April 5, 1932 and attended West High School.

On March 15, 1973, in Plymouth, she married Wayne M. Frushour, together they have spent the past 20 winters in the community of Avon Park Florida, which allowed Bonnie to pursue her passion for golf year round.

Bonnie enjoyed dabbling as an interior decorator and had a great appreciation for antiques which lead her to own and operate B.J.’s Antiques since 1972. She completed advance study courses to achieve her Real Estate license and then worked as an agent for Masterson & Associates.

She was a member of the Plymouth Elks, American Legion, Eagles and Moose Auxiliaries and in Avon Park; the Rivergreen Country Club and V.F.W. Auxiliary.

Survivors include; her husband, her mother Florence Ellinger of Plymouth, two daughters; Vickey J. (Larry) Mahler of Culver and Cindi L. (Nathan) Kennedy of Winslow, Ill. and three step-sons; Gregory A. (Mary) Frushour of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mark E. (Donna) Frushour of Grant City, North Carolina and Matthew S. (Lisa) Frushour of Owensboro, Kentucky. Six grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive along with two sisters; Jan S. (Larry) Fisher and Patricia L. (Bobby) Carver all of Plymouth and a half brother Clayton Hartman of Daytona Beach, Florida.

Two aunts, an uncle, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her father, and an infant son.

The family would like to invite friends to share in the celebration of Bonnie’s life from 9 – 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. with Rev. Tom Padberg, Chaplain of the Marshall County Hospice officiating.

Memorial gifts in Bonnie’s memory may be made to the Red Cross Pantry, 215 W. Garro St. Plymouth, IN 46563 or Marshall Co. Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Margaret E. McCollough Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Sunday, April 17, 2005

Services for former Plymouth resident, Margaret E. McCollough, will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 1 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. The family will receive friends on Saturday, April 23rd from 4 – 7 p.m.

Margaret, was born the daughter of George H. and Ruth (Bryan) Kelley in Marshall County on August 15, 1925. She graduated from Plymouth High School and lived most of her life in the Plymouth area.

On her birthday in 1941 she became the bride of Max D. McCollough, together they would have two children and enjoy 55 years of marriage. Max died September 20, 1996.

Margaret had a 30 year career in banking, serving as a teller at the Plymouth State Exchange Bank and retired in 1982.

A long time member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, Margaret enjoyed visiting with family and friends, working crossword puzzles and a good game of cards.

In 1999, she moved to Inverness, Florida to be near her daughter and enjoy the mild winter climate. There she attended the Inverness Trinity Baptist Church.
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For the past year Margaret resided under Hospice Care in the Citrus Rehabilitation Center at Inverness, where her passing came at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2005.

Left to cherish her memory are her two children; daughter Kay Ann and husband Jerry Wilhelm of Inverness and son Stephen A. and wife Edda McCollough of Cottonwood, Arizona, five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and a sister, Phyllis Mueller of Phoenix, Arizona. Her parents, spouse, two brothers and two sisters have preceded her in death.

Memorial gifts in Margaret’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church or any Hospice Program.

Erica Christine Goeckel  
Pilot News

Monday, April 18, 2005

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN - Family and friends are invited to a combined service celebrating the lives of Erica Christine Goeckel and Mildred L. Weidner Defoe in the chapel of the New Oakhill Cemetery, on Saturday Nov. 26, 2005. A sharing of memories will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with a memorial service beginning at 10 a.m. The Rev. Charles Krieg of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen will officiate.

Erica, Mildred's granddaughter, passed away at her parents’ home on the evening of April 18, 2005. She was born in Hammond on Feb. 17, 1986, the daughter of Donald C. Goeckel D.D.S. and Dianne C. Weidner D.D.S. and Dianne C. Weidner D.D.S. and will be remembered for her cheerful personality and beautiful smile.

She is survived by her parents of Bay City, several aunts and uncles that include Plymouth residents Paul Dennis and Nickie Weidner. Her cousins locally include; Laura D. and Ed Marquardt, Craig N. and Amy Weidner, Lisa A. and Cody Rhoades all of Plymouth and Lance D. and Gretchen Weidner of Bloomington.

Mildred, 86, passed away on May 27, 2005 at home in the company of her immediate family. She was born on April 10, 1919 in Hammond, the daughter of Daniel B. and Viola A. (Talbot) Mann. She was a 1937 graduate of Plymouth High School. She was first married to Paul A. Weidner who passed away in 1962. She then married William M. Defoe on Aug. 8, 1970, passed away in June of 2005.

An active woman who enjoyed golfing, sailing, the winter gulf breezes of their Naples, Fla. home and cherished visits from her children, grand and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include son, Paul Dennis and wife Nickie Weidner of Plymouth; daughter, Dr. Dianne C. Weidner and spouse Dr. Donald Goeckel of Bay City, Mich. and a step daughter, Barbara J. and spouse Dr. Robert Myers of Marblehead, Mass. Nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also survive.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial gifts to the donor’s choice.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth is assisting with arrangements.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home  
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Braylen Lee Girard  
Bonine-Odom

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Braylen Lee Girard, infant son of James MacTavish Jr. and Danielle Girard of Culver, Indiana, was stillborn at 11:35PM on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center,
In addition to his loving parents, Braylen is also survived by his paternal grandparents: James & Cora MacTavish of Culver, Indiana, maternal grandparents: Lynward and Donna Girard of Lafayette, Louisiana, maternal great-grandparents: George & Gloria Choate of Lafayette, Louisiana, uncles: Michael Girard of Lafayette, Louisiana, Jesse MacTavish of Culver, Indiana, and Thomas Hagerman of Palmer, Michigan; Aunts: Elizabeth (Mike) Baker of White Sulfur Spring, W. Virginia, Heidi (J.T.) Griffin of Fairfax, Virginia, Emilie (Steve) Curtis of Three Rivers, Michigan, and Kristine (Kurt) Webb of Three Rivers, Michigan.

Visitation with the family will be Tuesday, April 26, 2005, from 6:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 2:00PM EST at the Riverside Cemetery in Three Rivers, Michigan. Interment will follow. Memorial contributions may be given to the family or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Levern C. Fortin

Saturday, April 23, 2005
Levern C. Fortin, 96, 805 Baker St., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 4:45 a.m. on Friday, April 23, 2004, in Pilgrim Manor Care Center, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth.

Born in Beaverville, Ill., on September 4, 1907, the son of Edwin J. and Addie Tebo Fortin, Levern has been a resident of Plymouth for the past four years, having lived for 29 years in Clearwater, Fla., and formerly of Whiting, Ind., and Beaverville, Ill.

He was involved in Beaverville High School athletics particularly basketball. After completing Teachers College in Normal, Ill., he taught elementary grades in a one-room schoolhouse for five years.

Levern and Agnes met while walking to Whiting’s Sacred Heart Church, where he sang in the choir. On June 26, 1935, he and Agnes B. Doody were married. They enjoyed almost 69 years of marriage together.

He made a career in the U.S. Postal Service first as a carrier in 1930, then a postal clerk & inspector. On October 1, 1949 he was named Postmaster by President Harry S. Truman and he retired in 1965.

Levern and Agnes loved to travel, having visited Brazil three times. He enjoyed camping, bowling, shuffle board and dancing. A Chicago Cub fan, he derived joy from watching high school athletics, particularly basketball.

A Past Grand Knight of the Whiting Council 1696, Knights of Columbus, he was past president of the National Association of Postmasters, Indiana Chapter.

Levern is survived by his devoted wife and by their five sons and daughters-in-law. They are: Edwin A. and Joan Fortin, North Las Vegas, Nev.; William L. and Marilyn Fortin, Plymouth, Ind.; Charles J. and Adrienne Fortin, Bethesda, Md.; Timothy J. and Mary Ann Fortin, Merton, Wis.; and Thomas A. and Debbie Fortin, Chicago, Ill.

Eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive as well, together with a sister, Idabelle Lucas, Munster, Ind. Rosemary Fruits, a cousin, Plymouth, also survives.

Levern was preceded in death by his parents and by Willard Fortin, a brother, and Marie Van Kuren, a sister.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 26, 2004, at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael’s Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth,
James P. Walker

Sunday, April 24, 2005
James P. Walker, 78, of 711 Magnetic Parkway, Plymouth, died following a short illness at 3:40 p.m. Sunday, April 24, 2005 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.


James graduated from Plymouth High School in 1944 and then served in the U.S. Army during WWII in Germany.

He worked at the Bendix Corporation in South Bend for 37 years, retiring in 1985. An avid fisherman and outdoorsman, he loved to read, and was a gardener extraordinaire. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No.741 and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post 1162.

Survivors include his wife Barbara and their four children; Jo Ann Morrow and Ted Luniewski of Pittsburgh, PA, Jeanne S. Walker and Alan Ehrich of Chicago, IL, James W. Walker and John H. Walker both of Plymouth. Two grandchildren; Schuyler Mitchell of Bloomington, IN and Ian Pope of Plymouth also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother William Walker and a daughter Janet L. Walker.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2005 in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 611 N. Center St. Plymouth. Pastor, Fr. William Kummer will officiate. There will be no visitation. Burial will follow in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where military graveside honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Michael’s School.

Roger K. Hammel

Tuesday, April 26, 2005
Roger K. Hammel, 79, of 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died following an illness at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in the SLC Methodist Hospital, Merrillville, IN.

Roger, a Marshall County resident all of his life, was born March 27, 1926, in Plymouth, the son of Alfred and Mary Ray Hammel. He was a 1944 graduate of West High School.

On November 21, 1969, Roger and Marilyn Jean Holem were married in Plymouth.

Roger worked at Schlosser’s Brothers/Hawthorn Melody Dairy for 37 years in the ice cream department. He then worked for Bomarko for 12 years, and was still working at Martin’s Supermarket, until he became ill.

An avid sports fan, he did not let being deaf stop him from playing all sports when he was in high school.
school. He still enjoyed all sports, especially NASCAR racing and playing golf at the Tri-Way golf course. He liked working outside and enjoyed working with his hands.

A member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Roger attended the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church. He had been a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge for 37 years.

Roger is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 35 years, two sons: Terry and Sue Hammel of Wakarusa and Kenneth Rogan of Plymouth and three daughters: Karen and Bob Deon and Donna and Jim Wenzel, all of Plymouth and Dawn and Phil Grossman of Argos.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, a brother, Tom and Dorothy Hammel of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Jenny Hoesel.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 – 8 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2005 in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Memorial services by the Plymouth Moose Lodge will be held at the funeral home at 8:00 p.m. on Friday.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2005, with Rev. Chuck Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Roger’s name may be made to the Indiana School for the Deaf.

Patricia R. Peacock
VanGilder Funeral Home

Tuesday, April 26, 2005
Patricia R. Peacock, 75, of 817 North 7th Street, Plymouth, Indiana, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 2:40 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, Indiana.

She was born on March 1, 1930 in Red Key, Indiana to Cecil and Iris Bye. She married Curtis Peacock on June 12, 1948 in Portland, Indiana.

Patricia enjoyed teaching Sunday School Class, cooking, singing, and playing her organ and accordion in church. She also enjoyed being with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis; their children, Brenda Klemens of Oscoda, Michigan, Sheryl (Carl) Gorden of Lansing, Michigan, Steven (Carol) Peacock of Grand Ledge, Michigan, Rebecca (Sam) Maddox of Three Rivers, Michigan, David (Jamie) Peacock of Plymouth, James (Lanette) Peacock of Culver, Indiana, Patricia Ganshorn of Plymouth, Barbara (Patrick) Franklin of Polk City, Iowa, and Pamela (Ernie) Parker of Delong, Indiana; 28 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be held Saturday, April 30, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at The Plymouth Wesleyan Church, with Rev. Greg Bouch officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Friday, April 29, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, and one hour before the service on Saturday at the Church.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, The Gideons International, or to the Donor’s Choice.
Isabelle J. Beville

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Isabelle J. Beville, 86, a longtime resident of Knox, Ind., coming from East Chicago, Ind., in 1945, and a former Garden Court, Plymouth, resident, died of natural causes in Plymouth’s Miller’s Merry Manor at 10:06 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2005.

Isabelle was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, on April 1, 1919. She was the daughter of George E. and Alma H. Feck Bennett. She graduated in 1936 from East Chicago’s Roosevelt High School and then attended Indiana University North-West.

Isabelle and Clyde C. Beville were married in April 22, 1939, in East Chicago. Clyde died on November 1, 1969.

She had worked for the State of Indiana’s Forestry Department and for many years, she worked in various Starke County governmental offices.

She was a longtime member of the Knox United Methodist Church. A very social person, Isabelle enjoyed being a life member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, a member of the Knox Chapter of the Eastern Star, the Chapter B - P.E.O. Sisterhood, the V.F.W. Post 748 Ladies Auxiliary and the Indiana Federated Women’s Club.

Isabelle is survived by three children. They are: Dennis W. and Francie Beville, Plymouth; David C. Beville, and Barbara L. Beville, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

A granddaughter, Sarah Beville and great grandson Evan also of Plymouth, survive as well.

Carol J. Bennett, a sister, living in Plymouth, and two sister-in-laws, Cleo Beville Avery, Okeechobee, Fla., and M. Jeanette Bennett, St. Louis, Mo., together with two nephews and a niece, Stephen C. (Renee) Beville, Fogelsville, Penn., Edward A. (Carolyn) Bennett, Louisville, Ky., and Mary Sue (Mike) Beville Hrindik of Munster, Ind., also survive.

Isabelle was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two brothers, George F. and Robert Bennett.

Friends of Isabelle and her family will be welcomed on Friday, April 29, 2005, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., and for one hour prior to funeral services in the church.

Isabelle’s funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2005, in the Knox United Methodist Church, 201 S. Shield St., Knox, Ind. The Pastor Leon Pomeroy will officiate.

Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Isabelle’s memory may be made to the Marshall/Starke Development Center, the Knox United Methodist Church, or Marshall Co. Hospice.

Thelma C. Ruff

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Thelma C. Ruff, 85, of 19735 5th Road, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 10:10 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

She was born on February 12, 1920 in Teegarden, Indiana to Orra and Vivian (Brooke) Lemert. Thelma married Richard E. Ruff on December 21, 1950. He passed away on March 25, 2005.

She was a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren, Plymouth and the Rebekah Lodge #
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865, Tyner.

Thelma is survived by her daughters, Vivian and James Barrett of Walkerton and Kathy and Dan Guseilla of Plymouth; her son, Robert and Linda Ruff of Plymouth; her sister, Fredonna Bergtrom of Grovertown; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Orra C. Lemert Jr.

Services will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Blissville Church of the Brethren in Plymouth, with Pastor Jim Baker officiating. Burial will be in Morris Cemetery, LaPaz.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 2, 2005 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth and one hour before the funeral, at the church, on Tuesday. The Rebekah Lodge #865 will have a memorial service at 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Blissville Church of the Brethren or Marshall County Hospice.

Charles H. Stiles

Sunday, May 01, 2005

Charles Howard "Charlie" Stiles, 75, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died, following an illness, at his home, 1117 Lake Ave., Plymouth, at 11:10 a.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Charlie was a hard-working and popular fixture in the Plymouth Community Schools, serving as a janitor for 19 years, retiring in 1991.

He was born in Plymouth on July 23, 1929, the son of Howard G. and Sylvia Pearl Drummond Stiles.

Charlie entered the United States Air Force on January 12, 1952. He received his basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and upon his graduation was assigned to the Security Police Squadron at McChord AFB, Washington. After nine months he was shipped overseas to the Security Police Squadron at Ram Stein AFB, Germany.

Upon completion of four years of duty, he returned to Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana where he was honorably discharged in January of 1956.

On September 1, 1967, in the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, Charlie and Bonnie L. Chaney were married.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed all types of hunting, fishing and sports. He was adept at woodworking and loved to garden and share his bounty with his family and friends.

Charlie was a member of the Treeing Tennessee Breeders Association, the National Kennel Club, Brindle Breeders, the Indiana Coon Hunters Association and the Fulton County Coon Hunters, Inc.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Bonnie and their two children: a daughter and a son. They are: daughter Tammy and her husband, David England, Bourbon, Ind., and their children, Ryne and Bryce England. His son, Tony and his wife Becky Stiles and their children Charles, Bobbie Jo, Rae Anna and Halie Mae Stiles, all live in Plymouth.

Two sisters and two brothers also survive. They are: Judy Rice and Carol Sue and Bruce Gerhart, all of Plymouth and Paul and Jackie Stiles, Belvue, Neb., and Harold and Laura Stiles, Plymouth.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents.
Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, and after 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning, May 4, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Charlie will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in the funeral home. The Rev. Paul Nye will officiate at the services.

Burial will take place in Union Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Charlie's memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

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Charlie was preceded in death by his parents.

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Benjamin Harrison, Jr. Sherwood

Monday, May 02, 2005

Benjamin Harrison "Ben" Sherwood, Jr., 88, of 13469 7th Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 10:28 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2005.

Ben was born in Sedan, Indiana, on July 25, 1916. He was the son of Benjamin H. Sr. and Mae Rosetta Stoup Sherwood. He attended school until the 8th grade.

On November 16, 1939, in Plymouth, Ben and Margaret Ellen McQuisten were married.

A farmer, Ben raised dairy cows, hogs and chickens in Teegarden, Bourbon, Walkerton and Plymouth. He also worked at and retired from the Walkerton Elevator on November 11, 1986.

A hard worker on the farm, he helped his wife to raise their five children along with his stock. One neighbor said she "never saw a man chop a tree down with only one hand until Ben did it on 7th Road."

Ben is survived by Margaret Ellen, his wife of 65 years, and their daughter and four sons, nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

His daughter is Mary Ellen Sherwood, Plymouth, and his sons are: Ronald D. and Laberta Sherwood and Kenneth and Rose Mary Sherwood, all of Bourbon; David L. and Darcia Sherwood, Walkerton, and Ed and Mary Louise Sherwood, Macomb, Ill.

Two sisters, Marjorie M. Sullivan, Plymouth, and Neva B. Fisher, Mishawaka, and a brother, Leland F. Sherwood, Abilene, Texas, survive as well.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ellsworth Sherwood.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Ben’s life with his family on Thursday, May 5, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ben will be in the funeral home on Friday, May 6, 2005, at 1 p.m. John Birkey will officiate.

Burial will be in the Center-Polk Cemetery, LaPaz, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Patricia Mae Branton

Tuesday, May 03, 2005

Patricia Mae "Pat" Branton, 10682 Hawthorn Road, Plymouth, died, following a long term illness, in the Life Care Center, Rochester, Ind., on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at 10:01 a.m. She was 57 years old.

Pat, the daughter of Floyd and Dorothy Holt Yeager, was born in Streator, Ill., on Sept. 4, 1947. She attended Woodland schools.

On Nov. 9, 1963, in Streator, she and Ray Branton were married. Ray died on May 25, 2000.
A homemaker, Pat enjoyed making people happy. She was adept at and loved making crafts of all kinds.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons. They are Dorothy and Joe Dreibelbis, Bourbon; Dawn and Carl Rensberger; Ray Branton, II and Dennis Branton, all of Plymouth.

Eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren together with two sisters, Margaret and Al Enders of Plymouth and Anita Yeager of Streator, Ill., survive as well.

Pat was preceded in death by her mother, father, two brothers, her husband, a son, Rex and three grandchildren.

Friends will be welcomed by her family on Thursday, May 5, 2005, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Pat, officiated by Pastor Ted Patrick, will follow visitation at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the funeral home.

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

Gifts in memory of Pat may be made to the family.

Betty L. Reichard
Bonine-Odom
Friday, May 06, 2005
Betty L. Reichard, 82, of Rochester, Indiana, died at 10:00AM on Friday, May 6, 2005, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville, Indiana.

Betty was born on August 11, 1922, to Paul and Margaret (McCoy) Day at Beaver Dam, Indiana. She was married to Robert C. Reichard. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her loving sons: Eugene P. (Vera) Reichard of Culver, Indiana, and John A. (Mary Kay) Reichard of Lancaster, California; daughter: Marjorie A. (Leonard) King of Avilla, Indiana; brother: Francis (Lois) Day of Culver, Indiana; sister: Mary Baker of Culver, Indiana; and 13 grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Monday, May 9, 2005, from 5:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Fred Stayton will officiate services on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, at 10:00AM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Leiters Ford United Methodist Church, Leiters Ford, Indiana.

Gladys E. Sisk
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Friday, May 06, 2005
Gladys E. Sisk, 81, affectionately called “Little Grandma,” by her family and close friends, died on Friday, May 6, 2005, at 2:43 a.m. at her residence, 805 Baker St., Plymouth, following an extended illness.

“Little Grandma” loved and was deeply loved in return by her devoted grandchildren and great-grandchildren…and they, in turn, were her pride and joy.

Gladys was a Marshall County resident all of her life. She was born in Plymouth on September 19, 1923, the daughter of Clyde and Mary Edith Sheneman Zumbaugh. She was a LaPaz High School graduate with the class of 1942.

On June 29, 1957, in Plymouth, Gladys and Harold L. Sisk were married. Harold died on March
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21, 1989.

She was a homemaker for her family and had also worked as a cashier at area grocery stores: Dave & Rays, Family Fare and Millers.

An avid reader, Gladys also enjoyed being outside. She loved spending time with her family, enjoying frequent family dinners with her children and grandchildren.

“Little Grandma” is survived by two daughters, a step-daughter and a step-son.

Her daughters and their spouses are: Sherry and Dan Milner and Susan and Rex Crump, all of Plymouth. Her step-daughter and husband are Sandra and Ellis Stiles, also of Plymouth and Kent and Joan Sisk, Lewisville, Texas.

Seventeen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild also survive, together with a sister, Jo Ann Ringer and sister-in-law; LaEuna Zumbaugh also of Plymouth.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers: Roy E. “Elzie” Zumbaugh and Marvin “Dale” Zumbaugh and one grandson, Christopher Masterson.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate the life of Gladys on Monday, May 9, 2005, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the church where she was a member, the Plymouth Baptist Church, 11345 9A Road, Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by Pastor Doug Jividen of the Plymouth Baptist Church, will take place following visitation at 11:30 am.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Plymouth Baptist Church’s Building Program.

James D. Renz

Saturday, May 07, 2005

After a long and courageous battle for most of his life, James D. “Jim” Renz, 52, has died.

Jim died in the Southlake Methodist Hospital, Merrillville, Ind., at 5:10 p.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

He was born in Erie, Penn., the son of James T. and Patricia A. Howe Renz and lived in Plymouth for most of his life. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1971, and then attended Ancilla College and graduated from Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz. with a degree in Psychology.

A musician, he was a drummer and played throughout his school years as well as two bands. He always had a deep love for all kinds of music and enjoyed attending various concerts.

Jim loved sports. He was a strong supporter of Plymouth athletics and came to as many games as he was able, supporting his nephews and nieces. He always helped at the annual Art Thomas Big Red Fund Raiser at the Plymouth Country Club.

A member of the Roman Catholic Church, he was also a member of the Plymouth Athletic Boosters Club and volunteered for Marshall County election board polling places.

Jim is survived by his mother, Pat Renz and by two sisters, two brothers and their spouses. His sisters are Sharon L. and Jack Samar, Woodbridge, Virginia; Robin L. and Scott Stamm, Warsaw, Ind.; Gregory A. and Mercy Renz, and Bryan H. Renz, all of Plymouth.
Twelve nieces and nephews and one great-niece also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Renz, who died in 1997.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Tuesday, May 10, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. and continue after 7 a.m. Wed prior to services.

Funeral services for Jim will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate at a Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the source of so much pride and pleasure in Jim’s life: the Plymouth High School Athletic Department.

Paul Richard Shafer

Sunday, May 08, 2005

Paul Richard Shafer, 76, of 850 N. Oak Road, Plymouth, died at 6:20 p.m. on Sunday evening, May 8, 2005, in the Bremen Healthcare Center.

Paul, the son of Charles R. and Ethel Gray Shafer, was born in Marshall County on October 1, 1928, and lived here all of his life. He attended Plymouth schools.

On June 12, 1948, in Plymouth, Paul and Geraldine May Booker were married. Jeannie died on Nov. 5, 2000.

Paul served two years in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on August 2, 1954.

He first worked for IMC for 20 years, then for Plymouth Radiator for 11 years and for the Plymouth Street Department as Shop Supervisor for 15 years, retiring in 1996.

One of his main interests was hanging around the radiator shop, he was an avid motorcycle enthusiast and had an extensive collection of miniature tractors.

Paul is survived by a daughter, Judy Pauline and James R. Warner, and a son, Mark R. and Malinda Shafer, all of Plymouth.

Two grandchildren, Chase R. (Alexandra) Shafer and Samantha K. Shafer, also of Plymouth, and two sisters, Nina May and her husband, Roy Trump, Plymouth and Rosemary Pike, Bremen, survive as well.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and one brother, Donald D. Shafer.

Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday May 11, 2005, from 4 to 8 pm in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana and continue after 7 :00 am Thursday prior to services.

Funeral services for Paul will be on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at 11:00 am in the funeral home. The Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery with Military Graveside Services conducted by the V.F.W. Post 1162, Plymouth, Indiana.
Memorial gifts in Paul’s memory may be made to the American Lung Association.

Clara Maybelle Puckett

Thursday, May 12, 2005
Clara Maybelle Puckett, 83, of Culver, Indiana, died at 4:00PM on Thursday, May 12, 2005, at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox, Indiana.

She was born on September 23, 1921, to Robert Owen and Anna (Spears) Cole at Westmoreland, Tennessee. She was married on February 15, 1942, at East Chicago, Indiana, to Elmer Puckett. He preceded in death on July 31, 2001.

She is survived by her loving sons: Robert L. Puckett of Culver, Indiana, and Roger A. (LaDonna) Puckett of Hammond, Indiana; granddaughter: Kay Childs of Phoenix, Arizona; and grandsons: Jerry Puckett of Hammond, Indiana, and Ryan Puckett of Valparaiso, Indiana.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, May 19, 2005, from 10:00 - 11:00AM, at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Robin Keating will officiate services on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at 11:00AM at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Graceland Cemetery Mausoleum, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Ethel V. Jeffirs

Sunday, May 15, 2005
Our community has lost an American original. The grand lady of music, Ethel V. Jeffirs, has died.

A lifetime Plymouth resident, Ethel was 102-years-and ten-months-old when she died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 11:20 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2005.

Born north of LaPaz, Ind., on July 24, 1902, Ethel was the daughter of Robert C. and Dora A. Kunz McChesney.

She graduated as Valedictorian with the LaPaz High School class of 1920. “Of course,” she said laughing, in an interview three years ago, “there were only three of us in the class and the other two were a little slow.”

After high school, Ethel worked at an insurance company in South Bend, living with an aunt during the week and coming home on the Indiana Motor Bus for weekends.

The driver and part-owner of the bus company was a young, handsome Edmund Jeffirs. “He made eyes at me in the rear view mirror,” Ethel said. They fell in love and married on June 14, 1928, in St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth. Ed died on February 23, 1975.

She was a loving and caring mother and homemaker for their three children: Avalon, now deceased; Michael and Rita.

Ethel had a wonderful sense of humor and she and Jeff loved to entertain the neighborhood children. On the front porch of their large brick home on S. Michigan St. in Plymouth, the Jeffirs would host a Halloween party every year for the neighborhood children. Then on Memorial Day, everyone who marched in the parade to the cemetery would be invited to their home for lunch.

She was a fine musician in her younger days and at the age of 100, she started playing the mouth harp again. She kept her harmonica in a bedside drawer at Miller’s. She said she did that to increase her lung capacity which had been impaired by years of heavy smoking. “I long wanted to stop,” she said – which she did – after gall bladder surgery when she was 70 years old.
She always played the piano and for ten years – in the 1960s through the 1970s, she gave accordion lessons to as many as 60 students at the former Shemberger’s Music Store in downtown Plymouth. She had a great appreciation for all kinds of music and enjoyed Lawrence Welk and Myron Florin for many years.

As a performer, Ethel played her Cordovox accordion in a little band headed by Manferd Houghton. They performed polkas, waltzes, jazz -- every kind of music.

A charter member of Delta Theta Tau sorority, Ethel was active in the group for many years. She loved to cook and was an expert bridge player, playing often until just a few years ago when her eyesight, due to macular degeneration, began to seriously fail. When she had partially lost some of her vision and was still living in her home, she would use a huge magnifying glass to see the oversized cards.

Ethel belonged to St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church since 1928 where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society.

Her son, Michael J. and his wife, Beverly Jeffirs, Plymouth, and her daughter, Rita L. Jeffirs, Park Forest, Ill., survive her death along with 15 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Her grandchildren are Linda Holtzclaw, Elkhart; Edmund Weidner, Naples, Fla.; Charlon Gruber-Brown Lutz, Fla.; Marlene Minker, Hamlet; Michael Jeffirs, Greenwood, Ind.; Dana Corrigan, Westlake, Ohio; Christine Greig, Northville, Mich.; Douglas Jeffirs, Aurora, Ill.; Kent Jeffirs, Crown Point, Ind.; Matt Jeffirs, Lawrenceville, Georgia and Dan Weidner, Mark Jeffirs, Greg Jeffirs, Janis Holiday and Laura Kruyer, all of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter, Avalon Rose (Weidner) Lesch and a grandson, Stephen P. Jeffirs.

Two brothers, Elmer and Glenn McChesney and a sister, Doris Rouch have also died.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate the long and lovely life of Ethel Jeffirs from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m.

Friends may also call at the funeral home after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, prior to the 11 a.m. funeral services in St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate at the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery by the side of her beloved husband.

Memorial gifts in Ethel’s memory may be made to St. Michael Church or School or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Gertrude "Louise" Stinson

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Gertrude "Louise" Stinson, 93, 1900 Hillcrest, Plymouth, died at her residence at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2005, under the loving care of her family and Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Sandoval, Illinois on April 13, 1912, she was the daughter of Silas and Susan White Dolsen. Louise graduated from Sandoval High School and the Chicago College of Business.

On October 14, 1933 in Sandoval, Louise and Joseph M. Stinson were married. Joe died on January 6, 2003.
Louise and Joe lived in Downers Grove, Ill., until 1945, when they moved to Plymouth where they established the Stinson Metalcraft Business located on W. Jefferson St., which they ran for over 40 years.

Louise established one of the first Federal Day Care Centers at the shipyards of Seneca, Ill., during W.W. II. She also owned and operated a pet grooming business in Plymouth, which she ran for 25 years.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Louise is survived by a daughter, Susan JoAnn and Loren Sheetz of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and a son, Richard P. and Sue Stinson of Plymouth.

Four grandchildren and a great grandson also survive. They are: Kimberlee and Jim Baughman and their son Brett of Leo, Ind.; Jill and Richard Lane of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Amanda Cook of Warren, Ind. and Eric Stinson of Indianapolis, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Joe, and five half-sisters and two half brothers.

There will be no visitation.

Family services will be held. The Rev. Charles Krieg of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate.

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

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Louise’s name may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society or Marshall County Hospice.

Harold LeRoy Lee

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Former Plymouth resident Harold LeRoy Lee, 81, was no stranger to the road, in fact he new it from coast to coast and border to border by the time he retired from the Teamster’s Union as a long distance truck driver. Since 1983 he has made Indiana and Alaska his home where he will be missed by his wife Pat, his many caring friends and extended family.

Harold died peacefully at home of natural causes at 11:46 a.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. As he had requested Harold will be returned to his first love – Indiana farmland and be laid to rest at the Jacoby Cemetery with his son Bobby and other family ancestors.

Life for Harold began on the Carothers family farm in Plymouth on July 27, 1923, born the son of Ernest and Mary (Carothers) Lee.

He graduated with the Plymouth Lincoln High School Class of 1941 and the age of 20 he entered the service in the U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division. He and many others would be captured behind enemy lines, held prisoner and later awarded four Bronze Stars for bravery.

At home again, he would farm and later drive for the Teamsters where he met his longtime partner and fellow Teamster Patricia, they would marry July 11, 2004. Together they would enjoy travel and photography.

Harold was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – State of Alaska and proud of it.
He is survived by his wife Pat, son Rex A. Lee of Minnesota, sister Ermadean Seltenright of Goshen, Indiana and many cousins in the Plymouth area.

Preceding Harold in death were his parents and son Robert Lee who died in 1984.

Graveside services under the direction of the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Marshall County Post 1162 will be held in the Jacoby Church Cemetery (King Road north of U.S.30) on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Victor C. Newberg
VanGilder Funeral Home

Tuesday, May 17, 2005
Victor C. Newberg, 67, of 605 West 4th Street, Apartment #1, Buchanan, Michigan, passed away Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana.

He was born on September 8, 1937 in Plymouth, Indiana to Milton and Dorothy (Piper) Newberg. Victo was graduate of Tyner High School in the class of 1955 and belonged to the Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge #822. He was an air traffic controller and a farmer. They lived in Plymouth until 1994.

Victor and Doris Rettinger were married on September 1, 1955 in Franklin, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Rettinger) Newberg of Buchanan, Michigan; their daughter, Sherry (Doug) Hill of Plymouth; their son, Steve (Sue) Newberg of Buchanan; his mother, Dorothy (Piper) Reaker of Plymouth; his sisters, Alice (David) Ruff of Plymouth and Edna (Everett) Miller of Lansing, Michigan; his brothers, Robert (Terry) Newberg of Oklahoma and Richard (Sheryl) of Plymout; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milton, and his brother, Jon.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with The Rev. Steven Resner officiating.

Visitation will be on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563. There will be a Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge service at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, at the funeral home.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society.

Vivian K. Braun
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Wednesday, May 18, 2005
100 year old German descendant Vivian K. Braun died of natural causes at 7:05 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005 in the Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

The former Sheboygan, Wisconsin resident was born on March 1, 1905 in Kewaunee, Wisconsin the daughter of Albert and Anna (Lausher) Altmeyer. She received her schooling at Holy Name Catholic in Sheboygan.

On November 16, 1923 she became the bride of George P. Braun, he preceded her in death in January of 1987.

Vivian was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church, Sheboygan.
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She is survived by her daughter June A. (Leander) Stein of Plymouth. A grandson Joseph G. (Mary) Stein of Argos and granddaughter Mary Ellen (T. Michael) Rogers of Austin, Texas survive along with three great grandchildren; Glen R. Marple III of Atlanta, Georgia; Jane K. Rogers and Gregory Rogers both of Austin, Texas.

Proceeding in death were her spouse, and grand daughter Susan K. Marple.

A Remembrance Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005 in St. Peter Claver Church, 1444 S. 11th Street, Sheboygan, Wis. Internment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Sheboygan, assisted by Novak-Ramm-Ziegler Funeral Home, Sheboygan.

Memorial gifts in memory of Vivian may be made to any Hospice Program or the charity of the Donor’s Choice.

Jacob J. VanderVelden

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Jacob J. VanderVelden, 80, of 1929 North Redwood Road, Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 7:09 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

He was born on March 7, 1925 in Delftgauw, Holland to Gerard and Wobegina (Hazeu) VanderVelden. Jacob married Nel C. Gehoog on July 1, 1948. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walkerton and was a retired dairy farmer.

Jacob is survived by his wife, Nel; their children, Gerard (Karen) VanderVelden of LaPorte, Indiana, John (Jacqueline) VanderVelden of Walkerton, Joyce (Michael) Wright of Walkerton, Dorothy (Mark) Goss of Plymouth, and James (Laurie) VanderVelden of Walkerton; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three brothers living in Holland. He was preceded in death by his sister and two brothers.

Services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at The First Presbyterian Church in Walkerton, with the Rev. David Detamore officiating. Burial will be in Morris Cemetery in LaPaz, Indiana.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana and one hour before the funeral service at the church on Monday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to The First Presbyterian Church, 512 Georgia Street, Walkerton, Indiana, 46574.

Jonathan Johnson

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Jonathan “John” Johnson, 55 of 304 Maplewood Avenue Bourbon died on Thursday May 19, 2005 at 6:43 pm in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

John was born in Muncie, Indiana to Allie and Martha Umbaugh Johnson on September 14, 1949. He attended schools in the Muncie School System.

He was a proud and honored Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army. On August 16, 1969 in Muncie, Indiana he and Brenda Ratliff we married.

John was a very skilled mechanic and capable of fixing just about anything. He was employed for the Lear Corporation, Bourbon, Indiana as the lead maintance foreman until the plant closing. He then went to work for Emergency Forklift Services, Plymouth, Indiana.
John was a very dedicated Christian and read and studied the bible often. He was also very skilled on the computer, he loved and cherished his time with his wife and family especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Brenda, and three sons, Erick and Gary (Jessica) Johnson, and Cody Haynes all of Bourbon. Three grandchildren: Grant, Chelsea and Ethan Johnson, and a sister Patti (Mike) Dunica, Marion, Indiana survive him as well.

John was proceeded in death by his parents and a brother, David Johnson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday May 25, 2005 from 10 to 11 am in the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church, Bourbon.

A memorial service will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday May 25, 2005 in the church with Brother Mark Cotrill officiating.

Contributions may be made to John’s Family

**Jenine D. Ivey**
**Bonine-Odom**

Sunday, May 22, 2005

Jenine D. Ivey, 44, of Rochester, Indiana, died at 9:38PM on Sunday, May 22, 2005, at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, Winamac, Indiana.

Jenine was born on July 16, 1960, to Leslie and Margie (Mobley) Green at Chicago, Illinois. She was married to Henry Ivey, Jr. He preceded in death on December 20, 2002.

She is survived by her loving sons: William Roberts and Byron Green of Monterey, Indiana; daughter: Angel Roberts of Monterey, Indiana; brother: Michael (Janet) Green of Rochester, Indiana; sisters: Lurleane Foster of Markham, Illinois, Constance (Robert) White of Chicago, Illinois, and Deborah (Frederick) Moore of Hazel Crest, Illinois; and grandchildren: Jamal Green and Cederick Warner.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, May 28, 2005, from 11:00AM - 12:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Andrew Murdock will officiate services on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at 12:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery.

**L. C. Longmire**
**Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home**

Sunday, May 22, 2005

L.C. Longmire, 75, of 5174 East 575 North Rochester, Ind., died of natural causes at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2005, in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Indiana.

L.C. was born on March 20, 1930, in La Follette, Tenn. He was the son of Birt and Ethel Bailey Longmire. He attended schools in La Follette.

He has been a resident of the Marshall County area since 1957.

L.C. was first married to Mary Ruth Holmes in 1953. On Sept. 7, 1975, in Plymouth, L.C. and Mary Helen Mickiewicz were married.

L.C. worked in the Bremen Casting Foundry for 34 years, retiring in 1988.

He enjoyed doing carpentry and mechanical work, and, being a musical man, he sang and played the guitar.
L.C. is survived by a son and three daughters. They are Lawrence Gene Longmire, Warsaw; Marilyn D. and Randy Craven, Audrey Sue and Jason Hickle, all of Rochester and Christina G. Longmire, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Two grandchildren, Jason and Gina Longmire of Bourbon, survive as well.

Two brothers and four sisters also survive L.C.’s death. They are: Dewey (Mary Lou) Longmire, Orange, Texas, and Earl Longmire, Tenn.; Rosalie (Charles) Huff, Tenn., Ada Mae Woods, Gladys Morris, and Naomi Bryge, all of LaFollette, Tenn.,

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters: Pauline Longmire, Alice Faye Longmire.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Friday, May 27, 2005, from 11 to 1 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation in the funeral home at 1 p.m. and will be officiated by Brother Mark Cottrill , pastor of the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Timothy W. Maxson

VanGilder Funeral Home

Sunday, May 22, 2005

Timothy W. Maxson, 46, of 1428 West Harrison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Sunday, May 22, 2005 at 6:48 a.m. at the Hospice House in South Bend, Indiana.

Tim was born December 11, 1958 in Plymouth, to Dennis and Loyalette, “Lettie” (Hite) Maxson and lived his entire life in Plymouth. He was employed by A. M. General for 26 years as an inspector.

He is survived by his parents, Dennis and Lettie Maxson of Plymouth; his brothers, Randy and Shellie Maxson and Todd Maxson, all of Plymouth; his nieces, Crystal and Dan Winkle and Samantha Maxson; his great-nephews, Ezra Winkle and Ivan Winkle.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice House in South Bend.

Grhart C. Goldt

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Gerhart C. “Gib” Goldt, 77, a resident of Marshall County most of his life, died at his residence, 11326 S. Michigan Rd., Plymouth, at 8:07 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Gib died following an 11-year illness in the home where he had lived for over 41 years.

He was born in South Bend, Ind., on Feb. 22, 1928, the son of Rudolph C. and Ida M. Goldt and graduated from Tippecanoe High School with the class of 1946. Soon after school he joined the United States Army/Air Corps and was stationed in Korea and Okinawa.

On Feb. 14, 1953, in Tyner, he and Beverly J. Haag were married.
A member Local 150 of International Operating Engineers he was an expert backhoe operator and a master mechanic. He also worked for Weeks Motors, first as a mechanic and then as a Service Manager. While in semi-retirement he worked for Ridge Auto Parts.

An outdoorsman, Gib was a member of the Plymouth Conservation Club, the National Rifle Association and enjoyed hunting and skeet shooting. He was an avid fisherman particularly on Mill Pond. He rode motorcycles and was an enthusiastic NASCAR fan and a lover of cooking out with his family and friends.

Gib is survived by Beverly, his wife of fifty-three years and by their daughter, two sons, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His daughter is Kathleen M. Goldt, South Bend, and his sons are Herbert C. and Bonnie Goldt, Walkerton and Fredrick Goldt, Plymouth.

His grandson, Michael Z. Goldt lives in South Bend and his two granddaughters, Angela M. and Jessica S. Goldt both live in Walkerton, Ind.

Great grandchildren are Joshua, Matthew, Abbigail and Dominic.

A sister, Kahte Antonides, Milford, Ind., and several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Friday, May 27, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Family services will be held on Saturday, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Special graveside ceremonies at New Oakhill Cemetery will be accorded to Gib by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162.

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

**Alexia Anne Hostetler**  
**Pilot News**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2005**

PLYMOUTH - Alexia Anne Hostetler of Plymouth died at birth on Wednesday, May 25 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by her parents, Kurt and Katrina Hostetler of Plymouth; grandparents: Jay and Mary Awald of Walkerton and Gordon and Fern Hostetler of Walkerton; and great-grandparents: Cleo Awald of Walkerton, June and Gail Malstaff of Walkerton, Walt and Grace Ketcham of South Bend and Harold and Mildred Hostetler of Walkerton.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, is handling the arrangements.

Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

**Mildred L. (Weidner) Defoe**  
**Pilot News**

**Friday, May 27, 2005**

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN - Family and friends are invited to a combined service celebrating the lives of Erica Christine Goeckel and Mildred L. Weidner Defoe in the chapel of the New Oakhill Cemetery, on Saturday Nov. 26, 2005. A sharing of memories will be from 9 to 10 a.m. with a
marblehead, Mass. Nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren also survive.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial gifts to the donor's choice.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth is assisting with arrangements.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 936-2829

Friday, May 27, 2005

BAY CITY, Mich. - Mrs. Defoe, age 86 years, passed away on May 27, 2005, at her home, surrounded by her immediate family. She was born on April 10, 1919, to the late Daniel B. and Viola A. (Talbot) Mann in Hammond, Ind.

Mildred graduated in 1937 from Plymouth High School and continued her education at Texas Woman’s University in Denton, Texas. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Saginaw Bay Yacht Club and the Bay City Country Club. She was a former member of the Bay City Garden Club, Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Ikebana Club, International Club, Argos Progress Club and the Argos Bridge Club.

She married William M. Defoe on August 8, 1970. They enjoyed 35 wonderful years residing in Bay City, Michigan and Naples, Florida. The sunsets, gulf breezes and beautiful weather brought peace and serenity to them. Mildred and Bill cherished visits from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, William M. Defoe, three children: Paul Dennis (Nickie) Weidner and Glenn A. Weidner, both of Plymouth and Dr. Dianne C. Weidner (Dr. Donald) Goeckel of Bay City, Mich.: step-daughter, Barbara J. (Dr. Robert) Myers of Marblehead, Mass., nine grandchildren: Laura D. (Ed) Marquardt, Craig N. (Amy) Weidner, Lance D. (Gretchen) Weidner, Lisa A. (Cody) Rhoades, Glenn A. Weidner II, Gina (Matthew) Durbin, Amy (Robert) Grammer, Stephanie Conway and William Myers, as well as 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Paul A. Weidner in 1962, 2 grandchildren: Kurt A. Weidner and Erica...
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C. Goeckel, as well as two brothers, Richard C. and James E. Mann.

A memorial service will be held at Penzien-Steele Funeral Home on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 11 a.m. Pastor Ginny Defoe will officiate with private interment in Elm Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Friday from 2 to 9 p.m. Services will also be conducted in Plymouth, Indiana at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society or Trinity Episcopal Church.

Estella L. Goldsmith  
Bonine-Odom

Saturday, May 28, 2005
Estella L. Goldsmith, 88, of Plymouth, Indiana, died at 4:45PM on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, Indiana.

Estella was born on August 13, 1916, to Maurice and Amanda Burch at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She is survived by her loving sons: Ron (Olivia) Goldsmith of Plymouth, Indiana, and James Goldsmith of Barstow, California; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, June 2, 2005, from 3:00 - 7:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Rev. Bob Mace will officiate services on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at 6:00PM at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimers Services of Northern Indiana.

Saturday, May 28, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Estella L. Goldsmith, 88, of Plymouth, died at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by sons: Ron (Olivia) Goldsmith of Plymouth and James A. Goldsmith of Barstow, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, June 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m.

Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be given to Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana

Edmund N. Hartman  
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Saturday, May 28, 2005
Edmund N. "Ed" Hartman, Sr., a lifetime Marshall County resident, living on the family homestead, established by his grandfather at 12966 14th Road, Plymouth, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at 11:45 a.m. Ed, 76, died in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from complications of a heart by-pass operation he received on March 3rd.

Born on April 14, 1929, in Plymouth, Ed was the son of Gregory J. and Beatrice Zehner Hartman. He attended Plymouth High School and worked the family farm until he entered the United States Army on January 12, 1953 and served his country in Korea.


Along side his spouse and partner, Ed was a lifetime dairy and grain farmer, raising Holstein
herds, pigs and other livestock.

He enjoyed his work and when he wasn't doing that, he liked to square dance and collect old tractors.

In addition to his membership in St. Michael’s church, Ed was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No 741.

He is survived by three daughters and a son. His children and their spouses are: Jeanne B. and Hal Sullivan, Argos; Annette C. and Mike Ray, Bourbon; Paula M. and Greg Kinney, Plymouth; and Edmund N. Hartman, Jr., Plymouth.

Two grandchildren, both of Argos, also survive. They are Charles W. Sullivan and Jennifer M. Sullivan.

A sister, Wilma L. Reinhold of Westfield, Ind., several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Joyce Williams, of Plymouth, survive as well.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Lloyd Hartman.

Friends are invited to visit with Ed's family on Thursday, June 2, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. and continue on Friday after 7 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. on Thursday in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Ed on Friday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where military honors will be provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162.

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

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PLYMOUTH - Edmund N. "Ed" Hartman, Sr., a lifetime Marshall County resident, living on his grandfather's homestead, 12966 14th Road, Plymouth, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at 11:45 a.m. Ed, 76, died in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from complications of a heart by-pass operation he received on March 3.

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He is survived by three daughters and a son. His children and their spouses are: Jeanne B. and Hal Sullivan, Argos; Annette C. and Mike Ray, Bourbon; Paula M. and Greg Kinney, Plymouth;
and Edmund N. Hartman, Jr., Plymouth.

Two grandchildren, both of Argos, also survive. They are Charles W. Sullivan and Jennifer M. Sullivan.

A sister, Wilma L. Reinhold of Westfield, Ind., several nieces and nephews and a special friend, Joyce Williams, of Plymouth, survive as well.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Lloyd Hartman.

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Memorial gifts in Ed's memory may be made to St. Michael Parish or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Donald G. Wainscott

Published: Saturday, May 28, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Donald G Wainscott, 59, of 613 North Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 9:15 p.m. at his parents home in Plymouth.

He was born on November 23, 1945 in Hillsboro, Ill., to the Rev. William and Mary (Edwards) Wainscott, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in Plymouth. Don has been a Plymouth resident for the past 20 years.

Don served in the Army for two years and was stationed in Frankfort, Germany. He worked for many years as a manager of Goodyear Service Stores, and more recently ran his own wholesale car dealership. He had been working with his brother, Gene, as a finance officer for his auto dealership. Don was a member of the American Legion Post #27, Plymouth.

He is survived by his father and mother, the Rev. William and Mary Wainscott of Plymouth, his daughter, Kellie and Rick Kanarr of Bourbon, his son Brent and Candy Wainscott of Warsaw; his sister, Marsha Wainscott of Plymouth; two brothers, Gene and Nancy Wainscott of Plymouth and Philip and Marilyn Wainscott of Pineville, N.C.; and his grandchildren, Spencer, Austin, Trevor, Aaron and Anna.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, in Plymouth, with the Rev Paul Murray officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. There will be a military graveside service for Don, which will be conducted by the American Legion Post #27.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the First Assembly of God, Plymouth, the American Legion Post #27, or to Marshall County Hospice.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Wainscott family at
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Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, in Plymouth, with the Rev. Paul Murray officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. There will be a military graveside service, for Don, which will be conducted by the American Legion Post #27.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the First Assembly of God, Plymouth, the American Legion Post #27, or to Marshall County Hospice.

Sandra A. Dixon Pilot News

Sunday, May 29, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Sandra A. Dixon, 55, of 222 South Walnut Street, Plymouth, passed away Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

She was born on July 27, 1949 in South Bend to Ollie Howard. Sandra worked at the Miller's Grocery and then at Martin's Supermarket. Her last job was at the Bowen Center, as a cook.

Michael and Sandra were married on Aug. 11, 1972.

She was a member of the Woman of the Moose Lodge #1355, Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #27, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. Post #1162, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; their sons, Greg and Kerstin Dixon, who are serving in the U.S. Army, Brian and Martha Dixon of Plymouth, and Adam Dixon of Decatur, Ind.; and five grandsons, Justin, Austin, Andrew, Alex and Christopher.

There will be no services or visitation.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Cancer, P.O. Box 895 Plymouth, Indiana 46563.
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Sandra's family is very grateful for the care given to her, by Memorial Hospital, Dr. Natalie Van Derventer, and Dr. Wanda Estep.

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Sandra A. Dixon, 55, of 222 South Walnut Street, Plymouth, Indiana passed away Sunday, May 29, 2005 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana.

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She was a member of the Woman of the Moose Lodge #1355, Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post #27, and the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. Post #1162, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Michael; their sons, Greg and Kerstin Dixon, who are serving in the U.S. Army, Brian and Martha Dixon of Plymouth, and Adam Dixon of Decatur, Indiana; and five grandsons, Justin, Austin, Andrew, Alex, and Christopher.

There will be no services or visitation.

Van Gilder funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Cancer, P.O. Box 895 Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Sandra's family is very grateful for the care given to her, by Memorial Hospital, Dr. Natalie Van Derventer, and Dr. Wanda Estep.

Marian J. Paton
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Sunday, May 29, 2005
Marian J. Paton, 74, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living in Garden Court East, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, on Sunday, May 29, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

Marian was born in Plymouth on March 29, 1931. She was the daughter of Vern and Mabel M. Barber Dipert. She graduated from Plymouth High School in the class of 1949 and received an Associate's Degree in Dietetics from Michigan State University.

She would first marry Robert V. Schultz who resides in Mishawaka and was later married to Richard Paton in December of 1964, in Plymouth. Richard died in July of 1974.

Marian was a Dietetic Technician at Parkview Hospital and then, for 17 years, worked in housekeeping at Ancilla Domini’s Katherine Kasper Home in Donaldson. She retired in April of 1996.

She was a bird watcher and enjoyed feeding them, some from her own hand. She loved to cook and bake and even enjoyed fishing with her family. That was her biggest joy - being with her family and playing games with her grandchildren.

Marian was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by her four children and spouses, daughter Janice and Rick Hite of Plymouth, sons; Mark and Shannon Schultz, Overland Park, KS., Ron and JoAnn Schultz and Rich and Amy Paton, all of Plymouth.
Six granddaughters and three grandsons are also survive, they are: Melissa Bixel, Melanie (Matt) Brown, Anthony Schultz, Katy Schultz, Kyle Schultz, Haley Paton, Hunter Paton, Melinda Schultz and Rhonda Schultz.


Marian was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, one sister, Maxine Thomas and four brothers: Dean, Richard “Bud”, Robert and Roger Dipert.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services for Marian will follow visitation at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. David Kerkove, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be at 9 a.m. Thursday in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Marian’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

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PLYMOUTH - Marian J. Paton, 74, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living in Garden Court East, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, on Sunday, May 29, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

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Marian was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, one sister, Maxine Thomas and four brothers: Dean, Richard "Bud," Robert and Roger Dipert.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services for Marian will follow visitation at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. David Kerkove, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be at 9 a.m. Thursday in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Evelyn J. Coffel

Monday, May 30, 2005

BREMEN - Evelyn J. Coffel, 84, of Bremen, died at 9:38 p.m. on Monday, May 30 at the Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Coffel of Bremen; sons: Richard (Linda), Edward (Linda) and Alan (Tammy), all of Bremen; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Howard (Ellen) Siefer of Bremen.

Visitation is Thursday, June 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services are Friday, June 3 at 10 a.m. at Community Gospel Church with Pastor David McGee officiating.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Community Gospel Church of the 3-C's Scholarship.

Geneva Mae Perkinson

Monday, May 30, 2005

DEPUTY, Ind. - Geneva Mae Perkinson, 84, of Deputy, Ind., died Monday, May 30 at 6:40 p.m. in Hospice & Palliative Care of Louisville in Louisville, Ky.

She is survived by daughters: Barbara Bowman of Lexington, Ind. and Nancy Mayhew of Scottsburg, Ind.; sons: Jackie Perkinson of Scottsburg, Ind., Gary Perkinson of Deputy, Ind. and John M. Perkinson of Plymouth; brother, James Peacock of Deputy, Ind.; sisters: Alice Bridge of Scottsburg, Ind. and Lelia Malcomb of Dallas, Texas; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, June 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. and after 9 a.m. on Thursday at the Collins Funeral Home, Scottsburg, Ind.

Funeral services are Thursday, June 2 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor John M. Perkinson and Pastor Mike Brown officiating.

Burial will be at Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Austin, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haiti Missions, c/o Collins Funeral Home, 465 W. McClain Ave., Scottsburg, IN 47170.
Robert F. Smith  

Monday, May 30, 2005  
KNOX - Robert F. Smith, 64, of Knox, died Monday, May 30 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by daughters: Renee (Randy) McIntire and Rhonda (Tom) Guy, all of Knox; son, Robert Bart (Chris) Smith of Knox; his mother, Grace Smith of Grovertown; sisters: Thelma Hensley of Argos, Linda Wojciechowski of Knox, Brenda Long of Monterey, Bernice Smith of LaPorte, Elaine Martin of Florida, Yvonne Daley of Grovertown, Cindy Polinelli of Tennessee and Gwen Good of Monterey; brothers: Wilburn Smith of Tippecanoe, Lawson Smith of Spencer, Ind. and Dean Smith of Grovertown.

Visitation is Thursday, June 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Thursday, June 2 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Karen Sue (Beron) Hicks  

Tuesday, May 31, 2005  
MISHAWAKA - Karen Sue Hicks, 59, of Mishawaka, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

She is survived by her husband, Errett Wayne Hicks; parents, Earl F. and Inez (Rensberger) Beron of Lakeville; children: Brad (Nikki) Murdick, Indianapolis; Jason (Patty) Hicks, Granger, and Amy (Michael) Bunn, Elkhart; four grandchildren; and her siblings: Sharon (Jon) Bohannon, Bremen; Terrie (Larry) Gates, Warsaw; Fredric (Kris) Beron, Plymouth; Marsha (Randy) Sime, Bremen; Anita Beron, Pacific, Mo., and Bruce (Barbara) Beron, Elkhart. Visitation will be Friday, June 3, from 2 to 8 p.m., at Palmer Funeral Home, Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 4, at Gospel Center Church, 930 30th St., South Bend. Friends may also call one hour before the service, 9 to 10 a.m.

Interment will follow at Fair Cemetery, Oak Road, North Liberty. Memorials may be made to the Gospel Center Church Choir in honor of Karen Sue Hicks.

Robert Benton Seagraves  

Tuesday, May 31, 2005  
WALKERTON - Robert Benton Seagraves, 57 years old, residing on W. 3B Road, Walkerton, passed away at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend after suffering a heart attack. Mr. Seagraves was born on Oct. 11, 1947 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to the late G.R. and Artenis (McMillan) Seagraves. He has been a lifelong area resident. On October 23, 1971 in Lakeville, he married the former Dixie L. Hamilton.

Along with his wife of 33 years, Dixie, survivors include; one daughter, Anna Marie Seagraves of Boston, Mass.; two sons, Robert "Toby" Seagraves of Walkerton and Jerry J. Seagraves of Melbourne, Fla.; two granddaughters, Emma Kate and Adison Grace; father-in-law, Walter Hamilton of Lakeville; and one niece, Lynn Morris of Plymouth. Bob was preceded in death by; his sister and brother-in-law, Jeanie and Burl Walters, and one nephew, Darren Walters.

Mr. Seagraves served his country during the Korean Conflict with the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion Post 385 in LaPaz and a member of the Forty & Eight. Mr. Seagraves was a car hauler for 26 years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan Street, Lakeville. Military graveside services and burial will follow at Morris Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, June 3,
Contributions in memory of Robert B. Segraves may be donated to the V.A. Northern Indiana Health Care System, 1700 E. 38th Street, Marion, IN 46953-4589.

Melanie Kay Washburn Rogers  Bonine-Odom

Wednesday, June 01, 2005
Melanie Kay Washburn Rogers, 49, of Culver, Indiana, died at 3:54PM on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, in South Bend, Indiana.

Melanie was born on March 14, 1956, to Jack Washburn and Bobetta Cummins at Plymouth, Indiana.

In addition to her mother and step-father: Emil (Bud) Ruhnow of Culver, Indiana, she is survived by her loving daughter: Jessica Ann Rogers of Dallas, Texas; brother: Larry A. Washburn of Culver, Indiana; and sister: Jacqueline (Scott) Crull of Culver, Indiana

There will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 10:30AM at the Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Melanie Kay Washburn - Rogers  Pilot News

Wednesday, June 01, 2005
CULVER - Melanie Kay Washburn-Rogers, 49, of Culver, died Wednesday, June 1 at 3:54 p.m. in South Bend.

She is survived by a daughter, Jessica Ann Rogers of Dallas, Texas; stepfather Emil (Bud) Ruhnow of Culver; mother Bobetta L. Ruhnow of Culver; brother, Larry A. Washburn of Culver; and a sister, Jacqueline (Scott) Crull of Culver.

A graveside service will be held at the Culver Masonic Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 18 with Rev. Robert Vale officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jeff F. Doizer  Pilot News

Thursday, June 02, 2005
KNOX - Jeff F. Dozier, 68, of 1055 South 250 E., Knox, died June 2, 2005 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Jean (Crabtree) Dozier of Knox, three sons: David of Knox, Jeffrey of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Adam of Westville, Ind.; one grandchild; four brothers: Barney of Kouts, Ind., Calvin of Wheatfield, Ind., James of Kouts, Ind., and Bobby of London, Ky.; and three sisters: Marie White of Newport News, Va., Linda Patterson of Kouts, Ind., and Bella Patterson of London, Ky.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Services will be at the funeral home on Tuesday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy officiating.

Burial will take place Tuesday in Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.
R. L. Kenworthy Pilot News

Thursday, June 02, 2005
MARION -R.L. Kenworthy, 81, of Marion, died Thursday, June 2 at 5 p.m. at Musella, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Kenworthy of Marion; daughter, Linda (Joseph) Hunt of Plymouth; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Tuesday, June 7 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Needham Storey Wampner Funeral Home, Marion.

Funeral services are Wednesday, June 8 at 11 a.m. at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, with Rev. H.W. Mohler and Dr. Steve DeNeff officiating.

Burial will be in Grant Memorial Park, Marion.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church or College Wesleyan Church.

John William Stealy Bonine-Odom

Thursday, June 02, 2005
John William Stealy, 72, of Culver, Indiana, died at 1:08PM on Thursday, June 2, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

John was born on June 27, 1932, to John Franklin and Catherine Rosalie (Weaver) Stealy at Elkhart, Indiana. He was married on December 13, 1952, at Wichita, Kansas, to Patricia Ann Smith. She survives.

He is also survived by his loving sons: Franklin Clay (Donna Marie) Stealy and Dan William Stealy of Culver, Indiana; daughter: Cathy (Steven Hoesel) Epley of Culver, Indiana; brother: Ralph Wayne Stealy of Elkhart, Indiana; and grandchildren: Brittney Anne, Brooke Ellyn, and Lindsey Elizabeth Epley, Danielle Marie and Jason Clay Stealy.

There will be no visitation. Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 3:00PM at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street, Culver, Indiana.

Betty I. Knecht Pilot News

Saturday, June 04, 2005
COLUMBIA CITY -Betty I. Knecht, 82, of Columbia City, died at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 in Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City.

She is survived by daughters: Kathryn (Jay) Krisely of Columbia City, Virginia Fulton of South Bend and Sarah (Robert) Reilly of South Whitley; sons: Benjamin (Gina) Knecht and James Knecht, both of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sisters: Hilda Earnhart of Pierceton and Carol Engle of California.

A graveside service will be held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7 at the Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City, with the Rev. James Haugen officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Vacation Bible School at the Zion Lutheran Church or the Activities Department at Miller's Merry Manor.

Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of the arrangements.

Gloria D. Hinton Pilot News
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Sunday, June 05, 2005

CULVER - Gloria D. Hinton, 50, of 17559 W 16C Road, Culver, passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2005 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Gloria was born to John P. and Joyce E. (Mikesell) Plante Jr. on June 13, 1954 in Rochester, Ind. She grew up and graduated from Culver Community High School. On Aug. 18, 1990, she was married to Gary L. Hinton in Plymouth.

She worked at the Culver Military Academies for many years in the Uniform Department and was an avid supporter of all of the CMA/CGA athletic activities.

Gloria also volunteered much of her time and talent teaching music for the Culver Community Youth Center and taught piano to many children of the area. She attended the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, belonging to the church choir and the Mary Martha Women's Group. She was a big Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed collecting anything to do with cows. She loved her cows.

Gloria is survived by her loving family: parents, John and Joyce Plante of Culver; husband, Gary Hinton of Culver; daughter, Andrea Manzuk of Harrisburg, Penn.; son, Peter (Kellie) Manzuk of Lafayette, Ind.; brother, Wayne Michael Plante of Deland, Fla.; grandson, Matthew Max Manzuk and her beloved German shepherd, Gunner.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, June 9, 2005 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Rev. James Irwin will officiate services on Friday, June 10, 2005 at 10 a.m. at the Culver Military Academies Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Pretty Lake Trinity UMC Choir.

Letters of condolence may be sent through our Web site obituary page: www.bonine-odom.com

Robert L. Murray Pilot News

Sunday, June 05, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Robert L. Murray, 82, was born Sept. 10, 1922 in South Bend, Ind., the son of George D. and Maude E. Mendenhall Murray. Bob died of complications from a Diabetic condition at 4:09 a.m. Sunday in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Bob grew up in South Bend where he attended school and then moved to Plymouth where he
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Additionally he is survived by 12 grandchildren; Gregory and Kathy Rutzen, Rhonda and Stacey Bonnell, Michele Frye, Robert W. and Audrey Murray II, Dr. Matthew and Tracey Bauer, Kelly and Beau Howard, Katina and Mike Silver, Dawne and Michael Pearson, Jason Murray, Amanda Murray, Jaymie and Billy Foy, and Joshua Murray, as well as step-granddaughters; Kim and Wayne Bean and Kelly and Drew Westafer. There are 16 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, sisters Virginia and Bob Spillman of Grovertown and Jeanette Ringle of Mishawaka also survive with numerous nieces and nephews.

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Bob loved playing sports: golf, bowling and fast pitch softball (well known for the "long ball"). He was a South Bend table tennis champion and for many years refereed basketball and football games, umpired baseball and softball and strongly supported the Plymouth Little League program. In addition he was known to be a first rate pool shooter, horseshoe pitcher and enjoyed a good game of pinochle and poker.

His sense of humor was well known. He loved a good joke, even though he would tell you he was "joke challenged" when it came to telling them. Bob will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Friends and family will gather to celebrate his life from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and after 7 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 prior to services in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Pastor John Perkinson of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in memory of Bob may be made the American Diabetes Assoc., Marshall Co. Chapter.

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Harold Clinton Young

Monday, June 06, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lifetime Marshall County resident, Harold Clinton Young died unexpectedly from natural causes, at his residence, 806 W. Jackson St., Plymouth, on Monday, June 6, 2005, at 9:35 a.m. Harold was 86-years-old.

He was born in Circleville, Ohio, on June 15, 1918, the son of Clinton B. and Mary K. Eitel Young

Harold attended Bremen High School.

A veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II, he was awarded the EAME Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, the American Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct ribbon and a Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was a proud member of the Plymouth VFW, Post 1162.

While he was in the service, Harold and Waneta Jane Parcell were married.
He retired from the Bendix Corp., South Bend, where he worked in the aeronautical unit of the Brake Division.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Harold enjoyed farming and had a bountiful flower and vegetable garden. He also enjoyed dancing and playing cards.

Harold is survived by Waneta and their nine children: five daughters and four sons.

His daughters are: Donna (Lowell) Price, Plymouth; Betty Bowling, Nappanee; Mary Bowling Nethercutt, South Bend; Karen (Roy) Bowling, Plymouth and Nancy Morris, Goshen.

His sons are Ralph (Mary) Young, LaPaz; Clifford (Jacque) Young, Tippecanoe; Roger Young, Nappanee; and Donald (Tabitha) Young, Plymouth.

Twenty-eight grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren also survive, together with a sister, Virginia (Jack) Julian, Bremen and a brother, Theodore (Lavon) Young, also of Bremen.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Nellie Kuhn and two brothers, Bernard and Robert Young. A grandson and four great-granddaughters have also died.

A gathering to celebrate Harold's life will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, from 3 to 8 p.m. and continued on Thursday after 7 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. Friends of the family are invited.

Funeral services for Harold will be on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Steven J. Resner, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Graveside military honors at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon, by the Plymouth VFW #1162, will be accorded to Harold.

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Audrey Craig

Tuesday, June 07, 2005
Audrey Ellen Craig, 73, died on Tuesday, June 7 at home.

She is survived by three sons: Kevin C. Craig and Edward M. Craig, both of Ft. Wayne and Terrence (Mary Jo) Craig of Plymouth; five daughters: Michelle R. Craig, Erin (Wade) Smith, Kelly (Chuck) Warran and Laura E. Craig, all of Ft. Wayne and Holly (Rick) Griffith of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters: Marilyn (Dean) Slagle of Ft. Wayne, Carolyn Sutton of New Haven and Shirley (Bud) Armstrong of Auburn; a brother, Stephen Sutton of Downy, Calif.; stepmother, Edna Sutton of Ft. Wayne; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; along with cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visititation is Sunday, June 12 at Klahn, Fahl & Melton with services at Peace Lutheran Church, 4900 Fairfield on June 13 at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave. or Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic, 413 E. Jefferson Blvd.

Harold Anthony Wood

Tuesday, June 07, 2005
BOURBON -Tony Wood, 62, died at 6:18 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at St Joseph Regional Medical Center of complications following heart surgery.

Tony is survived by his devoted wife Mary of Bourbon; his mother, Irene C. Cripe of Plymouth; sisters, Elizabeth Burton of Sykesville, Pa., and Rebecca Griffy of Plymouth; brothers, Buryl W. Wood of Zephyrhills, Fla. and Neil A. Wood, Clover, S.C. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold E. Wood, and his brother George E. Wood.

Tony was the State Farm agent in Bourbon for 32 years. He was a graduate of Logansport High School and studied at Anderson University, Purdue and Ancilla College. He married Mary Brychta on Jan. 13, 1973, in Lafayette, Ind.

Known as a true Renaissance man by his friends, Tony was a golfer and a fisherman. He was co-founder and president of Heart and Hands, Inc. of Plymouth. Tony, along with Mary, gave his
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heart to the service of people. He was a member of Mensa, a poet, a vocalist, a musician who played the keyboard and guitar, and a composer. His unique floral paintings have been featured in art shows.

A graduate of Marshall County Leadership of Marshall County class of 2000, he served on the board of the foundation of the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, the Marshall County Historical Society, and was a member of the Toast Masters Club, the Moose Lodge, and Bourbon Chamber of Commerce. He also served in the National Guard. A gardener and world traveler, Tony was a devout Christian and frequently gave sermons. He lived his Christianity every day.

Friends may call at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home in Bourbon, Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday. Funeral service will be at the Bourbon First United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11. Graveside service will follow in Plymouth at Oakhill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Heart and Hands, Inc. PO Box 51, Plymouth, IN 46504.

Dorothy Null

ARGOS - Dorothy "Tiny" Null, 75, of 9960 East 16th Rd., Argos, formerly of Leiters Ford, passed away Wednesday, June 8 at 7:50 p.m. at her home. She was born on Jan. 25, 1930 in Idaville, Ind. to Henson and Ruth Cohagan Feltis. On July 5, 1947 in the Lutheran Church in Mishawaka, she married Louis C. Null, who preceded her in death on June 26, 2002.

She was a homemaker and also worked as a waitress and cook at the former Candy Kitchen in Argos, Paradise Truck Stop of Rochester and the Dog Track of Bonita Springs, Fla. She was a member of the Argos American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of Culver.

She is survived by a daughter, Delictia "Deckie" (Gary) Jones of Lakeville; son, George (Cathy) Null of Argos; four grandchildren: Sarah (Michael) McGill of Clay City, Ind., Christopher "Chip" (Sharon) Long of Martinsville, Ind., and Shanda Lynn Null and Krista Lynn Null, both of Argos; brother, Douglas Feltis of Cape Coral, Fla. and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a sister, Jeanette Pearson in 2000; and a brother, Jay Feltis in 1988.

Visitation is Friday, June 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. or one hour prior to her services at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services are Saturday, June 11 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Brian Trump officiating.

Memorials may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Patricia L. Swanson

PLYMOUTH - Patricia L. Swanson, 75, of Plymouth, died on Wednesday, June 8 at 8:17 a.m. at home.

Services are currently pending at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Rodney L. Heckaman
LAFAYETTE - Rodney L. Heckaman, 57, of 501 Elston Rd., Lafayette, Ind., died Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 7:25 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette.

He was born April 21, 1948 in Plymouth, to Oliver and Carrie (Harmon) Heckaman.

He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Lafayette. He worked for Purdue University for the past 25 years in the Engineering Department. He served his country in United States Army and was in Vietnam. He was a graduate of Plymouth High School, Class of 1966.

He is survived by sons: Noah and Jesse Heckaman of Plainfield, Ind.; daughter: Abby Heckaman of Plainfield; father: Oliver (Eleanor) Heckaman of Lakeville; his mother: Carrie (Bud) Cripe of Ocala, Fla.; his brother: Larry (Merrie Kay) Heckaman of Plymouth; half-brother: Curtis Cripe of Ocala, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Services will be Wednesday, June 15, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Hackett officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to the donor's choice.

Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the Heckaman family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Harold Manford "Bud" Swank Pilot News

Thursday, June 09, 2005

NAPLES, Fla. - Harold Manford "Bud" Swank, died on June 9, 2005 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Doris L. (Wakeland) Swank.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Arrangements are pending. There will be no local memorial services.

Memorials in his memory may be made to the Collier County Public Library.

Lige C. "Lucky" Murrell Pilot News

Sunday, June 12, 2005

WINAMAC - Lige "Lucky" C. Murrell, 64, of Winamac, died on Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; daughters: Phyllis Sickman, Paula Dodd and Christina Murrell; son, Bruce Murrell; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers: Henry Murrell and Albert Hunes.

There will be no visitation.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15 at Pine Lake Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o Cutler Funeral Home.

Arrangements are being handled by Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte.
Treva Rittenour, 89, of 15715 N. Michigan Rd., Argos, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 12:50 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, 2005.

Born the daughter of George Allen and Florence M. Knepper Eizinger on Feb. 27, 1916, in Tippecanoe, Ind., Treva graduated from Tippecanoe High School with the class of 1934.

Treva and Andrew H. Ritenour were married in Tippecanoe, Ind., on his birthday, Feb. 16, 1938. Andy died on Feb. 22, 1994.

A homemaker, Treva and her family moved from Tippecanoe to the Plymouth/Argos area in 1943.

She was an active and talented woman. She wrote countless letters to neighbors who were in the military. Adept in needle work, she embroidered many lovely items for gifts.

Treva and Andy, season ticket holders, were faithful supporters of Plymouth athletic teams, often taking their grandchildren to the games when they were very small. Treva attended sporting events well into her 80s.

She always appreciated flowers, and always had an immaculate flower garden while living in the country.

One of her biggest sources of enjoyment was coming into contact with children; she was always known to have Smarties candy in her purse.

An animal lover, Treva taught her parakeet to say, "Where's Gary?" and "Frank's down to Purdue!" She also had several Siamese cats named Bandit.

Treva is survived by three sons, two daughters and their spouses. Her sons are Gary and Margaret Ritenour, Atascadero, Calif.; Frank and Anita Ritenour, Santa Maria, Calif; and Brian and Joy Ritenour, Plymouth. Her daughters are Diane and Roy Swihart, Plymouth and Judy and Jerry Salmon, Brownsburg, Ind.

Nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive, together with a sister, Donabelle and Don Pfeiffer and a brother, Dale and Nanette Eizinger, all of Rochester, Ind.

Treva was also survived by family from her husband's side: Russell and Mildred Ritenour, Etna Green; Jim Jackson, Fort Wayne; Kenneth and Marie Ritenour, Bourbon; Edith and Harold Hess, Plymouth and Edna and Merl Swihart, Plymouth.

Treva was preceded in death by her parents and her husband and by her brother-in-law, and two sister-in-laws, Elmer and Virginia Ritenour, and Ruth Jackson.

A celebration of her life will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2005 and will continue after 7:00 am on Friday, June 17, 2005.

Funeral services for Treva will be on Friday, June 17, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Gail Law, of the Inwood United Methodist Church, where Treva was a long-time member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Treva's memory may be made to the Inwood United Methodist Church.
Gerald N. "Red" Pulliam  
Pilot News  
Monday, June 13, 2005  
BREMEN - Gerald "Red" N. Pulliam, 76, of Bremen, died on Monday, June 13 at 6:15 a.m. in Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his wife, Delia (Hoover) Thornton-Pulliam; sons: John (Kim) Pulliam of Plymouth, Jerry (Peggy) Pulliam of Waynesville, Mo., Charles (Leianne) Pulliam of Granger, Robert Pulliam of Grovertown and Tim (Sharon) Pulliam of Plymouth; daughters: Cindy Loftus of Plymouth and Jennifer (A.J.) Gappa of Knox; brother, Robert Pulliam of Koontz Lake; sisters: Dortha (Ralph) Culver of Graette, Ark. and Bonnie (Neal) Childers of Bentonville, Ark.; stepsons: Robert (Peggy) Thornton and Richard Thornton, both of Mishawaka; 21 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and 12 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held.

Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, assisted the family with arrangements.

Sue Ann Coffey Smith  
Pilot News  
Tuesday, June 14, 2005  
SOUTH BEND - Sue Ann Coffey Smith, 65, 2621 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, a former Rochester resident, passed away at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2005 in her residence.

Born Jan. 13, 1940 in Streator, Ill. to Cale B. and Mildred R. "Billye" (McConnell) Walker, her first marriage was to Dan Coffey Dec. 23, 1967 in Rochester. Her second marriage was to Mark Smith, a Rochester High School classmate, on July 21, 2001 in South Bend.

Surviving with her husband are her mother, Billye Walker, Rochester; two daughters: Karen S. Coffey, Chicago and Colleen M. and husband Greg Ehrnstrom, Boulder, Colo.; one granddaughter, Kate Alexandra Ehrnstrom, Boulder, Colo.; two step daughters: Marlan Smith, Gabriola Island, British Columbia, Canada and Erica Alvey, Bloomington, Ind.; and two step grandchildren: Allen Banner and Sara Banner, both of Bloomington.

Also surviving are two sisters: Nancy and husband Rick Zimmerman, Rochester and Mary Lou Leavell Bernett and husband Tom Bernett, Durham, N.C.; one brother, John and wife Carol Walker, Rochester; five nephews, one niece and three aunts.

She was preceded in death by her father on June 6, 1990.

Sue retired as an Assistant Professor of Communications at Ancilla College and formerly taught at Ivy Tech and Davenport University, both of South Bend. Also, Sue was a teaching nun for six years after entering the Victory Noll Convent, Huntington, Ind. in 1959. For several years she was a reporter/photographer for several local newspapers in southwestern Michigan and adjoining areas in Indiana.

A 1958 Rochester High graduate, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Loyola University and a master's degree in communication from Western Michigan University.

Among her many interests and hobbies were many rewarding experiences with her colleagues.
in the Beginning Experience organization in South Bend; watercolor painting, piano lessons at age 64, and digital photography. She was an astute student of cinema history, literature and classical music.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005 in the Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Home, Rochester, with Jack K. Overmyer presiding. The family will receive friends in the funeral home two hours prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Ancilla College Scholarship Fund.

Richard Alan Jones

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

Richard Alan “Rick” Jones, with his supportive family and friends to comfort him, ended his enduring battle with Huntington’s Disease, at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. Rick, of 7382 S.R. 17, Plymouth, died in the genuine care of Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver where he had made his home for nearly the past two years.

He loved and experienced life until his passing at the age of 54.

Born on December 17, 1950, in Clarksburg, W. Va., Rick was the son of Bill Don and Nancy Crane Jones.

He graduated from Hopedale High School, Hopedale, Ohio, with the class of 1968 and from the United Electronic Institute of Akron, Ohio.

On April 1, 1972, Rick and Susan Lynn Stoufer were married in Echo, Minn.

He worked for United Telephone, as an equipment installer, and later was a central office employee for Sprint for a total of 23 years. Due to his health he retired in 1992.

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He is survived by Susan, his devoted wife of 33 years and by their son and daughter-in-law, Wade A. and Rebecca Jones, Shoreview, Minn. and mother Nancy Jones of Hopedale, Ohio.

Two granddaughters also survive: Cadyn Evelyn Jones and Lauryn Esther Jones.

A brother, Randy and Cheryl Jones of Marysville, Ohio and a sister, Beth and Roger Davenport of Hopedale, Ohio, also survive, together with five nephews, several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Rick was preceded in death by his father.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2005, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Rick will be held on Saturday afternoon, following visitation at 4 p.m., in the funeral home. Delron Shirley, a pastor of Christ Chapel, South Bend, where Rick was a member, will officiate.

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Letters of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

John F. Ruff
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

John F. Ruff, 93, a lifetime Marshall County resident, died of natural causes Wednesday morning, June 15, 2005. John died on the family homestead where he was born and spent his life working the ground, 7293 Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, Plymouth. He was born July 23, 1911, the son of Charles W. and Ella Glass Ruff.

As a child he attended the old brick West Township School.
On October 29, 1932, John and Mildred C. Marsh were married in Knox, Ind. They were married for 65 years. Mildred died on October 30, 1997. They enjoyed traveling to Florida and John loved to fish the lakes of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Aside from farming, John found the time to drive a school bus and serve on many boards; the Gas Rationing Board during the War, the A.S.C. Board and was a member of the Board of Directors of Farmer’s Mutual Insurance up until this year. He also had served as Secretary/Treasurer of the organization from 1965 to 1988, passing the responsibilities to his son David.

John, a dedicated and responsible citizen, served as West Township Trustee for eight years, from 1954 until 1962. He was an avid reader of political history and current events.

A member of the Tyner I.O.O.F. and the Plymouth Moose Lodge 741, John was also affiliated with the Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by three daughters and their spouses; a son and his wife and a daughter-in-law. They are, daughters, Patricia and Cleon Beatty; Carol J. and Dominic Brizzolara, all of Plymouth, and Janice K. and Michael Hall of Franklin, Ind.

John’s son and daughter-in-law is David A. and Alice Ruff of Plymouth. His daughter-in-law, the widow of his son John R. Ruff, is Sandra E. Ruff, also of Plymouth. Nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren also survive.

John was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his son, John, and three sisters and a brother. The sisters were Edna Welch, Blanche Matz and Hazel Ruff and the brother was Ralph Ruff.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to celebrate John’s life on Friday, June 17, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. A Tyner I.O.O.F Lodge memorial service will be held in the funeral home at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2005, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, the Rev. Paul McBride will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in John’s memory may be made to the John F. Ruff Scholarship Fund, c/o Marshall County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Plymouth, Indiana 46563

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Margaret A. Harper
VanGilder Funeral Home

Friday, June 17, 2005
Margaret A. Harper, 90, of 550 Coventry Court, Plymouth, Indiana, passed away Friday, June 17, 2005 at 3:40 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She was born on July 19, 1914 in Kenton, Ohio to Chancy and Nora (Carter) Nye.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and was very active in the church. Margaret was a seamstress and made curtains and slip covers. She and Lee Roy Harper were married on July 3, 1931. He passed away on May 18, 1972.

Margaret is survived by her sisters, Juanita Lehman of Plymouth and Wilma Rice of Florida; her nieces Janice and Eugene Cooper of Argos, Jayne and Tom Heet of Plymouth, Shirley Nickel of Doverdale, Delaware, and Beverly Holland of Florida; and her nephew, James and Pat Lehman
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of Plymouth. She was preceded in death by her brother, George (Bud) Nye and her nephew, Gene Lehman.

Services will be held Monday at Noon at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Plymouth with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Monday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 South Michigan Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Trinity United Methodist Church.

John W. Musser

Friday, June 17, 2005

PLYMOUTH - John W. Musser, 81, of 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, died at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth, of natural causes, on Friday, June 17, 2005.

He is survived by four daughters: Kathleen Lemmon of Ft. Wayne, Sandra (Richard) Harris of Plymouth, Jacque Sons of Plymouth, and Mary (Dallas) Lortie of Albion; two sisters: Una Ringler and Kay (Earl) Getts, both of Kendallville. Eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight, June 20, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Services will be Tuesday, June 21, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Friday, June 17, 2005

John W. Musser, 81, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, had lived in Marshall County since January 17, 2004, coming from Noble County. John went to be with the Lord at 10:10 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2005, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth. He had suffered from lung cancer for a year and a half.

Born in Wawaka, Ind., on July 25, 1923, he was the son of James and Esther Miller Musser. He graduated from Wawaka High School.

He served his country as a soldier in the United States Army during W.W.II. He was a lifetime member of the Kendallville V.F.W. Post 2749.

A truck driver for 57 years, he was a proud member of the Teamsters Union #364. He retired in December, 2003.

John is survived by four daughters. They are Kathleen Lemmon, Fort Wayne; Sandra (Richard) Harris, Plymouth; Jacque Sons, Plymouth; Mary (Dallas) Lortie, Albion, Ind.

Eleven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive together with two sisters; Una Ringler and Kay (Earl) Getts, both of Kendallville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Musser.

Visitation will be on Monday, June 20, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by Tom Padberg, Chaplain of the Marshall County Hospice, will take
place at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, in the funeral home.

Military graveside rites at the Bremen Cemetery will be conducted by the Bremen V.F.W.

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

Airon Daniel Ross  
Friday, June 17, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Airon Daniel Ross, infant, 1535 N. Michigan St., Lot 217, Plymouth, was born June 17, 2005 in Indianapolis to John and Maria Ross. He died Friday, June 17 from Neural Tubal Defect, at the Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Airon is survived by his parents, John and Maria Ross of Plymouth; his sisters, Angela, Adrian, Alisha and Allison; and brothers: Anthony and Andrew, all of Plymouth.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Annis E. Sanford  
Friday, June 17, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Annis E. Sanford, 90, of New Haven, passed away surrounded by the love of her family, on Friday, June 17, 2005.

Born Aug. 27, 1914 in Plymouth, Annis was a warm-hearted and fun-loving mom and ‘granny.’

She was preceded in death by her brother, Thorton W. Blue; her sister, Gertrude T. Maroney, and her daughter, Judith A. Anderson.

She is survived by her daughters: Jeanne (Ralph) Weidman of Kimmel and Joan (Tom) Kinder of Ft. Wayne. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren: Tiara (Steve) Bremer, Tanya (Brian) Grimes, Todd (Susan) Anderson, Tom (Cate) Kinder, Karen Nowak, Pam (Chris) Fountain, David (Jennifer) Nowak, Doug (Jennifer) Kinder, Tracy (Russ) Johnson, Bill (Lisa) Kinder, Joe (Michelle) Nowak, Erica Sanford, Jeremy (Jennifer) Sanford, Trish Sanford, Amanda Sanford, Jeff Sanford, Jr., Jamie Sanford and Jenna Sanford. She has 26 great-grandchildren as well.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services, which are today, June 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. at VanGilder Funeral Home, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Harborside Nursing Home, New Haven, Ind.

Belinda S. (Campbell) Schacht  
Friday, June 17, 2005

NORTH JUDSON- Belinda S. (Campbell) Schacht, 42, of North Judson, died Friday, June 17 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, John; daughters: Nicki Christian of Knox and Amy Pitts of Monett, Mo.; step-sons: John Schacht of Knox and David Schacht and Thomas Schacht, both of Chicago; sisters: Marsha Thorn and Cindy Campbell, both of Plymouth, Dawn Back of Knox and Carla Campbell of Portage; and brothers: Doug Campbell, David Campbell and Mike Campbell, all of Knox and Dwain Campbell of Cookville, Tenn.

Visitation is Thursday, June 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday after 12 p.m. until the service at the Rannells’s Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.
Funeral services are Friday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dean Cook  
Pilot News
Saturday, June 18, 2005
PLYMOUTH - M. Dean Cook, 77, of 805 Baker St., Lot 54, Plymouth, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Dean was born Dec. 30, 1927 in Huntington, Ind., to William and Jennetta (Riggs) Cook. He married Melba I. Follis on Sept. 7, 1946. She died Jan. 22, 1989. He was also preceded in death by two daughters, Penny and Connie.

Dean was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #74. He retired from Farm Bureau Co-Op as a field representative.

He is survived by his daughter, Patty and Lonnie Ritter of Plymouth; his son, Robert Cook; five granddaughters; tow grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth.

Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the Cook family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Charles A., Jr Schoonover  
Pilot News
Saturday, June 18, 2005
ARGOS - Charles A. Schoonover Jr., 93, formerly of 422 N. Michigan St., Argos, passed away Saturday, June 18 at 10 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. He was born Sept. 20, 1911 in Argos to Charles Schoonover Sr. and Catherine (Hennise) Schoonover.

He was the owner of Schoonover & Sons Clothing Store in Argos. A three generation business, it was open for 106 years from 1883-1989 when he retired.

Charles graduated from Argos High School in 1929, 76 years ago. He also graduated from the Chicago Business College. His family came to Argos in 1883 from Zanesville, Ind. where they had operated a general store for 14 years. The store was operated by William Schoonover and Lon Schoonover, Charles' grandfather and uncle and Charles' father worked there also. Charles Jr. worked in the store in high school and after graduating and his father's death in 1944, he and his sister Helen Tate operated the store for 10 years. Frank Snyder then purchased Helen's shares and Frank and Charles operated the store until closing in December of 1989. The store was then operated as an antique store. At one time, the second floor of the building was used as an opera house. Charles donated the historic building to the Argos Public Library, which will be opening soon. This family has donated much to the community over the years. Charles also was the founder of the Argos Lions Club. He earned the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Visitation is Tuesday, June 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Funeral services are Wednesday, June 22 at 1 p.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Mark Fishburn officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos Public Library.
Grossman Funeral Home

**Betty Lou Beeman**  
**Pilot News**  
Monday, June 20, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Betty Lou Beeman, 68, of Lakeville, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2005 at the Hospice House.

Along with her husband, Dale, survivors include: daughter, Anita Beeman of Lakeville; son, Brian Beeman of Lakeville; her mother, Helen A. Gillis of Lakeville; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Delores Newcomb of Lakeville; and a brother, Dale Craft of Sebring, Fla.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22 at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, and one hour prior to services in church on Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the County Line Brethren Church. Burial will follow at County Line Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Betty Lou Beeman may be donated to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

**Edward M. Dolph**  
**Pilot News**  
Monday, June 20, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Edward M. Dolph, 84, of Plymouth, died at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 2005 at his residence.

Along with his wife, Joyce, survivors include: two daughters, Jerolyn (Charles) Turner of Plymouth, and Janet (Jerry) Wright of Lafayette; two sons, Joe Dolph of South Bend, and Jim (Candace) Dolph of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, and one hour prior to services in church on Friday.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 24, at the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, 69531 Pine Road, North Liberty. Rev. Norman Replogle, pastor, will officiate. Graveside services and burial will follow at Fair Cemetery, North Liberty.

Contributions in memory of Edward M. Dolph may be donated to the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, 69531 Pine Road, North Liberty, IN 46554.

**Rodney Mark Pifer**  
**Pilot News**  
Monday, June 20, 2005

SOUTH BEND - Rodney Mark Pifer, 64 of South Bend, formerly of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2005 at the Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his three daughters: Debra Ann (Bill) Weiss of Howard, Ohio, Patricia S. (Doug) Kenney of Simsbury, Conn., and Theresa L. (Steve) Algire of Fredericktown, Ohio; five grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Pletz of Beaverton, Ore.; and one brother, Steven Pifer of Plymouth.

Per Rodney's wishes, there will be no services or visitation. Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan Street, South Bend, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Rodney Mark Pifer may be donated to the American
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Liver Foundation, 5755 Granger Road, Suite 335, Independence, OH 44131-1455.

H. O'Neal Turner II, 50, of Culver, Indiana, died at 5:55PM on Monday, June 20, 2005, at his residence.

He was born on September 2, 1954, to Harry O'Neal and Dorothy (Vincent) Turner Sr. at Burbank, California. He was married on July 28, 1979, at Granada Hills, California, to Debra Frole. She survives.

He is also survived by his loving son: Harry O'Neal Turner III of Culver; daughter: Ashley Rachel Turner of Culver; brother: Tracy Campbell of California; and sister: Pattie Robbins-Vignal of California.

Visitation with the family will be Thursday, June 23, 2005, from 4:00 - 8:00PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Chaplain Thomas Steffen, Father Glenn Kohrman, and Father Tom Jackson will officiate services on Friday, June 23, 2005, at 10:00AM at the Culver Academies Memorial Chapel in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at 1:00PM at the Cedar Grove Cemetery, South Bend, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be given to the Order of Christian Workers, PO Box 4155, Tyler, Texas 75712-4155.

Monday, June 20, 2005

CULVER - Harry O'Neal Turner II, 50, of Culver, died at 5:55 p.m. on Monday, June 20 at his home.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

Kenneth F., II Clark

Kenneth F. “BAM” Clark II, 28, 22251 Tyler Road, Lakeville, Indiana, died at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2005 in Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis, IN, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. BAM had been an area resident most of his life.

Born in Kankakee, IL., on July 13, 1976, BAM graduated from High School in Chillicothe, OH.

He had been a fork truck driver at Wal Mart, and enjoyed all sports, especially golf and football.

BAM was a member of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Kenneth F. (Joan) Clark of Argos, and his mother and stepfather, Sandra (Chris) Heyde of Lakeville, a daughter, Peyton Clark and a son Cody Clark, both of Plymouth. Also surviving are three brothers and their spouses: Jeremy (Cris) Clark, Marc (Michele) Young and Shane (Heather) Clark all of Chillicothe, Ohio, and his paternal grandfather, Elmer L. Clark of Plymouth.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, June 24, 2005 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Plymouth Baptist Church, 11345 9A Rd., Plymouth. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Douglas Jividen will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the church on Friday.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation.
Christina L. Diaz

Tuesday, June 21, 2005
MONTEREY - Christina L. Diaz, 43, of Monterey, died at 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21 at Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

Ferne M. Hiland

Tuesday, June 21, 2005
ELKHART - Ferne M. Hiland, 81, formerly of Bower St., Elkhart, passed away at 5:22 am, Tuesday, June 21, 2005 in Eastlake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Elkhart. Ferne was born on July 11, 1923 in Marshall County, Ind. to the late Sam and Pearl (Chaney) Rensberger. On April 24, 1948, as the former Ferne Rensberger, she married Wayne H. Hiland in Monterey, Ind. He passed away on March 1, 1992. She is also preceded in death by one great grandchild, and three brothers, Herman, Roy and Dean Rensberger.

Ferne is survived by four daughters, Jinx (Michael) Flynn of Edwardsburg, Mich.; Beverly (Harry) Ernsberger of Edwardsburg, Mich. and Wanda (Jerome) Holderman of Edwardsburg, Mich.; one son, Jimmie (Terri) Hiland of Union, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and one brother Rowdy Rensberger of Argos.

Ferne has been an area resident since 1974, coming from Edwardsburg. She was a graduate of Edwardsburg High School and a member of Kessington Community Church.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (IN time), Friday, June 24, 2005 in Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Hwy, Osceola. Funeral services will be held at 1p.m. (IN time), Saturday, June 25, 2005 in Kessington Community Church, 70200 Kessington Rd, Edwardsburg with one hour of visitation before the service. Rev. Steven Steele will officiate. Entombment will follow in Chapel Hill Mausoleum, Osceola.

Donations may be made to the church or National Parkinson's Association, 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Drive, Miami, FL 33136-1494

Merrill Elizabeth Myers

Tuesday, June 21, 2005
SOUTH BEND - Merrill Elizabeth Myers, 87, of Rue Rabelais Park Jefferson Apartments, South Bend, died Tuesday, June 21, in her residence.

She worked for the Elkhart County Treasurer and was a bookkeeper for Garman Lumber Company in Goshen.

Merrill was born Jan. 25, 1918 in Chicago, Ill., to LeRoy and Hazel (Melter) McFarren. In Goshen, she married Donald F. Myers, who preceded her in death, along with three sisters: Helen Glinke, Joan Swetland and Dorothy Winkler.

Merrill was a graduate of Goshen High School, where she was valedictorian.

She is survived by a daughter: Susan J. (Sam) Gibson of Soldatna, Alaska; three sons: John R. (Sherry) of South Bend, Donald J. (Carla) of West Chester, Pa., and Richard (Debbie) of Portage, Mich.; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, at New Paris Cemetery, New Paris, Ind. There will be no visitation.
Michael David Wallen  
Pilot News

Tuesday, June 21, 2005  
WILMINGTON, Ill. - Michael David Wallen, 18, of Wilmington, Ill., died Tuesday, June 21, as the result of a drowning accident in Essex.

He is survived by his parents, William and Shirley Wallen of Knox, and Connie and John Di Francesco of Wilmington; two brothers: William Jr., and Donald Wallen; 12 sisters: Debbie, Mary Kay, Dawn, Jeny, Amy, Serena, Wendy, Joyce, Angela, Donna, Victoria and Anastasia. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation is Friday, June 24, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Freitag Funeral Home, Wilmington.

Services are Saturday, June 25, at 9 a.m. at the funeral home, with burial at Wheaton Cemetery, Wheaton, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of choice in the family's name.

Bruce E. Watson  
Pilot News

Tuesday, June 21, 2005  
CULVER - Bruce E. Watson, 78, of 520 Liberty St., Culver, died at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, June 21.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia L. Watson; three daughters: Sabrina (Scott Donovan) Schultz of Homewood, Ill., Valerie (Joe) Manby of Sugarland, Tex., and Monica (Frank) West of Homewood, Ill.; three grandchildren; and two brothers: Hugh (Dorothy) Watson, Paducah, Ky., and Jimmy (Geneva) Watson of Texas.

Visitation will be at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Friday, June 24, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Services will be held at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver, on Saturday, June 25, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Ron Lewallen officiating.

Burial will be in Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Letters of condolence can be sent via email to www.bonine-odom.com
Tuesday, June 21, 2005
CULVER - Bruce E. Watson, 78, of Culver, died at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21 2005 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements, which are incomplete.

Lola I. Hess

Wednesday, June 22, 2005
Lola I. Hess, 84, a Garden Court East resident at 501 Pennsylvania Ave, Plymouth, IN. Formerly of Charleston, South Carolina, she died at 1:50 p.m. on Wednesday June 22, 2005 in Bremen Community Hospital, Bremen, Indiana, following an illness.

Born the daughter of Ora Herbert and Mazie Dyer Stephens in Milroy, Indiana on April 1, 1921.

Lola was married in Richmond, Indiana on January 22, 1947 to Harold M. Hess who preceded her in death on August 22, 1991. A homemaker, she was extremely fond of making ceramics and won several National Awards for her creativeness in making fine pieces of work. Her work was enjoyed by all that knew her, as she would make pieces for family and friends.

Before moving to Plymouth she was a loved member of the Ashley Church of God in Charleston, she enjoyed reading her bible and listening to her precious Christian music. Upon moving to Plymouth she became a member of the United Pentecostal Church of Bourbon.

Lola is survived by two daughters and one son, they are Ann Mays of Plymouth, Indiana, Barbara Campbell of North Liberty, Indiana, and Robert (Anne) Hess of Charleston, South Carolina, nine grandchildren, twenty great-grand children, and five great-great grandchildren.

Proceeding her in death were her parents, spouse, a daughter Jeanie Stephens, and sister Woneda Coers.

Visitation with the family will take place on Monday June 27th, 2005 from 9-11 a.m. at the United Pentecostal Church, Bourbon. Funeral services conducted by Pastor Mark Cottrill will follow at 11 a.m. in the church on Monday.

Burial will be in the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the United Pentecostal Church of Bourbon.

Wednesday, June 22, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Lola I. Hess, 84, 700 Berkley St., Lot 327, Plymouth, formerly of South Carolina, died Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at Community Hospital of Bremen, following an illness.

She is survived by her daughters: Ann Mays of Plymouth and Barbara A. Campbell of North Liberty; and her son: Robert W. (Anne) Hess of Charleston, S.C.

Visitation will be Monday, June 27, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the United Pentecostal Church, Bourbon.

Services are at the church at 11 a.m. Monday.

Burial will take place in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Memorials may be made to the United Pentecostal Church, Bourbon.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**Shirley Ann Hite**

**Pilot News**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2005**

SOUTH BEND - Shirley Ann Hite, 50, of California Avenue, South Bend, died Friday, June 22, 2005, at the Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Surviving is her husband, Terry Hite of South Bend, and sister, Deborah Leavell of South Bend.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the McGann Funeral Home, University Area Chapel, 2313 E. Edison Rd., South Bend.

Services will be at the funeral home on Wednesday at 11 a.m.

**Minnie Matilda Cripe**

**Pilot News**

**Thursday, June 23, 2005**

SOUTH BEND - Minnie Matilda Cripe, 92, of Southland Ave., South Bend, passed away at 7:26 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2005 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center-Plymouth following a brief illness.

She was born August 21, 1912 in Madison Township to Alvin C. & Dora Loretta (Boocher) Mikel. She grew up on the family farm with four brothers and two sisters. On Sept. 14, 1935 as Minnie Mikel, she married Elwood Cripe, and they moved from the country to the nearby city of South Bend. Together they enjoyed 54 years of marriage until his passing on Dec. 29, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Randall Large on March 30, 1993, a daughter-in-law, Trina Cripe on December 8, 1998, two sisters, Gertrude Scheidegger on Nov. 16, 1986, Della Curtis on Feb. 21, 2003, and four brothers, Willard Mikel on Dec. 11, 1974, Otho Mikel on July 11, 1939, Ernal Mikel on Aug. 17, 1985, and David Mikel on March 27, 2002.

She was a longtime member of South Side Church of God, South Bend, where she served as Teacher in the Nursery for more than 25 years. Minnie enjoyed embroidery, sewing, vegetable gardening, canning, baking, candy making, and crafting. Through the years she made dolls and their clothes, bunnies and much more. Recently she was a volunteer at Battell Center, Mishawaka and made hand sewn wheelchair pads, lap blankets, and crocheted hats and gloves to various social services. Her family was most special to her. She always baked birthday cakes for everyone.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Roger Large of Plymouth; her son, Eugene Cripe of South Bend; seven grandchildren, Kathleen Cripe of South Bend; Karen (Brad) Copen of Columbus, Ohio; Jennifer Cripe (Thad Rice) of Tallahassee, Fla.; Julia Weiss, Daniel (Michelle) Large, Mikel (Terri) Large, and Jason (Julie) Large, all of Plymouth. She is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren, Romney Large, Mellissa Large, Mellenie Large, Matt Weiss, Amber Large, Paul Large, Joshua Copen, Nicole Copen, Conner Large, Brenna Large and Andrew Large.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, in South Side Church of God, 7351 U.S. 31 South, South Bend. Rev. Greg Crump will officiate. Graveside services and burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery. The family received friends from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday in the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan Street, South Bend, and one hour prior to services Tuesday in the Church.

Contributions in memory of Minnie M. Cripe may be offered to South Side Church of God.
Tony Lee Geib

Thursday, June 23, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Tony Lee Geib, 58, of Plymouth, died Thursday, June 23, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born Oct. 7, 1946, in South Bend, to Kenneth and Marian (Wynn) Geib. He married Dorothy Willison on June 1, 1969. He was a lifelong Bremen and Plymouth resident, moving to Plymouth in 1973. He has been a tool and die maker for Biomet in Warsaw for over 20 years.

Tony was a Bremen High School graduate, and a U.S. Army veteran, receiving a bronze star for his service.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Plymouth; his mother, Marian Melton of Bremen; two daughters: Rashell (Jay) Baughman of Argos and Rebecca Geib of Greenwood; three sisters: Karen Marks of Bourbon, Sandra Yoder of Bremen and Mary Dahlquist of Bremen; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth, in 1963 and a brother, James, in 1991.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 27, at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Services at the funeral home will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, with Pastor Gary Hinkle officiating.

Burial, with special military rites, will be in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart or American Diabetes Associations, or the donor's choice.

Allen T. Glassburn

Thursday, June 23, 2005
MONTEREY - Allen T. Glassburn, 70, of 7072 N. Walnut St., Monterey, died at 1:24 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Geneva B. Glassburn of Rochester; his mother, Hannah L. Glassburn of Rochester; four sons: Loid J. (Marsha) Glassburn of Rochester, Allen T. (Lydia) Glassburn II of Rochester, Philip M. Glassburn of Rochester, and David C. (Kelli) Glassburn of Plymouth; two daughters: Melody L. (Kenneth) Smith of Rochester, and Roselyn B. James of Plymouth; and his extended family: three daughters: Hope (Anthony) Johnson, Edra McDaniel, and Victoria (Lester) Cherry; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 28, at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Services will be at Culver Bible Church in Culver, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Daniel Huhn officiating. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Janette Winn
Thursday, June 23, 2005
KNOX - Janette Winn, 78, of Virginia Lake, Knox, died Thursday, June 23, at St. Mary's Hospital, Hobart, following an illness.

She is survived by one daughter: Sharon Beal of LaPorte; and one sister: Edna Edwards of Rhinelander, Wis.

Visitation will be Sunday from noon until the time of services, which are at 2 p.m. at Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel.

Robert W. Kizer
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Saturday, June 25, 2005
Purdue University has lost a great fan with the passing of young Robert W. “Bobby” Kizer. Bobby, a resident of 10369 Pretty Lake Trail for most of his life, died of natural causes on Saturday morning June 25, 2005.

The 26 year old son of Robert M. and Virginia N. (Stephens) Kizer, he was born April 28, 1979 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the Class of 1998. For a year and a half he enjoyed being a ‘stockman’ for the Plymouth Wal-Mart store.

Bobby had a large heart for many things... all sports, U.F.O’s, his pet cat ‘Cosmo’ and especially TURTLES. His competitive nature was displayed as an active participant in the Blueberry Festival Turtle races for over 18 years.

For Bobby who loved to visit the athletic facilities of any university, there was only one that truly moved him – the West Lafayette Indiana campus of Purdue University with its Mackey Arena and Ross-Ade Stadium. There he would routinely enjoy with his family their love of Boilermaker Basketball and Football, highlighted with a post-game trip to Arnie’s for his favorite salad and pizza. Nationally he followed his favored baseball team the Atlanta Braves.

He passed his personal time with watching movies and listening to music CD’s particularly that of John Williams.

Bobby is survived by his parents, Bob and Ginger Kizer and two brothers, Keith M. Kizer of Baltimore, MD and Ross M. Kizer of Sterling Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Gilbert R. and Betty Kizer and maternal grandparents Winfield and Rosa Stephens.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth and one hour prior to an 11 a.m. service on Thursday in the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St. Plymouth, where Bobby was a member. The Rev. William Kaster, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth where at his request his tombstone will read; "Go Purdue...beat I.U.!!"

Memorial gifts in Bobby’s memory may be made to the church.

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The Rev. William Kaster, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bobby’s memory may be made to the church.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

Richard Lee "Dick" Pontius  Pilot News

Saturday, June 25, 2005
SEBRING, Fla. - Richard Lee "Dick" Pontius, 66, of Sebring, Fla. since 1974, formerly of Plymouth, died Wednesday, June 25, in Lakeland, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Pontius of Sebring; daughter Cindy Gossard; sons Rick Pontius and Bill Pontius, both of Sebring; and six grandchildren; as well as loving family members Robert and Eileen Butler of Culver, Kathryn Withers of Buchanan, Mich., and Ruby Herzak if Dunedin, Fla.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 25, at 3 p.m. at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Chapel, Sebring, with the Rev. Reinhold Buxbaum officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice of Highlands County, or Nu-Hope of Highlands County, Fla.

Evelyn B. Gurthet  Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Sunday, June 26, 2005

Evelyn was born on October 10, 1919 in Marshall County, Indiana to Homer and Verda Rinkenberg Stoneburner.
On March 29, 1943 in Florence, South Carolina she was married to Lawrence “Don” Gurthet, Don passed away on February 19, 1998.

Evelyn worked for Del Monte Food, Plymouth, Indiana in the quality control department for 16 years retiring in 1981. Before her time with Del Monte, she was a homemaker, taking care of the house and raising their son, Larry. After retirement Evelyn spent the winter months in her Florida home in Sebring, Florida.

Evelyn was an excellent cook and made great cookies, she also canned most everything that her husband Don grew in the garden. Evelyn was very active in the Tyner United Methodist Church where she recently celebrated 65 years as an active member of the church.

Evelyn is survived by her son. Larry D. Gurthet, Plymouth, and three sisters: Helen Trowbridge, Palmyra, IN, Phyllis Holt, South Bend, IN and Eileen (Norman) Klinedinst, Plymouth, a brother: Homer Stoneburner, Plymouth, two granddaughters: Gennifer Messer, LaCrosse and Deborah Salamone, Newark, New York, survive as well, along with 5 great granddaughters.

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

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 P.M. Wednesday, June 29 2005 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street Plymouth, and 1 hour prior to a 1:00 pm service on Thursday, June 30, 2005 in the Tyner United Methodist Church 4503 French Street Tyner, Indiana. The Rev. Cheryl Stratton, Pastor of the Tyner United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will follow in the Tyner Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Evelyn’s memory may be made to her Church or the American Heart Association.

James F. White
Pilot News

Sunday, June 26, 2005
KNOX - James F. White, 77, of Knox, died Sunday, June 26 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Breitwieser) White of Knox; a daughter, Joyce Siragusa of Park Ridge, Ill.; a son, James F. White of Seattle, Wash.; sisters: Dorothy Bryant of Bass Lake and Ruth Ann Johnson of Plymouth; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 29 at 1 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. with Rev. Ken Whiles officiating.

Burial was in the Bass Lake Cemetery.

Mary Louse Hiester
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Monday, June 27, 2005
Mary Louise Hiester, 91, of W. Adams St., Plymouth, died at 12:25 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2005 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Mary, a lifetime Plymouth resident, was born on October 4, 1913, the daughter of Fred and Ida Snyder John, Sr. She graduated from Plymouth High School.

On August 27, 1939, in Plymouth, Mary and Robert “Bob” Hiester began a marriage of nearly 61 years before Bob’s death on June 1, 2000.

Together, Mary and Bob owned Hiester’s Superette for 40 years, retiring in 1981. After their retirement, they spent sixteen winters in Bradenton, Fla.
Mary is survived by two children and six grandchildren. They are a daughter, Julie A. and David McLiver and their children: David (Ashley), Jack, Jarom and Amy, all of Plymouth, and a son, John F. and Debra Hiester and their children: Johnathan and Cassie, all of Logansport. A sister, Virginia Voreis of Plymouth, also survives.

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

Visitation will be on Thursday, June 30, 2005 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Friday, July 1, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Entombment will be in the New Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mary’s memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Lion’s Club.

Jeffery J. Cygert

Tuesday, June 28, 2005

WALKERTON - Jeffery J. "Jeff" Cygert, of Roosevelt Rd., Walkerton, died from complications of congestive heart failure in the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, at 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2005.

He was a 32-year-old man devoted to his family and faith in his Almighty Father.

Born in South Bend, Ind. on Feb. 10, 1973, Jeff is the son of Alan Cygert and Patricia (Smith) Newgent and a 1991 graduate of New Prairie High School.

On Aug. 22, 1998, in the Koontz Lake Missionary Church, Jeff and Jennifer L. Reese were married and have made Walkerton their home for the past five years.

For three years he had worked at the Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend. Jeff always had a desire to serve the public as a firefighter, but his health would not permit that to happen. For the past six years he was a dispatcher for the Marshall County Sheriffs Department.

A great fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears, he was also an avid supporter of Notre Dame football. He enjoyed fishing, golf and MAYGAN. The family will long remember their March ’05 trip to Disney World in Florida. He appreciated a good movie and country music.

He sang tenor in the choir of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church and was a member of Promise Keepers and the Fraternal Order of Police No.135

Jeff is survived by his wife, Jennifer and by Maygan A. Cygert, their 5-year-old daughter, his mother Patricia Newgent of Mishawaka and father and step-mother, Alan and Debra Cygert also of Mishawaka. His mother-in-law and father-in-law; Marsha (Dare) and Gene Reese reside in Walkerton.

A sister, Jill Cygert, Mishawaka, also survives, together with three step-sisters: Michelle Anastasio, Granger; Desiree McDaniel, Mishawaka and Tina Mauer, Indianapolis.

Two brothers-in-law, Scott E. and Ingrid Reese and Ryan C. Reese and Melody, all of Walkerton also survive. Jeff's maternal grandparents, Beverly and Robert Smith, South Bend, several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins, survive as well.

Jeff was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Alex W. and Anne F. Cygert and by his
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step-father, Joseph Newgent.

Friends will be welcomed to call on Friday, July 1, 2005, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Brian Baughman, pastor of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church, will be held at 8 p.m. on the evening of Friday, July 1, 2005, in the funeral home.

A burial service will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2005, in the Morris Park Cemetery, U.S. Hwy. 6 west of LaPaz, Ind.

Preferred memorial gifts may be made to the Jeff Cygert Memorial Fund at any Teachers' Credit Union or the funeral home.

Letters of condolence and sharing of memories will be welcomed by the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth (574) 936-2829

Dwight E. Harrell VanGilder Funeral Home

Tuesday, June 28, 2005
PIERCETON -Dwight E. Harrell, 76, of Pierceton, died Tuesday, June 28 at 1:15 a.m. at the V.A. Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; a son, Wesley Harrell of Detroit, Mich.; stepdaughter, Ellen (Justin) Shoemaker of Warsaw; his former wife, Curtis Marie Harrell of Plymouth; and several grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, July 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth. There will be a Masonic Service by the Pierceton Lodge at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be held on Friday at 2:15 p.m. at the Riverview Cemetery, South Bend. The American Legion Post, of South Bend, will be officiating the military service.

Tuesday, June 28, 2005
Dwight E. Harrell, 76, of 28 EMS B21 Lane, Pierceton, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 1:15 a.m. at the V.A. Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was born on March 24, 1929 in Topeka, Kansas to Louis and Pearl (Beard) Harrell.

Dwight worked at Wal-Mart, in Warsaw, Indiana, in the bicycle assembly department, for 16 years. He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. He married Carolyn Zehner on February 14, 1998.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #258, Pierceton, and the Masonic Lodge #377 F&AM also in Pierceton.

Dwight is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his son, Wesley Harrell of Detroit, Michigan; his stepdaughter, Ellen and Justin Shoemaker of Warsaw; his former wife, Curtis Marie Harrell of Plymouth; and several grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Friday, at 2:15 p.m., at the Riverview Cemetery, Portage Avenue, in South Bend. The American Legion Post, of South Bend, will be officiating the Military Service.
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Visitation will be Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana. There will be a Masonic Service, by the Pierceton Lodge, held at 1:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

Elmer C. Boyer

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Elmer C. Boyer, 82, of 20017 9th Road, Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2004 at 1:30 a.m. in the Catherine Kasper Life Care Center, Donaldson.

He was born November 4, 1921, in Marshall County to Charles and Anna (Broeker) Boyer.

Elmer was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Donaldson, National Wildlife, and Northern Indiana Fishing Club. He had bowled, in a league, for over 50 years. He was a West High School graduate of the Class of 1939 and was a diehard Cubs fan. Elmer was very active in the church. He taught the adult Sunday School Class for many, many, years. He held offices on the church board and was the chairman of the building committee. Elmer worked for Ancilla for forty three years, as a grounds keeper.

He is survived by his cousins, Raymond and Ann Broeker of Culver, Wesley and Mabel Kirkpatrick of Plymouth; and a niece, Lois and Robert Broeker of Culver. Several other nieces and nephews also survive. Elmer was preceded in death by his brother, Paul, and his sisters Florence, Mildred, Dorothy, Emma, Lucille, Anna, and Helen.

Services will be held Saturday, July 3, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Rev. Glen Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Friday, July 2, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Evangelical Covenant Church, Post Office Box 67, Donaldson, Indiana, 46513.

Rolland L "Red" Goheen

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

NAPPANEE - Rolland L. "Red" Goheen, 77, of 351 W. Centennial St., Nappanee, died Wednesday, June 29, 2005, at his residence. He was born in Marshall County and lived in Nappanee for the past 45 years.

He is survived by one daughter: Kandi (Damon) Fields of Millersburg, Ind., and a son: Roger U.D. Goheen of Elkhart County; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters: Mildred (Herald) Hostetler Jr. of Walkerton and Edna (Paul) Swihart of Plymouth; and one brother: John (Rosemary) Goheen of South Bend.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, July 5, at 11 a.m. at the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, where burial will take place, with the Pastor Norm Reimer officiating.

Louis M. Smith

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

NAPPANEE - Louis M. Smith, 79, of Nappanee, died Wednesday, June 29 at 5:40 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

He is survived by a son, Dennis G. (Donna) Smith of New Paris; a daughter, Kay (Ronald)
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Bechler of Goshen; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren; and sisters: Esther Flory and Darlene Smith, both of Bremen.

Visitation is Tuesday, July 5 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

Funeral services are Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. David Widmoyer officiating.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery with military graveside services.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Ervin L. Taylor Pilot News

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Ervin Lewis Taylor, 95, of 625 Oak Hill Avenue, Plymouth, passed away June 29, 2005 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born May 23, 1910 in Walkerton, Ind. to Thomas W. and Mary E. Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Thelma and Dorothy. He is survived by his brothers: Richard and Walter of Plymouth; his sister, Roma Jones of Plymouth; and many nieces and nephews.

On March 19, 1932, in Valparaiso, Ind., he was united in marriage to Florence E. Klapp. This happy union lasted until 1995, when Florence preceded Ervin in death. They spent all, but the first couple of years together, on their farm in Plymouth. Although they had no children, they were always surrounded by their beloved work horses, cattle, at one time sheep, and always dogs and cats. There was never a child that came by, that was not welcomed and loved, as if they were their own. Although there are too many to be named, it is certain they all remember visiting Ervin and Flossie.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the chapel in New Oak Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Cheryl Stratton will officiate. Burial will be next to his beloved "Torrencie" in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation or to Marshall County Hospice.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with Ervin's family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 W. Madison, Plymouth € (574) 936-2534

South Ben Weirick Bonine-Odom

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mary Alice Weirick, 58, of Culver, Indiana, died at 1:37PM on Thursday, June 30, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, IN.

Mary was born on November 21, 1946, to John Y. and Mary B. (Blandford) Slick at South Bend, Indiana. She was married on June 12, 1987, at Plymouth, Indiana, to Jim Weirick. He survives.

She is also survived by her loving daughter: Theresa (Tixe) Wierick of Culver, IN; step-son: Dr. Troy A. (Suzie) Weirick of Lexington, KY; step-daughters: Leigh (Jerry) O'Neal of Indianapolis,
IN, and Tina (Tracy) Mevis of Warsaw, IN; sister: Kathryn (Kent) Perry of South Bend, IN; and
grandchildren: Harrison, Andrew, and Makayla Mevis, and Martha (Marty) Weirick.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, July 3, 2005, from 3:00 - 7:00PM, with a Spiritual Wake
service at 6:30PM, at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, Indiana. Father Glenn
Kohrman will officiate services on Monday, July 4, 2005, at 10:30AM at the St. Mary's of the
Lake Catholic Church in Culver, Indiana. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.
Memorial contributions may be given to St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church or the Culver
Alumni and Community Scholarship Fund at the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Cynthia Andrea Williams  Pilot News

Sunday, July 03, 2005
WALKERTON - Cynthia Andrea Williams, 58, of County Road 925 E., Walkerton, passed away
in her home on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at 5:05 p.m.

She was born Aug. 11, 1946 in Chicago to Adam and Mary (Cordin) Jemsek, and lived in the
Walkerton area for 34 years, coming from Western Springs, Ill.

On Aug. 21, 1971, in Westmont, Ill., she married Regg F. Williams, who survives. Also surviving
is one daughter: Taylor C. Williams of Walkerton; one son: Aaron F. Williams of Buchanon, Ga.;
her mother and father: Adam and Mary Jemsek of Bradenton, Fla.; one sister: Cheryl Jemsek of
Saugerties, N.Y.; and one brother: Gregory Jemsek of Adelaide, Australiia.

Cindy was the guidance counselor and dean of students at North Liberty Elementary School,
John Glenn School Corporation, and was a member of the Grovertown United Methodist
Church, the National Education Association and the North Liberty Tri Kappa.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 6, 2005, from 2 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday, one hour prior to
services at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with pastor Rose Woodke officiating.
Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday. Cremation will follow.

Memorial contributions may be given, in memory of Cindy, to the Marshall County Hospice, 112
S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel

Richard D. Wilson  Pilot News

Sunday, July 03, 2005
PLYMOUTH- Richard H. "Dick" Wilson, 73, a Plymouth resident for the past 31 years, died,
following a lengthy illness, at 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 3, 2005. Dick died at his home on
Woodbury Drive, under the loving care of his family, the Marshall County Hospice, and his
beloved cat, "Lily."

Dick was born in Marion, Ind., on April 19, 1932. He was the son of Rollie O. Wilson and Lorene
M. Deal Wilson.

He was a 1950 graduate of Marion High School and a 1957 graduate of Franklin College.

During the Korean Conflict, Dick served in the United States Army. He was stationed in France
and Germany.

On Sept. 6, 1958, in Batesville, Ind., Dick and Harriet C. Davis were married.

He had worked as a Plastic Sales Engineer for several companies.
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He enjoyed the game of golf, mowing his yard and caring for his pets. He was a euchre player and was a faithful attendee at his children's activities.

Dick was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the American Legion. He was a very active and devoted volunteer with the American Red Cross, Marshall County Chapter. He could always be counted on to support the various activities of the organization of which his wife, Harriet, is the Executive Director.

Dick is survived by Harriet, his wife of almost 49 years and by their three children: two daughters and a son.

They are: Susan and Pete Keener, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Shannon and Todd Samuelson, Plymouth, Ind.; and Thomas and Shari Wilson, Franklin, Ind.

Nine grandchildren also survive.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ronald and Donald Wilson.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to share memories of Dick on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Dennis Wenzel, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Donaldson, Ind., will be held at 10 a.m. in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, on Thursday, July 7, 2005.

Burial will be in the Estates of Serenity Cemetery, on Lincoln Blvd., Marion, Ind.

Memorial gifts to honor Dick may be made to the American Red Cross, Marshall County Chapter

Letters of condolence may be sent by friends to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

Wilbur Andrew Enyart

Wednesday, July 06, 2005

ROCHESTER - Wilbur Andrew Enyart, 91, of Rochester, died at 8:25 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6 at Lifecare Center of Rochester.

He is survived by a daughter, Nelda (Clifford) Mikesell of Rochester; stepdaughter, Betty (David) Yeakley; stepsons: David (Pat) Leavell and Mitchell (Dorothy) Leavell; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters: Arabelle Enyart of Sebring, Fla., Ruth Black of Kokomo and Maxine (Van) Elliott of El Cajon, Calif.; brother, Robert (Esther) Enyart of Denver, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Sunday, July 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, or in the church one hour prior to services on Monday.

Funeral services are Monday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, with Rev. George Hapner officiating.

Burial will be at Rochester Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church.

Sister Richard Mehal

Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home
Wednesday, July 06, 2005

Sister Richard Mehal, 86, died at 5:27 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana, where she had been a resident since her retirement in 2000.

She was born in Dunlo, Pennsylvania, on November 19, 1918, the daughter of George and Mary Singel Mehal.

Sister Richard was a dedicated elementary school teacher from 1940 until her retirement. She taught at St. Anthony's, Beckemeyer, IL 1940-1946; St. Joseph's, Mishawaka, IN 1946-1951; Angel Guardian Orphanage, Chicago, IL 1951-1960; St. Boniface's, Edwardsville, IL 1960-1965; St. Mark's, Gary, IN 1965-1967; St. Mary's, Trenton, IL 1967-1993. In 1993 Sister Richard retired from teaching but continued working at St. Mary's parish until June of 2000 when she went to retire at the Catherine Kasper Home.

She is survived by two sisters, Mary Cechovic of Valparaiso, IN; Dorthy Gustafsan of Michigan City, IN; and several nices and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday July 8, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday July 9, 2005, in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel. The Reverand Father Edward Konerman, S.J. will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

Wednesday, July 06, 2005

DONALDSON - SR. Richard Mehal, P.H.J.C., 86, died on Wednesday, July 6 at the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson.

Richard is survived by sisters: Mary Cechovic of Valparaiso and Dorthy Gustafsan of Michigan City.

Visitation is Friday, July 8 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home.

Funeral services are Saturday, July 9 at 11 a.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home.

Burial will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

Services will be conducted by Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Maurene E. Moore

Saturday, July 09, 2005

A love story that began over 81 years ago has ended. For now...

Their faithfulness to each other and their enduring love through good and bad times brought them many wonderful years together here on earth.

Their Christian love for each other will be forever sealed in the presence of the Almighty.

Maurene E. Moore, the devoted wife of Lowell A. Moore for 71 years, has died. She was 96 years old on January 16, 2005. She died in the company of her family at 1:56 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2005, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Born the daughter of Leroy and Harriett Crowell Sanders on January 16, 1909, in Connersville, Ind., and attended school in Anderson, Indiana.
She and Lowell met in a small church in Anderson, Indiana, when she was 17-years-old.

"I noticed a girl with large, dark brown eyes," Lowell said, "and I made sure that I became acquainted with the girl behind them."

Engaged in 1928, the couple delayed their marriage until March 29, 1934, while Lowell went through college. They were married in the church in Anderson, Ind.

She took great pride in being a good homemaker, living in Plymouth since 1949, coming from Lafayette, Ind., Maurene enjoyed music; she played the piano by ear.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church of South Bend and the Christian Women’s Club. She sang in the choir of the church for many years and was active with the missionary group.

Maurene is survived by her husband, Lowell, and by their children: R. Carol Skinner, Carmel, Ind.; Jeaneen Snyder, Plymouth; and Ronald and Mimi L. Moore, Portage, Ind.

Five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Wilmer Sanders, a half-brother: Verl Sanders, a half-sister: Vera Cridge and two stepsisters: Loma Milburn and Thelma Peterson.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to celebrate the life of Maurene on Wednesday, July 13, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. Calling will continue at the church one hour prior to services.

Funeral services will take place in the Community Baptist Church, 5715 Miami Road, South Bend, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

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

Memorials may be made to the Community Baptist Church, South Bend, Ind.

Dora L. Risner Smalley  
Saturday, July 09, 2005  
BOURBON - Dora L. Risner Smalley, 98, of 604 N. Thayer St., Bourbon, died at 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2005, in Bremen Health Care of Bremen.

Dora is survived by her daughter, Betty Short of Vancouver, Wash., and a son: Donald (Dorothy) Risner of Argos; and six granddaughters, 13 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, in Deaton Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Services will be at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Mark Day officiating.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

James R. (Bob) Carman  
Monday, July 11, 2005  
PLYMOUTH - James R. (Bob) Carman, 81, of Plymouth, died on Monday, July 11 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home of Plymouth. Arrangements are pending at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home.
Elsie N. Henderson

Monday, July 11, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Elsie N. Henderson, a former resident of Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005, in Americare Living Center of Anderson, Ind., where she had lived since November of 2004. Elsie was 90 years old.

She had previously lived in Hammond, Ind., from 1935 until 1966 and in Rochester, Ind., from 1966 until she moved to Plymouth.

Elsie was born in Kramer, Ind., on March 4, 1915, the daughter of Archie Edward and Nellie L. Carswell Hartz. She attended Kramer Community schools.


A homemaker, she enjoyed reading, embroidery and knitting.

She attended the Southside Church of God in South Bend.

Elsie is survived by one daughter, Helen M. and Roger Caudles of Middletown, Ohio, and four sons. They are: Robert A. and Sherri Henderson of Azle, Texas; Michael and Alvina Henderson, River Heights, Utah; Harold C. Jr. and Sandy Henderson, Dayton, Ohio., and Daniel W. and Marcia Henderson, Bloomington, Ind.

Four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse and two daughters and a son. They are Bonna M. Toth, Lona Howdeshell and William Henderson.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to share in the celebration of Elsie's long life. Calling will be on Thursday, July 14, 2005, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Friday, July 15, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Greg Crump, pastor of the Southside Church of God will officiate.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

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

Letters of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € (574) 936-2829

Earl D. Jones

Monday, July 11, 2005

HAMLET - Earl D. Jones, 80, of Hamlet, died Monday, July 11, 2005 in Okeechobee, Fla.

He is survived by a brother, Merle (Betty) Jones of Hamlet.

There will be no visitation.
Graveside services are Friday, July 22 at 10 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

**Paula Sue (Weirick) Kazee**  
**Pilot News**

Monday, July 11, 2005  
BOURBON - Paula Sue (Weirick) Kazee, 44, of Bourbon, died at 10:53 p.m. on Monday, July 11 at her sister's home.

She is survived by her sister, Lori (Tim) Gochenour of Bourbon; a brother, David Weirick of Bourbon and her stepmother, Mary Esther Weirick of Culver.

There will be no visitation or services at this time.

Memorial contributions in her memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or Marshall County Hospice.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Cletys Yocum**  
**Pilot News**

Monday, July 11, 2005  
BREMEN - Cletys Yocum, 100, of 3843 Lake Shore Drive, Bremen, passed away Monday, July 11, 2005 at 11:40 p.m. at the Luann Nursing Home in Nappanee.

She was born on April 21, 1905 in Marshall County to Perry and Cora (Spaid) Snyder.

She was a member of the Community Church of God in LaPaz, Homemakers Club, Royal Neighbors and American Violet Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Mildred and Orvis Sullivan of Bremen and her son, Joseph (Joe) and Barb Yocum of Bremen.

Services will be held Friday at the Community Church of God in LaPaz at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Sam McClimans and the Rev. Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial will be in South Lawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Friday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Community Church of God in LaPaz or to Marshall County Hospice.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Yocum Family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 W. Madison, Plymouth € (574) 936-2534

**Evelyn Ritzenthaler**  
**Pilot News**

Tuesday, July 12, 2005  
SARASOTA, Fla. - Evelyn Ritzenthaler, 85, of Sarasota, Fla. and Pretty Lake, died Tuesday, July 12, 2005. She was born Dec. 26, 1919 in Rockville, Ind. and came to Sarasota in 1968 from Plymouth. She was a homemaker and a former member of the Sara Bay County Club. She was
an honorary member of the Plymouth Country Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Patricia R. Long of Bloomington, Ind.; sons, Larry J. of Bradenton and Donald L. of Mifflinburg, Pa.; a sister, Minerva Funk of Rockville; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband John A. Ritzenthaler.

No visitation is planned. A private graveside service will be at Sarasota Memorial Park. Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Helen Nevada Willett

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Helen Nevada Willett, 92, of Lakeville, died at 1:58 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12 at the Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by a son, Robert J. (Rosemary) Willett of Lakeville; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; eight great great-grandchildren; one sister, Dimple Lanham of West Virginia; and one brother, Bud Hudnall of West Virginia.

Family graveside services will take place in Hughes Creek Cemetery, Hughleston, W Va. There will be no visitation. Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Contributions in memory of Helen N. Willett may be donated to Riley Children’s Hospital, 50 S. Meridian Street, Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Walter D. Holderread

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

WALKERTON - Walter D. Holderread, 76, of 4643 Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, Walkerton, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2005 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1928 in Mishawaka, to John and Delcie (Lemert) Holderread. They moved to the Marshall County area when Walt was a young boy.

He was a member of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church, the Teamsters Local #364. He served on the board of the Teamsters. He was an active member of the Blueberry Board and worked on the Festival. Walt and Eva were selected to be the parade marshals of last year’s Blueberry Festival Parade. Walt worked for Air Products and Chemicals in South Bend, and retired from there in 1991, after working there for 44 years. He served his country during the Korean War, in the United States Army.

Walter is survived by his wife, Eva; their sons, John and Angela Holderread of Plymouth and Kerry and Carolyn Holderread of Plymouth; their granddaughters, Shannon Holderread, Stephine Holderread, and Rachael Holderread, all of Plymouth; his brothers, Richard and Irene Holderread of Walkerton and Dean and Agnes Holderread of Argos. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lela Ruby, and his brother, Othel Holderread.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Koontz Lake Missionary Church in Koontz Lake, Indiana with the Rev. Brian Baughman and Rev. Lloyd George officiating.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300
West Madison Street, Plymouth, and from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Monday.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Koontz Lake Missionary Church.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth (574) 936-2534

William Abraham, Jr. Strow  Pilot News

Thursday, July 14, 2005
NASHVILLE - William Abraham Strow, Jr., 93, of Nashville, Ind., formerly of Culver, died in the County Health and Living Community in Nashville, Ind.

He is survived by daughters, Mary R. Strow of Bloomington and Sheila Yale of Miami, Fla.; three grandsons; three nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of William Strow will be held on Saturday, July 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Memorial Chapel on the campus of Culver Academies in Culver.

Memorial contributions be made to The Culver Educational Foundation, 1300 Academy Rd., Culver, IN 46511.

Arrangements were made by Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, Nashville, Ind.

Lavon A. "Charlie" Dunn  Pilot News

Friday, July 15, 2005
PLYMOUTH - In failing health for the past several years, Lavon A. "Charlie" Dunn, 86 died at 5:19 p.m. Friday in the emergency room of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center - Plymouth Campus. Known to many in the Marshall County farming community over the past 55 years, he specialized in sheep.

Born in Star City, Ind. on Christmas Eve of 1918, he was the only child of Archie Monroe and Florence Ioma (Parcell) Dunn. Soon thereafter his father would be killed in WW I.

Charlie attended Plymouth schools in his younger years and shared fond memories with his family. Charlie was one who would listen to others and offer straight up advice especially to his attentive grandchildren.

An employee of the Uniroyal Corporation in Mishawaka for 28 years, he retired as a key operator on May 6, 1978.

On June 22, 1973 he married longtime co-worker Betty M. Riser in Goshen, and together they experienced life on the family farm. He was especially fond of his grandchildren and pet Border collie - Spud. He also enjoyed gardening, cooking and seldom missed baking an Angel Food cake with pink frosting accompanied with strawberry ice cream for family members' birthdays.

He was a member of the LaPaz American Legion Post 385, NSAA and ISA Sheep Associations and Union Local No. 65.

Charlie will be missed by his wife Betty, two surviving sons, one daughter and their families. They are: son Robert L. Dunn of Plymouth and two granddaughters; Samantha "Sam" R. Dunn with children Isaiah and Ashton and granddaughter Roberta J. and her husband Deane Norris and step grandson Andy and his wife Shelly Hartman along with their child Allissa. Son John C. and wife Dorthy Dunn of Plymouth and grandson Danny Dunn, step granddaughter Denise and her husband Roscoe White with children Michael and Brandon and step grandson Lonnie and wife Tammy Wireman with children Michael and Cody. Daughter Susan E. (Fraschetti) and
husband Dennis Johnson of Plymouth and grandsons Ty Jay and Ryan Fraschetti.

Preceding in death were his parents and one son Pfc. Michael Dewayne Dunn, who also died while serving his country.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Charlie Dunn on Monday, July 18, from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where calling will continue after 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 until time of services in the funeral home at 11 a.m. The Rev. Tom Hostetler, pastor of the Bremen Church of the Brethren will officiate. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery, US 6 west of LaPaz.

Memorial gifts may be given to the charity of the Donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home € 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 574-936-2829

Earle Jansma

Friday, July 15, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Earle Jansma, 77, of 12129 11th Road, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 1:34 a.m. on Friday, July 15, 2005.

Earle was born in Hammond, Ind., on July 11, 1928. He was the son of Peter and Delia VanWeeldon Jansma. He graduated from Hammond High School.

Earle served in the United States Army.

On Sept. 9, 2000, Earle and Diana Steinman were married in Walhalla, S.C.

He was originally a bridge builder and highway constructor in Indiana and Ohio. He was most recently the owner/operator of the J&M Gravel Company, co-founded with his father, Peter, in 1961.

He was an avid golfer and traveler. He retired in 1994 and moved to South Carolina to play golf; he lived there for eight years.

He was a former member of the Plymouth Country Club and the Oconee Country Club in Seneca, S.C.

Earle is survived by his wife, Diana, and by his daughter, Anne Marie and George Pappas, St. Louis, Mo., and his son, Alan and Tammy Jansma, Plymouth.

DeVere "Andy" A. Andrews

Saturday, July 16, 2005
BREMEN - DeVere "Andy" A. Andrews, 67, of 223 S. Shumaker St., Bremen, died at 1:05 p.m. on July 16, 2005 at his residence.

Survivors include his wife Glenda "Bonnie" Andrews of Bremen; four children: Rick of Bremen, John (Donna) of Alabama, Mike (Sheila) of Bremen and Katrina Andrews of Mississippi. Also, a foster daughter, Jessica (Gary) Johnson of Bourbon, two brothers: Bill "Willy" and George Andrews, both of Bremen; and six sisters: Nellie VanGilder of Plymouth, Esther Dyer and Ethel Renes, both of South Bend, Delores Bunch of Grander, Dorothy (Mel) Tener of Bremen and Erma (Glenn) Hoschestetler of Nappanee. Eleven grandchildren, three foster grandchildren and one great-granddaughter also survive.
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Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the church.

Services are Wednesday, July 20, at 1 p.m. at United Pentecostal Church, 201 N. Bourbon St., Bourbon, with Pastor Mark Cottrill officiating.

Burial, with military honors, will be in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial may be made to the church, American Kidney Foundation, American Lung Association or to the Hospice of Marshall County.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Goldie E. Barlow

Saturday, July 16, 2005
ARGOS - Goldie E. Barlow, 85, of 14400 Juniper Rd., Argos, went to be with the Lord on July 16, 2005 at 4:45 p.m. She passed away at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a sudden illness. She was born on Sept. 24, 1919 in Lakeville to Nathan and Cleo E. (Beam) Pletcher. A lifetime resident of the Marshall County area, she graduated from Argos High School in 1938. On Dec. 3, 1938 in Anderson, she married I. Harold Barlow. She is active in the Church of God in Plymouth and Right to Life of Marshall County.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Barlow; two daughters: Priscilla E. Norris of Argos and Rosemary A. (William) Ferrill of Rock River, Wyo.; two sons: Gene. D. (Alma) Barlow of Argos and Donald L. (Kathy) Barlow of Staffordsville, Ky.; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; four brothers: Russell Pletcher of South Bend, Ralph Pletcher of Niles, Mich., Willard (Ruth) Pletcher of Argos and Gene (Leona) Pletcher of South Bend; and a sister, Naomi Crow of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two grandsons.

Visitation is Tuesday, July 19 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services are Wednesday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Wayne Mikel and Rev. Ralph Pletcher officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Church of God, 11734 9-A Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Grossman Funeral Home
208 N. Michigan St., Argos € (574) 892-5113

Harold K., Jr. Gutshall

Saturday, July 16, 2005
BOURBON - Harold K. Gutshall, Jr., 46, of Bourbon, died at 4:47 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by a daughter, Rebecka; son, Kenneth Gutshall; sister, Debbie Gutshall of Chicago and his father, Harold Gutshall, Sr.

There will be no visitation or services at this time.
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Joan Monesmith

Saturday, July 16, 2005

BOURBON - Joan Monesmith, 77, of 1106 N. Main St., Bourbon, passed away at 7:28 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2005 in Miller’s Merry Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Joan was born Sept. 21, 1927 in Warsaw, to Edward Lemler and Mabel Garrison Lemler. She was a resident of Bourbon most of her life. She was a homemaker and co-owner of Monesmith Furniture and Carpet Store. She loved her family, traveling and serving her community in various capacities. She also organized and taught kindergarten in her home for seven years. She was a 1945 graduate of Bourbon High School.

Joan was married Oct. 26, 1947, he died July 10, 1989.

She was a member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, where her activities included singing in the choir, teaching Sunday school, women's group (WSCS) and many administrative board commissions.

She was a charter member of the Order of Rainbow Girls, member of Delta Theta Tau sorority, past president of Marshall County Homemakers Extension, member of Bourbon Homemakers, treasurer of former Bourbon Youth Board, and a Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a local leader of Camp Fire Girls, and a former member of Michiana Council of Camp Fire Girls, chairperson of Mary Ann Benack Camp, and received their Gulick award.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Denise A. (Daniel) Voreis of Argos, and a son, David W. (Karen) Monesmith of Avon. Five grandchildren, two step-granddaughters, two great-grandchildren, two step-great granddaughters, and a sister, Marylavon Lemler of Fort Wayne, also survive.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Lemler.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, and one hour prior to services in the church on Wednesday.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, in the Bourbon First United Meth Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Bourbon First United Methodist Church in her memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home

115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 574-342-5395

Makenzie Marie Garrett

Monday, July 18, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Makenzie Marie Garrett, residing on Linden Road, Lakeville, passed away shortly after birth at 12:52 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2005 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Makenzie lived for 13 minutes. Makenzie was preceded in death by one aunt, Lindzi Garrett, and her paternal great-grandmother, Alta Mae Sinders.
Makenzie is survived by; her parents, Anthony and Lindsay Garrett; one sister, Taylor Mae-Ann Garrett at home; maternal grandparents, Bob and Gail Strang of Lakeville; paternal grandparents, Kimberly Calhoun of Lakeville, and Daryl and Anne Garrett of South Bend; maternal great-grandparents, Bob and Karen Strang of North Liberty and Ron and Carol Dudeck of South Bend; paternal great-grandparents, Everett and Muriel Garrett of Lakeville and Dale Sinders of Lakeville; maternal great-great-grandmother, Mary Gaby Anderson of South Bend.

Makenzie is also survived by her uncles and aunts; Bob and Katie Strang of North Liberty, Tom Strang of Lakeville, Jeff Calhoun and Brittni Calhoun, both of Lakeville and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2005 in Southlawn Cemetery, 61300 U.S. 31 South, South Bend. Rev. Thomas King, C.S.C., pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, will officiate.

Contributions in memory of Makenzie Marie Garrett may be donated to the Anencephaly Support Foundation, 20311 Sienna Pines Court, Spring, TX 77379.

Palmer Funeral Home-Lakeville is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Pamela Sue Dietl
Pilot News

Tuesday, July 19, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Pamela Sue Dietl, a lifetime resident of Marshall County, died, following a long illness, at 9:22 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 2005.

Pam died at her residence, 14526 W. 14th B Road, Plymouth, under the loving care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice. She was 53 years old.

Born on June 28, 1952, Pam was the daughter of Cleto and Mary Louise Middaugh Wagoner. She attended Argos schools.

She and John W. Dietl were married on June 19, 1970 in Plymouth.

For 25 years, she worked for Hehr International.

She was a homemaker. She loved to cross stitch. She collected Longeberger baskets and Precious Moments ceramic figurines. An animal lover, she adored her dogs.

Pam is survived by her husband, John W., and by their son and daughter-in-law, John "Dave" and Tera Dietl, all of Plymouth.

Two grandsons, Zachary and Drew Dietl, Plymouth, also survive her death.

Her mother, Mary Louise Wagoner, Argos, and her sister-and brother-in-law, Faith and Greg Cope, Bremen, together with three nieces and two nephews, survive as well.

Pam was preceded in death by her father.

Friends will be welcomed by her family on Friday, July 22, 2005, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Duane Beals, pastor of the Bremen Bible Church, will be
Wilmer L. Harley

Tuesday, July 19, 2005


A lifelong resident of the Fulton-Marshall County area, he worked for the Town of Argos as head of the Water & Power Department. A 1932 graduate of Argos High School, he was a member of the American Legion #68 of Argos and the Isaac Walton Lodge of Argos. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a Purple Heart recipient and was a repairman at Pearl Harbor. He also was a member of the VFW #1343, Moose Lodge #1107, both of Rochester and a member of Ducks Unlimited of Fulton County.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Harley of Rochester; three sons: Wilfred J. Harley of Rochester, David L. (Rita) Harley of Knox and Timothy J. (Nancy) Harley of Culver; four grandchildren; five step grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; 13 step great-grandchildren and a brother, Walter Harley of Argos.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and his first wife, Peg.

Visitation is Friday, July 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22 at the Pine Creek Church of the
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Brethren, North Liberty. Rev. Norman Replogle will officiate.

Graveside services and burial will follow at Fair Cemetery, North Liberty.

Contributions in memory of Robert W. Truax may be donated to the Hospice of Starke County, 11 S. Main Street, Knox, IN 46534.

David Richard Baker Pilot News

Thursday, July 21, 2005
ETNA GREEN - David Richard Baker, 53, of 9549 W. 300 North, Etna Green, died at his residence on Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m.

David is survived by his two sisters: Kathy and Darrell Cudney of Bourbon and Linda Hatfield of Etna Green. Two nieces: Vanessa and Melissa, and a nephew, Matthew, also survive.

There will be no visitation. A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday, July 26, at 10 a.m. in the Etna Green Cemetery.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, is in charge of arrangements.

Marjorie "JJ" Weldy Pilot News

Friday, July 22, 2005
BREMEN - Marjorie "JJ" Weldy, 71, of Bremen, died at 8 a.m. on Friday, July 22 at home.

She is survived by a daughter, Rebecca (Gene) Huffman of Nappanee; a son, Irvin "Bo" (Cristi) Weldy of Bremen; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great great-grandson; and a brother, Larry (Jean) Thomas of LaPaz.

Visitation was Sunday, July 24 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to services on Monday at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

Funeral services were Monday, July 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Neil Wonnacott officiating.

Burial was at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

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Doris Lorraine Benesh Pilot News

Saturday, July 23, 2005
NORTH JUDSON - Doris Lorraine Benesh, 75, of 6635 W. 250 South, North Judson, died at VNA Horton Hospice Center, Valparaiso, of natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Jerome Benesh, Sr., of North Judson; one son: Jerry J. Benesh of Winamac; five daughters: Dee Lane of Midland, Mich., Diane Sellers of Orlando, Fla., Carol Zakula of Chandler, Ariz., Kathy Landwer of Valparaiso, and Susan Bekavac of Westville, Ind.; one sister: Beverly Vaughn of Tampa, Fla.; two brothers: Harry Neumaier of Highland, Ind. and Richard Neumaier of Tampa, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, July 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson
Private graveside services will be held, with interment at Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

**Mildred Haring**

Saturday, July 23, 2005

CULVER - Mildred Haring, 91, 1146 South St., Culver, died Saturday, July 23, 2005 at 12:51 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a two week illness.

Mildred was born March 28, 1914 in Marshall County, to Earl and Pearl (Singrey) Martin. She grew up in the Argos area and returned to Culver in 1972 after her retirement.

In Argos on Nov. 20, 1938, she married Oliver C. (Dick) Haring, who died Nov. 20, 1994.

From 1933 to 1938, she was employed with State Exchange Bank, and joined Gary National Bank in 1940, where she became an officer of the bank, and manager of several branch banks in the area, until her retirement in 1972.

She graduated from Argos High School in 1932. She then graduated from the American Institute of Banking, and served as treasurer, secretary, vice president and president of the Gary chapter. She was chairman of the Educational Committee for several years, and attended three national conventions: Richmond, Va., Dallas, Tex., and Atlanta, Ga. Mildred was a member of the National Association of Bank Women, a board member and treasurer of the Gary YWCA for several years.

Survivors include one niece: Arlene Samuelson of Lebanon, Ind., and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and spouse.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Services will be Wednesday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Earl Lightfoot officiating.

Burial will take place in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home for the Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple Ave., Argos, IN 46501.

**Donald R. Singleton**

Saturday, July 23, 2005

KNOX - Donald R. Singleton, 90, of North US 35, Knox, died Saturday, July 23, 2005, at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox, following a car/train accident on July 7 in Knox.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; daughters Nancy Thompson of Highland, Ind. and Sharon Singleton of Knox; two sons, Ronald Singleton and Richard Singleton, both of Knox; a sister: Mary Evelyn Peterson of Knox; and two brothers: Wayne of Knox and Virgil of Largo, Fla.

Visitation is Tuesday, July 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, and Wednesday, one hour prior to services.

Services are at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Starke County or St. Joseph County Hospice.
PLYMOUTH - Ed J. Hess, 83, of 313 Water Street, Plymouth, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2005 at 7:14 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born on Aug. 18, 1921 in Frankfort, Ind. to Edward and Hazel (Dove) Hess. They moved to Plymouth in 1926. Ed married Vivian Eskridge on July 14, 1952 in Knox, Ind.. She passed away on Nov. 20, 1984. Ed served his country in the United States Army during WWII. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He worked at McCord Corporation for 41 years, retiring in August of 1986. Ed's favorite past time was being a devoted Little League coach. He started coaching in 1970 and continued with his love of coaching and his love for the kids for over 30 years. He was associated with the V.F.W. Post #1162 of Plymouth and the American Legion Post #28 of Plymouth.

He is survived by his sons, Charles (Jim) and Marsha Hess of Nappanee and John and Debbie Hess of Jacksonville, Fla.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-laws, Orfajean and Lester Wentzel of Culver and Evelyn and Oris Gentry also of Culver; and his brother-in-law, Harry and Diana Eskridge of Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Ronald Liechty officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. The Plymouth V.F.W. Post #1162 will present the Military Graveside Honors.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Cancer, P.O. Box 895, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Hess family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Plymouth coach will live in our memories forever

By Ken Fox Pilot Correspondent

PLYMOUTH - The death notice is one of those that sends a flood of memories through your mind.

Plymouth resident Ed Hess was 83 when he died Sunday after battling a number of illnesses for the past several years.

For those of you who don't know, Ed Hess is a legend in Plymouth Little League circles.

Hess, who was so laid-back that we sometimes wondered if he was actually asleep in the dugout, coached the Plymouth 10 to 12-year-old All-Star teams for nearly 40 years, both as head coach and later as an assistant to Paul Hurford, Mike Hite and Rob Jolly.

Hite, now the superintendent of the Plymouth Parks Department, played for Hess in the '70s and later had him as an assistant during the '90s.

"Ed was just a great baseball person," Hite remembered. "He just related so well to the kids and communicated with them very well."
Today's headlines are too often filled with Little League coaches who go to extremes in order to win and show young players who is in command.

For instance, last month a coach was arrested in Pennsylvania after he allegedly told a player to throw a baseball at a mentally challenged player so the "coach" wouldn't have to play him in a playoff game.

Hite and I were teammates in the ’70s and I never once heard Ed even raise his voice at us. An umpire or two perhaps, but never a player.

"Ed didn't yell, but he still had control," Hite said. "He didn't have to scare anyone to have total respect of the players when he spoke."

And please, don't give me the "kids were different back then" line. While it's true that we didn't have video games and MP3 players, we were still dorky young kids learning to play the game at a little higher level.

Back when Plymouth High School was dominating the Northern Lakes Conference and winning sectional titles year-after-year, few baseball players came up through the system without playing for Hess.

According to Hite, who doubles as the J.V. coach at Plymouth, a good feeder system starts at the Little League level.

"When you have good coaching at the younger level, it's just immeasurable," Hite said. "Look at any successful program, whether it's football, basketball, baseball or soccer, and what happens at the younger ages is critical. Especially in a one high school town like we have."

The thing I loved about Ed was his fairness. It didn't matter who you were, what position you played or if you were a starter or backup, you were treated exactly the same.

With respect and encouragement.

Other than my dad and later, PHS coach Bill Nixon, Ed was one of the most important father-figures in my life.

He was one of the first coaches that saw promise in my athletic ability and always pushed me to keep playing and to work on getting better.

During his inaugural year as Park Superintendent, Hite had planned on honoring Hess by naming the B-League diamond - where the all-stars play - in his honor.

After all, who spent more time there since the field opened in 1973?

Not only was Hess the all-star coach, but he also took care of that field like it was his own - raking, watering and picking up rocks - all after a full day of work and then baseball practice.

Heck, he even carried the equipment.

But due to the demands of his first year on the job, as well as the learning process he was going through, Hite was unable to get a proposal together for the park board before Hess' death.

"I could just kick myself," a disappointed Hite said on Monday.

But there is still hope.

At the end of the month, the Plymouth All-Stars will host the annual Blueberry Festival
Tournament, which brings in teams from throughout the Michiana area.

The tournament is always one of the area's best and usually closes the Little League season.

So, if there is time to get a resolution to the board, why not have a ceremony at the Blueberry tournament honoring Hess and renaming the field?

For those of us that played for him and those that knew him as a friend, it's a small symbol that's long overdue.

Mildred Claybaugh

Monday, July 25, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Mildred Claybaugh, 933 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, a lifetime area resident, died, following an illness, at 3:55 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2005, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Mildred was 95 years old.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1909, in Argos, the daughter of Gilbert H. and Pearl Krouse Wallace. She attended Argos schools.

On Dec. 24, 1927, Mildred and Glen W. Klapp were married. Glen died in June of 1955.

She married her second husband, Theodore E. Kirkpatrick, on Aug. 18, 1962. Theodore died in 1977. Her third husband was Hayward Claybaugh. They were wed on July 20, 1978. Hayward died on Sept. 18, 1986.

Mildred had worked at the Basket Factory and as a clerk at the City News Agency, retiring in 1974. She was a volunteer at Miller's Merry Manor.

She loved to play euchre and was adept at crocheting. She enjoyed being outdoors and taking walks in her neighborhood.

She was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge and Trinity United Methodist Church.

Mildred is survived by a daughter and her spouse, Sharon and Larry Cudney, Sr., Plymouth.

A grandson, Thomas Eugene Solmos and companion Sevilla Rhoades, and great-grandchildren, Steven Solmos, Amder Rhoades and David Rhoades, all of Plymouth, also survive her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands and three sisters and a brother. They are: Emma Burkus, Eva M. Smith, Opal Harley and Eldon Garold Wallace.

Friends may gather with her family to celebrate Mildred's life from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. in the funeral home, following visitation on Thursday, July 28, 2005. The Rev. Willim Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
Alice E. (Haug) Dipert

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

GROVERTOWN - Alice E. (Haug) Dipert, 91, of Grovertown, died on Wednesday, July 27 at Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Lesch of Orlando, Fla.; a son, Donald Dipert of Grovertown; sisters: JoAnn Nafe of Granger and Bessie Bellis of South Bend; and a brother, Albert "Bud" Haug of Knox.

Visitation is Thursday, July 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday one hour prior to services at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Friday, July 29 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Catherine Kasper Home.

Betty B. Redman

Thursday, July 28, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Betty B. Redman, 89, of 907 West Adams St., Plymouth, passed away after an extended illness, on Thursday July 28, 2005 at 8:45 a.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

She was born on April 26, 1916 in Bourbon to Charles and Orda (Baker) Elkins.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert D. Redman, whom she married on March 6, 1935, he passed away on March 16, 1996; her parents; her sister, Lois Stewart; and her brothers, Max Elkins and Don Elkins.

She is survived by her sister, Jayne Pesch of Plymouth and her brother, Joe Elkins of Wapakoneta, Ohio. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Dixie Lingle of Plymouth.

Betty worked as a waitress in many restaurants in South Bend and Plymouth. She was also employed by American Optical, then worked in the office of her husband's business, R & H Plumbing & Heating, until retiring.

Betty and Bob spent many winters enjoying Florida's warm climate, until poor health forced them to sell their winter home and stay in Plymouth. She attended the Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:30 a.m., at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 120 South Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563 or to the American Lung Association, 802 West Wayne St., Fort Wayne, IN, 46802.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Redman family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
ARGOS - A resident of 14389 Maple Rd. since 1970, Richard W. "Spud" Holderman, 80, died on Friday, July 29, 2005, in the home of his family. Diagnosed with cancer in February of this year, he lost his battle at 8:15 p.m. surrounded by and in the loving care of his family.

Born at home near Etna Green, on Oct. 7, 1924, Spud was the son of Nicholas and Katie Wyman Holderman. He graduated in 1942 from Etna Green High School and attended Tech school in South Bend before enlisting in the United States Navy to serve his country during World War II.

On Oct. 26, 1953, Spud and Lura M. Ringer were married in Etna Green. Lura died just eight months ago on Nov. 29, 2004.

Spud was a machinist for 41 years for the Bendix Corp. He faithfully worked from 1944 until his retirement in 1985.

His retirement days were spent enjoying his grandchildren, gardening and his favorite sport - fishing. He and Lura spent many winters traveling to Riverview, Fla.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Bourbon, the Scottish Rite Temple - Valley of St. Joe and of the Jordan Baptist Church.

Spud is survived by three daughters and two sons. His daughters are: Linda S. and Annis Crum, Argos; Cindy L. and Glenn Leonard, Bourbon; and Patti L. Honeycutt, Monterey.

His sons are Steven K. and Debby Holderman, Augusta, Kan. and Terry L. Holderman and Araminta, Plymouth.

Eight grandchildren also survive. They are: Linda's children Mandy, Lisa and Mitchell; Cindy's children Krissa and Melissa; Patti's children Kyle, Kevin and Jeffrey as well as three great-grandsons; Derek, Christopher and Wade.

A brother, David and Ursula Holderman, Etna Green, and two sisters, Donnabelle Davis, Plymouth, and Phyllis Holderman of Etna Green, along with several nieces and nephews, survive as well.

Spud was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a brother, Forrest Holderman and three sisters: Mary Miller, Evelyn Sickman, and Virginia Holderman.

Friends will be welcomed by Spud's family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation for those unable to come on Monday will also be held after 7 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Aug. 2, prior to the funeral on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Mark Fishburn, pastor of the Argos Bible Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made in Spud's memory to the Marshall County Cancer Society or to the Marshall County Hospice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.
Dale A. Clabaugh  
Saturday, July 30, 2005

BOURBON - Dale A. Clabaugh, 71 of 205 B. North St., Bourbon, died on Saturday, July 30, 2005, at 12:43 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Dale was born May 1, 1934 to Charles Clabaugh and Lois Trowbridge Clabaugh at Etna Green, where he was a lifetime resident of the Etna Green and Bourbon area.

He married Barbara Fisher on March 28, 1969, she survives.

Dale retired in 1998 from Biomet and had worked at Elcar Coach and Bendix Trailer Manufacturing. He had a love for music as he played his Q-Chord instrument. He had played and shared music in most of the area nursing homes. He had a gift of music, whether he played or sang it was a beautiful ministry. He also loved to attend REAL Services of Bourbon every day.

Dale is survived by his wife, Barbara, three children: Cecil and Brenda Clabaugh of Ft. Wayne, Michael Clabaugh of South Whitley, Chris Clabaugh of Warsaw; two stepchildren: Darla and Steve Stoneburner of Bourbon, and Jerry and Michele Fisher of North Webster. There are two grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, along with several nieces and nephews who survive.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Russell.

There will be no visitation or services. The family will have a time of sharing at their home on Tuesday from 2-5 p.m. at 205 E. North Street, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bourbon REAL Services in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, is in charge of arrangements

Truman Luke  
Sunday, July 31, 2005


After graduating from Lakeville High School, Truman entered the army in 1943. He was promoted to Master Sergeant in the medical attachment of the 150th infantry. After his discharge from the army, he joined the reserves of the 38th division of the infantry, serving until 1953. After returning home, he became an electrician and later an electrical contractor. Following the death of Maxine, he married Norma Henry in 1973 and became a stepfather to three grown children. Norma and Truman were both active in the International Host Family Program at the University of Notre Dame for 10 years. He retired in 1985 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 153 in South Bend. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War, Post 360 in Mishawaka.

Truman and Norma lived in the area until moving to Glasgow, Ky. in 1986. There, they became members of St. Helen Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Fox Hollow Golf Club in
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KY.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; two children, Rick Luke of La Mesa, Calif. and Rusty Shade of Indianapolis; his sister, Wilma Jensen of Lakeville; his step children, Robert Henry and Margaret Schultz, both of the Lafayette area; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He will be missed by his son-in-law Gary Shade and his wife, Judith of Hilton Head Island, S.C. and his foster family, Francoise and Symong Shih and their three sons of Sugarland, Texas. His stepson, Gregory and one grandson preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 in Glasgow, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Hospice Program, T. J. Sampson Hospital, 1301 North Race, Glasgow, KY 42101

Palmer Funeral Home-Lakeville is assisting the family.

Dianne Marie Tripodi

Sunday, July 31, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Dianne Marie Tripodi, 57, of Plymouth, died on July 31, 2005 in Seattle, Wash.

She is survived by her husband, Roland E. Leech of Plymouth; sons, Jonathon Tripodi of Virginia Beach, Va. and Matthew Tripodi of Chicago; father, Birney A. Adams of Vashon, Wash.; sisters, Dr. Kristina Adams of Seattle, Wash. and Cathy Fruits of Plymouth; and brothers, Tom Chasteen of Medina, Ohio and Mark Chasteen of Vashon, Wash.

Memorial services were held in Washington State. A local celebration of her life will be held at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be designated for the research of pancreatic cancer to the National Pancreas Foundation, P.O. Box 15333, Boston, MA 02215.

M. Ernestine Becker

Monday, August 01, 2005

PLYMOUTH - M. Ernestine Becker, 84, of 635 Oak Hill St., Plymouth, formerly of 111 Grove St., Argos, passed away at 12:05 a.m. on Aug. 1 at Miller's Merry Manor of Plymouth. She was born on Sept. 26, 1920 in Upland, Ind. to Rev. Ernest and Rev. Mildred (Cortner) Treber. On Aug. 16, 1942 in North Judson, she married Robert A. Becker, who preceded her in death on July 31, 1987.

Living most of her life in the Argos area, she was a homemaker and operated the Home Beauty Shop for several years. She also enjoyed crocheting. She was a member of the Argos Bible Church.

She is survived by two daughters: Roberta Singrey of Argos and Pam (James) VonEhr of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three sons: Jerry (Mary) Becker of Argos, Daniel (Joy) Becker of South Bend and Jeffery (Tina) Becker of Culver; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Glea Shireman of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; son-in-law, Allen Singrey; three brothers: James, Edward and Robert Treber.

Visitation is Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.
Funeral services are Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple St., Argos. with Rev. Mark Fishburn officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 South Center Street, Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46365 or the Argos Bible Church, 210 South Maple St., Argos, IN 46501. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Grossman Funeral Home
208 N. Michigan St., Argos € (574)223-2101

Millie A. Owens Pilot News

Monday, August 01, 2005
ROCHESTER - Millie A. Owens, 95, of Rochester, died at 6:25 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 1 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Thelma (Edward Jr.) Allen of Rochester; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, Aug. 6 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Saturday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Leiters Ford I.O.O.F.

Anne J. Carter Pilot News

Tuesday, August 02, 2005
ROCHESTER - Anne J. Carter, 90, of Wabash Ave., Rochester, died Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 7:05 p.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Rochester. She was born on Dec. 6, 1914 in Chicago to Joseph and Sophia Cimpiel. On Nov. 21, 1942 in Chicago, she married Dean Fletcher Carter, who died on Nov. 10, 1951.

A homemaker, she lived most of her life in the Marshall/Fulton County area. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary #68, Argos.

She is survived by a daughter, Patricia A. Eber of Rochester; granddaughter, Denice (Bruce) Lloyd of Rochester; grandson, Shawn McIntyre of Rochester; one great-granddaughter, Johanna McIntyre of Rochester; and a sister, Bernadatte (Richard) Bakowski of Tucson, Ariz.

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

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 4 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services are Friday, Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Father William Kummer of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Plymouth, officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Health Dept., 112 W. Jefferson St., Room 103, Plymouth, IN 46563 in care of the "Immunization Clinic." Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.
Ivo "Dub", Jr. Hagenbush

Tuesday, August 02, 2005

WALKERTON - Ivo, Jr. (Dub) Hagenbush, 80, of 4436 Sycamore Road, Walkerton, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 at 11:10 p.m., in his home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1925 in LaPorte, Ind. to Ivo and Mabel (Kindig) Hagenbush. He married Kay Jacobson on June 16, 1961, in Donaldson, Ind. Ivo lived in Tyner, Ind. for the past 44 years, coming from Argos. He served his country during WWII in the Army Air Force. He retired from the County (Marshall) working at Shady Rest Home in the maintenance department. He also worked for Easterday Construction, The Robin Hood Restaurant, Plymouth, J&J Restaurant, Walkerton, and Jack Kenney Plumbing & Heating. Dub also had his own plumbing and heating service.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741, American Legion Post #189, and the Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge #821, of which he had been a member since 1963.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; their daughter, Kathy and Mike Kern of Plymouth; their grandchildren; Jennifer and Jonathon, both at home; a step-grandson, Joe; his brothers, Richard and Betty Hagenbush of Argos, Indiana and Donald Hagenbush of Peru, Ind.; his sister, Evelyn Tracy of Argos; his brother-in-law, Ted and Deanna Jacobson of Tyner; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Wilbert and Robert.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Rev. David Inskeep officiating. Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Indiana. Military graveside honors will be presented by the American Legion Post #189 of Walkerton, Ind.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Ind. The Tyner I.O.O.F. Lodge will conduct a memorial service at 7 p.m. Friday, at the Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Marshall County Hospice, 120 South Center Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Hagenbush family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Barbara Jane Schori

Tuesday, August 02, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Barbara Jane "Barb" Schori, 77, a long-time Plymouth resident, died at 4 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, of complications from scleroderma. Barb died in her home for the past 10 years, 16459 Pretty View Drive, Plymouth, in the care of the Marshall County Hospice and Patty's Home Health Care.

Born in Ligonier, Ind., on Nov. 16, 1927, Barb was the daughter of Fred and Golden Jones Dunnuck. She graduated from Atwood High School with the class of 1945.

She and Bob opened their first restaurant in Etna Green, then later in Bourbon, moving west to Plymouth.

They purchased Howell's Chicken in the Rough restaurant in 1958. When the Colonel himself came by, they became a franchisee of Kentucky Fried Chicken and were widely known as 'Schori's KFC' on E. Jefferson St., now the home of the Marshall County Boys & Girls Club.

Before long, the Schoris were operating five KFC carry-out locations, including a 25-year operation in Warsaw, Ind., and also built the present store located on N. Michigan St. in Plymouth.

Barb remained active in the family business long after the death of her husband, Bob.

She enjoyed playing bridge, gin rummy and traveling. She and Bob had a home on the 11th fairway and Barb was an avid golfer, playing most often at the Plymouth Country Club where she was a longtime member. She loved to read and she was a frequent attendee at Broadway theater and ballet performances.

She enjoyed Plymouth High School sports and held season tickets, along with several of her good friends, for many sporting events.

Strong in her Christian faith, she was a longtime member of the 1st Presbyterian Church, having served as a Deacon and Elder of the congregation. At the same time Barb was a cosmopolitan women with great taste and class who was fulfilled helping others.

She was a Red Cross volunteer and Dorcas Society member.

Barb is survived by two daughters and a son. They are Roba L. Kribs and Carl Beason, Plymouth, Ind.; Randa L. and Steve Warren, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Matthew R. and Jane Schori, Warsaw, Ind.

Eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister, Ilene Parker, of Warsaw, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. One brother, Robert Dunnuck, also has died before her.

Friends will be welcomed by Barb's family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2005, and for one hour prior to funeral services at the church on Friday.

The Rev. Les Johnson, former pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Walnut St., Plymouth, will conduct the funeral services for Barb in the church at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2005.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Barb's memory will be appreciated by the Scleroderma Foundation or the Marshall County Red Cross.

Sharing of memories and notes of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth (574) 936-2829
Charlie "Jack" Twaddle

Wednesday, August 03, 2005

He is survived by his son, David Twaddle of Liberty, Ohio; three step sons, Richard Anders of Bourbon, Max Anders of Indianapolis and Gene Anders of Washington State; two step daughters: Beverly Pearson of Plymouth and Nancy Patchett of Lowell, Ind.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Private services were held by the family.

Arrangements were by McClurkin Funeral Home 222 S. State St., Girard, Ohio.

Charles Robert Cox

Thursday, August 04, 2005
LEESBURG - Charles Robert Cox, 90, of 5829 E. 500 N., Leesburg, passed away Thursday, Aug. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at home. He was born Nov. 18, 1914 in Lyons, Colo. to Charles H. and Elnora (Dickson) Cox. On April 30, 1938 he married Evelyn Mow. She preceded him in death in 1966. On June 22, 1979 he married Carlyn (Wharton) Baker, who survives.

One of the first Eagle Scouts in Marshall County, he graduated from Plymouth High School in 1932. He attended Hanover College and was a graduate of Manchester College. He received his masters degree in science from Ball State University.

In 1979 he moved to North Webster from Plymouth. He was a retired farmer and a retired teacher from Rochester Schools. He was a member of the North Webster United Methodist Church and past Master of Plymouth-Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #149 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, Carlyn Cox of Leesburg; daughter, Annette (Robert) Sharpe of Rotonda West, Fla.; son, Col. Leland Cox, retired of Unicoi, Tenn.; step son: Jonathan A. (Debbie) Baker of Thomasville, N.C.; two grandchildren: Kristen and Curtis Cox; and one step grandchild, James D. Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, four sisters and a step son.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services were Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. at the North Webster United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Mann officiating.

Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel
7458 E. 1000 N., Syracuse € (574) 457-3144

Jane Ellen Helsel

Friday, August 05, 2005
LAKE PLACID, Fla. - Jane Ellen Helsel, 66, of Lake Placid, Fla. and Churubusco, Ind., formerly of Plymouth, died Friday, Aug. 5 at home.

She is survived by her husband, James C. Helsel of Churubusco; daughters: Kim Helsel of Chelsea, Mich. and Kelly (Jerry) Rogers of Redkey, Ind.; son, Richard (Rhonda) Helsel; aunt,
Betty Burke of Plymouth; sisters: Aileen Boggess of Columbia City and Kathy Howe of Cincinnati, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Churubusco United Methodist Church, Churubusco, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Sheppard Hospice, 105 Arneson Ave., Auburndale, FL 33823.

Chandler Funeral Home, Lake Placid, Fla, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Richard L. Davenport**  
**Pilot News**

Saturday, August 06, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Richard L. Davenport, 61, of 15482 Muckshaw Rd., Plymouth, died in his home of natural causes at 2:50 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005.

Ill with cancer for some time, Richard and his entire family - including his daughters and son-in-laws and 10 grandchildren, went on a family vacation together to Gatlinburg, Tenn. They had a wonderful time building memories for the whole family. They returned home a week ago.

Richard was a caring, loving husband and father. He was known as being light-hearted with a great sense of humor.

Born in Mishawka, on May 2, 1944, Richard was the son of Raymond and Beatrice Henry Davenport. He attended Plymouth High School and graduated with the class of 1962.

On Sept. 6, 1963, he and Lorraine Kay Martin were married.

Richard retired as Transportation Director from the Argos School Corp. in 2000, following 23 years of service.

He also drove a Triton school bus, was an Amoco distributor for 10 years and an Argos Emergency Medical Technician, for approximately four years.

He loved to fish, especially with his grandchildren. They were the apples of his eye. He was happiest when playing with the children. His grandchildren are: Bryant Davenport; Tyler, Allyson, Dustyn and Crystal Brown; Matthew and Kaitlyn Hollar, Courtney, Morgan and Emma Dunlap.

He attended the Walnut Church of the Brethren.

Richard is survived by Lorraine, his wife of almost 42 years and by their three daughters. They are: Christine Hollar, Argos, Pamela and Dan Brown, Plymouth and Londa and Troy Dunlap, Tippecanoe.

A brother, Don and Sandy Davenport and two sisters, Dorothy and David England and Doris and Robert Pranger Sr., all of Plymouth, survive him. Dick is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Gerald and Kathleen Martin, Tippecanoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth on Monday, Aug. 8, 2005, from 3 to 8 p.m., and at the Walnut Church of the Brethren, one hour prior to funeral services on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The Rev. Tony Schneiders, pastor of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, 19056 Gumwood Rd., Argos, will conduct the funeral service for Richard at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9.
Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Richard’s memory may be made to the Walnut Church of the Brethren, or the Marshall County Hospice.

Messages of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 574-936-2829

Mildred I. Nelson

Saturday, August 06, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Mildred I. Nelson, 89, of 653 Oak Hill Ave., Plymouth, passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005 at 9:10 p.m at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.


Mildred and Wayne bought Powell's Hardware Store, in Plymouth, and changed the name to Nelson Hardware. They owned and operated the business for a year. Mildred was a devoted wife and mother.

She was an avid gardener and also enjoyed fishing. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Chris and Don Marohn of Plymouth and Rhonda and Robert Arvesen, Jr. of Plymouth; her grandchildren, Jennifer DeMont of Plymouth, Mike and Theresa Arvesen of Indianapolis, Mandy and Chad Kinney of Plymouth, Jason and Matt Arvesen of Plymouth, and Dan and Genie Marohn of Plymouth; her great-grandchildren, Jacob, Julia, and Claudia Marohn, Hannah and Lauren DeMont, and Julia Kinney all of Plymouth, and Emily Arvesen of Indianapolis; her sister, Mary Jane Holland of Plymouth; a half-brother, Robert Albert of Culver, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, and her sisters, Vera Stephens and Freda Albert.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Michael Burroughs officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Trinity United Methodist Church or to the choice of the donor.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Nelson family at www.vangiiderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison Street, Plymouth € 574-936-2534
William R., Sr. Rose  

Sunday, August 07, 2005  
MONTEREY - William "Bill" R. Rose Sr., 50, of Monterey, died Sunday, Aug. 7 at Glenshire Nursing Center, Richton Park, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Rhonda; daughters: Samantha Rose and Elizabeth Rose, both of Monterey; sons: William Jr. and Nicholas, both of Winter Park, Fla.; father, Keith Rose Sr. of Lake Havasau, Ariz.; sister, Dawn Rose of Culver; and brothers: Anthony Rose of Knox and Keith Rose Jr. of Arizona.

Visitation is Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 11 one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Thursday, Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Paul Jesus Perez Bermudez  

Monday, August 08, 2005  
PLYMOUTH - Paul Jesus Perez Bermudez, 41, of 1268 Dora Lane, Plymouth, passed away Monday, Aug. 8 at 8:55 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. He was born on Dec. 25, 1963 in Caracas, Venezuela to Fidel Perez Avariano and Concepcion Maria Bermudez.

He was formerly a self-employed income tax preparer.

He is survived by his father, Fidel Perez of Venezuela; his mother, Concepcion Maria Perez of Plymouth; two brothers: Otto Luis (Renia Ramirez) Perez Bermudez of Venezuela and Herman Fidel (DeAnna Lynn) Perez Bermudez of South Bend; sister, Patricia Del Pilar (Jason B.) Weaver of Orlando, Fla.; cousin, Antonio Alberto Avariano Freites of South Bend; and nieces and nephews: Otto Luis Perez Ramirez, Reina Madeleine Perez Ramirez, Heximary Perez Bolivar, Alexander Fidel Perez Bermudez, Emily Marie Perez Bermudez and Naomi Del Pilar Weaver.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at 24255 Huron St. in South Bend.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Elkhart Cremation Services
2100 West Franklin, Elkhart € (574) 389-8828

Beverly A. Laviolette  

Monday, August 08, 2005  
SAN PIERRE - Beverly A. (Hansen) Laviolette, 65, of San Pierre, formerly of Merrillville, passed away Monday, Aug. 8, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Laviolette in 1998.

Beverly is survived by her four loving children: Lori (Brian) Poitras of Wabash, David (Helen) Laviolette of Hebron, Geralyn (Philippe) Joseph of Merrillville and Kim (Bill) Walz of DeMotte; 12 grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; sister, Denise (Bob) Davis of Merrillville; and faithful companion, Pepper.

Friends may call at the Geisen Funeral Home, Chapel, 7905 Broadway, Merrillville, on Thursday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m.
Funeral services are Thursday, Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. William L. Hudson officiating.

Burial to follow at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society in memory of Beverly.

Geisen Funeral Home, Inc.

7905 Broadway, Merrillville (219) 769-3322

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Keith A. Slabaugh
Pilot News

Monday, August 08, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Keith A. Slabaugh, 57, of Plymouth died Monday, Aug. 8, 2005 at 12:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; their son, Rodney and Angie Slabaugh of Plymouth; his brother, Danny Slabaugh of Nappanee; his sister, Pat and Kevin Hall of Oakbrook, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Steven Resner officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.
He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; their son, Rodney and Angie Slabaugh of Plymouth; his brother, Danny Slabaugh of Nappanee; his sister, Pat and Kevin Hall of Oakbrook, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

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Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Steven Resner officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Ruth Ann Rusch

KOONTZ LAKE - Ruth Ann Rusch, 84, of Donaldson, formerly of Koontz Lake, died Wednesday, Aug. 10 at Catherine Kasper Life Center.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Brooks of Plymouth; sons: Steven Rusch of Glenview, Ill. and Jack Rusch of Grovertown; and a brother, Rodger Huber of Arizona.

Visitation is Saturday, Aug. 13 after 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Catherine Kasper Life Center.

Jean Marie Napierkowski White

CULVER - Jean Marie Napierkowski White, 71, of Culver, died Wednesday, Aug. 10 at home.

She is survived by her children: Zigmund Napierkowski of Knox, Joe (Barb) Napierkowski of Culver, Frank Napierkowski of Culver, Teri (Richard) Yeargin of Knox, Gabriel (Erika) Napierkowski of Culver, Jacqueline (Gordon) Buckman of Culver and William (Heather) White of Argos; brothers and sisters: Lorraine Rosenau of Crawfordsville, John Walters of Fair Oaks, Ind., Loretta Nester of Falls Church, Va., Elnora Girton of Youngtown, Ariz., Birdena Pearce of Monterey, Jo Ann Hero of Monterey and Donald Walters of Argos; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services are Saturday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will take place at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or the Culver Lions Club.

LaVerne A. Holm

PLYMOUTH - LaVerne A. Holm, 89, of 335 Ewing St., Plymouth, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at 8:13 p.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
She was born June 8, 1916 in Chicago, Ill., to John and Ruth (Swanson) Holmquist. They moved to Grovertown and LaVerne and Elmer M. Holm were married on Sept. 5, 1936 in Donaldson. Elmer passed away on Oct. 25, 1973.

LaVerne was a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Plymouth.

She is survived by her son, Eugene and Phyllis Holm, of San Mateo, Calif.; her daughters, Adele and Rex Shinhold of Van Buren, Ind., Phyllis and Jerry Zehner of Walkerton, Arlene and Harold Keb of Plymouth, and Jacqueline and John VanderVelden of Walkerton; her sister, Elaine Shumaker of Loveland, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. Peter Wardlow officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Gardens Section of New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, and one hour prior to services at the church.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Grace Baptist Church or to Grace Baptist Christian School, 1830 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the Holm family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth 574-936-2534

Friday, August 12, 2005
BREMEN - Patricia A. Opaczewski, 58, of Lake of the Woods, Bremen, died Friday, Aug. 12 at 3:56 p.m. at home.

She is survived by her husband "Butch" of Bremen; two daughters: Danelle (Hershel) Short of Plymouth and her children: Chad, Brandon and Andrea; Krista (Tony) Smith of Bremen and her children: Allyssa, Mitchell, Maci, Haley and Billy; mother, Ruth Hite of Shellsburg, Iowa; two sisters: Terry Holman of Easton, Kan. and Debra Daniel of Charlotte, N.C.; and one brother, Denis (Jo Ann) Elliott of Robins, La.

Per Pat's request, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Friday, August 12, 2005
ARGOS - Ernest W. Redinger, 87, of 413 W. Walnut St., Argos, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, in Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.

Ernest was born Aug. 3, 1918, in Argos, to Mark A.O. Redinger and Vesta Ward. He was a retired electrician and farmer. He loved hunting and gun smithing. He was a 1936 graduate of Argos High School and lifelong resident of Argos.
He was married June 5, 1948 to Vivian Vance, who survives, along with his four children, Mike Redinger and David Redinger, both of Argos, Ellen and Raphael Wolff of Warsaw and Gloria Redinger of Bloomington, Ill.; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jackie Acton, and a brother, Ward Redinger.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18 in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, in the funeral home with Pastor Robert Mace, of the First Baptist Church of Argos officiating.

Burial will follow in the Walnut Church of the Brethren Cemetery, Argos.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of arrangements.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home
115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 574-342-5395

Walker Dee Fletcher Pilot News
Saturday, August 13, 2005
NORTH JUDSON - Walker Dee Fletcher, 27, of 3275 S. Range Rd., North Judson, died Aug. 13, after an automobile accident at Highway 10 and Range Road, North Judson.

Survivors include his mother and father, Tamara and Dee Von Fletcher, of North Judson; his daughter, Chassity Fletcher, of Indianapolis; two brothers, Donald Fletcher of North Judson Brent Fletcher of Kansas City, Kan.; one sister, Trina Boyd of North Judson; eight nieces and nephews; his grandparents George and Phyllis Rouhseland of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and step-grandfather, Albert Ivankovie of North Liberty, Ind.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Braman & Bailey Funeral Home, North Judson.

Funeral services will be at the funeral home Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Arnold Minix officiating.

Burial will take place Aug. 16 in the Round Lake Cemetery, Knox.

Joyce A. Music Pilot News
Saturday, August 13, 2005
WARSAW - Joyce A. Music, 66, of 4293 W. 100 S., Warsaw, passed away at 11:06 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005, in Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, James Music; eight children, Dennis and Tonya Pletcher of Etna Green, Pamela and Michael Yungandreas of Etna Green, Sally Fletcher of Warsaw, Matt Music of Chicago, Theodore Music of Warsaw, Gwen Music of Yuma, Ariz., George and Wendy Music of Atwood, and Julia and Tod Whetstone of Tab, Ind. Also, 10 grandchildren survive, and a sister, Pat and Ron York of Etna Green and a brother, Jerry and Sheila Ulmer of Bourbon.

She was preceded in death by a grandchild, John Yungandreas, a sister, Alice, and a brother, Ted.
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The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home, with Pastor Joe Lampton of the Etna Green United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mike G. Adkins 

Pilot News

Sunday, August 14, 2005

MISHAWAKA - Mike G. Adkins, 66, of Mishawaka, formerly of Lakeville, passed away at 11:11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14 at home.

Along with his wife, Sandy, survivors include: son, Michael Adkins of Mishawaka; son, Terry and Jeanette Adkins and four grandchildren; son, Patrick and Jodi and three more grandchildren, all of Osceola; mother-in-law, Phyllis Himes of Osceola; four sisters, Betty (Raymond) Nixon of New Carlisle, Ruth (Bobby) Massey of Ohio, Wanda (James) Bradford, and Tressie (Troy) Richardson, both of West Virginia; and four brothers, Kermit (Charlene) Adkins and Bob (Sheryl) Adkins, both of Wisconsin, and Hershel (Peggy) Adkins and Hubert (Vickie) Adkins, both of West Virginia.

A private funeral service has taken place. Friends visited with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005 at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville. Burial will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be donated in memory of Mike G. Adkins for those dialysis patients who cannot afford dialysis services and supplies. Please send donations to Palmer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 33, Lakeville, IN 46536 and they will forward appropriately.

William J., Jr. Cerney 

Pilot News

Sunday, August 14, 2005

PLYMOUTH - William J. Cerney, Jr., 73, of Plymouth died Sunday, Aug. 14 at home.

Along with his wife, Arlene (Fleischaker) Cerney, he is survived by two daughters, Rebecca (David) Tuttle of Indianapolis and Barbara (Greg) Stalker of Three Rivers, Mich.; two sons, Col. Robert W. (Aida) Cerney, USMC Ret. of Albany, Ga. and William J. (Stephanie) Cerney, III of South Bend; seven grandchildren; one great grandson; four sisters: Mary Lou "Billie" Thomas, Trudy Rose, and Patricia Fewell all of South Bend as well as JoAnn (Col. Thomas) Reagan of Tampa, Fla.; and one brother, James R. (Jane) Cerney of South Bend.

The funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at St. Anthony dePadua Catholic Church, 2120 E. Jefferson, South Bend. Rev. Terry Fisher, pastor of the church will officiate.

Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

Contributions in memory of William J. Cerney, Jr. may be offered to the American Cancer Society, 535 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or to Lupus Alliance of America, 1133 Roosevelt Road, South Bend, IN 46614 or to the charity of your choice.

Claris I. Critchfield 

Pilot News
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**Sunday, August 14, 2005**

**SHIPSHEWANA - Claris I. Critchfield, 78, of Shipshewana, formerly of Milford, died Sunday, Aug. 14 at 9 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne.**

She is survived by daughters: Corrine Critchfield of Plymouth and Judy Stapleton of Foraker; son, Lawrence Critchfield of Shipshewana; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford.

Funeral services are Thursday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Leesburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Tracy Lutheran Church.

**Natalie Falkowski**

**Pilot News**

**Sunday, August 14, 2005**

PLYMOUTH - Natalie Falkowski, 89, of 11050 Upas Road, Plymouth passed away Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005 at 9:50 a.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She was born on Dec. 5, 1916 in Chicago, Ill. to Thomas and Mary (Perek) Wrobel. She married Michael Falkowski in Chicago on Sept. 18, 1936, they moved to Marshall County in 1969. Michael passed away on July 13, 1989. Natalie was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth. She was a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her sister, Valerina Liszewski and her brother, Matthew Wrobel.

She is survived by her daughters, Joann and Henry Orlikowski of Bristol, Conn., Rita and Al Wojcik of Plymouth, Patricia and Jerry Platt of Oswego, Ill., Barbara Navarro of Chicago, Ill.; her sons, Eugene Falkowski of Valparaiso, Ind., Michael and LuAnn Falkowski of Plymouth; 21 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The Funeral Mass will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church in Plymouth, with Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth. Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to American Cancer Association or to Saint Michael Catholic Church.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Falkowski Family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 W. Madison, Plymouth € (574) 936-2534

**Harry Devon Leffert**

**Pilot News**

**Sunday, August 14, 2005**

Originally from Argos, he moved to Citra, Fla. in 1984, returning to Bremen in 2000. He worked in manufacturing for Bendix where he retired from after more than 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and a member of the Bremen V.F.W. He was a member of the Citra United Methodist Church in Citra, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred (Martin) Leffert of Bremen; a son, Ronald (Marvoline) Leffert of Culver and five daughters: Carolyn (Mike) Lynch of Bremen, Donna (Ronald) Young of Plymouth, Linda Morgan of Bremen, Connie Walters of Tampa, Fla. and Brenda (Mark) Hoskins of LaPaz; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marie Ringle of Sebring, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Florence Pruese and two brothers, Lester Glen and Austin Leffert.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen with Pastor Chuck Krieg officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorials may be made to the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen with Pastor Chuck Krieg officiating.

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Memorials may be made to the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Memorial services will be on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen with Pastor Chuck Krieg officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.
As a young adult, Delores worked for the Lipton Tea Co. in Streator, Ill. A nurse’s aid, she worked for Pilgrim Manor in Plymouth from 1964 to 1972. She then worked in the Housekeeping Dept. at St. Mary's Hospital in Streator for 18 years, retiring in 1992.

As a pastime, Delores enjoyed crocheting and made many lovely things for her family and friends.

She was a former member of the Moose Lodge auxiliary in Streator and was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, South Bend.

Delores is survived by two daughters and two sons and their families. Her daughters are: Rosa M. and Dennis Rhoads, Sr., and Beverly A. and Terry Kovacs, Sr. all of Plymouth. Her sons are Alec A. and Valarie Bailes, Wenona, Ill. and Michael A. Bailes, Tabger, New York.

Seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive. They are: Dennis and Brianne Rhoads, Jr., and their son Jalen; Andy and Cassandra Kovacs and their children, Damon and Kaylynn; and Terry Kovacs Jr., all of Plymouth, and Justin, Cameron, Benjamin and Hannah Bailes, all of Wenona, Ill.

Three sisters and one brother survive as well. Her sisters are Louise Hallam, Edith Norris and Mary Sliker, all of Streator, Ill. Her brother is Clifford E. Holt of Minonk, Ill.

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two sisters: Dixie Hallowell and Dorothy Shriver, and five brothers: Victor Holt, Ralph T. Holt, William Holt, Carl Holt and Verla R. Holt.

Friends will be welcomed by Delores' family on Thursday, August 18, 2005, from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation for those unable to come on Thursday will also be held after 7 a.m. on Friday morning, August 19, 2005.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2005, in the funeral home. Elder Hans H. Hansen will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Delores memory may be made to American Diabetes Association or the American Lung Association.

Letters of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth ¤ (574) 936-2829

Frances E. Butler Pilot News

Monday, August 15, 2005
CULVER - Frances E. Butler, 98, of Culver, died Monday, Aug. 15 at home.

She is survived by numerous caregivers and cousins.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.
Funeral services are Friday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Karen Altergott officiating.

Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School Street, Culver, IN 46511.

Jacob A. Craft

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

WALKERTON - Jacob A. Craft, 2 1/2 months, died Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Steve and Krystal Craft of Walkerton; sister, Danielle Craft, at home; brother, Tyler Craft, at home; grandparents, Charlene Hans of Koontz Lake, Layne Hans of Plymouth, DeAnna Peterson of Koontz Lake, Brian Craft of Knox; great-grandparents: Sheila Lee of Norfolk, Va., Sandra Craft of Knox and Rex Craft of South Bend and great-great-grandmother, Martha Garbison of Knox.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

Cynthia Marie Zimmerman

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

BOURBON - Cynthia Marie Zimmerman, 68, of 413 W. Center St., Bourbon, passed away at 6:57 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2005 in her home in the care of her daughter.

She was born Feb. 23, 1937 at Grovertown, Ind. to Elvin A. Eads and Sylvia Reinholt Eads. She was a homemaker and worked for many years at the Bourbon Dairy Queen. She also had owned the C & Z Restaurant of Bourbon as well as worked as an assistant for Dr. Peterson and Dr. Guild. She loved bowling, women’s softball and bingo. She was a member of the Bourbon American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Cross and a former Bourbon EMT. She was a resident of Bourbon since 1956.

She was married Feb. 24, 1956 to Carl E. Zimmerman, who died Oct. 11, 1996. She is survived by her daughter, Lori Zimmerman of Bourbon; two half daughters, Julia and Seth Mikel of Etna Green, Carla Jo and Rev. James D. Hatfield of Tennessee; and a half son, Barry Zimmerman of Tennessee; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Vickie and Kim Finkenbiner of North Webster, Wilma and Robert Birk of Roann and Connie and Howard Gardner of Bremen; two brothers, Eugene and Linda Eads of Las Vegas, Nev. and Arlis and Dorothy Eads of Bullhead, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by a son, Eugene.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

A funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Marshall County Hospice in her memory.

William J. "Bill" Shidaker

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A Fulton/Marshall County resident most of his life, Bill was born in Argos on Aug. 9, 1931. He was the son of Lurt and Ledema Aldefer Shidaker.

He attended Argos Schools and Washington High School of South Bend.

On Jan. 28, 1950, Bill and Betty L. Feece were married at Sacred Heart Church in Lakeville.

From 1976 to 1988, he owned and operated Bill's Grocery in Leiters Ford. Bill was well versed in all aspects of running a business and could fix anything, he was currently working in his son Bud's family business, SIR Graphics in Granger.

He enjoyed outdoor activities, particularly gardening. He loved fishing, especially trips to Canada with his sons and grandsons. He enjoyed air travel and also did some motor home traveling including periods where he cooked and served up elephant ears at area festivals and fairs.

A free spirited character, Bill was a devoted family man. His family meant everything to him and his activities always included as many of them by his side as possible.

Baptized a Roman Catholic, he attended Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake Roman Catholic Church in Culver.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 55 years and their nine children

They are: John and Connie Shidaker, Brown County, Ind.; Rick and Vickie Shidaker, Eugene, Ore.; Pati and David Bauschke, South Bend, Ind.; Bud and Pam Shidaker, Granger, Ind.; Peggy and Tom Prikosovich, South Bend, Ind.; Randall and Tammy Shidaker, South Bend, Ind.; Vicki Carpenter, Kewanna, Ind.; Cheryl Bush, Indianapolis, Ind., and Cyndi and Scott Christian, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive, together with a sister, Laura Ann Miller, Elkhart, Ind., a brother and sister-in-law, James and Joyce Shidaker, Three Rivers, Mich., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Bill at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, in St. Mary's of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, 124 College Ave., Culver, Ind.

The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Memorial gifts may be made in Bill's memory to the Marshall County Hospice or the American Heart Association.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.
Mary E. Taylor  
Saturday, August 20, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Mary E. Taylor, 82, residing on Quinn Road, and lifetime Lakeville resident, passed away at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was preceded in death on June 16, 1995 by her husband, Leo D. Taylor. She is survived by: one daughter, Linda K. Whary of North Liberty; one son, Larry I. Taylor of Lakeville; four grandchildren, Jamison Whary of Pepperell, Mass., Christopher Whary of Lowell, Mass., Christopher Alwine of Mishawaka, and Julianna Reynolds of South Bend; and four sisters, Grace Martin of North Carolina, Zanna Tener of South Bend, Edith Love of Mishawaka, and Florence Yanese of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St., Lakeville. The Rev. Larry Dimick, pastor of Lakeville United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Military graveside services and burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23rd, at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville.

Contributions in memory of Mary E. Taylor may be donated to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637 or to The River Bend Cancer Society, 711 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46617.

Theodore J. "Ted" Fox  
Sunday, August 21, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Theodore J. "Ted" Fox, 78, 9121 Suter Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2005, at 10:58 p.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Ted was the son of Fred and Elizabeth Winters Fox. He was born on June 22, 1927, in Plymouth. He graduated from Monterey High School and was in the class of 1946.

After high school Ted joined the United States Army and was a World War II veteran, serving as a guard in Japanese prisons.

On April 21, 1956, Ted and Nadine Mowiser were married in St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey, Ind.

Ted was employed first at Schlosser Brothers-Hawthorne Melody in Plymouth and retired from Wire Flex a number of years later.

He enjoyed gardening. A sports enthusiast and a Big Red fan, he particularly loved going to Plymouth basketball games. He and his wife spent their winters in Florida's Avon Park.

Ted was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Post 27.

Ted is survived by Nadine, his wife of 49 years and by nine brothers and two sisters. The
brothers are: Carl and Mary Fox, Plymouth; Ralph and Christine Fox, Monterey; Clement and Anita Fox, Plymouth; Lloyd and Marilyn Fox, Winamac; Donald and Eldonna Fox, Logansport; Father Thomas Fox, Remington, Ind.; Richard and Judy Fox, Plymouth; Kenneth and Ruth Fox, Plymouth and James and Wanda Fox, Rochester.

Two sisters, also survive Ted's death: they are Mary Zeigler, Georgetown, Texas, and Rose Ann and Carl Master, Jr., Monterey.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert and Paul Fox.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 4 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church 615 North Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. The Rev. Fathers William Kummer and Thomas Fox will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Ted's name may be made to the American Cancer Association or to St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth (574) 936-2829

Violet Crabb	Pilot News

Monday, August 22, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Violet Crabb, a life time member of this community, formerly of 333 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 8:45 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, in Walkerton's Miller's Miller Manor. She was 90-years-old.

Violet was the daughter of Festus and Pearl Smith Turner. She was born in Plymouth on Dec. 5, 1914.

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She was a member of the Plymouth's Eastern Star organization.

Violet is survived by her niece and her husband, Rose and Harvey Wolff of North Liberty, Ind. and by nieces, Lori Mitchell, Lakeville, and Karen and Chuck Harris, Huntington, Ind.

Also surviving are Michael and Debbie Wolff, Red Bird Mission, Ky.; Steven and Michele Wolff, Lakeville, Ind., and Roberta Boland, Ariz., and numerous other nephews and nieces.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, James.

Friends will be welcomed by her family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N.
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Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., on Thursday, August 25, 2005, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Funeral services for Violet will follow visitation in the funeral home at 3 p.m. on that afternoon. Karl Brenner, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, South Bend, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

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

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Funeral services for Violet will follow visitation in the funeral home at 3 p.m. on that afternoon. Karl Brenner, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, South Bend, will officiate.

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Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
Norma June Calvin Robinett

Monday, August 22, 2005


Born and raised in Bryan, Ohio, Norma moved to Bremen in 1961 from Indianapolis. She was a graduate of Bryan High School and Miami of Ohio College. She was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Bremen. She was also a member of the Ladies V.F.W. Auxiliary and a former member of Tri Kappa. She loved the state of Arizona, golf, bridge and was an avid reader. She was a retired adjuster for Miller Insurance in Bremen.

She is survived by two daughters, Sally (Del) Cory of Dimondale, Mich. and Anne (Ted) Simonett of Vale, Colo.; son, Judson R. Robinett, II of Mishawaka; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Judson R. Robinett and a daughter, Susan Stewart, who passed away on Dec. 4, 1990.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Church of Christ, 323 S. Center St., Bremen, with Pastor Susan Sickelka officiating.

Family will receive friends at a luncheon following the services on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at the church.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to the Hospice House, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Garry M. Schwartz

Monday, August 22, 2005

KNOX - Garry M. Schwartz, 49, of Knox, died Monday, Aug. 22 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Wilson) Schwartz of Knox; mother, Mary Schwartz of Knox; sons: Ryan Schwartz and Aaron Schwartz, both of Knox; daughters: Mainon Schwartz of New York City, N.Y., Lauren Schwartz and Caitlin Schwartz, both of Knox; brother, Lester Barnett of Michigan City; and sisters: Mariedd McCune of Argos and Vickie Chambers of Sarasota, Fla.

Visitation was Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Funeral services are Thursday, Aug. 25 at 11 a.m. at the memorial chapel with Rev. Dave Johnston and Rev. Rod Lawrence officiating.
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Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

William L. Slayton  Pilot News

Tuesday, August 23, 2005
LAKEVILLE - William "Bill" L. Slayton, 47, residing on S.R. 4, Lakeville, died at 11:13 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; daughter, Katherine Slayton; son, Bill Slayton, II, both at home; mother, Faye Slayton of Geneseo, Ill.; father, S. William (JoAnn) Slayton of Eustis, Fla.; brother, Jeff (Melody) Slayton of Winter Garden, Fla.; and his mother-in-law, Helen Franck of Moline, Ill.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26 at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan Street, South Bend, and one hour prior to services in the church on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Lakeville United Methodist Church. Rev. Larry Dimick, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Graveside services and burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Contributions in memory of Bill L. Slayton may be donated to a college fund that will set up for his children, c/o Palmer Funeral Home, 3718 S. Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46614.

Rita Ann Stone  Pilot News

Tuesday, August 23, 2005
MACY - Rita Ann Stone, 58, of 6453 South Sunset Blvd., Macy, formerly of Argos, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 8 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. She was born Nov. 2, 1946 in Warsaw to James R. and Bess (Hackworth) Jamison. On Nov. 25, 1965 she married Robert L. Stone in Bremen.

She lived at Nyona Lake for the last eight years coming from Argos. She worked at First Source Bank Corporate Office in South Bend. She then worked at Christian Center Ministry in South Bend. She was a Mary Kay consultant for many years. She retired in 1998 from Lesea Ministries in South Bend.

She was the former head of the girls softball league, a former EMT and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #68, all of Argos. She attended the Christian Center Ministry of South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Robert L. Stone of Nyona Lake; daughter, Laura (Dan) Johnson of Argos; sons: Robert A. "Tony" Stone of Macy, Joseph P. (Amy) Stone of Argos and Andrew L. (Amee) Stone of South Bend; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Stone.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services are Friday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Lloyd Howard officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Midwest Affiliate, Memorial & Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.
Wednesday, August 24, 2005

Rudolph M. Bokon, 87, formerly of Bremen Manor, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005 in St. Joseph Care Center West.

Rudy worked for Studebaker and retired from South Bend Lathe. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the American Legion 284, was a parishoner of St. Stephen's Catholic Church for 65 years, was a beer can collector and played with the Hoosier Sundowners Band. Mr. Bokon was born on Oct. 27, 1917 in South Bend to Joseph and Mary (Horvath) Bokon. On May 4, 1940 he married the former Evelyn Brennan. She died on Nov. 12, 1987. He then married Mary Lisk on Feb. 25, 1995. She died on Oct. 13, 2003. Rudy was also preceded in death by two brothers, William and Joseph Bokon.

Surviving are two sons: Rudolph G. (Sandra) Bokon and Ronald M. (Hazel) Bokon, both of South Bend; seven grandchildren: Ron, Ryan, Misty, Brandalynn, Leslie, Brad and Jody; 12 great-grandchildren: Nathan, Micaela, Zack, Jenna, Ashley, Allison, Taylor, Lance, Trevor, Mason, Brodie and McKenzie; and four sisters: Irene Ziolkowski and Velma Sikorski, both of South Bend, Mary Dominiak of Dearborn, Mich. and Lillian Grzezinski of Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 29 in Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28 in the Zahoran Funeral Home, 1826 S. Kemble Ave., South Bend, where a rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m.

Barton L. Ball

Thursday, August 25, 2005

LARGO, Fla. - Barton L. Ball, 91, of Largo, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Thursday, Aug. 25. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 58 years, Elsie (Brown) Ball in 1991 and a grandson, Terry L. Hawkins in 1999. He is survived by Joan Emerson-Ball, his wife of five years. He is also survived by his daughter, Barbara (Mrs. Clifford) Ferguson of Plymouth; and sons, Barton N. Ball of Rochester and Kim Alan Ball of Taipei, Taiwan. Surviving grandchildren include Rev. Ronald Hawkins of Lafayette, Tim Ferguson of South Bend, Kristine Palbykin of Mesa, Ariz., Jarrod Ball of Greensboro, N.C., Brad Ball of Blacksburg, Va. and nine great-grandchildren.

Both Barton and Elsie grew up in Rochester. After their marriage they moved to South Bend. Barton worked at the Kingsbury Defense Plant during WWII. He managed a Bonnie Doon restaurant before moving to Plymouth in 1948 where he opened Bart's Drive-In. Later, he and Elsie owned and operated "Bart's Fiesta Grill" in Plymouth until they retired in 1974 when they moved to Florida.

Graveside services will be held at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery at a later date.

Donnabelle Davis

Thursday, August 25, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Donnabelle Davis, of 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, passed away at 4:35 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005 in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home of Plymouth. She was 78 years old.

Donnabelle was born July 12, 1927 in Etna Green to Nicholas Holderman and Katie Wyman.
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Holderman. She was a homemaker and worked as a beautician owning her own beauty shop. She was a resident of Plymouth since 1965 moving there from the Bourbon community. Donnabelle had attended both the Etna Green Church of Christ and the Plymouth Missionary Church. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

She was married on July 30, 1949 to Robert W. Davis, who died Jan. 24, 1975. She is survived by her three daughters: Sharon (Gary) Ross of Plymouth, Brenda Jean (Dave) Freece of Greenville, S.C. and Tammy (Charles) Langford of Des Moines, Iowa; two sons: Dennis (Patsy) Davis and Stephen Davis and RheeAnn Baumgartner, all of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis Holderman of Etna Green; and a brother, David (Ola) Holderman of Etna Green.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta; a son, Gary; three sisters: Mary, Evelyn and Virginia; along with two brothers, Welcome and Richard.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28 in the funeral home with Rev. Eugene Neyhart officiating.

Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home
115 S. Main St., Bourbon  (574) 342-5395

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He is survived by four daughters: Geraldine Nettroer of Lakeville, Sheila Warren and Cindi Eads of Plymouth and Debbie Ream of LaPorte; one son, Bruce D. Rust of Plymouth; and a brother, Philip Renner of South Bend.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church, 12012 Michigan Rd. (Old 31 S.) on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 1 p.m.

Carl L. Weissert, 95, of 604 W. Sunset St., Bourbon, died on Friday, Aug. 26 at 9 a.m. in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth. Carl was born Dec. 12, 1909 to William Weissert and Elizabeth McGriff Weissert in Bourbon, where he was a lifetime resident.

Carl married Evelyn Young on July 9, 1929, and they shared more than 74 years of marriage until her death Dec. 19, 2003.

Carl was a retired farmer. He enjoyed steam engines, working the sawmill, and attending the Bourbon Farm Show. As a side job, he did carpentry work for enjoyment and loved to help his neighbors with all kinds of projects. He was instrumental in the development of the Westwood Park playground area. He did work at the Bourbon Elevator during his earlier years.

He was a graduate of Bourbon High School in 1928, as well as a faithful member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church.
Carl is survived only by his five grandchildren: Steve and Lisa Weissert, Marc and Judy Weissert, all of Bourbon, Tammy and Jeff Fites, Scott and Michele Wickens, all of Warsaw, and Kris and Tom King of Tippecanoe. Also surviving are nine great-grandchildren: Jeremy and Heather Weissert, Jennifer Weissert, Brenna Weissert, Megan Weissert, Stacy Weissert, Stephanie Bernhardt, Chelsea King, Sarah King and Haley Wickens. Four great-great-grandchildren: Devyn, Jack, William and Austin also survive, along with his daughter-in-law, Joan Weissert, of Bourbon, and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Robbins of Syracuse.

Carl was preceded in death by a daughter Beth; two sons, Ernest and Lowell; his sister, Letha Stockman; and two brothers, Louis and Forrest.

The family received friends on Monday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the funeral home with the Rev. Mark Day officiating.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bourbon First United Methodist Church in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home

115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 574-342-5395

Hazel B. Keller Pilot News

Saturday, August 27, 2005

KNOX - Hazel B. Keller, 91, of 104 West St. Louis, Knox, died Aug. 27, 2005 at Countryside Place Nursing Home, Knox.

She is survived by six daughters: Marilyn Zehner of Knox, Beverly Rauhut Biter of LaPorte, Betty Byers of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Nancy Morrison of Knox, Eileen West of Sturgis, Mich., and Deborah Griffith of Sury, N.D.; two sons: Donald Keller of English Lake, Ind., and Bob Keller of Euclair, Wisc. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel Tuesday, Aug. 30.

Funeral services will be held at Braman's on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Duane Champion officiating.

Burial will take place in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Braman and Son Funeral Home, 108 S. Main St., Knox, is in charge of arrangements.

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Sandra (Messenger) Wojcik Pilot News

Sunday, August 28, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Sandra J. (Messenger) Wojcik, 29, of 11189 Upas Rd., Plymouth, passed away Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005 at 10:03 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Sandra was born on March 15, 1976 in South Bend to LaMarr and Linda (Turner) Messenger. Sandra married Gary on Jan. 19, 1996 in Plymouth. She worked as a secretary at Performance
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Graphics Company in Elkhart.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Gary; their daughters, Autumn and Ameialia, at home; their son, Joey, at home; her mother, Linda Messenger of Niles, Mich.; her sister, Kim (John) Marazita II of Niles, Mich.; and her brother, Steve (Suzette) Messenger of White Pigeon, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her father and her sister, Connie.

Services will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family and mailed to Performance Painting Systems, LLC, 1040 All Pro Drive., Elkhart, IN 46514, with notation in memory of Sandra Wojcik.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Wojcik family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison St., Plymouth (574) 936-2534

Robert L. Guyse

Monday, August 29, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Robert L. Guyse, 80, of Plymouth, died Monday, Aug. 29 at 1:35 a.m at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

He is survived by a son, James (Nancy) Guyse of Warsaw; daughters: Linda (William) Unruh of Big Sandy, Tenn., Roberta (Samuel) Barnett of Walkerton, Christina Koehn of Walkerton, Judith Ouelette of Thomaston, Ga. and Donna Guyse of North Judson; brother, Burdette "Babe" (Betty) Guyse of Plymouth; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 2 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. James Repp officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Laretta L. Hollar

Monday, August 29, 2005

ARGOS - Laretta L. Hollar, 30, of 109 Westview Ct., Argos, passed away Monday, Aug. 29 at 6 a.m. at home. She was born Feb. 15, 1975 in Marion to Frank C. and Diana (Castillo) Easterly. On June 21, 1994 she married Greg Hollar in Las Vegas, Nev.

A lifelong resident of Marshall County, she graduated from Argos High School in 1993. She worked as an insurance agent for Bell-Hipskind in Plymouth. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Greg Hollar of Argos; son, Levi J. Hollar and daughter, Zoey L. Hollar, both at home; parents, Frank and Diana Easterly of Marion; grandmother, Bess Castillo of Marion; father and mother-in-law, James and Karen Hollar of Argos; sister-in-law, Gina (Robert) Brown of Plymouth; special friends, Steve and Shelly Davis and children, Matt and
Kayla of LaPaz.

Visitation is Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services are Thursday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Father William Kummer of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 South Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Grossman Funeral Home
208 N. Michigan St., Argos € (574) 892-5113

Michael Richard Kempf Pilot News
Monday, August 29, 2005
LAKEVILLE - Michael R. Kempf, 24, of Lakeville, died Monday, Aug. 29 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his parents, Carl and Ellen Kempf of Lakeville and grandparents, Dorothy and Joseph Procaccino of Mishawaka.

Visitation is Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Semper Fi Foundation.

John R. Shireman Pilot News
Tuesday, August 30, 2005
PLYMOUTH - A Marshall County resident all of his life, moving from Argos to Plymouth in 1950, Richard John Shireman, 83, died at 12:35 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

John was born in Rochester, Ind. on July 10, 1922. He was the son of John W. and Bessie Jane Smith Shireman.

He attended Plymouth Schools.

In June, 1985, John and Glea Shireman were married in Plymouth.

John was a member of the VFW, the American Legion Post and the Plymouth Moose Lodge.

John was employed by the Studebaker Corp. for 17 years and then worked for the City Water Dept. for six years. He retired in 1978 as the Garage Foreman for the Indiana Dept. of INDOT.

He loved all kinds of old cars -but his all-time favorite was, naturally, the Studebaker, which he knew and was familiar with from stem to stern.

He also liked to play Old Maid with the grandchildren.
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John is survived by his wife, Glea and three sons. They are Reg and Dorothy Shireman, Monticello, Ind.; Larry Shireman, Washington, D.C. and Michael Shireman, Plymouth.

Six grandchildren survive as well. They are: Cheryl and Douglas Colliver; John S. and Rebecca Shireman, Jeff Shireman, Michael Shireman, Richard and Kris Shireman, David and Jodi Shireman.

John is survived by three brothers and four sisters. The brothers are: John Dale Shireman, Osceola, Ind.; Charles A. Shireman, Rochester, Ind.; Donald and Nancy Shireman, Cottonwood, Ariz.

His sisters are: Mary Mitchell, Rochester, Ind., Joan and George Davis, Osceola, Ind.; Patricia Hayden, Rochester, Ind; and Jean and Ray Ketcham, Orland, Ind.

John was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Harold Shireman, Marion Shireman, Carol Shireman and one sister Barbara Knight.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate John's life on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Greg Bouck, associate pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will be held immediately after visitation in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in John's memory may be made to the Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € (574) 936-2829

Paul L. Mullen 

Pilot News

Wednesday, August 31, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Paul L. Mullen, 98, a resident of Plymouth for the past 45 years, died in his sleep, at Miller's Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, at 6:55 a.m., on Wednesday morning, Aug. 31, 2005.

Paul had grown up in and formerly lived in Foxburg, Pa., and Buffalo, N.Y.

He was born in Foxburg on March 16, 1907, the son of Theodore Austin and Ethel Irene McCoy Mullen. He graduated from Foxburg High School with the class of 1925.

Paul came to Plymouth as the manager of the Allied Seed Company. He retired from that position in 1972, after 40 years of service.

He courted and won the hand of E. Ruth Callahan in Buffalo, N.Y. They were married on Sept 16, 1929. Ruth resides, following a stroke, at Miller's Merry Manor. For the past few years, Paul had also lived there.

He will be remembered for his hospitality and generosity. He and Ruth had their home on Lincoln Highway, just outside of Plymouth. They had one of the first in-ground swimming pools in the area, and Ruth, a Red Cross volunteer, taught many of the local children how to swim.

Friends were always welcomed in their home.
Paul was a fantastic gardener, famous among friends for his fresh produce - especially corn, tomatoes and zucchini. He would host large gatherings where corn, right out of his huge garden, would be served to his guests, dripping with butter. "There is nothing better," he would say, "than corn on the cob right off the stalk!"

Paul was a volunteer with the Bowen Center for many years. He was also the former treasurer and board member of the Marshall County Mental Health Association. He was an assistant at the Plymouth Public Library in their computer department. A fine bridge player, he enjoyed the game, generally partnering with someone other than his wife. "That is the wisest thing to do," he would say, smiling. "Saves domestic bickering."

A woodworker he made a special cribbage board to play the game with his friend, the late Bob Hutchins. Their contests were legendary and would sometimes last for weeks.

He was active in the Republican Party, particularly in the Otis Bowen campaigns of the 1960s and 1970s.

Paul is survived by, Ruth, his wife of nearly 76 years and by their three surviving children and their spouses.

They are Jack L. and Margie Mullen, College Station, Texas; Ruth C. and James Buckley, Ozark, Mo.; and Robert F. and Linda Mullen, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Ten grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren also survive, together with a sister, Bernice O'Brien, Emlenton, Pa.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Lloyd Mullen and a brother, Jack Mullen.

Friends will be welcome to celebrate the warm and wonderful life of Paul Mullen at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005, from noon to 2 p.m.

A memorial service for Paul will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Paul, always thinking of others, has requested that his body be gifted to the Indiana University Anatomical School of Study in Indianapolis, Ind.

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

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth (574) 936-2829

Ronald Yeo
Pilot News
Thursday, September 01, 2005
Ronald Yeo

September 1, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Ronald Yeo, 76, of Lakeville died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.
He is survived by his wife, MaryJane; daughters: Barbara (Lynn) Donathen of Bremen, Beverly (Harold) Roberts of Bremen and Brenda (Kevin Frick) Yeo of Lakeville; sons: Ben (Peggy) Yeo of Bremen, Robert Yeo of South Bend and Russ (Jennifer) Yeo of Bourbon; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Joan Odgers of Dayton, Ohio.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 and noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Fair Cemetery, North Liberty.

Mark A. Chessor

Friday, September 02, 2005


Born Sept. 26, 1965, he is survived by his father, Ralph D. Chessor of North Judson; his mother Connie Chessor of Revere, Mass.; and his sister, Theresa Chessor of Revere, Mass.

There will be no funeral services. Interment was at Hoosier Crematory on Sunday, Sept. 4, in Akron.

Floyd R. Sauer

Friday, September 02, 2005

LAKEVILLE - Floyd R. Sauer, 80, of Lakeville, passed away Friday, Sept. 2, 2005 in his home.

He was born Oct. 19, 1924 in St. Joseph County, to Willard and Mabel (Smeltzer) Sauer, and has remained a lifelong resident of this community.

Floyd married Marie Curtis in 1949 who survives. Then on Sept. 11, 1987 in Paducah, Ky., he married Lillie A. Bilbrey. She preceded him in death on March 16, 2003. He was also preceded by sisters, Mary Gerhart, Carolyn Sanders and Alma Jean Battles and a brother, Vernon Sauer.

Floyd retired as a farm laborer with Zeiger Brothers Farms in South Bend, who loved to sing while he farmed. He was formerly employed with Oliver Corp. Floyd was an excellent auto mechanic. He remained very active, and at age 80, he was still felling trees. He was a man with a very generous heart. For many years, he bowled on the "Sauer" bowling team.

He is survived by his loving family of two daughters, Nancy Lea (Robert J.) Lute of Granger, Ind.; Marcelline “Marcy” (Michael) Homeleski of Fishers, Ind.; his son, Thomas Chambers of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two step sons, Jimmy Lee (Debbie) Davis of Amboy, Ind.; and Tony A. (Dorothy) Davis of Osceola. Also surviving are six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, nine sisters, Maxine Harter of Wyatt, Ind.; Velma Merrill, Alice Platz, and Fay Sauer, all of Bremen; Joyce Gaines of Lakeville; Jane Sauer of Kuwait; Lois Miller of South Bend; Arlene Jacobs, of Mishawaka; Catherine Merrill of Kentucky; and two brothers, Bob & Dale Sauer, both of Lakeville

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in Palmer Funeral Home-Lakeville, 314 South Michigan St., Lakeville. Rev. Tom Padberg of Marshall County Hospice will officiate.

Graveside services and burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Floyd R. Sauer may be offered to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care-Marshall County, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637 or to the South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society, P.O. Box 581, Mishawaka, IN 46546.
V. Arlene Williams

Friday, September 02, 2005

ZEPHYRHILLS, Fla. - V. Arlene Williams of Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly of Walkerton, died on Sept. 2, 2005.


Locally she is survived by sons and their wives: Wayne and Elaine Williams, Fred and Jan Williams and Glendon and Linda Williams. In Florida her children are: Sharon Williams, Kathy and Don Keller, Diana Sobeck and Paul and Cathy Williams. Also surviving to cherish her memory are 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The Whitfield Funeral Home, Zephyrhills, Fla., is handling the arrangements.

Danny L. Davis

Saturday, September 03, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Danny L. Davis, 38, of 1100 W. Washington St., Plymouth, passed away in his home on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005.

He was born on Dec. 8, 1966 in Plymouth, to Larry and Lois (Cudney) Davis of Plymouth.

He worked at Omega Products in Bourbon.

Danny is survived by his father and mother, Larry and Lois Davis, of Plymouth; his sister, Deneise Davis of Plymouth; his brothers, Scott and Leanne Davis of Plymouth and Todd Davis of Mishawaka; his paternal grandmother, Peggy Davis of Rochester; five nieces and nephews; and two great-nieces.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Larry Ferguson and the Rev. Nathan Babcock officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends may sign the guestbook and share memories with the Davis family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison Street, Plymouth € 574-936-2534
PLYMOUTH - Patsy A. Kruyer, 70, lost her long and courageous battle with cancer at 3:05 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, 2005. Pat died at her residence, 612 Pearl St., Plymouth.

A lovely woman - inside and out - she was always friendly and kind to people - strangers, as well as those she had known all of her life.

A lifetime Plymouth resident, Pat was the daughter of Fayne Smith and Dorothy Miller Schuster. She was born in Plymouth on July 16, 1935, and graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1953.

On Dec. 27, 1963, in the First United Church of Christ of Plymouth, Pat and Jim Kruyer were married.

Pat was a familiar and popular person in Plymouth, serving the public at G&G Grocery - later Miller's Grocery - in the produce department. She also had worked for Xaver Cleaners and, for years, was in the antique business. She and her daughters, Amme, Lorre and Emyle had antique booths around northern Indiana for many years.

She enjoyed flower gardening and traveling with 'The Seven Saints,' long-time high school friends. She enjoyed taking vacations with friends - and everyone loved having her in their company.

"Pat was," they said, "a breath of fresh air and always fun to be around."

Pat was an accomplished and talented seamstress, and she loved to go to auctions where she bought items for her extensive antique collections. Pat was an avid reader and enjoyed movies of all types.

She enjoyed putting together parties for her family, complete with delicious food, card and board games and entertainment of all kinds.

She was a long time member of Plymouth's chapter of the Eastern Star.

Pat is survived by, Jim, her husband of 42 years and by her six children, four daughters and two sons.

They are, daughters: Amme and Larry Girten, Plymouth; Julee and Andrew Alderfer, Rochester; Lorre Osborn, Plymouth, Emyle and Michael Kruyer-Collins, Plymouth.

Her sons are Michael Samuels, Warsaw; and James and Laura Kruyer, Jr., Plymouth.

Also surviving is her mother, Dorothy Miller Schuster, her step-father, Lewis (Bud) Schuster and a brother, David and Keiko Kain, all of Plymouth.

Sixteen grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive.

Pat is preceded in death by her father, Fayne Smith and granddaughter, Jocelyn Schlosser.

Friends will be welcomed by the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m., and at 7 a.m. on Wednesday until 8:30 a.m.

There will also be calling at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, prior to the funeral services for Pat which will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, in the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth.
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Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence to the family may be sent via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 574-936-2829

Yvonne Marie (Harper) Martin  Pilot News

Sunday, September 04, 2005
REDLANDS, Calif. - Yvonne Marie (Harper) Martin, 58, died Sept. 4 at Redlands Community Hospital Sept. 4, 2005 of heart failure.

She was born Dec. 9, 1946 in Goshen to Raymond and Lucille (Burgess) Harper. She graduated from Plymouth High School in Plymouth in 1965. She was a child-care provider for 22 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Shawnee and Scott Biggerstaff of Loma Linda, Calif.; her mother, Lucille Harper of Depety, Ind., formerly of Inwood, Ind.; a sister, Jerry and Susan Sheetz of Depety, Ind. and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene Martin, in January; her father, Raymond Harper; and her son, Paul in 1969.

A service was held Sept. 11 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Kyle Joselitto Pena  Pilot News

Sunday, September 04, 2005
LOGANSPORT - Kyle Joselitto Pena, 8, of Logansport, died at 3:55 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, at Camelot Care Center, Logansport.

Born Jan. 3, 1997 in Rochester, Kyle is survived by his father, Cruz Pena of Rochester, and mother, Nicole Hicks of Argos; a sister: Constancia Pena of Argos; half-sisters Gabrielle Kegley of Argos, Shawnee Pena of Kokomo; a step-brother, Christian Alwine of Rochester; maternal grandparents Gary and Ruth Scheffer of Rochester; paternal grandparents Cruz, Sr. and Gloria Pena of Rochester; aunts and uncles: Jessie Hicks of Rochester, Daniel Hicks of Rochester, Christopher Hicks of Florida, Lori Clingler of Rochester, Bobbi Jones of Rochester, Paul Scheffer of Florida; and several others aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at Argos United Methodist Church.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the church with the Rev. Bob Vale of Argos United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital, Suite 500, 50 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46209-6378, or the Ronald McDonald House, 435 Limestone St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, is in charge of arrangements.

Viola A. Reese  Pilot News
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Sunday, September 04, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Viola A. "Doddy" Reese, 76, a resident of 17618 10B Rd., for the past 51 years, died at 7:55 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Doddy had lived in Marshall County since her youth.

Born on July 30, 1929, in South Bend, Doddy was the daughter of Lawrence and Mildred Arvilla Richardson Kuskye, Sr. She attended West High School.

On July 25, 1947, Doddy and Richard K. Reese were married in the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Doddy worked at Bomarko in Plymouth for over 10 years. A homemaker, she also operated The Old Barn Shop - Antiques for 20 years, together with her spouse.

She enjoyed going to sales and acquiring antiques. Doddy collected Christmas ornaments, enjoyed shopping, looking for antiques, and especially spending time with her family.

She was a member of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Doddy is survived by Richard, her husband of 58 years, and two daughters and two sons. Her children are Nancy S. and Bob Holtzman, Ricki and Joe Garrison and Tony Allen Reese, all of Plymouth, and Richard K. Reese, Jr., of South Bend.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, three brothers: Ralph and Pat Kuskye, Elson "Duke" Kuskye, and Lawrence and Marilyn Kuskye, two sisters: Evelyn J. and Bill Wenino and Scarlett Kuskye, and a sister-in-law: Patricia Kuskye, all of Plymouth. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Doddy was preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Matthew Garrison, two brothers: Everett and Richard Kuskye and a sister-in-law, Marlene Kuskye.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Doddy's life on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday morning after 7 a.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 held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Doddy's name may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Plymouth or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 574-936-2829

Ellalene A. Sallee  Pilot News

Sunday, September 04, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Ellalene A. Sallee, 90, of 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth.

Born May 11, 1915, she is survived by her son, Kent Sallee of Plymouth.
Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, where burial will take place.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Plymouth.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Devoe Hartzell

Monday, September 05, 2005

WAKARUSA - Donald Devoe Hartzell, 86, of Wakarusa, formerly of Nappanee, died Monday, Sept. 5 at 9:30 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

He is survived by daughters: Charlene (Wayne) Anglemeyer and Donita (Mike) Hollar, both of Nappanee; sons: James (Linda) Hartzell of Wakarusa, Denny (Molly) Hartzell and Doug (Joy) Hartzell, both of Nappanee; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, Sept. 8 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Stony Point Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or Alzheimer's Association.

Velma B. Riddle

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

BREMEN - Velma B. Riddle, 90, of 1406 Timberwood Ct., Bremen, formerly of Lakeville, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m. at her home. She was born Aug. 31, 1915 in New Carlisle to Oliver C. and Lillie (Headley) Rankin. On June 9, 1935 she married Myron L. Riddle in South Bend. Myron preceded Velma in death on June 24, 2003.

Velma moved to Bremen three years ago from Lakeville where she had resided for more than 50 years. She was retired from Tucker Freight Lines. She was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church in Bremen and was a member of Teamsters.

She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia-Ann (Paul) Price of Bremen; four grandchildren: Bruce (Mary Kay) Price of Noblesville, Denise (Steve) Ryno of Elkhart; Scott (Stephanie) Price of Bremen and Michelle (Herb) Nielsen of LaPorte; four great-grandchildren: Paul Price of Noblesville, Brittany and Mitchell Price, both of Bremen and Nathaniel Price of LaPorte.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Myron L. Riddle.

Visitation is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services are Monday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Chuck Krieg officiating. Immediately following the services at the funeral home, a lunch will be provided at Salem United Methodist Church. A formal procession to Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola will take place after the lunch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be directed to the Salem United Methodist Church or the Community Hospital of Bremen.
Mary M. (Shirk) Rutherford  
Pilot News

Wednesday, September 07, 2005

She is survived by her sons: Donald Shirk of Sebring, Fla., and David and Priscilla Shirk of Lake Whales, Fla.; her sister, Mildred Kruse of Titusville, Fla. and Ruth Newberg of South Bend; and her brothers, Paul Hayn of Plymouth and Donald Hayn of Argos.

There will be no visitation.

Family services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11 a.m. at her graveside at Southlawn Cemetery, 61300 S. US 31, South Bend, where burial will take place.

Memorial gifts may be made to the donor's choice.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

David, Jr Whitaker  
Pilot News

Wednesday, September 07, 2005
David Whitaker, Jr.

September 7, 2005

BREMEN - David Whitaker, Jr., 80, of Bremen, formerly of Lakeville, died Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 2:34 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

He is survived by a daughter, Helen (Ed) Hollan of Bremen; sons: Chuck (Pam) Whitaker of Lakeville and Kenny Whitaker of Bremen; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 10 brothers and sisters.

Visitation is Friday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services are Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Southside General Baptist Church, 1615 South Spring St., Mishawaka with Pastor Jeff Little officiating.

Burial with military honors will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Southside General Baptist Church, 1615 S. Spring St., Mishawaka, IN 46544.

Jack M. Clark  
Pilot News

Thursday, September 08, 2005
WARSAW - Jack M. Clark, 85, of Warsaw, formerly of Plymouth, died Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7:37 a.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Warsaw; son, Thomas Clark of Colorado; daughter, Margaret Sue McKinnies of Sparks, Nev.; three grandsons and two great-granddaughters; and a brother, Robert Clark of Ft. Wayne.
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Visitation is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Funeral services are Monday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Chaplain Tom Everett officiating.

Burial with military honors will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Clarence Jacklin Pilot News

Thursday, September 08, 2005
GENESEO, Ill. - Clarence Jacklin, 92, of Geneseo, Ill., formerly of Plymouth, died Sept. 8, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons: Lloyd M. (Karen) of Anchorage, Alaska and John L. (Carolyn) of Green Bay, Wis.; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; step children: Ellen (Tom) Ottinger of Ellijay, Ga., Margaret (Edward) Safford of Sycamore, Ill., Edward J. (Evelyn) Hancock of Sterling Heights, Mich., Carol (Gordon) Prenevost of Geneseo, Ill. and Richard C. (Joyce) Hancock of Griffith; 17 step grandchildren and six step great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in Shelbyville with burial in Shelby County, followed later by a memorial service in Geneseo.

Jeanne K. Epley Pilot News

Friday, September 09, 2005
CULVER - Jeanne K. Epley, 81, of 512 Forest Place, Culver, died at 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2005

Born in Culver on May 16, 1924, to J. Helen Appleman and Herbert B. Keller, Jeanne was a retired teacher from the Culver Community School Corporation.


She was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Culver.

Jeanne is survived by her son, C. W. Epley, III, of Culver; her daughter, Elaine Epley of Bellevue, Neb.; her granddaughters, Jennifer and Donovan Garrett, Brooke Epley, Britney Epley, Lindsey Epley; and great-grandson, Max Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence W. Epley; her parents, J. Helen Appleman and Herbert B. Keller

There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Robin Keating officiating. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be given to Grace United Church of Christ, Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home of Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the funeral home's Web site obituary page at www.bonine-odom.com.

Coleman V. Lowry Pilot News
Marshall County, Indiana Obituaries

Friday, September 09, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Coleman V. Lowry, 88, of Plymouth, died Friday, Sept. 9 at 11:45 p.m. at home.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie E. Lowry of Plymouth; son, Mark V. (Sharon) Lowry of East Bernard, Texas; daughters: Sally (Richard) Large of Cordova, Tenn., Judy (Carl) Wagoner of Leesburg and Martha (Marston) McGwin of Winterset, Iowa; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at Poplar Grove Cemetery, Culver.

Burial will be in Poplar Grove I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mardelle Brunnengraber

Saturday, September 10, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Mardelle Brunnengraber, age 87, of Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, passed away at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005. Mardelle worked several years as a nurse's aide at St. Joseph Hospital - South Bend. She was born on Oct. 21, 1917 in South Bend to the late Jesse and Beatrice (Wickey) Buck and lived in the South Bend and Niles area all of her life.


Mardelle enjoyed traveling, euchre, and ballroom dancing.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandy and Ken Kiel of Plymouth; two sons, Larry and Lucy Eberly of Warsaw, and Rick and Dee Eberly of Edwardsburg, Mich. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Joyce Rackaway of Mount Vernon, Ill. Mardelle is preceded in death by a sister, Balda Grounds and two brothers, Wayne and Jack Buck.

Friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. Monday, at Palmer Funeral Home- Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend.

Services will we held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005 at the funeral home, with Pastor Tom Padberg officiating.

Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Services, P.O. Box 4204 South Bend, IN 46634 or The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Hazel Cook

Saturday, September 10, 2005
CULVER - Hazel Cook, 85, of Culver, died Saturday, Sept. 10 at 4:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by sons: William T. (Jolene) Cook of Plymouth and John M. (Vickie) Cook of San Antonio, Texas; sister, Mildred Parker of Ormond Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
There will be no visitation.

Funeral services are Thursday, Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Culver Masonic Cemetery with Rev. Karen Altermott officiating.

Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jimmie Robert Miller  Pilot News

Saturday, September 10, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Jimmie Robert Miller, 74, of 1613 W. Lake Ave., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005.

Jimmie was born in Jefferson Township, Cass County, Ind., on August 15, 1931, the son of Walter James and Vivian L. Ritter Miller.

He attended school in Royal Center, Ind., and served his country with a tour of duty in the United States Marines.

On Feb. 27, 1960, Jimmie and Joan Reed were married in the Chicago Temple in Chicago, Ill.

Jimmie retired from AM General in 1990. He then worked as a part time maintenance man for the Holiday Inn and also washed cars and vans for the Sprint Company.

He enjoyed the Indianapolis 500 time trials and attended as often as he could. A true sports fan, he took pleasure from all sports, particularly in watching baseball and football games.

Jimmie had a little garden out behind his home where he planted tomatoes, cucumbers and green beans.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #27 and the Moose Lodge, both in Plymouth.

Jimmie is survived by his wife, Joan, and their two children, a son, David James and his wife, Gwen, Miller, Mishawaka, Ind., and a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Ann and Jimmy Chapman, Plymouth.

Seven grandchildren also survive. They are: Ashley, Chelsie, Austin, Derrick and Meagan Miller and James and Jessica Chapman.

Two sisters, Marjorie and Richard Hammaker and Connie and Jimmy Emmons, both of Ponte Gorda, Fla., survive as well.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Michael Miller.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services in the funeral home will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2005. The Rev. Greg Bouck, associate pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Jimmie's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the...
Mary E. Ranney Pilots News

Saturday, September 10, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Mary E. Ranney, will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Kenneth, for her gentle heart and tender touch; her daughter, Beth, for the special friendship they shared; her son, Ken, for the inspiration and music in his life; her granddaughters for the magic washing behind their ears, her grandson, for her guidance and love, and her many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives for her christian goodness and faith. She will remain alive in their hearts and memories forever.

Mary, 79, a resident of Plymouth for the past 10 years, died in the company of her family, on the family homestead, 7170 Jarrah Rd. She became ill in February and struggled with cancer for the past seven months, and passed away at 11:20 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005.

She was born in Plymouth on May 27, 1926, the daughter of Leo C. and Clara E. Grimm Berger.

She attended elementary school at Inwood and graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1944. She continued her studies at Stephens College and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in music education.

After a year of teaching music in the Nappanee public school system, Mary and Kenneth I. Ranney were married in Plymouth on Aug. 27, 1949.

They moved to Columbia, Mo., where she resumed her education. In 1953, Mary graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in elementary education. She taught elementary school in Bellevue, Penn., while her husband received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

They then moved to the metropolitan Detroit area where she taught fourth grade in the Hazel Park public school system.

Following the arrival of her two children, Mary devoted herself to raising her family.

She became active in a wide variety of activities, serving at times as choir director, church organist, accompanist and Stephens Series Lay Minister at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak, Mich.

She also dedicated her time to supporting the athletic, academic and musical activities of her children.

After her husband's retirement in 1990, the couple moved back to Plymouth and built their dream home on the very site where Mary had been born. Following their relocation, she was involved in various activities at Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth, where she became a member.

She loved Dachshunds and collected figurines of the breed. She also had an extensive assortment of Beanie Babies. She admired humming birds and dozens of them would gather at her feeders daily where she could watch their comings and goings.
Mary is survived by her spouse Kenneth, her son Kenneth I. Jr. and Elizabeth Formentini, his fiancée of Rockville, Md., her daughter, Beth E. and husband Marcele Osorio of Hixson, Tenn. along with two granddaughters, Magdalena and Gabriela Osorio and grandson, Francisco Osorio.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and by two brothers, John and Lloyd Ritchey and one sister, Dorothy Ritchey.

Friends are invited to celebrate the life of Mary Ranney with her family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Friends may also call one hour prior to services at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, at 10 a.m. Steven Resner, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mary's memory may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Royal Oaks, Mich., or a charity of the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 574-936-2829

George T., M.D. Wilkins  
Pilot News

Saturday, September 10, 2005
CULVER - George T. Wilkins, Jr., M.D., 72, of Culver, passed away Saturday, Sept. 10 at Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill.

He was born on Oct. 6, 1932, in Wolf Lake, Ill., to the late Mary and George T. Wilkins, Sr. He attended high school at Culver Military Academy, Culver, received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and completed his medical degree from the University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill. On Dec.18, 1955, he married Frances D. Calvert. He then completed his three-year residency at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital (Chicago, Illinois) and Milwaukee Children's Hospital (Milwaukee, Wisconsin). He subsequently served in the United States Air Force as a Captain and Chief of Pediatrics in the 823rd Medical Group (SAC), Homestead, Florida.

After his military service and becoming an American Board Certified Pediatrician, he opened his first, private practice in Decatur, Ill. followed by practices in Granite City and Edwardsville, Ill. While practicing in the St. Louis metropolitan area, Dr. Wilkins served on the hospital staff of Children's, Barnes, and Jewish Hospitals. In addition, he served as the Chief of Pediatrics at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Granite City, Ill., as well as Chief of Staff and Chief of Pediatrics at Oliver C. Anderson Hospital, Maryville, Ill. His medical teaching experience included instruction at the Medical School of Wisconsin (Milwaukee); University of Miami School of Medicine (Miami); and Washington University School of Medicine (St. Louis).

Dr. Wilkins had a long association with the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS). In 1970, he started as a delegate for the Madison County Medical Society (MCMS). In subsequent years, he served as president of the MCMS as well as president of the Tri-City Medical Society. His local-level involvement quickly transitioned to state leadership positions, including being elected President of the ISMS in 1977. Over three decades of service, he became chairman of the Illinois State Medical Society Board of Trustees, chairman of the Illinois Medical Political Action Committee, chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and chairman of the National...
Legislative Committee.

At the national level, he was actively involved with the American Medical Association for 25 years. During that time, he became chairman of the Illinois delegation. Other accomplishments of his include the American Medical Political Action Committee (Board of Directors); Forum for Medical Affairs (Executive Committee); Chairman of the Great Lakes Caucus-Seven States; and member of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

His civic and service contributions were numerous as he actively participated in more than 30 organizations. During his career, he was involved in 12 civic groups, with most recent involvement as president of the Lake Maxinkuckee Environmental Foundation and the Lake Maxinkuckee Country Club (President and Board of Directors). He was also chosen to serve on the Board of Directors for over 21 organizations. Some of those organizations included the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees (1979-2000); Colonial Bank (Granite City); Magna Bank, Inc. (St. Louis); and the Culver Legion-Alumni Board (Culver Military Academy).

Dr. Wilkins was awarded 13 honors over his lifetime. A selective list of those accomplishments include the Albert Lawrence Kurtz III, Memorial Award for Best All-Around Cadet in the Infantry, Outstanding Lobbyist for the Illinois State Medical Society (only time the award was given), DeLaRoche Award, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, Illinois; Southern Illinois Medical Association (Favorite Son Award); the Samuel Butler Award (Culver Educational Foundation); and the Sports Hall of Fame (Culver Military Academy).

He is survived by his wife, Fran Wilkins, of Culver, and four children: George T. Wilkins, III from Lee's Summit, Mo.; Geoffrey T. Wilkins, of Culver; Elizabeth A. Wilkins, of DeKalb, Ill.; and Cheryl Wilkins Bird, of Fishers. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Mackenzie Wilkins, Madison Wilkins, Jacob Bird and Brighton Bird.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Northern Illinois University Academic and Athletic Performance Center (c/o Jim Phillips, Athletic Director), the Culver Educational Foundation, or the Marshall County Community Foundation.

The visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Culver Memorial Legion Building. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16 in the Culver Military Academy Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Andrea Sue Busart
Pilot News

Sunday, September 11, 2005

CULVER - Andrea Sue Busart, 47, of 322 W. Madison St., Culver, passed away at 9:38 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was born Feb. 1, 1958 in Indianapolis to Bernard and Sue Ann (Henderson) Busart.

She was a lifetime resident of Culver and a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church and the St. Mary's Ladies Society. She was a 1977 graduate of Culver Community High School. She enjoyed shopping, crossword puzzles, interacting with customers, vacationing in Florida and keeping Matthew in line. She was the assistant manager at Ideal Cleaners.

Andrea is survived by her father, Bernard Busart of Culver; her mother, Sue Ann Busart of Culver; a brother, Michael (Vickie) Busart of Culver; an aunt, Debbie (Larry) White of Willis, Texas; and a special nephew, Matthew Busart of Culver.
Visitation is Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver with Father Glenn Kohrman officiating.

Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ancilla College, Donaldson.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via their Web site obituary page: www.bonine-odom.com

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home
104 Lake Shore Dr., Culver € (574) 842-2082

Catherine E. Gottschalk Pilot News

Sunday, September 11, 2005
BREMEN - Catherine E. Gottschalk, 93, of 316 Woodies Ln., Bremen, formerly of Bourbon, passed away Sunday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at Bremen Health Care Center. She was born Jan. 26, 1912 in Marshall County to Archie and Louise (Miller) Gottschalk.

Catherine spent most of her life in Bourbon. She moved to Bremen 20 years ago. She worked for Elkhart Coach in Elkhart. A graduate of Bourbon High School, she was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Bourbon and attended the First United Church of Christ in Woodland. She enjoyed crocheting and quilting. Family and friends spoke of Catherine as "a caregiver" who always took time to do for others as she had a strong need to take care of others.

She is survived by cousins: Stephen (Pam) Engel of Bloomington, Annabelle Barkelew of Woodenville, Wash., Berneice Wilson of South Bend, Roland Young of Monroeville and Karen Hardy of Pennsylvania. She is also survived by her dear friend, Nored Schlarb of Wyatt.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no visitation.

Graveside services will be on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth with Rev. Ken Seiffertt officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations can be given to the Bremen Manor.

Mishler Funeral Home
2030 State Road 331, Bremen € (574) 546-2861

Marjorie Joanne Shambarger Pilot News

Sunday, September 11, 2005
KEWANNA - Marjorie Joanne Shambarger, 70, of Kewanna, died at 1:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at her daughter's home.

She is survived by a daughter, Joanna Lyn (John) Rucker; son, Donald David (Donna) Casey; bonus children: Chuck (Robin) Shambarger, Randy (Vita) Shambarger, Kelly (Gary) Lebo, Lela (Gordon) Nash and Christopher "Skip"(Carmen) Shambarger; 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
There will be no visitation.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery with Rev. David Dittman officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be immediately following the graveside service at Marjorie’s residence, 1032 N. Madison St., Bruce Lake, Kewanna.

The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of the arrangements.

Elmer S. Ramer

Monday, September 12, 2005
LAGRANGE - Elmer S. Ramer, 85, of LaGrange, died Monday, Sept. 12 at 6:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He is survived by a daughter, Karen (Al) Myers of Albion; sons: Duane (Glenda) Ramer of Connersville, Kevin Ramer of LaGrange, Stephen (Johnna) Ramer of Plymouth and David Ramer of New Haven; a brother, Lawrence Ramer of LaGrange; and six grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Dewey Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials may be made to the Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church.

George F. Baker

Tuesday, September 13, 2005
PLYMOUTH - George F. Baker, 83, of 805 Baker Street, Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005 at 5:40 p.m. at his home in Plymouth.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1921 in Tyner to John and Ruby (Jones) Baker.

He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #1162 and the National Letter Carriers Association. George served his county in the Army during WWII with the 315th Infantry-79th Division. He married Betty Ellinger on April 14, 1946 in Bourbon. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service, in Plymouth, after 28 years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; their daughter, Linda and FrankAus of Pittsburgh, Pa.; their sons, James and Jennifer Baker of Dayton, Ohio and Pete and Carol Baker of Edwardsburg, Mich.; his sisters, Mary Alice Workman of Bluffton and Ruth Rensberger of Plymouth; his brother, Vern Russell Baker of Round Lake, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Chaplin Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial will be at the New Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth. The V.F.W. Post #1162 will present military graveside services for George.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 South Center Street, Plymouth, IN, 46563.
Harvey G. Garbison

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

LAPAZ - Harvey G. Garbison, 62, of 310 South Main St., LaPaz died Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7:10 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; their sons, Rod of LaPaz and James (Jim) and Donna Garbison of Plymouth; his brothers; Dan Garbison of Arkansas, Joe Garbison of Florida, and Jim Anderson of California; his sister, Ida Miller of Arizona; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation is Friday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

There will be no funeral service.

Memorial contributions be given to the Southern Care, Inc., 310 West McKinley, Suite 340, Mishawaka, IN, 46545.

Lester D Mansfield

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lester D. "Les" Mansfield, 68, of Plymouth died at 10:57 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Plymouth; daughter, Lillian R. (Bryan) Whitaker of LaPaz; stepsons: Anthony L. Feliciano of Lakeville, Steven J. Feliciano of Plymouth and Scott A. Feliciano of South Bend; two grandchildren; four step grandchildren; brothers: Richard Mansfield of Ypsilanti, Mich., Earl (Sharon) Mansfield of Rolling Prairie and John (Vicki) Mansfield of Goshen; and sisters: Barbara (Robert) Klosowski of LaPorte and Vella (Jack) Pointon of LaPorte.

Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the funeral home with Rev. Steven Patrick officiating.

Cremation will take place and an interment service will be held in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton on Monday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. with military honors accorded by the American Legion Post No. 189, Walkerton.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Brenda R. Plummer

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

KEWANNA - Brenda R. Plummer, 42, of Kewanna, died Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 8:06 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center - Plymouth.

Services are pending at the Van Gilder Funeral Home.
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<td>Friday, September 16, 2005</td>
<td>ARGOS - Irene Luverne Hissong, 91, 401 N. Maple St., Argos, died Sept. 16, 2005, at 6:05 p.m. at her residence following a sudden illness. She was born Jan. 22, 1914 in Marshall County to Frank and Hallie (Lowry) Cowen. She had lived her entire life in the Marshall County area. On Nov. 10, 1938, at Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, she married Loren I. Hissong, who preceded her in death July 9, 2003. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Argos United Methodist Church, and a graduate of Argos High School, with the class of 1931. She is survived by one daughter, Mary Lynne and Dennis Geiger of Culver; one son, Stephen and Pat Hissong, of Argos; five grandchildren, Tauscha and Tom Kline of Argos, Todd and Ashley Hissong of Indianapolis, Thad Hissong of Argos, Leslie Geiger of Redondo Beach, Calif., Richard and Natalie Geiger of Oswego, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Kyle Kline of Argos and Reese Hissong of Indianapolis. Also surviving are four sisters: Ruth Gorden of Plymouth, Lida and David Norris of Argos, Marjorie and Harold Anderson of Argos, and Betty and Rex Castleman of Argos; and one brother: Eldon and Betty Cowen of Argos. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and a granddaughter. Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos with the Rev. Robert Vale officiating. Burial will be at Maxinkuckee IOOF (Poplar Grove) Cemetery, Argos. Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos.</td>
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Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in her memory.

Sarah "Sally" Cornell
Pilot News
Saturday, September 17, 2005
HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Sarah "Sally" Cornell, 69, of Hattiesburg, died Saturday, Sept. 17 at Hattiesburg Convalescent Center.

She was a secretary for DelMonte Corp. in Plymouth and played several roles in productions at the Elkhart Civic Theatre.

Her caregivers and cousins, Georgia K. Carter of Hattiesburg, Miss. and Susan Hogan of Cookesville, Tenn. survive.

Services will be at 5 p.m. on Friday at Our Home Unitarian Universalist Church, Ellisville, Miss.

Hulett-Winstead Funeral Home, Hattiesburg, Miss., is in charge of the arrangements.

Donna Belle Vava Summers
Pilot News
Saturday, September 17, 2005
ROCHESTER - Donna Belle Vava Summers, 83, of Rochester, died Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:10 p.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by companion Walter Harley of Argos; daughter, Sharon Leffert and Joseph Arnett of Rochester; sons: William (Barbara) Summers of South Bend and Chauncey (Barbara) Summers Jr. of Kansas City, Kan.; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters: Ida Mae (Doyle) Overmyer of Plymouth and Patsy O'Brien of Plymouth; and a brother-in-law, Howard Summers of Rochester.

Visitation is Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services are Thursday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Roy Lee officiating.

Private family burial will take place at a later date.

David E. Grace
Pilot News
Sunday, September 18, 2005
PLYMOUTH - David E. Grace, 69, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth as a result of complications of diabetes.

He was born on April 4, 1936 in Ripley, Ohio to Otto and Estella (Marshall) Grace. On Oct. 17, 1953, David and Diane Spillman were married. She preceded him in death on June 26, 1995.

David retired from Water Care after 20 years as a repairman. He had been a resident of Plymouth for 35 years.

He is survived by his son, Timothy (Patty) Grace of Plymouth; his daughters: Patricia (Robert) Brayfield of Hobart and Joanne (Robert) McCuddy of South Bend; his sister, Karen Lobdell of Ohio; his brothers, Joe Grace of Ohio and Larry Grace of the state of Washington; three granddaughters: Kimberly of South Bend, Jessica (David) Sills and Erin Grace, both of Plymouth; and one great-grandson, David M. Sills III of Plymouth. Four sisters and six brothers...
preceeded him in death.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home for their care and concern.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Cancer Society.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Grace Family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth  (574) 936-2534

Nancy Grubbs  Pilot News
Sunday, September 18, 2005
NORTH JUDSON - Nancy Grubbs, 51, died Sunday, Sept. 18.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Grubbs; son, Evan Grubbs; daughter, Sara Grubbs and sister, Susan Milewski.

Mabel M. Kendall  Pilot News
Sunday, September 18, 2005
VALPARAISO - Mabel M. Kendall, 93, of Valparaiso died Sunday, Sept. 18 at Pilgrim Manor in Plymouth.

She is survived by a son, Jay (Connie) Kendall of Plymouth; two grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Donald Williams officiating.

Burial will follow at St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery, Wanatah.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Wayne Alonzo Richard  Pilot News
Sunday, September 18, 2005
NEW CARLISLE - Wayne Alonzo Richard, 67, residing on E. Emery Road, New Carlisle passed away Sunday evening, Sept. 18, 2005 in his residence following an illness.

He was born Feb. 14, 1938 in Marshall County to Peter Alonzo and Clara Vern (White) Richard, and lived in Bloomington for many years until returning to northern Indiana in July 2005.

He retired as owner of Little Richard Construction Company in Bloomington.
He is survived by two daughters: Tori Dee (Oliver) Pierson of New Carlisle and Tonia Sue (Phillip) Pixley of Middlebury; two sons, Ty Allen Richard of Niles, Mich.; and Tod Wayne (Sue) Richard of Jacksonville, Fla. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Alice Zeiger and Ruth Elain Dykers.

Mr. Richard served his country in the United States Army. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing Euchre with his friends in Bloomington.

Mr. Richard requested no services and for cremation to occur. The family will plan a private gathering in his memory at a later date.

Contributions in memory of Wayne Alonzo Richard may be offered to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637, or the American Cancer Society, 535 West Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

The Palmer Funeral Home - Guisinger Chapel, 3718 South Michigan St., South Bend is assisting the Richard Family with arrangements.

Arden L. Webb

Pilot News

Sunday, September 18, 2005

WALKERTON - Arden L. Webb, 87, of Walkerton, died Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by daughters: JoAnn (Raymond) Macey of Plymouth and Nelda Wright of Plymouth; son, Daniel (Vickie) Webb of Plymouth and Edward (Elsie) Webb of Walkerton; sister, Mattie Webb of Michigan City; brother, Howard Webb of Michigan City; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Albertus M. Drake

Pilot News

Monday, September 19, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Albertus M. Drake, 92, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2005, in the home of his daughter surrounded by his loving family in Lakeland, Fla. A former Plymouth resident, he had been a Marshall County resident most of his life.

Born on Sept. 11, 1913 in Tyner, Albertus was the son of Albert M. and Josephine M. Campbell Drake. He was a 1932 graduate of Tyner High School.

On Aug. 14, 1937, Albertus and Della E. Luse were married in Plymouth.

Albertus retired in 1970 from Plymouth Elevator and Coal, where he had worked for over 30 years, delivering coal in the winter and animal feed in the summer.
He attended Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Up until his death, Albertus enjoyed the simple pleasures of riding his bike, early morning walks and telling stories to his granddaughters.

Albertus is survived by Della, his wife of 68 years, a daughter, Cathy R. and Ed Criswell of Laketon, Fla., and a son David A. Drake of Florida.

Also surviving are five granddaughters, and a sister, Annabelle Miller of Walkerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Sharon K., three sisters: Evelyn Davis, Lola Pavey and Blanche Welch, three brothers: Keith C. Drake, John Drake and Roy Drake, and a half sister, Marie Shaffer.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Albertus' life on Friday, September 23, 2005 from 4 to 8 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 Church, Bremen, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Albertus' name may be made to the American Red Cross or a charity of the donor's choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € (574) 936-2829

Paul I. Augustine  Pilot News

Tuesday, September 20, 2005
BOURBON - Paul I. Augustine, 87, of Bourbon, died at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 in Bremen Health Care.

He is survived by his wife, Grace and a brother, Robert (Naomi) Augustine of Bourbon.

Visitation is Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church.

Funeral services are Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the church with Rev. John Nyitray officiating. Military services provided by the Bourbon American Legion will be at the church before leaving for the cemetery.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Osceola.

Memorials may be made to Bourbon First United Methodist Church or the Paul Augustine Care fund.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

Linda S. Listenberger  Pilot News

Tuesday, September 20, 2005
BOURBON - Linda S. Listenberger, 57, of Bourbon, died at 8:22 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
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She is survived by her mother, Irene B. Listenberger of Culver, brothers: Terry (Jo Lynn) Listenberger and Steven Listenberger, both of Culver; sister, Sandra Listenberger of Culver; and an aunt, Rose Meadows of Bourbon.

Visitation is Thursday, Sept. 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Mace officiating.

Burial will be at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County 4-H.

James Martin Koontz Pilot News

Wednesday, September 21, 2005
THREE RIVERS, Mich. - James Martin Koontz, 71, of Three Rivers, Mich., formerly of Bremen, died at 2:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

He is survived by his significant other, Dawn McNamara; son, Randall Troxel of Arizona; daughters: Susan Johnston and Debra Koontz of Tempe, Ariz.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Bremen Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, Bremen.

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

The Redmond Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Iola Maxine Miller Pilot News

Wednesday, September 21, 2005
WINONA LAKE - Iola Maxine Miller, 89, of Winona Lake, died at 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Grace Village Health Care Center, Winona Lake.

She is survived by a daughter, Darlene (James) Heierman of Leesburg; son, Larry A. (Bunny) Miller of Perry, Mich.; sisters: Inabelle E. Carbiener of Bradenton, Fla. and Phyllis O. Madden of Granger; eight grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation is one hour prior to services on Saturday, Sept. 24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen.

Funeral services are Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. at the church with Rev. K.C. Dehning officiating.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Warsaw.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Georgia E. O’Conner Pilot News

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Wednesday, September 21, 2005
NORTH LIBERTY - Georgia E. O'Connor, 70, of North Liberty, died at 7:32 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; daughter, Nancy (Dennis) Dolph of Walkerton; sons: Ronald (Carol) O'Connor of Las Cruces, N.M., Jack (Linda) O'Connor of North Liberty, and Larry (Linda) O'Connor of Brewster, Kan.; eight grandchildren; brothers: Richard Eichorst of Osceola, Clarence Eichorst of South Bend and Donald Eichorst of Lakeville; and son-in-law, Nevin Clark of North Liberty.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23 in the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville and one hour prior to the service in church on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 in St. John's Lutheran Church, North Liberty with Rev. Vicky Blough officiating.

Graveside services and burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, North Liberty.

Memorials may be made to the American Breast Cancer Society, 535 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545 or the St. John's Lutheran Church, 24955 Riley Road, North Liberty, IN 46554.

Geneva L. Pitts

Thursday, September 22, 2005
Geneva L. Pitts, 79, died Thursday, Sept. 22.

She is survived by son, Ronald Lee (Valerie) Pitts of Greentown; daughter, Darlene Cornelius of Knox; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a great great-grandson; sisters: Cleta Mae Cruss of Windmere, Mich., Mary Shepherd of Knox, Irene Bender of Hendersonville, N.C. and Pauline Oswalt of Warsaw.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday in Braman and Son Memorial Chapel with Rev. Russell Caudill and Rev. Erve Bradley officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Starke County Hospice.

Darlene Smith

Thursday, September 22, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Darlene Smith, 65, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Sept. 22 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by sons: Bruce Musial of Columbus, Ind., Brian Musial of Pittsboro, Ind., Robert Musial of Knox and Bradley Smith of Culver; sisters: Sally Rhodes of Plymouth and Nora "Suzy" Johnson of Walkerton; and brothers: William Shepard of Talma, Joe Shepard of Culver, Raymond Shepard of Argos and Frank Shepard of New York.

A time of fellowship will be held Sunday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Friendship Room at the Lake City Bank in Argos.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Rd. #112, Indianapolis, IN 46368.
Helen L. Sutton  
Friday, September 23, 2005  
BREMEN - Helen L. Sutton, 89, 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, died at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at Bremen Healthcare Center.

Born Dec. 24, 1915 in Mishawaka, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Sutton, and her parents. She is survived by one brother: Dallas McCrum of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 SR 331, Bremen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the funeral home with Pastor Jerry Smith officiating. Burial will take place in Burr Oak Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Bremen.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please sign the guest register at www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Beatrice A. Aman  
Saturday, September 24, 2005  
OCALA, Fla. - Beatrice A. Aman, 85, of Ocala, Fla., died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 at Munroe Regional Medical Center of Ocala.

Born in Donaldson, she moved to Ocala from Elkhart in 1963. She is survived by four daughters: Beverly Wynn of Elkhart, Lois Trowbridge of Tippecanoe, Patricia Weedling of Plymouth, and Janet McNeal of Ocala, Fla.; four sons: Lyle Baker of Elkhart, Ronald Aman of Thomaston, Ga., Daniel Aman of Anthony, Fla., and Randal Aman of Lake Mary, Fla.; 24 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday, Sept. 29, at 5 p.m. at the Bread of Life Church in Ocala. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Bread of Life Early Learning Center, 2000 NE 78 St., Ocala, FL 34479.

Roberts Funeral Home, Downtown Chapel, Ocala, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

Charlianna Mae Earl  
Saturday, September 24, 2005  
BOURBON - Infant Charlianna Mae Earl, 39 days old, who was a resident of 206 W. Center St., Bourbon, passed away at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005 in her home in the care of her family. She was ill since birth.

Charlianna, born Aug. 16, 2005, in Rochester, to Todd Earl and Danielle Thompson, has been transferred to Riley Childrens Hospital at birth. She is survived by her parents of Bourbon; a brother: Skyler Z. Doll at home; her maternal grandmother Carra Mae Thompson of Bourbon; her paternal grandparents: Ann and Bruce Earl of Nappanee; paternal great-grandmother: Ella Mae Highland of Attica, NY; and paternal great-great-grandmother: Mae Evans of Attica, NY.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Walnut Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Tony Schneiders officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.
CULVER - The Right Reverend William C.R. Sheridan, the Fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, died at 6:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, in his home, 16564 18B Rd., Culver. He was 88.

Bishop Sheridan had been ill for several weeks before his death. He was surrounded by his family during his illness and was receiving frequent visitors. He was under the loving care of his family and the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Plymouth. His care was directed by his physician and friend, Dr. Jon Kubley, Plymouth.

The funeral mass for Bishop Sheridan will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Thomas Church, 412 N. Center St., Plymouth, with the Right Reverend Edward S. Little, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, and the Reverend John Schramm, rector of St. Thomas Church, officiating. Friends may call in the church from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday. Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Church, St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, Culver, or the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, the Reverend Edward S. Little, Episcopal Cathedral of St. James, 117 N. Lafayette, South Bend, IN 46601.

Bishop Sheridan was born March 25, 1917, in New York City to John and Gertrude Sheridan. His siblings were the late John R. F. Sheridan and his sister, the late Lee-Councill Sheridan. He attended St. Paul's School in Maryland and studied briefly at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, before the Great Depression took its toll and he had to leave school.

Eventually he returned to his education at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisc., and Nashotah House. He graduated from Nashotah House in 1939 and Carroll College in 1942. Following his graduation he was ordained in the Diocese of Maryland, first as a deacon and then as a priest. He observed Ascension Day as the anniversary of his ordination. Bishop Sheridan was a loyal alumnus of Nashotah House and served as a member and president of the board of trustees. The school awarded him two honorary doctorate degrees. He also studied at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame.

In 1943 he married Rudith Treder, his college sweetheart. Mrs. Sheridan survives.

The Sheridans have five children and all survive. They are: Elizabeth (and husband Al) Noak of Crown Point; Margaret Bonen of LaPorte; Mary (and husband Jim) Janda of Sandy, Utah; Stephen Sheridan (and wife Julie) of Dallas, Tex., and Peter Sheridan (and wife Janet) of Olathe, Kan. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren: Allen (and Sonia) Beeler of Hammond, and their children, Allen Beeler and Cody Beeler; Matthew Beeler, Crown Point, and children, Matty and Isabella; Jeff (and Kim) Beeler, Washougal, Wash., and children, Nathaniel and Elijah; Andrew (and Janet) Wilson, Plymouth; and children, Garrett Wilson, and Claire Marie Wilson; Katherine (and Agustin) Alvarez, Mishawaka, and children, Madeline and Luis Santaella; Elizabeth Janda and Sarah Janda; Jennifer Sheridan and Megan

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Sheridan; and a special niece, Michael Joyce Sheridan, and her son, Justin Nixon.

Bishop Sheridan was pastor of only two churches, Gethsemmene Church, Marion, and St. Thomas in Plymouth. He began his service in Plymouth in 1947. He was active in numerous community activities including the Marshall County Ministerial Association and the Marshall County Historical Society. He helped found Alcoholics Anonymous in Plymouth and was instrumental in the formation of PIDCO (Plymouth Industrial Development Corp). He also served as chaplain at Culver Military Academy, the Marshall County Jail and St. Joseph's Hospital and its predecessors.

He was chosen as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana in 1972. His consecration took place June 24, 1972, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, at the special invitation of the Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, then president of the University. For the next 15 years, he was based at the Cathedral Church of St. James, South Bend, and lived in the Bishop's residence in South Bend. He traveled far and wide throughout the Diocese constantly performing a myriad of Bishop's duties including confirmations. He retired in 1987 and moved to a Culver area known as Maxinkuckee. He and Rudith remodeled a former country church into a comfortable home with English-style flower gardens.

Though officially retired, Bishop Sheridan never stopped serving the church and its people. He assisted at St. Thomas Church and served as a supply priest in many parishes. Bishop Sheridan served more than 200 parishes, retreat houses and colleges during his "retirement." He became the priest at St. Elizabeth's in Culver following the death of Vicar Loyd Holifield.

Bishop Sheridan was active in Culver Kiwanis Club and the Antiquarian and Historical Society. In 2003 the Culver Lions Club named him "Citizen of the Year." The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce honored him as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2002. St. Thomas Church named its parish hall after him.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth € 936-2534

Mary Ruth Snyder
Pilot News

Saturday, September 24, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Mary Ruth Snyder, 85, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, of natural causes.

Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 26, 2005 from noon to 2 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lori L. Richie
Pilot News

Sunday, September 25, 2005
HAMLET - Lori L. Richie, 36, of Hamlet, died Sunday, Sept. 25 at home.

She is survived by her parents, Larry and Pat Richie of Knox; sons: Chance Skaggs of Hamlet and Chad Skaggs of Dyersburg, Tenn.; daughter, Chasity Skaggs of Hamlet; sisters: Lindsey Richie of Knox, Jillaine Banks of Staffordsville, Ky. and Jamie Ratliff of Knox; and grandparents,
J.B. and Beatrice Richie of Culver.

Visitation is Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Funeral services are Thursday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Arnold Minix officiating.

Burial will be in the Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

Memorials may be made to the children.

Raymond W. Shilt

Sunday, September 25, 2005


He was born Feb. 1, 1926 in South Bend to Cleao and Gertie (Wilson) Shilt. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth, and graduated from South Bend Adams High School in 1944. Ray was a 1950 graduate of North Central University in Naperville, Ill., and received his Master's Degree in Education from Indiana University, and his Master's Degree in Math from South Carolina. He served his country in both WWII in the European Theater and in the Korean War at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland.

On June 21, 1952, in Wells County, Ind., he married Nova Cobb. They enjoyed 53 wonderful years of marriage.

Ray taught school in Three Oaks, Mich. He and Nova served at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, by teaching and coaching and being dorm parents for a group of students for 10 years. In 1966, the moved to Plymouth and joined Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ray taught math at Plymouth High School, and was varsity tennis coach for 10 years. He retired in 1988. Before and after his retirement, he helped with the school's athletics by announcing track meets, being a score keeper for basketball, helping at football games with the chains, announcing wrestling; and selling tickets at various sporting events.

Even after retirement, he continued his support of the "Big Red." He enjoyed playing golf, working in his workshop, watching the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox, and supporting his grandsons with their activities.

He is survived by his wife, Nova, and their daughter: Jean and Charles Hoover of Noblesville; their son: Kenneth and Sharon Shilt of LaPorte; their grandsons: Kevin and Leah Hoover, Joseph Hoover, Benjamin Hoover - all of Noblesville, and Nathan Shilt of LaPorte, and his brother, Robert J. Shilt of Las Vegas.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. William Kaster and Michael Burroughs officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, and 30 minutes before the services at the church.

The family requests memorial contributions be given to the Trinity United Methodist Church. One half of the memorial contributions will be given to the Red Bird Mission and the other half will be given to the church.
Christel E. Beck
Pilot News
Tuesday, September 27, 2005
KOONTZ LAKE - Christel E. Beck, 92, of Koontz Lake, died on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by daughters: Donna Rausch of Koontz Lake and Bonnie Schallmo of Burbank, Ill.

Visitation is Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Koontz Lake Missionary Church.

Louis C. Kline
Pilot News
Tuesday, September 27, 2005
BREMEN - Louis C. Kline, 86, of 515 S. Whitlock, Bremen, died Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 10:29 p.m. at Bremen Health Care Center. He was born Oct. 7, 1918 in Wyatt to Melvin and Arvilia (Richter) Kline. On March 11, 1939 he married Velva Foeckler. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Spending most of his life in Lakeville, he moved to Bremen three years ago. He was a retired janitor from the Zion United Church of Christ in South Bend. He enjoyed farming in his spare time. He attended Lakeville United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by a daughter, Cecelia "Ce" (Gary) Pugh of Bremen; brothers: Lester Kline of Elkhart, Herbert Kline of Bremen and Harold Kline of Avon Park, Fla.; sister, Doris Masterson of Plymouth; grandchildren: Wendy (Greg) Bollenbacher of Bremen, Wesley (Alissa) Pugh of Bourbon, Courti Pugh of Pasadena, Calif., Carrie (Matt) Felix of Washington, D.C., Kelley (Steve) Hall of Bremen and Jeffrey DeLanghe of South Bend; great-grandchildren: Erin and Matthew Hall, Britney and Briley Bollenbacher and Kacie and Kyle Pugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Velva Kline; a daughter, Thelda DeLanghe and a brother, Gerald Kline.

Visitation is one hour prior to services on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Neil Wonnacott officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Marshall County or to the Bremen Manor.

Mishler Funeral Home
Bernadine R. Ward

Tuesday, September 27, 2005
CULVER - Bernadine R. Ward, 68, of Culver, died at 1:08 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 in Munster.

She is survived by her husband, William J. Ward of Culver; sons: William (Patti) Ward of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Thomas (Sheila) Ward of Munster and Paul (Suzanne) Ward of Joliet, Ill.

Funeral services are Friday, Sept. 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Culver, with Father Glenn Kohrman officiating.

Interment will be private.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Otto H. Gates

Wednesday, September 28, 2005
ARGOS - Otto H. Gates, 90, of 730 School St., Culver, formerly of 219 Yearick St., Apt. #4, Argos, died Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 8:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. He was born Jan. 12, 1915 in Steuben County, Ind. to Glen and Gladys (Burkhart) Gates. On Oct. 19, 1937 in Hamilton, Ind., he married Thelma R. Cosper.

He graduated from Hamilton High School in 1933. Coming from Plymouth, he was a resident of Argos since March 1, 1948. He was the owner of the Gates Chevrolet dealership in Argos.

He was a member of the Argos United Methodist Church where he held a number of offices. He was the parade marshal in 1978 for the Argos Fourth-A-Bration parade in Argos. In 1987 he was the Argos Citizen of the Month. He earned the Nadine Snyder Memorial Service Award in 1992. He was the secretary and treasurer of the Marshall County 4-H Fair for 25 years and was active in the 4-H program with the youth. He was a member of the Argos Lions Club with a 30-year perfect attendance and was on their bowling team for 25 years. He had been director for 25 years of the Marshall County Bank, which is now 1st Source Bank in Argos since it was organized. He was a former member of the Argos Economic Development Committee and Boy Scouts of America. He received many special awards from the Chevrolet company.

Otto is survived by his wife, Thelma Gates of Argos; daughter, Judy K. (Lee) Renback of Pittsboro, Ind.; son, Jerry W. (Beverly) Gates of Argos; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Max Gates; and a nephew, Galen Gates.

Friends may call on the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St. in Argos.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Vale officiating.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos United Methodist Church.
Rebbie Howard Tracy

Wednesday, September 28, 2005
NORTH JUDSON - Rebbie Howard Tracy, 71, of North Judson, died Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by daughters, Barb Williams of Culver, Bernice Kline of Mifflinville, Pa. and Jodi Stacy of North Judson; son, Ray Stacy of North Judson; sister, Fay Howard of LaPorte and brothers: William Howard of North Judson and Elmer Howard of Round O, S.C.

Visitation is Friday, Sept. 30 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1 from noon until the time of services at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Round Lake Cemetery, Knox.

Memorials may be made to the Rannells Funeral Home.

Alexius Wilkins

Wednesday, September 28, 2005
ROCHESTER - Alexius Wilkins, 3, and Braxton Wilkins, 1, both born in Plymouth, died at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 at their residence.

They are survived by their parents: Clifton and Tonya Glasford Wilkins, Jr.; five brothers: Christian Wilkins and Austin Wilkins of Rochester, Damien Glasford of Warsaw, Phillip Stepp of Tippecanoe, and Curtis Wilkins of Cheyenne, Wy.; maternal grandmother: Edith and Lynden "Junior" Swanson of Tippecanoe; maternal grandfather: James Glasford of Denver; paternal grandmothers: Donna Davis of Texas and Linda Wilkins of Rochester; maternal great-grandmother: Barbara Swanson of Tippecanoe; paternal great-grandmother: Dorothy Snyder, College Station, Pa.; and aunts and uncles: Michelle France, Traci and Brad Norman, Kimberly Moyer, Christina Shelton and Patricia Voorhees.

Private graveside services will be held at the Yellow Creek Cemetery near Talma, with Pastor Dan Mundt officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Their arrangements are being handled by Good Family Funeral Home.

Wednesday, September 28, 2005
ROCHESTER - Alexius Wilkins, 3, and Braxton Wilkins, 1, both born in Plymouth, died at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 at their residence.

They are survived by their parents: Clifton and Tonya Glasford Wilkins, Jr.; five brothers: Christian Wilkins and Austin Wilkins of Rochester, Damien Glasford of Warsaw, Phillip Stepp of Tippecanoe, and Curtis Wilkins of Cheyenne, Wy.; maternal grandmother: Edith and Lynden "Junior" Swanson of Tippecanoe; maternal grandfather: James Glasford of Denver; paternal grandmothers: Donna Davis of Texas and Linda Wilkins of Rochester; maternal great-grandmother: Barbara Swanson of Tippecanoe; paternal great-grandmother: Dorothy Snyder, College Station, Pa.; and aunts and uncles: Michelle France, Traci and Brad Norman, Kimberly Moyer, Christina Shelton and Patricia Voorhees.
Lawrence G. Trusty  
Pilot News  
Thursday, September 29, 2005  
WINAMAC - Lawrence G. Trusty, 65, of Winamac, died Thursday, Sept. 29.

He is survived by companion, Pam Weaver of Winamac; daughters: Valerie Hood of Evansville, Denise Conley of Evansville, Deb Trusty of Winamac, Sandy Trusty of Winamac and Becky Trusty of Winamac; sons: David Trusty of Winamac and Kirby Anderson of Monterey; brothers: Bill Trusty of Winamac and Herb Trusty of North Judson; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, Oct. 1 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson.

Funeral services are Sunday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Denham Cemetery, Denham.

Nora B. Arnett  
Pilot News  
Friday, September 30, 2005  
LEXINGTON, Ky. - Nora B. Arnett, 86, of Lexington, Ky., formerly of Hamlet, died Friday, Sept. 30, of an illness.

Survivors include one daughter: Tommie Duthie of St. Joseph, Mich.; one son: Ted Arnett of Lawrenceburg, Ky.; one sister: Yvonne Hicks of Sharonville, Ky.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, and Wednesday at 9 a.m. until the time of services.

Services are Wednesday, Oct. 5 at noon at the funeral home with Pastor Brian Baughman officiating.

Burial will be at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Herbert T. Balje  
Pilot News  
Friday, September 30, 2005  
KNOX - Herbert T. Balje, 77, of 104 N. Prettyman St., Knox, died Friday, Sept. 30, at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso, of an illness.

He is survived by two sons: Thomas Balje of Knox and Jack Balje of Knox; and one sister: Rosemary McCaffery of Johnsburg, Ill.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services are Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. at Oak Park Cemetery, Knox, where burial will take place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Full Gospel Assembly Church, 408 S. Portland St., Knox.
Bill L. DeWitt
Pilot News

Friday, September 30, 2005
KEWANNA - Bill L. DeWitt, 69, of 1881 S. 725 W., Kewanna, died Friday, Sept. 30, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following a short illness.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Chizum) DeWitt at home; three daughters: Barbara and Mike Killian of Winamac, Beth and Eric Burch of Rochester and Becky DeWitt-Sloan of Muncie; one son: Bryan and Margaret DeWitt of Kewanna; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters: Agnes and Bud Forgey of Logansport and Carolyn and Gene Shelpman of Akron; one brother: Gene and Willy DeWitt of Oxnard, Calif.; and one brother-in-law: Milo Shriver of Akron.

Visitation is Monday, Oct. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Tuesday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Woody Slade officiating.

Interment will follow the services at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

John L. Ferguson
Pilot News

Friday, September 30, 2005
CULVER - John L. Ferguson, 80, of 6842 N. 800 W., Culver, died at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, at 3:20 a.m. on Sept. 30.

Surviving is his wife, Joan L. Ferguson, of Culver; four daughters: Linda and Robert Speiser of Humble, Texas, Marcia and Brian Rickert of Union City, Ind., Rhonda and Lonnie Adair of Sacramento, Calif. and Judy and John McCullough of Lynchburg, Va.; one son: Rick and Jan Bucher of Kouts; one brother: William Ferguson of Lafayette; one sister: Annabell Hendrickson of Decatur, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 3 at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Services will be at the funeral home on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Daniel Huhn officiating. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via the funeral home’s website at www.bonine-odom.com.

Friday, September 30, 2005
CULVER - Ralph J. Ferguson, 80, of 6842 N. 800 W., Culver, died at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, at 3:20 a.m. on Sept. 30.

He is survived by his wife, Joan L. Ferguson, of Culver; four daughters: Linda and Robert Speiser of Humble, Texas, Marcia and Brian Rickert of Union City, Ind., Rhonda and Lonnie Adair of Sacramento, Calif. and Judy and John McCullough of Lynchburg, Va.; one son: Rick and Jan Bucher of Kouts; one brother: William Ferguson of Lafayette; one sister: Annabell Hendrickson of Decatur, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 3 at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Services will be at the funeral home on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Daniel Huhn officiating. Burial will be private.
Ruth Elnora (Klein) Hensler
Pilot News
Saturday, October 01, 2005
BREMEN - Ruth Elnora (Klein) Hensler, 90, of Quinn Road, Bremen, died on Saturday, Oct. 1, in the home of her daughter, Virginia, with whom she had lived for the past year.

She is survived by her daughters: Virginia and R.T. Henke of Bremen and Donna and Larry Weston of Bremen; a son: John and Carolyn Hensler of Oxford, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law: Betty Klein and Alice Klein; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3, at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the St. John United Church of Christ, S.R. 331 in Woodland.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the church. Burial will be in the St. John Cemetery in Woodland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John's United Church of Christ, the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care in South Bend, or a charity of choice.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn Kay Ball
Pilot News
Sunday, October 02, 2005
ALBANY - Evelyn Kay Ball, 65, of 869 W. State St., Albany, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Blackford Community Hospital, Hartford City. She was born on Dec. 13, 1939 to Ralph and Nancy (Wimmer) Snider.

She graduated from Hartford City High School in 1957. She also graduated from Ancilla College with a LPN degree and from IPFW with a RN degree. She collected antiques, loved gardening, was creative and artistic and loved to decorate, especially for Christmas. She loved holidays and family time. She was also a seamstress. She was retired from Albany Health Care & Rehabilitation Center.

She is survived by sons: Michael (Jennifer) Ball II of Munson, Ohio and Patrick Ball of Newburgh, Ind.; daughter, Cheri Ball and Mark Chapman of Weed, Calif.; eight grandchildren: Joshua Lenker, Ryan Lenker, Cadaxa Chapman-Ball, Mic Ball, Jim Ball, Sean Oakley, Austin Ball and Andrew Ball; sisters: Nancy (James R.) Schorey of Hartford City and Janice (Jack) Gilland of Hartford City; brother: Steve (Karen) Snider of Martinsville; six nephews and five nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl Michael Ball; brother, Gerald E. "Jerry" Snider; and a nephew, Tom Snider.

Visitation is Thursday, Oct. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 7 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Keplinger Funeral Home, Hartford City.

Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Tom Parsons officiating.

Cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Keplinger Funeral Home
POLAND, Ohio - William R. Carothers, 79, of Poland, Ohio, died Sunday, Oct. 2 at 5:54 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, six grandchildren and a brother.

Visitation is Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Samuel Teolis Funeral Home, Inc.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5 at Holy Redeemer Parish, St. Agatha Church conducted by Father John Oesterle.

Donald R. Gardner died Monday morning, Oct. 3 at Southfield Village following an unrelenting, determined struggle with a number of illnesses over a period of years.

Donald R. Gardner was born in Clymers, Ind. on March 13, 1920 from the marriage of Russell S. Gardner and Mamie O. Layman. His father, mother, and a brother, Charles U. Gardner of Danville, Ky., preceded him in death. With the exception of his World War II service years, he was a lifetime area resident.

In South Bend on June 15, 1941, he married Gladys F. Baker of Plymouth. She died in May 1991.

He is survived by a son Daniel (Penny) Gardner of Mishawaka and a daughter, Dawn E. Gardner of Colorado Springs, Colo. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Stephanie (Rich) Curry of Apex, N.C., Ian (Jennifer) Gardner of Kinston, N.C., Nathan (Nalini) Gardner of Port Hueneme, Calif., Aaron E. Gardner of South Bend, Brittany Gardner of South Bend, Krista Brown of New York City, N.Y., and Lori Brown of Malibu, Calif. Two great-grandchildren, Todd Daniel Gardner and Jenianne Gardner of Kinston, N.C., survive him. Also surviving is a special friend of Don and his family, Rebekah Plaia of South Bend.

Don Gardner graduated from Riley High School in 1938. A 24 year veteran of Studebaker Corporation, he walked out with his shift on the last day of South Bend production, Dec. 20, 1963. He retired from Allied Products Corp. in 1985.

As a World War II veteran, he was a proud member of Company A, 562nd Signal Air Warnings (S.A.W.) Battalion. He held seven campaign Stars on the European/African/Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon earned during his nearly four years of military service.

He was an active member serving as a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher as well as a deacon at the Osceola Grace Brethren Church. Don and his wife, Gladys, served there consistently in numerous church service positions for well over two decades.

Friends may visit on Friday Oct. 7, 2005 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Zimmerman -Inman Funeral Home, 1109 Lincolnway West in Osceola.
Funeral services will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. with viewing one hour prior at the funeral home. Pastor Davy Troxel and Pastor Greg Serafino will be officiating. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of the St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, and Southfield Village for the many kindness shown over the recent months and years. Memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Zimmerman-Inman Funeral Home, Osceola Chapel
1109 Lincolnway West, Osceola € 674-8460

Clara L. Ellis
Tuesday, October 04, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Clara L. Ellis, 88, a former Plymouth area resident, died Tuesday morning, Oct. 4, 2005, in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Dianna Ellis, San Antonio, Texas. Clara had been under the loving care of her family and hospice.

Born on Feb. 2, 1917, in Marshall County, Clara was the daughter of William and Eunice Newhouse Thompson. She was a 1935 graduate of Culver High School.

On April 3, 1938, Clara and Marion A. Ellis, Sr. were married in Tippecanoe. Marion preceded Clara in death on July 5, 1989.

A homemaker, Clara enjoyed being with her family, and helping Marion on the farm. She enjoyed going to the Whippoorwill Ladies Aid of Marshall County, of which she had been a member for more than 50 years. She was an avid game show enthusiast, watching as many as possible on T.V.

Clara is survived by two daughters: Sharon and Tim Schaetzle of Bourbon; Shirley and Dick Farkas of South Bend, and five sons: Larry Ellis and Randy Ellis, both of Plymouth; Terry and Diana Ellis of Argos; Gary and Diana Ellis of San Antonio, Texas and Marion Ellis, Jr. of South Bend.

Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, one step granddaughter, 20 great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren, a sister, Dorothy McFarland of Argos, two sisters-in-law: Eudora Blanchard of Indianapolis and Eunice Ditton of Mesa, Ariz., a brother-in-law: John F. Ellis of Columbia City and several nieces and nephews.

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

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Clara’s life on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Greg Bouck of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will be held at noon, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Clara’s name may be made to the Plymouth E.M.S. and Fire Department.

Alice M. Kujawski
Pilot News
Wednesday, October 05, 2005
Alice M. Kujawski
October 5, 2005

WALKERTON - Alice M. Kujawski, 91, of Walkerton and formerly of State Road 23 in North Liberty, died Oct. 5, 2005 in Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Alice was born June 16, 1914 in South Bend to the late Kasmer and Sarah (Sopczynski) Dalke and had lived in the North Liberty area all of her life. Also preceding her in death were her brothers, Edward P. and Joseph Dalke. On June 6, 1935 in Holy Cross Church in South Bend, Alice married Aloysius P. Sokola who died April 5, 1957. On Feb. 2, 1985, she married Clement P. Kujawski, who survives.

Alice is survived also by her four daughters: Mary Alice (DeWayne) Pavey of Walkerton, Sandra (Fred) Schmits of Aurora, Ind., Ellen Morris of Indianapolis and Jacqueline (Dean) Christy of LeCompton, Kan.; a step son, Thomas (Connie) Kujawski of New Carlisle; eight grandchildren: Mashelle Pavey of Napierville, Ill., Monique Pavey of Walkerton, Wes Pavey of South Bend, Freddie Lee (Nina) Schmits of Findlay, Ohio, Jennifer (Jeff) Hughes of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Jamie (Jeff) Fryar of Indianapolis, Robbie (Aamyie) Kaser of Ducktown, Tenn. and Aaron (Tina) Kaser of LeCompton, Kan.; two step grandchildren: Jennifer Kujawski of Lafayette and John Kujawski of New Carlisle; five great grandchildren: Dyllon Pavey, McKayla and Jackson Schmits and Jacob and Joshua Fryer; three sisters: Virginia Ross of North Liberty, Dorothy Horvath of Ocala, Fla. and Florence Sheets of Rancho Mirage, Calif.; one brother, Benedict (Phyllis) Dalke of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

Alice retired from Uniroyal in 1977. She was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Church in Walkerton, a member of the St. Hedwig's Golden Cluster and Local #65 United Rubber Workers. She also worked part-time for Her Place in Walkerton.

Visitation will be on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005 from 3 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Rd., South Bend, where a parish Rosary will be prayed at 4 p.m. Visitation will also be on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. in St. Patrick Church in Walkerton where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Christopher Young. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Grade School.

Peter Eugene Pesch  Pilot News

Wednesday, October 05, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lifetime Plymouth resident, Peter Eugene "Gene" Pesch, 79, died at his residence, 304 Baker St., at 5:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005. Gene had been ill for some time; he died in the loving care of his family and the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Born April 21, 1926, in Chicago, Ill., Gene was the son of Peter Eugene and Elizabeth Buckberg Pesch. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1943.

Gene worked for John Meck Industries until, in 1944, during World War II, he joined the United States Navy. He was stationed in the Philippines and was honorably discharged in 1946.

After his release from the service, he went back to work at Meck Industries, helping to design some of the chassis for the first television sets that Meck produced.

On Sept. 1, 1947, in Plymouth, Gene and Jayne Elkins were married in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1954, he and Bob McDaniel opened Plymouth T.V. Sales & Service. He left the partnership to enter a business venture with his brother in Albion, Mich. The family resided in Michigan for six years after which he returned to Plymouth in 1967 where he had his own TV business on N.
He later moved his shop into the Cook Bros. Furniture store where he remained until a stroke forced him into retirement in 1995.

In his retirement years, his love of music and electronics evolved into a hobby of burning C.D's for his friends and family. Somewhat of an electronic genius, Gene embraced technology and marveled at every new gadget on the market. He understood them and reveled in their complexity.

Gene was an avid Cubs and Notre Dame fan for his entire life.

The activities of his 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild was the focus of his life.

Gene also appreciated the simpler things of life—a well-prepared meal or a good steak—no doubt learned from his mother who ran the Plymouth Café for years or simply a phone call from a friend brought much pleasure. In a stubborn sort of way, he had a great sense of humor. Content to be in the background, he was happy to be with his family and friends.

He was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

Gene is survived by Jayne, his wife of 58 years and by their four children. They are Philip E. Pesch, Oakland, Calif.; Matthew J. and Sherry Pesch, Woodstock, Ga.; Patrick C. and Ginni Pesch, South Lyon, Mich.; and M. Mindy and William Langdon, Plymouth.

His 10 grandchildren are: Simon Pesch, Carrie Pesch, Tyler Langdon, Travis Langdon, Andy Langdon, Claire Pesch, Rachael Pesch, Emily Pesch, Dylan Pesch and Andrea Pesch along with a great-grandchild, Denali Conner.

A sister-in-law, Shirley Pesch, of Lansing, Mich., also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Joseph Pesch and a sister, Suzanne Pesch Young.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where a Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Gene will be held at 9:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth, on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Cremation will follow the funeral service and the interment of ashes will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Gene's memory may be made to St. Michael's Parish or to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

**Mildred M. Casey**

**Pilot News**

**Thursday, October 06, 2005**

**WALKERTON -** Mildred M. Casey, 95, of Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005 at the nursing home, after an illness.

She is survived by two sons: Rev. Thomas E. Casey of Lima, Ohio and Dr. Kenneth R. Casey of Providence, R.I.; four grandchildren: Cornelia, Megan, Robert and Caitlin; and three great-grandchildren.
Visitation will be today, Oct. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rannell's Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Pastor Thomas Casey officiating. Burial will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Dayton Memorial Park, Dayton, Ohio.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made to South Care Hospice, 314 McKinley Ave. Ste. 340, Mishawaka.

Margaret M. Leeper

Pilot News

Thursday, October 06, 2005

ARGOS - Margaret M. Leeper, 88, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at the same address for the past 53 years, died unexpectedly of natural causes, in her home, 14699 Hickory Rd., Argos, at 6 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.

She was born in Burr Oak, Ind., on Sept. 5, 1917, the daughter of Fredric N. and Dora Hissong Neidlinger. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1936.

On Aug. 13, 1939, in Plymouth, Margaret and J. Ward Leeper were married. Ward, after 57 years of marriage, died on June 21, 1996.

For many of those years, Margaret and Ward farmed together with their family members.

Margaret was very much involved with her family and always enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren. She was active in the former Bethel Methodist Church and a current member of the Inwood United Methodist Church. She enjoyed being a member of the County Home Extension Club.

She was a flower and vegetable gardener and enjoyed canning and freezing their produce. For 10 winters, she and her husband traveled to Texas.

She is survived by two sons and their families. They are James Ward and Mary Jo Leeper, Jr., Warsaw, and Dr. Richard W. and Tracey Leeper, Argos.

Four grandchildren also survive: Jamie W. and Stacy Leeper, Warsaw; Jackie Leeper-Thompson and spouse David, Jon M. Leeper and Adam M. Leeper, both of Argos, Ind. Four great-grandchildren survive as well.

Three sisters and two brothers and several nieces and nephews survive Margaret's death. Her sisters are: Mary Ann Austin, Yearlington, Nev.; Fern and Earl Nifong, Argos; and LaVanch Yarian, Bremen.

Her brothers are Dale L. Neidlinger, Plymouth and Orland R. and Eloise Neidlinger, Roswell, Ga.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, a son, John Leeper and a brother, Russell Neidlinger.

Friends are invited by the family to celebrate the life of Margaret Leeper from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services on Monday, Oct. 10, 2005, at 10:30 a.m. in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St.

The Rev. Gail Law, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
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She is survived by one daughter: Dorothy Wilson of Walkerton; and one son: James Haney of Walkerton; and one step-sister: Lous Hollis of Agusta, Ark.

Visitation is at 9 a.m. until the time of services on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, Walkerton.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Friday, October 07, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Sylvia I. Louderback, 91, a Tyner resident for many years before moving to Plymouth 20 years ago, died, following an illness, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005. She had previously lived at 17675 10B Rd. in Plymouth.

Sylvia was born in North Liberty, on Feb. 2, 1914. She was the daughter of Perry and Nora Chadwell Singleton. She attended North Liberty schools.

On April 8, 1933, in LaPorte, Sylvia and Ralph Louderback were married. Ralph died in September of 1979.

She was a hard and tireless worker. She was employed and retired from F.W. Means company in South Bend, as a mender.

A friendly, social person, Sylvia loved playing bingo and was very good at it. She played a number of card games also, but her chief claim to fame among her friends and family was that she had a home remedy for just about every ailment.

She was a member of the Plymouth Ladies of the Moose.

Sylvia is survived by her two children: a daughter, Alberta "Birdie" Huff of Plymouth and a son, Richard Lauderback, of Alabama.

Seventeen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and their three sons: Eldon, Alfred and Robert Louderback. A granddaughter and four brothers, Ralph, Raymond, Charles and Eldon Singleton also died before her.

Friends are invited to visit with the family and share memories of Sylvia's life from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A Ladies of the Moose service will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday evening in the funeral home.

Funeral services for Sylvia , officiated by Jim Repp, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church, will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Memorial gifts in Sylvia's memory may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 S. Center St., Suite C., Plymouth.
Richard C. Hyatt  
Pilot News

Saturday, October 08, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Richard C. Hyatt, 82, of 7429 Union Rd., Plymouth, died of natural causes on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at 8:15 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in South Bend on July 21, 1923, Richard was the son of Everette L. and Inez Slocum Hyatt. He had lived in Plymouth for the past 50 years. Prior to that, he spent 23 years in South Bend.

He attended Riley High School in South Bend.

In World War II, Richard served three years in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal.

He was employed for 30 years as a truck driver and warehouse foreman for Woodworth Storage in South Bend.

On May 11, 1946, in Roseland, Ind., Richard and Pauline M. Bennett were married. Pauline died on Oct. 29, 1995.

Richard liked to read and enjoyed working with wood. He was a great father, and loved and took great pleasure in his children and grandchildren.

Richard is survived by four daughters and two sons. His daughters are: Laura and James Vervynckt; Betty and Bruce Ferguson and Nancy Masten Sensibaugh, all of Plymouth, and Arleen and Conrad Calmer, Seymour, Ind. His two sons are Dennis and Bonita Hyatt of Santa Fe, Texas and Earl and Patricia Hyatt, South Bend.

Richard is also survived by 17 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Virginia Evans of Granger, Ind., and Dorothy Ford of Berrien Springs, Mich., also survive.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Pauline and two brothers, Homer and Robert Hyatt.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Richard's life on Monday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with Greg Bouck, assistant pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made in Richard's memory to the National Emphysema Foundation.

Mary Catherine Splix  
Pilot News

Saturday, October 08, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Mary Catherine Splix, 92, a lifetime Plymouth resident, formerly living in Garden Court East, died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005.

Mary was born the daughter of Andrew C. and Mary C. (Zehner) Richard on March 6, 1913, in Plymouth.
She attended Linkville School and Plymouth High School.

On June 16, 1930, in South Bend, Mary and Donald S. Splix were married. Donald died on their 58th wedding anniversary, June 16, 1988.

Mary was a sales clerk at People's Drug Store in Plymouth, during the 1950s and 1970s.

A real homebody, she enjoyed gardening, needle work and knitting. She was a wonderful cook and loved to bake.

A member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Mary had been an active member the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by two children: a son, Stanton C. and Teresa Splix and a daughter, Betty J. Heiden, all of Plymouth.

Two grandsons, Nick and Cheryl Splix and Michael Splix, all of Plymouth, and four granddaughters also survive her death. Her granddaughters are: Peggy and Jeff Nelson, Lake Worth, Fla.; Tamela and Doug Voreis, Conn.; Debbie and Steve Slemp, Plymouth, and Patti and Oak Noell, United Kingdom, Wales.

Fifteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren survive as well.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her spouse, Donald; Sandra Splix, a granddaughter and two brothers, Lawrence and Alonzo Richard.

Friends will be welcomed at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, to celebrate the life of Mary Catherine Splix on Tuesday, Oct. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m.

A rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m., prior to visitation.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mary's memory may be made to St. Michael's Parish.

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Raena R. Beem

Sunday, October 09, 2005

KNOX - Raena R. Beem, 29, of Knox, died Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband, Doug; daughter, Summer Beem of Knox; son, Doug Beem, Jr. of Knox; father, Ray (Debra) Stacy of North Judson; mother, Carla Stacy of Knox; brother, Benton Stacy of Knox; half-brother, Robert Giggy of LaPorte; half-sister, Kathy Singleton of Grovertown; step sisters: Tonya Russell and Shawn Russell, both of North Judson; and grandmothers: Ruby Snyder of Knox and Dovie Stacy of Plymouth.

Visitation is Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 13 from noon until the time of services at the Rannels Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Thursday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.
PLYMOUTH - Violet I. "Rusty" Mentel, 83, of 805 Baker St., Plymouth, died from complications from surgery in Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Ill., at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2005.

Rusty was known throughout Marshall County as an Avon Lady. Devoted to physical fitness, up until her death, she exercised three days a week at the Holm Fitness Forum.

Born in South Bend on March 10, 1922, Rusty was the daughter of Carl Stoneburner and Josephine Campbel Stoneburner.

She lived most of her life and attended schools in Tyner, graduating from Tyner High School. She then went to a Fort Wayne beauty school and was employed at Babe's Beauty Salon until 1942 when she moved to California to visit her brother.

She ended up falling in love with John Mentel, a dashing member of the United States Marine Corps.

On Feb. 2, 1945, in Santa Barbara, Calif., Rusty and John were married. They lived in California from 1944 to 1947. They then moved to South Bend and lived there until 1972 before settling on 4B Road in Plymouth.

She retired from the beauty business when the children began to come.

Their last move together was to River Park in 1995. The couple had wintered together for 20 years at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Besides selling Avon products, Rusty worked part time in the ladies shoe department at Treat's for Her.

She was known as a great cook and had been a leader in Boys Scouts, Campfire Girls and Indiana Guides.

In South Bend, Rusty had belonged to the Peoples Church and in Plymouth, she was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Rusty is survived by four children: two sons and two daughters. Her sons are: James and Susan Mentel, St. Louis, Mo. and Richard and Chris Mentel, Mishawaka; and her daughters are: Kathy Arsenault, East Dundee, Ill.; and Barbara and John Huffman, Plymouth.

She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.


She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, and a brother, Harry Stoneburner.

Friends will be welcomed by Rusty's family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005.

There will also be calling for one hour prior to services on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005. Services will be held at 10 am at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St. Oliver Dongell, pastor of the church will officiate at the funeral services.
Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, in Tyner.

Memorial gifts in Rusty's memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. Marshall County Chapter.

Peter J. Tomaszkiewicz  

Monday, October 10, 2005  
KOONTZ LAKE - Peter J. Tomaszkiewicz, 68, of Koontz Lake, died Monday, Oct. 10 at Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; sister, Mary (Steve) Diliberto of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and brothers: Richard (Lucia) Tomaszkiewicz of Lyons, Ill. and Mitchell (Patricia) Tomaszkiewicz of Burbank, Ill.

Visitation is Thursday, Oct. 13 from 2 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. A Rosary Service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church of Hamlet.

Burial will be in the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Koontz Lake Fire Department.

Elizabeth Ann Haug  

Tuesday, October 11, 2005  
KNOX - Elizabeth Ann Haug, 82, of Knox, formerly of Grovertown, died Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Countryside Place, Knox.


Visitation is Friday, Oct. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 from noon until the time of services at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Countryside Place Activities Dept.

Paul J. (Butch), Sr. Pranger  

Tuesday, October 11, 2005  
PLYMOUTH - Paul J. (Butch) Pranger, Sr., 85, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Oct. 11 at home.


Visitation is Friday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.
Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 14 at noon at the chapel.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Marshall County Hospice visiting nurses.

Susan Sakwa  
Pilot News

Tuesday, October 11, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Susan Sakwa, 77, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 10:55 p.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She is survived by a son, Mike Sakwa and Paula Roberts of Plymouth and grandson, Nicholas Roberts of Plymouth.

There will be no visitation or services.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of local arrangements.

Maxine E. Worthington  
Pilot News

Tuesday, October 11, 2005
NORTH LIBERTY - Maxine E. Worthington, 87, of North Liberty, died Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 2:30 a.m. at her daughter's home.

She is survived by a daughter, Beverly (James) Ruggles of Plymouth and a grandson, James Worthington Ruggles of Plymouth.

Visitation is Thursday, Oct. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Haverstock Funeral Home, LaPorte.

Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Ronald Devenport officiating.

Memorials may be made to Mill Creek Baptist Church or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Marshall County Chapter.

Gerald H. Kewley  
Pilot News

Wednesday, October 12, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Gerald H. Kewley, 86, of 625 Oak Hill Ave., Plymouth, passed away at 12:07 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He was born on June 23, 1919 in Howard, S.D. to Adalbert and Bertha Kewley. Gerald married Sophia Henderson in 1962. They lived in the LaPorte and Lakeville areas for some 40 years before moving to Plymouth in 2004.

Gerald was a member of the Plymouth V.F.W. Post #1162, the American Legion Post #357 and the #40 & #8 of South Bend. He served his country in WWII under General Patton. He was a Tec. Sgt. and a tank commander and served in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars; Bronze Star Medal, WWII Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal and the American Campaign Medal. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union.

He is survived by his wife, Sophia of Plymouth; a son, Ray Henderson of Cocoa, Fla.; his brothers: Clarence Kewley of Bakersfield, Calif., Adalbert Kewley of Spanish Fort, Ala. and John Kewley of Appaloosa, Ind. Also surviving are three grandchildren.
Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Military services will be presented by the Plymouth V.F.W. Post #1162. Burial will be in Patton Cemetery, LaPorte.

Friends may call Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

**Genevieve O. Dilport**

*Pilot News*

**Thursday, October 13, 2005**

GOSHEN - Genevieve O. Dilport, 90, died at Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen, on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 11:35 p.m.

Survivors include her daughters: Brenda K. Gause of Goshen and Billie J. King of Tippecanoe; 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Elkhart Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**Helen I. Hapner**

*Pilot News*

**Friday, October 14, 2005**

PLYMOUTH - Helen I. Hapner, 87, died at 5 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 14, 2005. She had been in failing health for the past several years.

A devoted and very dedicated mother and grandmother, Helen was born in Elkhart, Ind., on Feb. 20, 1918. She was the daughter of Jefferson "Russ" J. and Edith V. Master Upson.

She graduated from New Paris High School in 1936 and from the Elite Beauty College, Elkhart, a year later.


A self-employed beautician, she operated Helen's Beauty Shop in Goshen for 37 years.

She enjoyed flower gardening, fishing, hunting mushrooms and traveling the Midwest. An animal lover, she was especially fond of cats. John Wayne was her hero and favorite movie star, and enjoyed Big Band music.

Helen is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Russell E. "Russ" and Jeannette Teall, Plymouth. Jeannette was her friend and caregiver for many years.

Two loving grandsons survive: Brian E. and Susan Teall, Plymouth, and Eric Teall, a student at Manchester College.

A step-son, Dennis Hapner and two step-grandsons, Shane and Terry Teall also survive.

A half-sister and her husband, Rosie and Joe Warner of Granger, Ind., survive as well as a daughter-in-law, Cindy Noble.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, in the
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Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held, following visitation, in the funeral home at 7 p.m. The Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church of which Helen was a member, will officiate.

A private burial will be in the South Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

Memorial gifts in Helen's memory may be made to the Trinity Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Helen Louise (Boblestein) Helmlinger

Saturday, October 15, 2005
BREMEN - Helen Louise (Dobelstein) Helmlinger, 84, of Bremen, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by her husband, William E. Helmlinger of Bremen; a daughter, Cheryl A. and Charles Wildauer of Allen, Texas; a son, William K. (Suzi) Helmlinger of Portland, Ore.; eight grandchildren; and a son-in-law, Rev. Leonard Wildauer of Bonduel, Wis.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 605 S. Center St., Bremen.

A service of celebration will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's, with the Rev.'s Roger Rohde and Neil Wonnacott officiating.

A private family burial will take place in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Building Fund.

The Mishler Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Ronald L. Johnson

Saturday, October 15, 2005
KNOX - Ronald L. Johnson, 69, of Knox, died Saturday, Oct. 15.

He is survived by his wife: Edythe Davis Johnson; his children: Michael Anthony Johnson of Kokomo, Gerald Leon Johnson of Indianapolis, Kathy Marie Fry of Logansport, William Albert Tompkins of Middletown, Ohio, Anthony Allen Tompkins of Kokomo, David Wayne Tompkins of Knox and John L. Tompkins of Peru. His brothers: Edward Johnson, Jimmy Johnson and Gary Johnson; and sister: Linda Johnson, all of Kokomo also survive, with 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Services are Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will take place at Oak Park Cemetery, Knox.

Catherine McLaughlin

Saturday, October 15, 2005
WHEELERSBURG, Ohio - Catherine Iva (Matschikowski) McLaughlin, 86, of Wheelersburg, died early Saturday morning, Oct. 15, 2005 at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth.
She was born Jan. 13, 1919 in Dearborn, Mich. to Augusta and Otealy Villamia (Mathew) Matschikowski. In 1939 she married Harold Dale McLaughlin in Plymouth.

She is survived by three daughters: Margaret McLaughlin and Beverly (Norm) Haynes, both of Plymouth, and Sandy (Frank) Staymate of Wheelersburg; one brother, Kenneth Matschikowski of Taylor, Mich.; two grandchildren: Mike Haynes and Crystal Belisle five great-grandchildren: Ben, Victoria, Alicia, Austin and Nick; and one great great-granddaughter, Jennaiveve.

Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, on Feb. 3, 2000; six brothers: Elmer Matt, Lawrence, Norman, Harold, Roland and Russell Matschikowski; and four sisters: Margaret Matschikowski, Violet Fleming, Delores Sokolovich and Alice Zaremski.

Funeral services will be private.

Contributions may be made to the Southern Ohio Medical Center Hospice.

Don Wolfe Funeral Home in Sciotoville is handling the arrangements.

Lura M. Walker

Saturday, October 15, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lura M. Walker, 88, a Plymouth resident most of her life, died at 5:10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth, following an illness.

The daughter of Ernest O. and Mary Margaret Seider Holm, Lura was born on Feb. 14, 1917 in Plymouth. She was a 1935 graduate of Plymouth High School.

On Sept. 21, 1952, in Plymouth, Lura and Deane E. Walker were married. Deane died on April 18, 1982.

A secretary, she had worked in the personnel department at Studebakers, had been secretary to the County Superintendent of Schools and the State Superintendent of Education, and had worked at the State Exchange Bank for 19 years.

Lura was a member of the First United Church of Christ, Plymouth, where she was a Sunday School Teacher, Church Jr. Department Superintendent and a member of the Church Council and a former Bremen Manor board member.

She also was a member of the Marshall County Retired Teachers, a former Democratic Vice Chairman, had served two terms on the Plymouth Library Board, was a member of the Friends of the Library, and had been a volunteer at the Marshall County Historical Museum.

She had also been secretary and treasurer and board member of the original United Way, and a board member and secretary of the original Blueberry Festival committee.

Lura is survived by a sister, Julia Griewank of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Deane; an infant daughter, Nancy Lynn; a brother Kelso Holm and a sister Hattie Pifer.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19 2005, in the funeral home. The Rev. Steven Voelker, pastor of the First United Church of Christ will officiate.
Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Lura’s name may be made to the First United Church of Christ.

Bruce A. Cox
Sunday, October 16, 2005
FORT WAYNE - Bruce A. Cox, 40, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Oct. 16 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana.

He is survived by his mother, Betty L. Cox of Fort Wayne and sisters: Cindy M. Johnson and Kandell K. Cox, both of Fort Wayne.

There will be no services.

Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is handling the arrangements.

Wallace D., Sr. Williams
Sunday, October 16, 2005
GROVERTOWN - Wallace D. (Wally) Williams Sr., 63, of Grovertown, died Sunday, Oct. 16 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta (Back) Williams of Grovertown; daughter, Tami (Jerry) Baert of Knox; son, Wallace (Edwina) (Boz) Williams, Jr. of Grovertown; six grandsons; one granddaughter; two great great-granddaughters; brothers: Arthur Williams of Knox, Dallas Williams of Plymouth, Steve Williams of Stone Mountain, Ga. and Larry (Barb) Williams of Plymouth; sisters: Lil Haddix of Grovertown, Wilma Ketchem of Culver, Ruth (Don) Coffin of Grovertown, Mary Morris of Plymouth, Sally Speicer of Ober, Julia (Harvey) Sliter of Plymouth, Dorothy Williams of Grovertown, Bonnie (Bill) Sauer of Ripley and Patricia (Harold) Helton of Bourbon.

Visitation was Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at Gospel Lighthouse Church with Rev. Gerald Allen officiating.

Burial will take place in the Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

Mary A. DeWitt
Monday, October 17, 2005
CULVER - Mary A. DeWitt, 80, of Culver, passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 in Miller's Merry Manor, following an illness.

Mary was born Sept. 25, 1925 in Panama City, Fla., to Thomas W. and Deane B. Banks, both deceased. She graduated from Bay Senior High School in Panama City and worked for the U.S. Postal System during World War II. Mary was the oldest of five children, two of whom preceded her in death.

On Jan. 27, 1946, she married James C. DeWitt at the First Baptist Church of Panama City. The couple met when Mary, only 13 at the time, was visiting an uncle in Indiana, and Jim happened to be working on that uncle’s farm. It was truly love at first sight. Jim hitchhiked to Florida for a second look and the rest is history...they corresponded over a six-year period while Jim was serving in the US Navy. It was only the third time they saw one another when he returned to Florida after the war to propose. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this coming January.
Mary and Jim owned a grocery store-gas station in Wawaka, Ind. before moving to Culver. They owned and operated Lake Shore Lanes (better known as ‘The Bowling Alley’) in Culver from 1953 until 1977. They were well known for their signature hamburgers, tenderloins and lemonade.

Mary loved to cook, bake, crochet, put together jigsaw puzzles and spend time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed returning to Panama City year to visit her siblings and their families.

She is survived by her husband; four children: James C. (Margaret) DeWitt, Jr. of Lafayette, Karen S. and Mark Noll of Culver, Kathy D. and Jim Patrick of Culver, and John W. DeWitt of Carmel; a sister, Olive Deane Ferrell of Panama City; a brother, George B. Banks of Panama City; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 401 S. Main St., Culver, with Pastor Ron Lewallen officiating.

The service will begin at 11:30 a.m., preceded by visitation with the family from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow in the church basement.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorial gifts be made to the Marshall County Energy Assistance program. Contributions should be sent to Marshall County Neighborhood Council, Inc., PO Box 353, Plymouth, IN 46563.

All gifts earmarked ‘Gift of Warmth’ program will be matched by NIPSCO.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 Lake Shore Drive, Culver, Ind., is handling the arrangements.

Welcome Wagley


He is survived by sons: Larry (Charlotte) Wagley of Elkhart, Kenneth (Valerie) Wagley of Salida, Colo. and Jim (Joanne) Wagley of Niles, Mich.; brother, Russell Wagley of Bremen; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. (Indiana time) and one hour prior to services at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services are Friday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Devon M. Williams

PLYMOUTH - Devon M. Williams, 25, of 16833 Mill Pond Trail, Plymouth, passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2005 at 7:36 a.m. at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1980 in Battle Mountain, Nev. She worked at Madison Manufacturing, Wyatt.
Devon is survived by her sons, Camron Mullens and Skyler Detrick both of Plymouth; her mother, Sharon Adkins of Plymouth; her sister, Tricia and Scott Arveson of Plymouth; and her brother, Christopher Morgan, of Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth, with Pastor Rustin Krapfl officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Williams family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Journal D. Good

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ROCHESTER - Junior D. Good, 76, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 9:08 a.m. at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Good of Rochester; daughter, Jeri D. Good of Rochester; sons: Jon D. Good and Jeffery D. Good, both of Rochester; six grandchildren; and sisters: Margaret Smith of Owensboro, Ky. and Helen (Durrell) McClain of South Bend.

Visitation is Friday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 8 p.m. and two hours prior to the service on Saturday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Steve Fleck and Rev. Rick Taylor officiating.

Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside services.

Victoria L. Williams

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

Victoria L. Williams

October 18, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Victoria L. Williams, 86, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She is survived by a son, John Williams, of Plymouth.

Visitation is Friday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Saturday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Ervin Blair

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ROCHESTER - Ervin Bair, 78, of Rochester, formerly of Monterey, died Thursday, Oct. 20 at home.
He is survived by a daughter, Kathy (John) Jamroz of Knox; son, Robert M. (Dori) Bair of Rockford, Ill; two grandsons; and a sister, Evelyn Haselby of Star City.

Visitation is Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m.

Funeral services are Thursday, Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with Father Joseph Jacob officiating.

Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars #1343.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

George W. Hodges
BASS LAKE - George W. Hodges, 79, of 6040 S. 700 East, Bass Lake, died Thursday, Oct. 20 at Memorial Hospital, Winamac.

He had been a bus driver for Knox schools.

Survivors include his wife: Fay (MacCallum) Hodges of Bass Lake; son: George (Skip) W. Hodges of Bass Lake; daughter: Patty King of Bass Lake; grandson: Gary L. King of Knox; and great-grandson Hunter King of Knox.

There will be no visitation or services.

Cremation will take place Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. in the Midwest Cremation Center, Inc. of LaPorte.

Braman and Son Memorial Chapel of Knox is in charge of arrangements.

Bobby Joe King
Bobby Joe King, known also to his friends as "Bob", 51, of Laughlin, Nev., passed away Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005 in Bullhead City, Ariz.

He was born Feb. 5, 1954 in Valparaiso to James and Betty (Reynolds) King. On July 7, 2004 he married Joycelyn Craft who survives.

Bobby Joe is survived by his mother Betty Westmoreland of Westville; his daughter Jamie Sue (Spencer) Love of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; his sister Karen (Dan) Shidler of Rochester; two brothers: John King of Normal, Ill. and James King of West Monroe, La. His stepson Richard Craft of Laughlin, two step grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews also survive him. His father and his brother, Gregory, preceded Bobby Joe in death.

He was a painter, working construction by trade and he worked maintenance at several casinos in Nevada.

Memorial services for Bobby Joe will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Newhard Funeral Home in Westville.

Newhard Funeral Home
58 W. Walnut St., Westville € (219) 785-2581
Jeanne Ellen Hunsberger

Friday, October 21, 2005
Myrtle Beach, S.C.- Jeanne Ellen Hunsberger, 56, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2005 at Conway Medical Center.

Survivors in addition to her parents of Milford, include her daughter, Nicole ‘Nikki’ M. and Rodney Capps of Myrtle Beach; three sisters, Linda Miller of Milford, Ind., Sharon Muhn of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Sue Boyer of Milford, Ind.; and one grandchild, Karsyn Capps.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Ocean View Baptist Church with the Reverend Steve Cromer and the Reverend Everette Douglas officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24, at McMillan-Small Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 850 Sligo Ave., Suite 800, Silverspring, Md. 20910.

William L. Veldt

Friday, October 21, 2005

He is survived by by two daughters: Shelbi and Michael Ranjbar of Lebanon, Ind. and Megan and Jim Drew of Moores Hill, Ind.; two sisters: Marilyn and Gary Sanford of Dallas, Ga. and Aletha and Jim Boven of Portage, Mich.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, 204 N. Washington St., Bourbon.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the First United Methodist Church mission fund, Habitat for Humanity or Potawatomi Wildlife Park.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lucille B. Brittin

Sunday, October 23, 2005
Lucille B. Brittin

January 12, 1922 - October 23, 2005

KNOX - Lucille B. Brittin, 83, of 300 E. Culver Rd., Knox, passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005 at 2 a.m., following an extended illness, at the Countryside Place Rehabilitation Center.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1922 in Davenport, Iowa, to Carlisle and Lucille (Galkowski) Weaks.

Lucille married Roy L. Britten 54 years ago. She resided in the North Judson area for many years and also lived in the Plymouth area.

Along with her loving husband, Roy, she is survived by their daughter: Debra Brittin of Argos; a granddaughter: Jennifer Brittin and Jason Denney of Plymouth; great-granddaughters: Makayla Greenawalt, Zoe Denney and Aica Denney, all of Plymouth.

Lucille was preceded in death by her brother: Robert Weaks.
The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Shrine's Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607-1460.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. Burial will be at a later date.

VanGilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Brittin family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Marynell Langdon Kern Pilot News

Sunday, October 23, 2005
SOUTH BEND - Marynell (Langdon) Kern, 86, of South Bend, died Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1:25 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Lee Kern; daughters: Nancy (Carl) Frank of San Diego, Calif. and Susan (Thomas) Creevey of South Bend; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; sister, Sarah (Robert) Jones of Plymouth; brothers: Robert (Mary Alice) Langdon of Terre Haute, Patrick (Betty) Langdon of Plymouth and Thomas (Kay) Langdon of Plymouth; and a sister-in-law, Jean Langdon of Plymouth.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by the McGann Funeral Home, University Area Chapel, South Bend.

Jacqueline J. Arbuckle Pilot News

Monday, October 24, 2005

She was born on May 28, 1939 in Plymouth to Art and Eve (Stettler) Schrom. Jackie lived in the Fort Wayne and Plymouth areas. She worked as a press operator at the Lear Corporation in Bourbon.

Jackie is survived by her daughter, Robin Bradley of Plymouth; her sons: Jimmie (Sherry) Arbuckle of Bradenton, Fla., Donald Arbuckle of Fort Wayne, David (Darlene) Arbuckle of Fort Wayne, Scott Arbuckle of Bradenton, Fla. and Todd (Dawn) Arbuckle of Fort Wayne; her sister, Jackie (Robert) Silveus of Plymouth; her brothers: Roger “Buz” (Judy) Rogers of Culver, Art (Gerry) Schrom of Tennessee and Dale (Samia) Schrom of Plymouth. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be Friday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with Chaplain Thomas Padberg officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Arbuckle family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.
ARGOS - Kenneth Reed Olin, 11982 S.R.10, passed away peacefully in his home with his loving wife and family present.

Ken was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, a life time educator and a great debater of grand ideas. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, he responded, “I loved kids.”

He was married at the Congregational Christian Church in South Bend to Mary H. Hoel on Dec. 21, 1940. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter, Marjorie Ann Olin (Dan) Snider; one son, Kenneth Lee (Barbara) Olin; two grandchildren; Russell Eric Olin Snider and Amy Marie Olin; and three great-grandchildren; R.J. Caleb, and Johanna-Christine Snider. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Brian Daniel Snider.

Ken was the only child born to Leverett and Mary (Crowder) Olin on Jan. 23, 1917 in New Richmond, Ind. He was raised in Fulton County, and South Bend where he graduated from Washington Clay High School in 1934.

He worked a short time and then attended Manchester College. After two years at Manchester, he taught at Green Township for four years and Washington Clay for six years.

He completed his Masters degree, principals and superintendents licenses at I.U. in 1951. That same year, he moved with his family to Leiters Ford, Ind., where he was the principal of the Aubbenaubbee Township School for 20 years.

In 1965, he missed the classroom and returned to elementary teaching. He completed his tenure in the Plymouth School Corporation as a principal of Washington Elementary School. In all, he spent 42 years as an educator and retired in 1980.

Ken served proudly in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946 in active duty during World War II and served in the Army Reserve from 1950 to 1953.

Each summer, he spent time working around Lake Maxinkukee or Culver as a painter and wallpaper hanger to supplement his teaching income. Ken and Mary also took a camping trip with their children every summer. After retiring, Ken and Mary enjoyed traveling in their truck and Jayco camper all over North America. They were often joined by family or friends and spent many winters traveling around the South and West.

Ken was always very active in the community in which he lived, and served as the chairman of several organizations including the Church Board and Lions.

He was a member of the Argos United Methodist Church, Argos Lions Club, F. & A.M. Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge #149, where he completed the 32nd Degree, and Marshall County Retired Teachers Association.

Visitation and memories may be shared at the Grossman Funeral Home in Argos from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, 2005.

His funeral service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Argos United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with Rev. Robert Vale & Rev. David Kerkove officiating.

Visitation will be from 10 to 10:50 a.m. prior to the service.
Burial will be at the New Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Argos United Methodist Church (building fund), Salvation Army, or The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home for any of these donations.

**William H. Worm**

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

VENICE, Fla. - William "Willie" Harold Worm, 91, residing in Venice, Fla., formerly of Lakeville, passed away at 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005 at the Englewood Community Hospital, Englewood, Fla. from natural causes.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie (Ochs) Redmon; four sons: Paul Worm of Lakeville, John Worm of Reynolds, Ind., Don Worm of Venice, Fla., and Loren Worm of Rockford, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at the Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville, and one hour prior to services in the church on Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 at the Lakeville United Methodist Church. Rev. Larry Dimick, pastor, will officiate.

Graveside services and burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Contributions in memory of William H. Worm may be donated to the Lakeville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 24, Lakeville, IN 46536.

**Suzanne LaBelle Lippert**

Thursday, October 27, 2005

BREMEN - Suzanne “Sue” LaBelle Lippert, 57, of First Road, Bremen, died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo, Mich., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.


She was a QMA, most recently working for Shady Rest in Plymouth. She worked over 20 years for the Bremen Health Care Center, where she was certified as a QMA and was director of the Alzheimer’s unit. She also worked for a period of time for Miller’s Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Sue was a graduate of Elkhart Memorial High School, and was blessed into the Osceola United Pentecostal Church, where she acted as song leader, Sunday school teacher and as youth group leader. She was a former member of the Bremen Pentecostal of Act 4:12 Church, and most recently began attending Full Gospel Church in Paw Paw, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Larry Conley.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence J. Lippert; three daughters: Jodi and Shawn Fitzsimmons of Mishawaka, Ann and Steve Weaver of South Bend and Tracey Lippert of Bremen; a son: Scott Lippert of Mishawaka; grandchildren: Deacon Fitzsimmons, Derek Weaver, Brytanie, Bryleigh and Ashlee Lippert, November and Naven Lippert. Also surviving is one brother: John Conley of Charlotte, N.C. and a sister: Leslie Hughes of Hattysburg, Miss.

Sue was a very compassionate person who enjoyed working with the residents at her place of work. She often commented that the residents gave so much more to her than she gave to
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them. She was very interested in working the Alzheimer's patients, in those units of nursing homes she worked at.

Her final words to the police officer comforting Sue at the scene of the accident were a testimony to her motto in life: "Make the best of everything in life, because God will get you through it."

She always made life fun, no matter the circumstances, and she always had a smile. She will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Visitation will be one hour prior to memorial services, which are Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Bremen Pentecostal of Act 4:12 Church in Bremen, with the Rev. Jon Bollinger and Rev. Bill Chapman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of arrangements.

Esther M. Long

PLYMOUTH - Esther M. Long, 98, of 311 Alexander St., Plymouth, passed away Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She was born on Nov. 10, 1906 in Donaldson to Samuel and Christena (Simonson) Johnson.


Esther was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Plymouth. She was active in the Women's Guild and taught Sunday School. She also volunteered at the Dorcas Society. She enjoyed sewing little quilts for day care and for the Winebago Indians. Esther was a loving mother, who put her family first.

Esther is survived by her son, The Rev. Edward (Sharon) Long of Fairfield, Ohio and her daughters: Helen Long and Ruth Long, both of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and her daughter, Anne Christine.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home with the Rev. Steven Voelker officiating. Burial will be in Belvidere Cemetery, Belvidere, Ill.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the First United Church of Christ or to the donor's choice.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Long family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison St., Plymouth € 936-2534

Norma Jean Clyde
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Friday, October 28, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Norma Jean Clyde, 75, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died at 11:58 a.m. on Friday, Oct., 28, 2005, in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Norma died following a lengthy illness. She had lived at 11223 Hawthorn Rd., Plymouth.

Born in Plymouth on Jan. 20, 1930, she was the daughter of Roscoe and Florence Copp White. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1949.

On Aug. 11, 1956, Norma and William R. Clyde were married in Angola, Indiana.

A homemaker, she enjoyed raising her children and grandchildren.

She enjoyed painting and hooking rugs. She was an avid collector of bells and clocks from different states in the union and loved playing Bingo and raising tropical fish.

One of her favorite pastimes was going out for coffee and conversation with her sisters, Nellie Manual and Marje Zehner.

She was a former member of the ladies auxiliary of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #271.

Norma is survived by her husband, William, Plymouth, and by their seven children.

Her sons and daughters-in-law are: John and Debbie Wickard, Florida; Jim and Colleen Wickard and Matt and Amy Clyde, all of Argos; and Richard Clyde of Plymouth.

Her three daughters and their spouses are: Lorene McNeely, Warsaw; Theresa and Eric Deery, Plymouth and Norma and Earl Goodsell, LaPaz.

There are 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren who also survive, along with two sisters: Margaret Mishler of Plymouth and Florence Heiman of Elkhart and three brothers: Bob White and Howard White, both of Plymouth and Don White of Florida.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, a great-granddaughter, Amber Louise Bachtel, a brother, Leonard White and two sisters, Marjorie Zehner and Nellie Manual.

Friends will be welcomed to share memories and celebrate the life of Norma Jean Clyde, a wonderful woman, wife and grandmother, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Norma will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Norma’s memory may be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Gloria Ann Gearhart  Pilot News
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Friday, October 28, 2005
AKRON - Gloria Ann Gearhart, 82, 208 E. Water St., Akron, died at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005 at the Life Care Center of Rochester. She has been in failing health for three years.

She is survived by one daughter: Claudia and Ken Hartzler of Akron; one son: Kim Arden Gearhart of Akron; two grandchildren: Shawnita and Jeff Boggs of Mentone and Staci and Greg Benzing of Rochester; five great-grandchildren: Brook Enyart, Jordan Boggs, Shelby Boggs, Hannah Boggs, and Scott Benzing.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the Akron Cemetery with Pastor Steve Fleck officiating.

Memorials may be made to Fulton County Special Olympics.

Arrangements are being handled by Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Condolences may be sent to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Beverly J. Haines  
Pilot News

Friday, October 28, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Beverly J. Haines, 69, of W. County Road, Plymouth, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005 at home following an illness.

Born May 13, 1936 in Kokomo to Kenneth and Lela (Barnett) Arbuckle, she married Edward Haines Sept. 12, 1952. She was a former waitress at Munday's Restaurant, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband: Edward; one daughter: Deborah and Gordon Longanecker of Plymouth; two sons: Kenneth and Helen of Plymouth and Kurt and Lauren of Indianapolis; her mother: Lela Arbuckle of Kokomo; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Penny Peters and Betty Arbuckle, both of Kokomo, and Tara and Ronald Sallee of Grand Blanc, Mich.

She is also survived by seven brothers: Jimmy and Loraine Arbuckle of Apache Junction, Ariz., Ronnie and Cynthia Arbuckle of York, Pa., Larry and Gladys Arbuckle of Rochester, Kenneth and Patricia Arbuckle of Ft. Wayne, Danny and Betty Arbuckle of Cohutta, Ga., John and Brenda Arbuckle of Cohutta, Ga., and William and Pamela Arbuckle of Kokomo; and one sister-in-law: Peggy Arbuckle of Knox.

She was preceded in death by one son: Keith; and one great-granddaughter.

She cherished and enjoyed watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and loved all of the customers she waited on. She liked to cater to old people and was the master chef of all the family holiday meals.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Services are Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Tom Padberg officiating.

Burial will be in Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marshall County Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563, or St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth - Cancer Center, 1915 Lake Ave., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Loretta Maxson  
Pilot News
Friday, October 28, 2005
MARSHALL COUNTY - Loretta Maxson, 90, of Kendallville died at 11:08 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 as a result of a car-pedestrian accident in Kendallville.

Mrs. Maxson was born on Dec. 22, 1914 in Etna Green to Charles Ulysses and Ida Mae (King) Faulkner. She graduated from Bourbon High School in 1932 and married Floyd Maxson, who preceded her in death in June, 1967. She worked as a secretary for the family-owned business, Maxson Lumber in Lisbon. She has lived in Kendallville since 1938.

She was a member of RSVP and made quilts and teddy bears that were donated to hospitals.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Marie Guard, Bremen in April, 1985; Stepsons Floyd Maxson, Jr and Richard Maxson; three sisters, Ula Wiles of (Teegarden) Walkerton, Dorothy Squires, and Elizabeth Woods; five brothers, Marion Faulkner, Earl Faulkner, Clarence Faulkner, Lester Faulkner, and Glenn Faulkner; one grand-son, “Rocky” Guard; one great-grandson, Michael Young.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Trier-Simonton of Wolcottville; a stepdaughter, Audrey Keller of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Carol Cartwright of Plymouth, Cheryl Smirl of Houston, Lisa Trier of Wolcottville, Michelle Romer of Kendallville, Robin Guard of Bremen, April Samuels of Bremen, and Roger Guard of Plymouth; 13 step-grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were at Sandy Ridge Cemetery on Nov. 1 with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.berhalterhutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Friday, October 28, 2005
MARSHALL COUNTY - Loretta Maxson, 90, died Friday, Oct. 28, 2005 at 11:08 a.m., as the result of a car-pedestrian accident on U.S. 6, east of Main Street in Kendallville.

She is survived by one daughter: Gloria Trier-Simonton and Tom Simonton of Wolcottville, Ind.; one step-daughter: Audrey Keller of Ft. Wayne; seven grandchildren and 13 step-grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and seven step-great-grandchildren; and granddaughters: Michele and Bryan Romer of Kendallville and Lisa Trier of Wolcottville, Ind.

Visitation was Sunday, Oct. 30 at the Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Services are Monday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. at the graveside (Sandridge Cemetery, near Bremen) with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Sandridge Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.berhalterhutchinsfuneralhome.com.

Helen F. Shriver

Friday, October 28, 2005
NORTH JUDSON - Helen F. Shriver, 61, of Valparaiso, died Friday, Oct. 28 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago.

She is survived by her husband: R. Scott Shriver of Valparaiso; three daughters: Teresa Hempy of Florissant, Mo., Tina Maynard of Hixson, Tenn. and Donna Ott of Signal Mountain, Tenn.; sister, Daisy Van DeVeire of South Bend; four brothers: Robert Richie of North Judson, Henry Richie of LaPorte, Stephen Danti of North Judson and Delmos Richie of Fish Lake; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation was Monday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the funeral home.
Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

Clara R. Kline  
Pilot News

Saturday, October 29, 2005
KNOX - Clara R. Kline, 94, of Knox, died on Saturday, Oct. 29 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by a sister, Emily Wilson of Erwin, Tenn.; four nieces and four nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Burial will be in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Edna May Thomas Obrecht  
Pilot News

Saturday, October 29, 2005
KNOX - Edna May Thomas Obrecht, 78, of 400 North, Knox, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 at 1 a.m. at Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

Survivors include two brothers: Leon and Mariann Thomas, Sr., and Carroll and Donna Thomas, all of Knox; 11 nieces and nephews: Elizabeth and Guy Beauchamp, Debra and Ed Cunningham, and Rita and Tim Brettin all of Knox, Leon and Rena Thomas, Jr. of Etna Green, Carl Thomas and Bobbie Hoover and Abby all of Knox, Evan Fain, Rick and Cheryl Fain of Rolla, Mo., Ron and Karen Van Dusen of Plymouth, Charles and Philis Green of Plymouth, Bruce and Aleshia Hubbard of Culver, Misty and Grover, Jr. Goetz of Hamlet; 29 great-nieces and -nephews; and 21 great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Visitation is at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Services are Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edna Obrecht Trust at First National Bank of Valpo, Hamlet Branch, 100 E. Short St., Hamlet, IN 46532.

Calvin L. Swing  
Pilot News

Saturday, October 29, 2005
TIPPECANOE - Calvin L. Swing, 80, of 17637 Fir Rd., Tippecanoe, died Saturday, Oct. 29, 2005 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria (Fish) Swing of Tippecanoe; his daughter: Suzanne Proctor of Loveland, Colo.; son: Fred Swing of Indianapolis; step-daughter: Angela Jennings of Tippecanoe; and and step-son: Tim Fish of South Bend.

Family services will be held.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kathy J. (Wynn) Bridge  
Pilot News

Sunday, October 30, 2005
CULVER - Kathy J. (Wynn) Bridge, 45, of 823 Academy Rd., Culver, passed away Sunday, Oct. 30 at 1:34 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was born on May 14,
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A lifetime resident of Marshall County, she graduated from Culver Community High School in 1979. She was a member of the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. She also worked in the factory at AKER/MAAX Plastic in Plymouth for 15 years.

She is survived by her step son, Josh Bridge of Logansport; her mother, Janice Wynn of Culver; one brother, Kevin (Sandy) Wynn of Culver; one sister, Karen (John) Hoover of Spartanburg, S.C.; three nieces: Amber Mangun, Jessica Wynn and Heather Wynn; one nephew, David Gentry; one great-nephew, Zachary Mangun; and her mother-in-law, Sharon Bridge of Logansport.

She was preceded in death by her father, father-in-law and husband.

Funeral services are Thursday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Grace United Church of Christ, 307 N. Plymouth St., Culver, with Rev. Robin Keating officiating.

Burial will be at the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. (Poplar Grove) Cemetery, west of Argos on SR 10.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home for contributions being made to the family in memory of Kathy J. Bridge.

Funeral arrangements are with the Grossman Funeral Home.

Clarence W., Reverend Huber

Pilot News

Sunday, October 30, 2005

MONTEREY - Rev. Clarence W. Huber, 85, of Monterey, died at 9:57 p.m on Sunday, Oct. 30 at White County Memorial Hospital, Monticello. He was born on July 9, 1920 in Hammond to Raymond W. and Ethel S. (Burns) Huber.

He was a Monterey resident for six years, coming from Little Field, Texas. He was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Monterey. Prior to becoming a priest, he was employed by Cities Service Oil Co. in East Chicago, Ind. as a chemist. He entered the priesthood in 1969 and served Sacred Heart Parish in Little Field, Texas until his retirement in 1998. He was Chaplain of the Monterey Knights of Columbus #11292 and a member of the Texas Royal Order of Equestrians and the Hammond VFW.

He is survived by brother, Clifford J. Huber of Munster; nephew, Raymond L. (Jeanne) Huber of Monterey; two nieces and four nephews.

Visitation is Thursday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. There will be a spiritual wake service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services are Friday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey with Bishop William Higgi and Father Bert Woolson officiating.

Burial will be in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

Letters of condolence for the family may be sent via our Web site obituary page: www.bonine-odom.com
Dennis Leland Spencer  
Pilot News

Sunday, October 30, 2005
KOONTZ LAKE - Dennis Leland Spencer, 65, of Koontz Lake, died Sunday, Oct. 30 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Lou; mother, Vera Spencer of New Carlisle; daughters: Bonnie (Brett) Halsey of Tyner and Kathy Spencer-Wiltfong of LaPorte; sons: Russell (Tina) Spencer of Donaldson and Gary (Karla) Spencer of New Carlisle; sisters: Patricia Sue Kramer of Nevada and Peggy Lynn Nehring of South Bend; brother, Terry Lee Spencer of Florida; 13 grandchildren; six step grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild.

Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services are Thursday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the family.

Ryan Leigh Woodward  
Pilot News

Monday, October 31, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Ryan Leigh "Woody" Woodward, died at his Nappanee residence, at 3:26 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, 2005. Complications from long-term asthma led to his death. He has endured much in his life of 24 years.

Ryan never let anyone down. He was always considerate of others. He loved people, so much so that he wanted to help others even beyond his death. He was an ardent supporter of the Organ Donation Program and, so according to his wishes; his family gave as was needed to help others.

Born in Carlsbad, Calif., on Aug. 8, 1981, Ryan was the son of William "Bill" Woodward Jr. and Laurie A. (Klinedinst) Nelson. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 2000 and planned to attend Wyoming Technical College and open his own custom shop to be called: Sweet Dreams Customs.

Ryan was known as a hard worker. He had worked at the Plymouth Damon's Restaurant and, for the past three years in the R.V. manufacturing industry currently in final finish at the Forest River plant in Goshen. His prior employment also included service at Keystone R.V. in Goshen.

He had a passion for cars - especially his 1993 Lexus Super Coupe. A perfectionist with an eye for detail, he was also a car stereo addict, who designed competition sound systems and was adept at installations and repair.

Time spent with family was important to Ryan and he found fishing a time to relax.

Ryan is survived by his mother Laurie and step-father Earl J. Nelson of Plymouth, his father Bill Woodward and close friend Tricia, both of South Bend.

A sister, Tami June Woodward of Plymouth, nephew Michael Anthony Yoder and niece Kali Rachelle Yoder survive as well as Ryan's brother, William Fredrick "Fred" Woodward III and friend April, with nephew Cameron Jacob Woodward all of Walkerton also survive.
Paternal grandfather, William Frederick Sr. and Joan Woodward of Columbus; paternal grandmother, June and Richard Sanetra of Springhill, Fla.; paternal great grandparents, Luther and Bernice Stowe of Owensboro, Ky. and maternal grandparents, Norman and Eileen Klinedinst, Plymouth, survive as well.

Friends will be welcomed by Ryan's family on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and continue after 7 a.m. Friday until time of services.

Funeral services for Ryan will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Ryan's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Roy E. Livinghouse  
Pilot News

Tuesday, November 01, 2005
CULVER - Roy E. Livinghouse, 81, of 730 School Street, Culver, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005 at 1:18 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1924 in Zion, Ill. to John and Ada (Fink) Livinghouse. Roy served his country in the Army Air Corp during WWII. When he came home, Roy married Ernesteen (Tiny) Anderson. They raised five children. Roy worked for NIPSCO and retired from there in 1982. He lived in Phoenix, Ariz., before moving back to Plymouth.

Roy is survived by his daughters: Sandra and Rod Fry of Plymouth, Glenna Livinghouse of Phoenix, Ariz., Danna Livinghouse of Plymouth and Merijo Livinghouse of Plymouth; his son, Mark and Layna Livinghouse of Plymouth; his sisters: Frances and Robert Endicott of Washington State, Betty Lacher of Bremen and Doris and Leon Dickson of Plymouth; and his brother, Colonel Daniel and Margot Livinghouse of Fort Collins, Colo. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and three sisters.

There will be no services or visitation.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Crossroads Church, 1650 North Oak Road, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Livinghouse family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home 300 W. Madison, Plymouth € 936-2534

John T. Moose  
Pilot News

Thursday, November 03, 2005
John T. Moose

November 3, 2005

PLYMOUTH - John T. Moose, died of natural causes at his residence, 104 Nursery St., Plymouth, at 11:31 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005.
Born in Winamac, on May 15, 1937, the son of Alvie and Dorothy Smith Moose, John was 68-years-old.

He graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1955 and attended the South Bend College of Commerce.

He was a member of the Indiana National Guard.

John was a retired United States Postal worker at the Lake Station Post Office in Gary. He was lauded for being a tireless and dedicated worker and seldom missed a day at his job.

A very talented artist, John loved the arts. He enjoyed attending plays and musicals and was an avid reader and crossword puzzle expert. An excellent cook, he liked gardening and was adept at the computer. He was witty and had a great sense of humor that was enjoyed by all.

John is survived by six sisters and a brother. They are Bonnie Golden; Carol Dulaney; Mary Ann and James O. Baker; Betty and Kraig Blackman, all of Plymouth; Janet Moose of Lakeville and Sharon and Doug Klinge, Bremen. His brother is David and his wife, Carmen, Moose of Canada.

Numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews also survive his death.

John was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Larry Moose.

Private graveside services were held at 2 p.m.on Saturday, Nov. 5 in New Oakhill Cemetery.

The Rev. Chuck Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church in Bremen, officiated.

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

Notes of sympathy and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home,
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 936-2829

Julia A. Johnson Pilot News

Friday, November 04, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Julia A. Johnson, 84, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, for the past ten years, died of natural causes at 11:02 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Julia was a homemaker a loving wife and proud mother, first and foremost. Family meant so much in her life.

She was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Edward J. and Grace M. Fanning Bergman, on Aug. 19, 1921. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1941.

On Nov. 13, 1941, in St. Michael's Church Rectory in Plymouth, Julia and Eugene “Gene” Johnson were married. Gene died on June 11, 1993.

An ardent Chicago Cub fan, she also cheered for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. She enjoyed all kinds of sporting and musical events in which her grandchildren and great-grandchildren participated.
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Julia is survived by two daughters, a son and five grandchildren.

The daughters are: Susan L. Rodgers and Kenneth D. Rodgers, Plymouth, and her children, Tana J. and Dan Houin, Melinda K. and Tim Lemler and Cheryl L. and John Caine.

Daughter Sandra J. and Bobby Wolfe and their daughter, Heather Wolfe, live in St. Lucie, Fla..

Her son and daughter-in-law is Thomas E. and Jane Johnson, Bruce Lake, Ind., with their daughter, Karrie C. Johnson

Seven great-grandchildren, a sister Margaret M. Peregine, a brother George A. Bergman both of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Gene, and by two sisters: Mary E. Kelsey and Martha Miller and two brothers: James Bergman and John E. “Eddie” Bergman.

Friends are invited to come to celebrate the life of Julia Johnson from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, in the church where she was a long time and faithful member, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth.

A rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. in the church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., following calling. The Rev. Father Manuel Evangelista will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Julia's memory may be given to St. Michael's Parish or in the form of Masses.

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Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Mildred E. Ladson

Friday, November 04, 2005

WARSAW - Mildred E. Ladson, 95, of 7442 W. 700 S., Claypool, died Friday, Nov. 4, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

A lifetime resident of Argos and Mentone, she is survived by one daughter: Mary and Jim Unzicker of Claypool; one son: Sale and Lois Ladson of Rochester; 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday, Nov. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

Services are at the funeral home with the Pastor Michael Wilhite officiating, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Burial will be at Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone.

Memorial contributions may be made to One Accord Bible Study or to the Mentone First Baptist Church.
CLAYPOOL - Jone DeCook, 51, of 8643 CR. 700 W., Claypool, died Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:56 p.m. at home. She was born May 15, 1954 in South Bend to Wilbur and Dora (Jacobs) Boggs. A graduate of Clay High School, she lived in South Bend in 1989, then in Argos until 2002 when she moved to Claypool. She worked for Zimmer as a machinist. She is survived by her mother, Dora Boggs of Dowagiac, Mich.; a son, Shawn (Nicole) Fergison of Argos; a daughter, Melissa DeCook of Mishawaka; and two brothers: Mark (Gail) Boggs of North Webster and Glen Boggs of Chicago, Ill. She was preceded in death by her father, Wilbur Boggs and a brother, Pete Boggs. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Calling will be held after the memorial service until 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel
2290 Provident Court, Warsaw € 267-7123

BOURBON - Gilbert C. Hadden, 78, of 11th Road, Bourbon, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005 at the Bremen Health Care Center after an illness. Gilbert, a diesel mechanic, was born Nov. 1, 1927 in Hamlet to Cleo and Millie Christinson Hadden. He was married to Darline Graves in 1956 in Denver, Colo. She preceded him in death May 16, 2003. He is survived by three daughters: Cheryl Medeiros of Myrtle Beach, N.C., Shon Haeck of Bourbon and Karla Muncie of Columbus, Ohio; five sons: James and Gary Hadden, both of Mobile, Ala., Carl Hadden of Hamlet, Kent Hadden of Kankakee, Ill., and Keith Hadden of Plymouth; 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, one grandson, two great-grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers. He attended the Highway Chapel Church of God. He was a member of the Knox VFW Post 748, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II. Visitation is Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 9, for one hour prior to services, at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Services are Wednesday at Highway Chapel Church of God, Hamlet, with the Pastor Dan Allen officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by Knox VFW Post 748. Burial will be in Fletcher Cemetery.

Bertha P. Wilhelm

Pilot News
December 5, 2005

ARGOS - Lifetime Argos resident, Bertha P. Wilhelm, 85, died in Miller's Merry Manor, Culver, on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at 12:58 p.m. She had formerly lived at 218 Yearick St. in Argos.

Bertha was born in Argos on May 3, 1920. She was the daughter of Omer Emerson and Cordia Mary Flagg.

She graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1938.

On Oct. 22, 1939, Bertha and Ermel Wilhelm were married in Metea, Ind. Married for 56 years, Ermel died in August of 1995.

Bertha had worked at the Morgan Telephone Co. in Argos; then nine years at the Argos Post Office and later, eight years as a teller in the State Exchange Bank of Argos.

A true homemaker, Bertha enjoyed and loved her children and grandchildren. She was adept at knitting and crocheting and was an avid reader.

She was a member of the Argos Bible Church and a former member of Eastern Star.

Bertha is survived by Barbara Neidlinger, a daughter, of Culver and by two sons: Stanley and Mary Wilhelm, Argos and Jerry and Kay Wilhelm, Inverness, Fla.

Nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two siblings: a sister, Reba Dunlap and a brother, Albert Flagg and a granddaughter.

Friends will be welcomed by her family to celebrate her life on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. There will also be calling one hour prior to services at the church.

Funeral services for Bertha will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 at Argos Bible Church 210 South Maple Street, Argos.

Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts in Bertha's name may be made to the Argos Bible Church or to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

The sharing of memories and messages of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Jewel Williams

Pilot News

Sunday, November 06, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Jewel Williams, 79, of 315 West Garro Street, Plymouth, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2005 at 1:18 p.m. at her daughter's home in South Bend.
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She was born on Sept. 17, 1926 in Livingston, W. Va., to Benjamin and Eva (Mickles) Priestley. Jewel married Dexter Williams on June 24, 1953.

Jewel is survived by her husband, Dexter Williams; her daughters, Gerri and Jon Webber of Stayton, Ore., Jane and Bob Winters of Teegarden, Cheryl and Tim Hartz of South Bend and Cherri and Don Stahly of Koontz Lake; her sons: Larry Owen, Richard Bowles, David Napier, and Terry Owen, all of West Virginia; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two brothers, a sister and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home with The Rev. Steven Wright officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Southern Care Hospice at 310 West McKinley St., Suite 340, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Williams Family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth 936-2534

Gladys M. Cline

Monday, November 07, 2005
BREMEN - Gladys M. Cline, 94, of Bremen, died Monday, Nov. 7 at Bremen Healthcare Center.

She is survived by daughters: Virginia (Martin) McLetcher of Coldwater, Mich. and Clarisia (Ted) Haas of Bremen; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and 11 great great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook, Mich.

Memorials may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lewis E. VanHorn

Monday, November 07, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Lewis "Lew" E. Van Horn of 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, passed away on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7:28 a.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

Lew was born on May 16, 1917 in Delta, Colo. to James and Elizabeth (Stone) Van Horn. He served his country in the United States Navy. He retired from PiRod where he worked as a welder. He also worked for NIPSCO.

Lew was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Lew married Lillian Jacobson in Donaldson on Aug. 11, 1946. She passed away on Nov. 7, 1991.

He is survived by his daughters, Tanya and Carl Stockberger of Plymouth and Rhonda and Arndt Mueller of Marion; four grandsons; and his caretaker and companion, Iris Cain of Niles,

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Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home with The Rev. Dennis Wenzel officiating. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Donaldson.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 6835 Union Rd., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Van Horn family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison St., Plymouth 936-2534

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

ROCHESTER - Linda Fay Rambo, 58, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4:30 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by sons: Michael Lynn Rambo of Rochester and Robert Ray (Sherri) Rambo of Lake Station; four grandchildren; and a sister, Chris (Steve) Kopecy of Statesville, N.C.

No funeral services or visitation are planned.

Foster & Good Funeral Home of Rochester is in charge of the arrangements.

Wednesday, November 09, 2005

LA PORTE - Rev. William Ernest Vannest, 92, of LaPorte, formerly of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 9 at Fountainview Terrace Nursing Home in LaPorte.

He is survived by his children: Eulene (Stan) McKenzie of Westville, Sue (Ron) McKinney of Kansas City, Mo., Peggy (Bill) Williams of Covington and Warren (Janet) Vannest of Loganville, Ga.; a brother, Charles Vannest of Panama City, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Visitation is Friday, Nov. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. at Liberty Bible Church, Chesterton.

Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kids Alive International.

Wednesday, November 09, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Olga C. Wagner, 82, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 9 at home.

She is survived by a daughter, Judith A. Burger of Plymouth; son, Robert L. Watkins of Fort Wayne; and sisters: Garda Manuilow of Fort Wayne and Euline Obermiller of Prescott, Ariz.
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Visitation is Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Plymouth. A rosary service will be at 9:45 a.m. Saturday in the church.

A memorial mass will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church.

A committal service will be Monday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael's Parish.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Lester "Max", Jr. Rhoads**  
**Pilot News**

Thursday, November 10, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lester "Max" Rhoads, Jr., 78, of 17431 Cindy Trail, Plymouth, passed away at 12:18 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005 at his home.

Max was born on June 3, 1927, in Indianapolis to the late Nellie Thompson and Lester Max Rhoads, Sr. He is preceded in death by his son, Lester Max Rhoads III, his brother James Creed Rhoads, and a grandson, James Allen Rhoads.

Max leaves to cherish his memory, a son and daughter-in-law, William Glenn and Cindy L. Rhoads of Plymouth; a daughter Betty Jane Rhoads of South Bend; and a sister Marilyn White of Greencastle. He is also survived by two grandsons, Timothy Paul Rhoads and Lester Edward Rhoads; five granddaughters, Amy Renee Bird, Jackie Marie Rhoads, Leslie Ann Rhoads, Tracy Jo Schweisberger, and Kelly Christine Schweisberger; and two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Elizabeth and Tristan Dean Rhoads.

Max was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces United States Coast Guard on July 3, 1945 after serving as a Merchant Marine during World War II on the S.S. William H. Moody. Following his service he worked as a printer for Cornelious Printing Company in Indianapolis. He was an active member of the Unitarian Singles Group while residing in Indianapolis. During his retirement, he worked as a fix-all handyman for many various businesses in town. He also worked for Ancilla College in their transportation department as a driver.

Max retired on Sept. 27, 1989. He had many passions, his true sanctuary was his garden where he grew and then canned many vegetables for his family and friends. When he wasn't in his garden, he loved to cook, go fishing, hunting and entertain family and close friends. He was also an avid motorcyclist. Max belonged to Stoney Creek, AMA, Abate, and Country Cruisers motorcycle groups. Max touched many lives with his kindness and generosity and he will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him.

Funeral services for Max were held 4 p.m. Sunday at the Van Gilder Funeral Home with the Pastor Nathan Babcock officiating.

Visitation was at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth, on Sunday from 1 p.m. to the time of service. Burial will be at the New Ross Cemetery, New Ross, Ind. on Monday at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 South Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563 or the Christ's Church, 12012 U.S. 31 S., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Rhoads family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison Street Plymouth € 936-2534
### Nicholas Arone
**Pilot News**
Friday, November 11, 2005
NorthWood student loses battle
By Anthony Gadson Editor

For the second time this school year, the Wa-Nee Community School Corporation lost one of its students.

NorthWood High School sophomore Nicholas Arone passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis following a long illness resulting from a brain tumor.

“I know that even this year, he was still taking voice lessons,” NorthWood High School principal Louis Bon-acorsi said about Arone.

Born in Rochester on April 30, 1989, Arone moved to Nap-panee when he was 2 years old. While attending NorthWood High School, Arone was active in Pyramid Productions, the drama club and the choir.

According to Bonacorsi, Arone was a student much involved with the arts.

“He really loved the arts,” he said. “He was in Pyramid and the choir, and talked a lot about that part of school.”

### Sister Maureen Freihage
**Pilot News**
Friday, November 11, 2005
DONALDSON - Sister Maureen Freihage, PHJC, 99, of Union Road, Donaldson, died Friday, Nov. 11 at Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Visitation is Monday, Nov. 14 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel, Donaldson.

Rosary will be Monday at 7 p.m. during the wake service.

The funeral services will be Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 11 am. at the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel, Donaldson.

Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

### Louis Frederick Schaefer
**Pilot News**
Saturday, November 12, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Louis Frederick Schaefer, Jr., 78, of 508 Randolph St., Plymouth, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at his home, of natural causes after a brief illness.

He was born on June 26, 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio to Louis F. and Evelyn Burdue Schaefer.

The family moved to Miami Road, in South Bend, before settling in the town of LaPaz.

Louie attended LaPaz School. He entered the service, first with the United States Army, then he re-entered with the United States Army Air Corp. He was stationed in the Philippines, as a mechanic, with the U.S. Air force ground crew. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #1162, Plymouth.

On Sept. 14, 1947, Louie and Martha Ann Keller were married in the Evangelical United Brethren parsonage in Plymouth.
He was a truck driver for Norwalk Truck Lines in South Bend for 23 years. He retired in 1991 from Proctor & Gamble of Plymouth.

Louis is survived by his wife, Martha; their daughter, Pamela Mabry and her companion Duane F. Brown; his brothers, Richard and his wife Betty of Bremen, and John and his wife Betty of Plymouth; his sisters, Susan Birk and her husband Ralph of Peru, and Judy DeFries and her husband Lynn of Elkhart; his brothers-in-law, Lloyd Keller of South Bend and Allen Keller and his wife Bonnie of Argos; his sister-in-law Cynthia Dixon and her companion Marvin Cook of Kyle, Tex.

Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Thomas S. Schaefer; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cyril P. and Wanda C. Keller; his sister-in-law, Pat Keller; his nephew, John Keller; and his son-in-law, Edward Lee Mabry, Jr.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home with burial in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. The Plymouth VFW Post #1162 will present Military Honors at the Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 South Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Schaefer family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street Plymouth € 936-2534

James R. Hickman
Pilot News

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

A Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ritchey Ranch for James R. “Jim” Hickman, 74, of Bryan. Mr. Hickman died Tuesday at his home of extended illnesses. Survivors include his wife, Norma Drews Hickman whom he married in Donaldson, Indiana in 1955; three sons Cole J. Hickman and wife Mona of Spring, Texas, Kit R. Hickman and wife Brenda of Bryan, and Craig A. Hickman and girl friend Branda Shelnutt of Rising Star, Texas; a niece Jeannie Bronson & husband Bill of New Lenox, Illinois, eight grandchildren, Allen, JR, Christy, Nancy, Brandy, Dakota, Lauren and Sierra; four chosen grandchildren Kutter, Brodee, Josh & Baxter; four great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mervol Lowell Hickman and Mary Ann MacMillen; a sister Pearl Jean Hickman Begy, and a brother, Harold Wayne Hickman.

James Hickman was on active duty with the 38th Infantry Division, Rock of the Marne Headquarters from 1955 to 1957, based with a training unit in Tacoma Washington with one mission to Cambodia. He was in the Army Reserve from 1957 thru December 1962.

He attended Hobart High School, received his GED in 1977 and graduated from East Texas Police Academy, Diesel Mechanic School, & Brazos Business College. He was a 4-H leader for horsemanship for four years, a winner of the 5 Acre Corn Growers award for two years. The whole family was very active in the Speed Benders Saddle Club. He rodeoed for many years,
Jim mastered many vocations during his life including farming, logging with draft horses, diesel mechanics, law enforcement, but his first love was ranching. He started ranching in Texas in 1969 working with W.C. Scasta, Jr. He was the first employee hired by Granada Land & Cattle Company where he was a ranch foreman and worked to get several ranches in operation. He worked for Premier Cattle Company as cattle foreman on 11,000 acres of the Clarksville, Texas operation. While working at Premier he was approached by The Prince of Liechtenstein, Hans Adam, to become his operations manager in the Texarkana, Clarksville and Sulpher Springs, Texas areas including 37,000 acres of farming and ranching land. He was responsible for the development and operation of the new ranches. He worked directly for the General Manager, John Toifl. When Mr. Toifl died tragically, Jim moved back to the Bryan area to be closer to his sons and worked on several ranches until re-injured in 1997.

He was supposed to be retired after a horse fell on him for the second time and he had to have his leg amputated. But he wasn't! He showed incredible courage and determination and mastered the use of his prosthetic and continued to do impossible jobs even as his health deteriorated due to lung cancer. He rebuilt four antique tractors and made many unique tools and equipment for use in farming. He invented tools to help in his shop work because of his decreasing strength. He climbed ladders, trimmed trees one legged when he broke his hip and generally worked harder and smarter than most able bodied men. His remarkable courage is an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

One of his greatest legacies was the way he instilled character and a tremendous work ethic in his three sons. His grandchildren are following the examples Jim left behind. He was a reserved man except where his family was concerned. He delighted in teasing his grandchildren and showing them his love in unexpected ways. The ornerier the better.

The greatest event in his life was his acceptance of Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was hungering for that word and God sent a dear friend to deliver the message. He kept telling us he wanted to go home - and now he is there.

He is not a “flower type” of guy. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice Brazos Valley for the outstanding care and love received from them or to Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

Memorial Funeral Chapel
1515 S College Ave., Bryan, Texas
(979) 823-8125

Kathryn S. Doerr  Pilot News

Thursday, November 17, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Kathryn S. Doerr, 97, a resident for the past year at Miller's Assisted Living Facility in Plymouth, died of natural causes at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2005, in Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Camden, N.J., on April 4, 1908, Kathryn was the daughter of Burt and Emma F. Kummer Reed. She graduated from Camden High School and the Camden Commercial College.

One of her fondest memories as a teenager was attending the first Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. in 1921. In an interview several years ago she said that “Atlantic City was our family's second home.”
Kathryn met her husband, Clarence Doerr, in 1937, on a train trip when both were traveling to California.

They were married on April 12, 1939, in Camden, N.J. He was the superintendent of the Plymouth District of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company.

Kathryn came to Plymouth as a bride and has remained here ever since. She and Clarence were married for 55 years before his death on May 2, 1994.

She said that people had thought she would move west to be near her daughters after “Doerr” died.

“But I loved Plymouth and I was happy here and made it my home.”

A homemaker, Kathryn was a member of Eastern Star for more than 78 years. In 2002, she was honored at a ceremony at the Plymouth Masonic Lodge where she received a citation and a pin from the past grand patron of Eastern Star. Kathryn had also been the past matron of her chapter in her hometown of Camden, N.J.

She was an active member of Delta Theta Tau for more than 25 years and an associate member for many more.

A dedicated bridge player, she belonged to two bridge clubs and was a founder of the popular Plymouth Community Bridge Club. She was a member of the Women of the Moose and a charter member of the Parkview Hospital Auxiliary.

Kathryn loved playing almost any card game. Bridge was her favorite but she was also an excellent euchre and canasta player too. She crocheted, baked and sewed and for years knitted baby booties for the hospital's gift shop.

She is survived by two daughters: Joanne K. Maher, Temple City, Calif., and Evelyn R. and Donald Heim, West Hills, Calif..

Five granddaughters also survive. Joanne's daughters are Tamara Maher-Salgado who with her husband, Peter, lives in San Clemente, Calif., and Christine Maher-Pallister and her husband, Garry, of Alameda, Calif. Evelyn's daughters are Deborah Heim-Waddill and husband Nathan of Plymouth: Kathryn and Glenn O'Shea of Castiac, California and Karen and Bryon Zambello of Mason, Ohio.

Five great-grandchildren survive as well. They are Lauren and Cameron Zambello and Sean and Kayla O'Shea and Hailey Pallister.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters: Helen Weidman and Evelyn M. Reed.

Friends will be welcomed by Kathryn's family on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20, 2005, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services will begin at 3 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home with an Eastern Star memorial rite and followed by funeral services conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ronald Liechty and the Rev. Paul Nye, of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, where Kathryn was a long time member.

Entombment will be in the New Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Kathryn's memory may be made to the 1st Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, or the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com
Lucille R. Hoppe

Saturday, November 19, 2005

Lucille R. Hoppe, 96, formerly of Merrillville and Valparaiso, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005 in Culver. She was a resident of Hammond for 60 years.

She is survived by daughter, Darlene (Herbert) Seberger of Valparaiso; son, William (fiancée Wanda Farrar) Hoppe of Plymouth; six grandchildren: Jeff (Sue) Gorden of Elk Grove Village, Ill., Anita (Larry) Boetsma of Culver, Susan (Jim) Irwin of Plymouth, William Hoppe Jr. of South Bend, Brian (Joetta) Hoppe of Bedford and Karen (John) Catchur of Valparaiso; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rendina Funeral Home, 5100 Cleveland St., Merrillville.

Funeral services are at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Jim Irwin officiating. Burial will be in Ridgelawn Cemetery.

Matthew J. Lewandowski

Saturday, November 19, 2005

CULVER - Matthew J. Lewandowski, 30, of Culver, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2005, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his mother Janice S. Rose, and step-father John Rose, of Culver; his father Donald J. Lewandowski of North Judson; his brother Donald E. Lewandowski of Knox; his sister Loranda Lewandowski of Winamac; his fiancée Jeniene St. Clair of Culver; his grandmother Juanita Lewandowski of North Judson; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the O'Donnell Funeral Home, 302 Lane St., North Judson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

Myrtle A. Maciejack

Saturday, November 19, 2005

VALPARAISO - Myrtle A. Maciejack, 79, of North Judson, died Saturday, Nov. 19 at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

She is survived by sons: Herb Maciejack, Walter Maciejack and Tim Maciejack, all of Knox; daughters: Peggy Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio and Pam Croaston of Aurora, Colo.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Herb Brooks of Wolflake and a sister, Ann Paul of Monterey.

Visitation is after 10 a.m. on Friday at the Braman and Bailey Funeral Home, North Judson. A memorial service will be held Friday by the American Legion Auxiliary of Women.
Funeral services are Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

Fred L. Manuwal  
Pilot News

Saturday, November 19, 2005

ROCHESTER - Fred L. Manuwal, 77, 2315 Huddleston Drive, Rochester, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 19, 2005 at his residence.


Mr. Manuwal had been Chief Inspector at Dodge's Manufacturing, Mishawaka, and had been a courier at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge, Sons of American Veterans as well as a former Indiana National Guardsman. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, cutting wood, dancing and being with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Manuwal, Rochester; son, Dennis L. and wife Mary A. Manuwal, Plymouth; daughters: Karen S. and husband Ralph Brown, Rochester and Mary D. Manuwal, Plymouth; step-children: Suzie and husband Mike Rhoda, Pacific, Mo., Sherry and husband Jim Crowe, West Bend, Ore., Steve and wife Sue McKinney, Plymouth and Jamie and husband Mark Cook, Indianapolis; grandchildren: Tony R. and wife Sandy Woods, Plymouth, Mike and Brandy Woods, Plymouth, Renea Willis, Osceola, Dianne Woods, Leiters Ford, Donna D. and husband Rich Vela, Culver, Dennis L. and wife Shandi Manuwal Jr., Plymouth; step-grandchildren: Kristina Kelly, Savannah, Ga., Anthony Kelly, Savannah, Ga., Audrey Kelly, West Bend, Ore., Jack Crowe, West Bend, Ore., Stephanie McKinney, Plymouth and Christopher Rhoda, Pacific, Mo.; 23 great-grandchildren; brother, Dale A. and wife Carolyn Manuwal, Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Nathan Kelly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 23, 2005 at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester with the Rev. Len Martin officiating. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Moose Heart Fund.

Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home
1101 Jefferson St., Rochester € 223-3712

Michael Richard Morris  
Pilot News

Saturday, November 19, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Michael Richard Morris, age 45, while involved in an automobile accident, crossed over into the light, Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 6:45 a.m.

Mike, a lifelong Plymouth resident, was born on June 20, 1960, the firstborn child of his parents: Richard C. and Joyce P. Morris.

Growing up, Mike developed a love of cars, motorcycles and animals and he maintained that love throughout his lifetime. He especially liked to restore Harley Davidsons and classic cars.

His home was always a haven of love and care for stray animals that were dropped off to fend for themselves by heartless owners.
As a teen, Mike began working in the family's business: Morris Motors & Carwash.

Mike graduated from LaVille High School in 1978 and soon opened Morris Motors North. Through the years he has moved his car lot to different locations, but his commitment to his many customers earned him their loyalty and they followed him to his new locations.

Mike enjoyed being a car salesman. He always took the time to really get to know his customer and worked hard to find them the best deals on buying used vehicles. Mike's family would like to thank those loyal customers for their patronage all these years.

Mike liked making others smile and could always be counted on for a good laugh whether at family gatherings or with his friends or customers.

On March 27, 1987, Mike wed Paula Flosenzier and they settled here in Plymouth. Mike shared a close relationship with his in-laws: Guy and Jean Flosenzier and family of Plymouth.

Mike's greatest joy came from being a dad to his son, Rick. They shared an undeniably, strong bond. They spent time hunting, fixing cars, improving their property, riding motorbikes and just enjoying each other's company.

Mike's gifts were many. He filled many roles: that of Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Uncle, Friend. He will be deeply missed by us all.

Mike is survived by his father, Richard C. Morris. The mother of their beloved child, Paula; his cherished son, Richard Michael Morris, his brothers: James W. and Monica Morris, Joseph R. and Lynn Morris, his sister, Julie A. Morris and five nieces and two nephews, all of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents and his mother, Joyce P. Morris, who took him into her arms when he entered God's Kingdom.

A celebration of Mike will take place in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, from 3 to 8 p.m.

Family interment services will be held at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to Center For Hospice & Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St. Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563 as Mike was a supporter of this very important community service.

Words of condolence may be shared with the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.#

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Fiery crash closes highway Saturday

Emergency crews responded to an accident at 6:50 a.m. Saturday morning, when a car drove into the path of a semi-tractor trailer, carrying over 40,000 pounds of milk. The driver of the car was killed on impact, and the semi's driver sustained minor cuts and bruises. Pilot Photos/Maggie Nixon

By Maggie Nixon Staff Writer

PLYMOUTH - Traffic was narrowed to one southbound lane and one northbound lane for nearly 11 hours Saturday, after a car, driven by Michael R. Morris, 45, of Plymouth, drove into the path of a semi tractor-trailer at the U.S. 31 and 11th Road crossing.

Traffic was also halted on both lanes for some time, while the semi was up-righted, according to
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investigating officer, Sergeant Gary Dunlap of the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

At 6:50 a.m., the sheriff's department 911 received a phone call of a traffic accident. Dunlap noted, "Witnesses say the vehicle did not stop at the intersection."

Morris was pronounced dead at the scene. Driving westbound on 11th Road, Morris allegedly crossed into the path of a semi, registered to Alexander Distributing - Dean's of Rochester, which was headed north on the highway. The trailer was loaded with 40,000 pounds of milk products. The semi driver was uninjured, with minor cuts and bruises.

“He’s very lucky he was wearing a seat belt,” Dunlap said, adding that a seat belt would not have been a factor in attempting to save Morris.

According to Marshall County Coroner John Grolich, Morris died of multiple blunt force trauma and massive thermo injuries.

His remains were unable to be removed from the wreckage at the scene.

“The truck driver applied his breaks, but it was too late,” Dunlap said. “He was right on the vehicle by then.”

The vehicle was separated when the semi hit the driver's side.

“The car was totally engulfed in fire,” Dunlap said. “When emergency crews arrived, there was no chance to get him (Morris) out.”

Upon impact, the semi's brakes were applied.

Dunlap said as the driver tried to turn the wheel to avoid the collision, the semi went into a spin and turned onto its side. Both vehicles came to a rest in the median.

The county police were assisted by Plymouth fire, emergency and rescue, the Argos Police and Indiana State Police.

**Henry L. Matzat**

**Pilot News**

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

CULVER - Henry L. Matzat, 91, of Culver, died Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Olga A. Matzat of Culver; sons: Kenneth Matzat of Pleasant Plains, Ill. and John Matzat of Jeffersonville; daughter, Bonnie Raffel of Kewanna; brothers: Ewald Matzat, Harold Matzat and Ludwig Matzat, all of North Judson; sister, Emma Matzat of North Judson; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation is Friday, Nov. 25 after noon at St. Peter Lutheran Church, North Judson.

Funeral services are Friday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

**Ruby E. Miller**

**Pilot News**

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Ruby E. Miller, 96, of Clover Rd., Mishawaka, died on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.
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She is survived by her children: Gerry Barnes of Plymouth, Tom (Laurie) Miller of Plymouth and John (Maureen) Miller of Mishawaka; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, Nov. 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Hahn Funeral Home, Mishawaka.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26 in Coalbush United Methodist Church, Mishawaka, where there will be a visitation one hour prior to the services.

Burial will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Antonette Siddall

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Antonette Siddall, 72, of 16220 11th Road, Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005 at 12:15 p.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She was born on June 13, 1933 in New York City to Alfred and Catherine (Romaninsky) Negri. Antonette married Paul Siddall on Sept. 30, 1951, in New York City, and came to Plymouth at that time. She worked for American Optical and Standard Plumbing and Heating. When not at work she also sold Avon. She was an avid bowler, belonging to the Jolly 15 Club and enjoyed gardening. She was an active member of Saint Michael Catholic Church.

Antonette was a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband Paul of Plymouth; their daughters: Patty and Don Hobbs, Cathy and David Hamann, and Sue and Steve McKinney all of Plymouth; their son, Paul Jr. (Dick) and Dawn Siddall of Plymouth; her sister, Connie Corcoran of Dallas Texas; her brother Eugene Negri of Croton, N.Y.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN or to Saint Michael Catholic Church, 612 North Walnut Street, Plymouth, IN 46563

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Siddall family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth € 936-2534

Dennis L. Thompson

Tuesday, November 22, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Dennis "Denny" L. Thompson, 501 Northgate, Rochester, died of natural causes at 6:47 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2005, in the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Denny was 58 years old.

He was born in LaPorte on March 24, 1947, the son of Melvin E. and Faith Joanne Vollrath Thompson. He graduated from La Paz High School with the class of 1964.

A Vietnam veteran, Denny served his country in the United States Navy.
A semi-driver, Denny worked for Indiana Heat Transfer as a programmer and supervisor.

He loved to fish and enjoyed fishing the local lakes for bluegill. His favorite spots were in Pretty Lake and Winona Lake. He was a devoted grandfather and looked forward to spending time with Alexis Hatfield and Andrew Thompson, his grandkids.

Denny is also survived by two sons, their spouses and a daughter.

His sons are: Corey and Denise Thompson and Danny and Jessica Thompson, all of Silver Lake. His daughter is Melissa Hatfield, Pierceton.

Brothers David and Rachel Thompson, Plymouth and Ronald Thompson, Rochester and Patricia Kline, Plymouth, also survive Denny's death.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be welcomed by his family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m.

Funeral services for Denny will be held on at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, 2005, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner. Military honors will be accorded by the VFW Post 1162, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Lyman D. Craft

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

CULVER - Lyman D. Craft, 78, of 306 W. Washington St., Culver, died at 6:45 p.m. at his home, on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005.

Lyman was born in Burr Oak on June 14, 1927, to Izora J. (Bolen) and Wilfred Craft.

He was married to Edna Mae (VonEhr) Craft, on Aug. 15, 1953 in Culver. Lyman was a retired electrician. He was a member of the Culver Grace United Church of Christ and Finney-Shilling VFW Post #6919 of Culver.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Mae of Culver; one son: Robert and Barb Craft of Plymouth; one daughter: Gale S. Craft of Culver; two grandsons: Austin D. Craft and Zachary J. Craft of Plymouth; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Visitation will be at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 6 p.m., and at the Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday.

Services will be at the church on Monday, Nov 28, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Robin Keating officiating.

Interment will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver. Veterans rites will be conducted at the graveside.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Culver Grace United Church of Christ, Culver, the Heart Fund or the American Cancer Association.

Letters of condolences may be sent via the funeral home at www.bonine-odom.com

Bonine Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Lester H. Grover**

**Palto News**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2005**

PLYMOUTH - Lester H. “Les” Grover, 77, residing at 317 Nursery St., Plymouth, for nearly the past 20 years, died from a long term illness at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005, in Miller’s Merry Manor, where together he and his wife have resided since October of this year.

Born at home in Plymouth on April 14, 1928, Les was the son of Harry B. and Myrtle May Smith Grover.

He was educated in the old Hibbard country school house.

In Plymouth, on Dec. 22, 1946, Les and Maxine E. McCalmont were married in the parsonage of Rev. Walter and Gladys Mangun.

Les built his first motorized bicycle at the age of twelve. Probably got into a whole lot of trouble about it as he took his grandmother Myrtle’s new Maytag washing machine apart to use the motor.

The love of motors stuck with him as a stockcar and motorcycle racer, he won many championships and had a great time, competing at the Warsaw and New Parris Speedways.

He was also an excellent mechanic. He first worked for Nash Autos and then was hired by Labas Chevrolet in Plymouth.

He later worked for the Read family at the Plymouth Fertilizer Plant as a fabricator, repairman, welder and driver. In his retirement, he repaired lawn mowers.

He had attended the Bible Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Les is survived by Maxine, his wife of almost 59 years.

A brother and sister-in-law, Charles M. and Dolores Grover, Argos, also survive together with two nephews and two nieces. They are: Jim and Judy Grover, Culver; Jerry and Joyce Grover, Indianapolis; Barb and Bruce Pearson, Argos and Donna and Dwight Hite, Culver.

Ten great-nieces and nephews and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews survive as well.

Les was preceded in death by his parents and one brother and sister-in-law, Marvin L. and Edith Grover.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 1 - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005, in the New Oakhill Chapel, Plymouth where the Rev. George L. Swank, pastor of Nappanee, will conduct funeral services at 2 p.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is assisting with arrangements.
Memorial gifts in Les’ memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth  € 936-2829

Richard E. Harris  
Pilot News

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Richard E. Harris, 51, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Musser) Harris of Plymouth; daughters: Stephanie (Charles) Hooks of Sioux City, Iowa and Betty Jo (Dione) McGee of South Bend; and sons: Brad (Chelsea) Harris and Richard Harris, all of Plymouth.

Visitation is Monday, Nov. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Monday, Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. at the cemetery chapel.

Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Plymouth.

Etta Jane McIntire  
Pilot News

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

KNOX - Etta Jane McIntire, 73, Knox, died Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005.

She is survived by her husband, James H. McIntire, Sr.; her children: Sandy McIntire Larracuenta of South Bend, James H. McIntire, Jr. of Knox, and John E. McIntire of Lafayette, Tenn.; brothers and sisters: Earl King, Niles, Mich., Catherine Relos of Plymouth, Dolores Pesut of Mishawaka, Ruby Solomos of Naples, Fla., and Willard King of Knox; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, Nov. 27, at M.C. Smith Funeral Home.

Services are Monday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Crown Hill Cemetery in Knox.

Memorial contributions may made to the Marshall County Hospice would be appreciated.

Betty L. Carr  
Pilot News

Thursday, November 24, 2005

ROCHESTER - Betty L. Carr, 82, of 13th Street, Rochester, passed away at 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 24, 2005 at the Life Care Center in Rochester.

Betty was born, at home, on June 21, 1923 to William Asher and Narpha G. (Dewald) Lockwood in Deedsville, Ind.

After the war, Betty married Harry L. Carr on June 9, 1946. They resided on the farm in Argos, Indiana until 1971. Then they moved to Franklin, Kentucky and lived there for 13 year, then moved to Plymouth, Indiana. Harry died on Feb. 12, 1986. After Harry’s death Betty spent many
happy hours with Buster, her dog, her children, grandchildren, and friends. She moved to Rochester in 2003, where she received loving care. During the 13 years in Kentucky, Harry and Betty, opened a Wicks Office and then their own business, Clearspan Construction.

Betty worked at the Miami County Agent's Office, Wicks in Argos, Marshall County Extension Office, Chi-Am Restaurant, and the Marshall County Auditor's Office, which she retired from in 1994. She also sold Lady Remington Jewelry, Home Interiors, and Yellow Ribbon.

Betty had been a member of Green and Walnut Township Home Economics Club, Jordan Baptist Church, where she had played the piano, the Marshall County Extension Board, and the Planning Commission.

She had attended Unity Church in Nashville, Tenn. and South Bend. She volunteered at the Neighborhood Center. She also was an avid dancer and attended Arthur Murray Dance Studio in South Bend, where she took lessons and competed in competitions.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Patricia and Sam Langfeldt of Plymouth; her sons, John and Angie Carr of North Lawrenceburg, Kentucky and Bob and Faye Carr of Port Washington, Wisconsin; her sisters-in-law Marie (Sam) Carr of Crossville, Tennessee and Helen Slemons of Sun City, Arizona. Also surviving are, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth. The burial will be at the I.O.O. F. Cemetery in Rochester.

Visitation will be on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The family requests that memorials to be given to the Neighborhood Center, 402 W. Garro St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Carr family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 West Madison St., Plymouth € 936-2534

Kent J. Ballenger Pilot News

Friday, November 25, 2005

MULBERRY, Fla. - Kent J. Ballenger, 57, of Mulberry, Fla., formerly of Rochester, died Friday, Nov. 25 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland, Fla.

He is survived by sons: Chad E. Ballenger of Ballwin, Mo. and Brian P. Ballenger of Ballwin, Mo.; parents: Herbert and Gloria Ballenger of Rochester; sister, Krystal K. Smith of Rochester; and one granddaughter.

Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 4 to 7 p.m. or one hour prior to his service Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services are Thursday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Athens. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Lake Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to either the Gideons International or the charity of one's choice.

There will be private family services.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

CHULA VISTA, Calif. - Jeannette (Morrical) Keaffaber Pyatt, 94, of Chula Vista, Calif. died Friday, Nov. 25 in San Diego, Calif.

She is survived by sons: Max (Janice) Keaffaber of San Diego, Calif. and Jack Keaffaber of Leesburg; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at St. Peters Cemetery, SR 13, Urbana, on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, is in charge of local arrangements.

BREMEN - Juanita V. Koontz, 94, of Bremen, died on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. at home.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet Koontz and friend Nancy Mitchell of New Bern, N.C.; sons: Gary Douglass (Kathleen) Koontz of Bremen and Kent (Carolyn) Koontz of Bremen; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Don Hepler of Bourbon.

Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Bremen.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church.

SOUTH BEND - Betty Jane (Rhoads) Long, 46, died Saturday, Nov. 26 at Regency Place of South Bend.

She is survived by daughters: Jackie Marie Rhoads of Plymouth and Leslie Ann Rhoads of Plymouth; brother, William G. Rhoads of Plymouth; and a grandson, Tristan Dean Rhoads.

The Indiana State Anatomical Board of Indiana University School of Medicine will be handling the arrangements.

BREMEN - Robert James Nichols, 92, died Thursday, Nov. 24 at home.

Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Bremen.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church.
Robert James Nichols, M.D., died at Good Samaritan Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 26.

He is survived by his wife, Nadene Nichols, and their children and spouses: Pamela and Craig Kallio of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Rhonda and John Barr of Iowa City, Iowa, Dena and David Yngve of Galveston, Texas, and Jim and Anne Nichols of Billings, Mont.; his brother, Dr. Harold G. Nichols of Indianapolis; and 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor George Ford officiating. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. There will be a visitation at Goodwin Funeral Home on Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 3 to 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the YMCA.

Braman and Son Memorial Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

June VanAsdall Swanson  Pilot News

GROVERTOWN - June VanAsdall Swanson, 82, of County Road 550 N., Grovertown, died Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7:08 p.m. in her home, after an illness.

She is survived by her husband Norman at home; one son: Craig of Grovertown; two grandchildren: Eric Swanson and Amy Swanson, both of Walkerton; one great granddaughter: Sydney Swanson of Walkerton; three sisters: Shirley Boyle of Hamlet, Evelyn Skorup of Knox, and Joann Stalbaum of Wheatfield; three brothers: Kenneth VanAsdall of Knox, Vernon VanAsdall of New Haven, Ind., and Willard VanAsdall of Tucson, Ariz.

Visitation is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Burial will take place in the Swedish Cemetery, Donaldson.

Betty Jane Long  Pilot News

SOUTH BEND - Betty Jane Long, 47, of South Bend, died Nov. 27 at Regency Place Nursing Home.

She is survived by daughters: Leslie Rhoads and Jackie Rhoads, both of Plymouth; and a brother, William Rhoads of Plymouth.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 29 at 3:30 p.m. at Shamrock Gardens, 17650 Generations Dr., South Bend.

Arrangements by the McGann Hay Funeral Home, University Area Chapel, South Bend

Louise M. Hindman  Pilot News

PLYMOUTH - Louise M. Hindman, 88, 6700 N. Oak Rd., died of natural causes at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Louise was born in Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 21, 1917. She was the daughter of Walter and Louise Rosenstiel Colvin. She graduated from Argos High School with the with the class of 1935.

On Aug. 4, 1941, in Plymouth, Louise and Elson "Babe" Hindman were married.
In addition to being a super mom to their four children, Louise was co-owner and bookkeeper, since 1949, of the Hindman Sewer Service business.

She was dedicated as one of Jehovah's Witness and loved teaching others about the message of the Bible. She had the privilege of introducing many to what God promises for all mankind: Of life without end at last on earth.

Louise enjoyed gardening and, according to her family, "keeping her husband in line!"

She is survived by “Babe” Hindman, her devoted husband of sixty-four years, and by their daughter, three sons and their spouses.

They are: Linda Hindman Querry and her husband, Don, Wheatland, Wyoming: Harold M. and Sandy Hindman, Muncie, Ind., Robert Hindman, Dallas, Texas, Dr. Michael (Mick) and Shana Hindman, Norfolk, Neb. and a daughter-in-law Linda Kreig Hindman, Mishawaka.

Louise is also survived by 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A sister, Katherine and Jim Reeves, Warsaw, and two brothers, Dr. Irving and Roberta Colvin, Orlando, Fla. and Everett and Jane Colvin, Plymouth, survive as well.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents and by a son, Leon Hindman, who died in 1950, and a great-granddaughter, Annie Lynne Perry. Two brothers, Walter and Benjamin Colvin and a sister, Mignon Colvin have also died before her.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate the life of Louise Hindman from 3 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, and after 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Louise will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2005, in the funeral home. Robert Morie of the Plymouth Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses where Louise was a long-time member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories with the family may be sent via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Kaley Irene Peterson - Pilot News

Sunday, November 27, 2005

NORTH LIBERTY - Kaley Irene Peterson, 2-1/2 months, of North Liberty, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2005 at her home following an illness.

She is survived by her parents, Shannon and Sara Peterson of North Liberty; her maternal grandparents: John and Janice Palkovich of Koontz Lake; her paternal grandparents: Richard and Karen Peterson of North Liberty; maternal great-grandfathers: Floyd Engle of Koontz Lake and John Palkovich of Hobart; paternal great-grandmother: Agnes Gorby of North Liberty; and her paternal great-grandfather: Richard Peterson of South Bend.

Visitation is Monday, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, and
Tuesday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church after 10 a.m.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Dennis Wenzel officiating.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Donaldson.

**Raymond L. Broeker**

**Pilot News**

Monday, November 28, 2005

CULVER - Raymond Louis Broeker, 84, of 19915 State Road 8, Culver, died Monday, Nov. 28 in his home after being in declining health the past four months.

He was born Dec. 4, 1920 in Donaldson to the late Herman and Elizabeth Steir Broeker. He was a graduate of the West High School class of 1939. One sister, Helen Brockmann, and two brothers, Clarence and Charles Broeker preceded him in death.

He was a lifelong farmer and enjoyed traveling, fishing and gardening as hobbies. He was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver, and held various duties in the church such as serving on the building committee and church trustee. He served as a 4-H leader for more than 25 years and was a director for Marshall Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for 22 years.

He was married on June 4, 1949 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth to Annemarie Urlaub, who survives. Other survivors include three children: Robert (Lois) and Elaine (James) Frosch of Culver and Susan Broeker of Scottsdale, Ariz. and two grandchildren: Laura Silvers of Cypress, Texas and Adam Broeker of Culver. A sister, Mabel (Wes) Kirkpatrick of Plymouth survives as do two sisters-in-law: Dorothy (Clarence) Broeker and Jane (Charles) Broeker. He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 with Pastor Gerhardt Hallman officiating. Visitation for friends and family will be Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Interment will take place at Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak. Contributions can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in memory of Raymond Broeker.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home

104 Lake Shore Dr., Culver € 842-2082

**Phyllis A. Howard**

**Pilot News**

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Phyllis A. Howard, 49 of 322 South Walnut Street, Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005 at 3:33 p.m. at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1956 in Bremen to Manuel and Eileen (Smith) Howard. Phyllis worked at Owens Corning in Nappanee.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Rhiannon Back of Plymouth and Ellen and Kevin Fleck of LaPaz, Indiana; her mother, Aileen Howard of Knox; her sisters, Ethel Howard of Bristol, N.H. and Maxine and James Miller of South Bend; her brothers, Roger Howard of Wellington, Ky. and Paul and Julie Howard of South Bend. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Jordan Back-Merchant, Thomas Morcombe, Tiffanie Fleck and Austin Fleck. She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas J. Guyse; her father; Manuel Howard; her sister, Vickie Sue, and her brother Orval Wayne Howard.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.
The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 655, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Howard family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Van Gilder Funeral Home

300 W. Madison, Plymouth 936-2534

Marylavon Lemler  Pilot News

Tuesday, November 29, 2005
BREMEN - Marylavon Lemler, 91, of Bremen, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29 in Bremen Health Care.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law.

A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2 in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, Bourbon.

Visitation will be for one hour before services in the church.

Burial will be in the Parks Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to Rescue Mission of Fort Wayne.

Deaton-Clemons Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

Ruth Elizabeth Girton  Pilot News

Thursday, December 01, 2005
Ruth Elizabeth Girton

December 1, 2005

ST. CLOUD, Fla. - Ruth Elizabeth Girton, 92, of St. Cloud, Fla., formerly of Winamac, died Thursday, Dec. 1 at 1:01 p.m. at Plantation Bay, St. Cloud, Fla.

She is survived by a daughter, Sylvia (Verlin) Shaffer of Culver; sons: Francis (Dorothy) Girton Jr. of Cocoa, Fla. and Jerry R. (Patricia) Girton of Hobart; 13 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; brother, Charles Nordyke of Burns Harbor; and sisters: Annabelle Bonnell of Winamac, Patricia Hunt of Monticello and Ethel Nordyke of Dyer.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at Buffalo Christian Church.

Burial will take place in the Buffalo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to VITAS Hospice Healthcare Corp of Central Florida.

Helen Maxine Hall  Pilot News

Thursday, December 01, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Helen Maxine Hall, of 11174 Hawthorne Road, (Inwood), Plymouth, passed away at 2:45 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2005 in her home. She was 83 years old.
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Mrs. Hall was born Jan. 17, 1922 in Marshall County to William Arthur Tolle and Pearl Ella Sponseller Tolle.

She was married on Dec. 8, 1940 to Lewis Quentine Hall, who died in 2001. They had celebrated 60 years of marriage. Maxine was a longtime resident of Marshall County. She was a Loyal Woman of the Moose and had her own business, L & M Upholstery for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Long and two granddaughters: Kristel (Tim) Houin and Kellen (Jerry) Ambrose along with two great-grandchildren: Elle Maxine Houin and Dexter Quentine Ambrose.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lewis, her sister Marcella and her brother Harry Arthur.

A graveside service will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Parks Cemetery at Bourbon with Rev. Mark A. Day officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Marshall County Hospice.

Deaton-Clemons Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Deaton-Clemons Funeral Home
115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 342-5395

Wilma Jean Ketcham  Pilot News

Thursday, December 01, 2005

CULVER - Wilma Jean Ketcham, 71, of 11775 East S.R. 8, Culver, died Thursday, Dec. 1, at her home.

She is survived by two daughters: Leann Ketcham of Culver and Rose and Marvin Keyser of Walkerton; four sons: Ernest Ketcham of Culver, Kevin and Brenda Ketcham of Nappanee, Terry and Tammy Ketcham of Plymouth and Randy Ketcham of Culver; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by four brothers: Steve Williams of Stone Mountain, Ga., Arthur Williams of Knox, Dallas Williams of Plymouth, and Larry Williams of Plymouth; and eight sisters: Lil Haddix of Grovertown, Ruth Coffin of Grovertown, Mary Morris of Plymouth, Sally Speicer of Ober, Julia Sliter of Plymouth, Dot Williams of Grovertown, Bonnie Sauer of Ripley, and Patricia Helton of Bourbon.

Visitation was 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, on Sunday.

Services will be at the funeral home on Monday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Ted Dilts officiating.

Burial will be Monday in Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

Louis A. Green  Pilot News

Friday, December 02, 2005

KOONTZ LAKE - Louis A. Green, 73, of East S.R. 23, Koontz Lake, passed away Friday, Dec. 2, 2005, at 7:39 p.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born Sept. 9, 1932 in Kendall, Mich. to Azel and Sophia (Luptak) Green and came to Koontz Lake from Shererville 25 years ago. On Jan. 29, 1992 in Knox, he married Patricia Kaminski.

Survivors include his wife Patricia; one son: Mark Green of Shererville; four step-daughters:

He was a U.S. Army Veteran, a retired maintenance supervisor at Inland Steel in East Chicago, the former owner of Koontz Lake Laundry and the current owner of Lou's Golf Cart Services.

Visitation is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services on Tuesday in Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Father Anthony Spanley officiating.

Burial will take place in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Louis Green to the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison St., Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Florence L. Hunneshagen, 94, of the Monterey area, died Saturday, Dec. 3 at 1:48 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by sons: Robert (Carol) Hunneshagen of Monterey, Thomas (Cheryl) Hunneshagen of Monterey, Dr. Donald Hunneshagen of Lodi, Calif. and William (Theresa) Hunneshagen of Macy; daughters: Alice (Fred) Bauer of Monterey, Elizabeth Keller of Sarasota, Fla., Doris (Dan) Weninger of Mishawaka, Barbara (Charles W.) Freel of Portland, Rita (Richard) Strozewski of Plymouth and Theresa Hunneshagen of Arkdale, Wis.

Visitation is Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. There will be a Scriptural wake at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Monterey.

Burial will be in St. Anne's Cemetery, Monterey.

Memorials may be given to St. Anne's Maintenance Fund.

Ray L. Coffel, 85, of Bremen, died Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3:45 p.m. at Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by sons: Richard (Linda) Coffel, Edward (Linda) Coffel and Alan (Tammy) Coffel, all of Bremen; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Ruth Huston of New Carlisle and Phyllis (Noble) Heyde of Bremen; and a step brother, Glenn (Betty) Eldridge of Francesville.

Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services are Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m at Community Gospel Church in Bremen.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery.
Memorials may be made to Community Gospel Church, Hospice of Marshall County or the 3Cs Scholarship.

**Louis E. Hall**

**Pilot News**

Monday, December 05, 2005

BOURBON - Louis E. Hall, a resident of 610 12B Rd., Bourbon, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 in Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne. He was 74 years old.

Louis was born June 15, 1931 in New Castle, to Louis E. Hall, Sr. and Erie Luttrell Hall.

He married on Oct. 19, 1987 to Delta Shoemaker. He was a resident of Bourbon the past 18 years, and was retired owner of Choice Carrier Corporation. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, American Legion of Elkhart, and a faithful member of the Warsaw Wesleyan Church.

He is survived by his wife, Delta; five children: Sheila and Michael Schottenheimeer of Mogadore, Ohio, Sherrie and Mark Hilbish of Mogadore, Ohio, Louis E. III and Monica Hall of Melbourne, Fla., Steve and Anna Hall of Goshen and Cynthia Weigel of Salem, Ore. Two step-children: Kenneth R. Greenawalt of Bourbon and LeeAnn and Lloyd Holderman of Syracuse survive, with 21 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Joyce and Ed Webb of Rocky Mountain, N.C. and Cheryl Macias of Greenfield, Ind.; and a brother: Lyman and Theda Hall of Wilkinson, Ind.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Eugene.

A celebration of Louis's life will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Warsaw Wesleyan Church, 2402 Old Road 30 W., Warsaw, with the Rev. Wanda Carter officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of services in the church on Monday.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

**Harry John Overmyer**

**Pilot News**

Monday, December 05, 2005

ROCHESTER - Harry John Overmyer, 84, of Rochester, died at 11:07 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

He is survived by daughters: Kay (Larry) Heater of Rochester and Judy (Gordon) Moss of Kokomo; sons: Carl (Raenae) Overmyer of Rochester and Dale (Faye) Overmyer of Rochester; 14 grandchildren; brothers: Paul (Betty) Overmyer of Oregon, Lloyd Overmyer of Monterey and Wayne Overmyer of Knox.

Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Thursday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services are Thursday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Leiters Ford Cemetery.
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Memorials may be made to Whippoorwill Community Church.

David R. Schaefer
Pilot News

Monday, December 05, 2005

BOURBON - David R. Schaefer, a resident of 601 S. Bourbon St., Bourbon, passed away at 3:10 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, 2005 in Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne. He was 58 years old.

David was born July 10, 1947 at New Castle to Louis Schaefer and Arlene Crandall Schaefer.

He married on Dec. 22, 1973 to Sandra F. Furnas. He was a longtime resident of Nappanee and Redinger Lake near Pierceton. David was a retired electrician and a graduate of Enfield High School in Connecticut. He also loved fishing and was the 2000 points champion at the Mottville Speedway.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; his two daughters: April (Terry) Miller and their children: Brad, Tatum and Tiger, all of Bourbon and Dawn Schaefer and her children: Daryan and Daven, all of Bourbon; his son: Scott (Mary) Logan and their children: Anna and Cole, all of Bourbon; his two daughters: April (Terry) Miller and their children: Brad, Tatum and Tiger, all of Bourbon and Dawn Schaefer and her children: Daryan and Daven, all of Bourbon; his son: Scott (Mary) Logan and their children: Anna and Cole, all of Nappanee; and three brothers: Wesley (Nancy) Schaefer of Silver Lake, Frand (Mary) Schaefer of North Webster and Joe (Cindy) Schaefer of Warsaw.

A memorial service to celebrate David's life will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Dec. 17 for one hour before services.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home
115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 342-5395

Joan L. Ferguson
Pilot News

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

CULVER - Joan L. Ferguson, 75, of Culver, died at 10:55 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer.

She is survived by daughters: Judy (John) McCullough of Forest, Va., Rhonda (Lonnie) Adair of Sacramento, Calif., Marcia (Brian) Rickert of Union City and Linda (Robert) Speiser of Humble, Texas and a son, Rick (Jan) Bucher of Kouts.

Visitation is Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services are Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Interment will be private.

Memorials may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Donald A. Nicks
Pilot News

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

ROCHESTER - Donald A. Nicks, 84, of Rochester, died at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at home.

He is survived by a daughter, Debbie Jean (Paul) of Crete, Ill.; sons: Donald (Sara) Nicks of Florida City, Fla., Danney Nicks of Rochester, Dennis (Mary Anne) Nicks of Cedar Lake, Dale (Kim) Nicks of Hebron and Darrell (Mary) Nicks of Woodstock, Ill.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Athens Hoover Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post #36 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars #1343.

Burial will be at the Athens Hoover Cemetery.

**Ruth M. Hartzell**

**Pilot News**

Thursday, December 08, 2005

SOUTH BEND - Ruth M. Hartzell, 65, who was a resident of 1648 N. Wellington St., South Bend, and formerly of Etna Green, passed away at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, in Whitley County Memorial Hospital.

Ruth was born the daughter of Edna Marsh Cochran and Adam Cochran on March 18, 1940 in Harrison Township at Mentone, Ind. She married on June 28, 1958 to Robert E. Hartzell. He passed away Oct. 27, 1990.

She was a resident of Etna Green most of her life. She was co-owner of Etna Elevator, with her husband, and was a receptionist for Dr. Arford. She worked in the Kosciusko County Clerk’s Office and most recently, at Comfort Keepers, South Bend.

She was a member of the Senior O.N.O Club and Mary Tones Home Economics Club, both of Etna Green, and the Red Hat Society of South Bend. She was the Uncle Sam of the Etna Green Fourth of July parade, and was co-founder of the bed races, outhouse races and chili cook-offs at the Etna Green Fourth of July Festival event. She won the Kosciusko County Homemakers Association “Jane Award” in 1983, and she was a faithful member of the Etna Green Church of Christ.

She is survived by her two sons: Rocky Hartzell of Etna Green and Ross Hartzell of Minneapolis, Minn.; two grandchildren: Renessa Troyer of Goshen and Reannon Roahrig of Cincinnati, Ohio; her sister: Charlotte and Dan Stine of Warsaw; three brothers: Bill and Linda Cochran of Mentone, Richard “Skip” Cochran of Ft. Wayne, and Charles Cochran of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her brothers George and Ed Cochran.

A celebration of Ruth’s life will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in Deaton-Clemons Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made to Multi-Township EMS or Etna Township Fire Department or First Responders in her memory.

Deaton-Clemons Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

**Patrick Andrew Earnest Wilson**

**Pilot News**

Thursday, December 08, 2005

KNOX - Patrick Andrew Earnest Wilson, 36, of Knox, died Thursday, Dec. 8 at Wintersong Village Nursing Home, Knox.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Gail and Tom King of Knox; daughter, Candice
Wilson of Hamlet; brother, Eric Nowatzke of Knox; and sisters: Jamie Wilson of Knox, Emily Nowatzke of Gallatin, Tenn. and Dawn Pike of Plymouth.

There was no visitation.

Private family services were held at Braman and Bailey Funeral Home, North Judson.

Cremation has taken place.

**Kristy Lee Andersen**

**Pilot News**

Friday, December 09, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Kristy Lee Andersen, 17, a Plymouth resident all of her life, died at 7:19 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Kristy, the daughter of Roy and Pamela Thompson Andersen, was born Aug. 5, 1988, in Plymouth.

A junior at LaVille High School, Kristy had been involved in many activities over the years. She had played soccer for many years, and was a soccer referee for one season and had been a member of the LaVille Band for five years. Kristy had also been a cheerleader in the fifth and sixth grades, was a volleyball manager for one season, boys basketball manager for one season, and had played in the Plymouth Softball League for two years.

She was a member of Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth, where she was involved in the children's nursery ministry.

Kristy is survived by her parents, Roy and Pam Andersen of Plymouth, a sister, Jennifer Andersen of Plymouth, and two brothers: William Kozuch of LaPaz, and James Kozuch of South Bend.

Also surviving are her paternal grandmother, Mary Andersen of Mechanicsburg, Penn., her maternal grandmother, Beverly Sult of South Bend, four nieces, three nephews, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, for one hour prior to services in the Sunrise Chapel, 11802 Lincoln Highway, Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by Pastor Rustin Krapfl, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005 in Sunrise Chapel.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Kristy's memory made be made to Sunrise Chapel's Children's Nursery or The Woman's Care Center, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Plymouth girl killed in crash

Kristy Andersen, a junior from LaVille, was killed in a car crash Friday evening.
LaPAZ - A LaVille High School junior was killed Friday evening, when the car she was driving failed to yield the right of way at a stop sign, at the intersection of Sycamore Lane and U.S. 6.

Two passengers in 17-year old Kristy L. Andersen’s 1996 Grand Am were taken to Memorial Hospital. Their conditions were not known at press time.

Andersen, from 5th Road in Plymouth, was driving northbound on Sycamore Lane with passengers 16-year old Justin Whitt of Michigan Road, Plymouth, and 15-year old Marcus Bramlett of Lakeville.

Andersen's car pulled into the path of a Ford Expedition being driven by a 34-year-old from Michigan City, who was uninjured in the accident, according to police reports.

The Expedition struck the Grand Am on the driver's side, and both vehicles skidded off the northeast corner of the intersection coming to rest in a field.

Andersen, Whitt and Bramlett all were extricated from the vehicle, where two teens were flown to South Bend Memorial Hospital by Parkview Samaritan helicopter, and the third was driven by ambulance.

Investigating officer First Sergeant Ken Relos with the Marshall County Sheriff's Department said the three suffered head injuries, and Andersen also suffered blunt force trauma.

Relos added alcohol was not a factor.

Polk Township Fire and EMS, Plymouth Paramedics, Walkerton Police and the Marshall County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to the scene.

Anita Gail Wood Hall

MAYFIELD, Ky. - Anita Gail Wood Hall, 50, of Mayfield, Ky., died at 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield, Ky.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Hall of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; daughters: Delana Barger of Lakeville and Jessica Kickbush of Walkerton; mother, Louise Stahl of Cunningham, Ky.; brother, Ronald Brown of Lakeville; and five grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday, Dec. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Walkerton Pentecostal Church.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Solid Rock Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky. and Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Walkerton United Pentecostal Church.

Funeral Director Services of Symsonia, Ky. is in charge of the arrangements.

William Howard Kelly

PORT RICHEY, Fla. - William Howard Kelly, 83, of Port Richey, Fla., died Dec. 11, 2005 at Bayonet Point Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Creighton Kelly, and their three children: Kathleen and George Hahn of Mt. Lemmon, Ariz., Dennis Gregory and Patricia Kelly of Bristol, Ind. and Jennifer and Roger Smiley of Port Richey, Fla.; and grandchildren Caroline and Dr. Josh Richey and Caitlin Elise Kelly.
There will be no services. William will be interred at Highland Park Cemetery, South Bend.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

**Alfred E. Lesch**  
**Pilot News**

Sunday, December 11, 2005

ARCADIA, Fla. - Alfred E. Lesch, 77, of Arcadia, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005. He was born Nov. 1, 1925 in Plymouth to Bernard and Nelli Lesch, both deceased.

Alfred graduated with the West High class of ’46. He was a farmer, in the Air Force for four years, a prefab production manager for 17 years and was in woodworking for 20 years. He retired in 1991. Al owned Lesch’s Woodworking for 20 years.

Alfred is survived by his wife, Louise; daughter Padonna and husband Andy Snyder and grandchildren Jared and Jake of Plymouth; daughter Terri and husband Steve Williams and grandchildren Catlin and Kelsey of Pennsylvania; son, Norman and wife Ann of Maryland; and a brother, James and wife Dorothy Lesch of Plymouth.

There will be no services. Cremation is planned.

**Jodi Lynn Wentzel Thompson**  
**Pilot News**

Sunday, December 11, 2005

ROCHESTER - Jodi Lynn Wentzel Thompson, 43, of Rochester, died at 1:04 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at home.

She is survived by a daughter, Mandi L. Thompson of West Lafayette; parents: Norman and Shirley Wentzel of Rochester; and brothers: Jeff (Janet) Wentzel of Delphi and David Wentzel of Rochester.

Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to her services Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 15 at 1p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

**Melvin T VonDerheide**  
**Pilot News**

Sunday, December 11, 2005

ROCHESTER - Melvin T. VonDerheide, 87, of Rochester, died at 3:25 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, June Hentchel VonDerheide; sons: Gary (Pat) VonDerheide of Peru and James (Lisa) VonDerheide of LaCanada, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in St. Louis, Mo.

Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.
Tuesday, December 13, 2005

ARGOS - John Hubert Eby, a resident of 10134 16th Rd., Argos, died the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005 at 7:57 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth. He had been in failing health the past several months.

John was born April 15, 1914 in Bourbon Township, Bourbon, Ind., the son of Franklin and Hattie (Ames) Eby.

He married at Plymouth on Sept. 14, 1935 to Anna Belle Carl, who preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 1990. He was a resident of Marshall County all his life. He farmed all his life until retirement, was a former member of the Bethel Methodist Church, where he was the song leader for many years and a member of Sunrise Chapel Church, Plymouth.

He loved fishing in Florida, bowling and his family.

His is survived by his three sons: Carl (Myrna), Richard (Jean) of Argos and Jerry (Linda) of Plymouth. He has nine grandchildren, one step grandchild, 21 great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and three sisters: Mary Roberts, Thelma Tillman and Florence Reed.

A celebration of John's life will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to Marshall County Hospice in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

David Vincent Houin, 58, a lifetime Marshall County resident, 12961 11B Road, died unexpectedly of natural causes in his sleep at home on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005.

Dave will be remembered for his love of people, his love for his family and his love for barbeque.

He had a zest for life, golfing, traveling and an occasional good cigar. Dave's greatest love, outside of the family, was the "Rib Circuit," with Rasta Joe: always an adventure. He was a friend to all and never had an ill word for anyone, always finding the good in everyone.

Born in Plymouth on May 17, 1947, Dave was the second of 12 children born to Elmer V. and Lena M. (Baker) Houin.
He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army with the 33rd Scouting Troop.

He and Frances A. Thomas were married in St. Michael's Catholic Church on Jan. 3, 1970.

He was a loyal employee for Sprint Telecommunications for more than 34 years, currently serving as a mobile technician.

A member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Dave was active in the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741, and the American Legion Post #27.

He is survived by Fran, his beloved wife of 35 years and by their three children: two sons and a daughter.

His sons are Terry V. and Alicia Houin, Norfolk, Va. And Thomas D. Houin, Plymouth. His daughter is Tracy M. Houin, Norfolk, Va. Three granddaughters also survive: Mclayne Houin, Marley Houin and soon to arrive; Lena Houin.

His surviving brothers, sisters and their spouses are: Donna and Kent Mattix, Plymouth; Jeanette and Glendon Becker, Argos; Virginia and Gary Mechling, Bloomington; Linda and Kenny Nifong, Argos; Susanna and Richard Chesak, North Judson; Floyd and Debra Houin, Plymouth; Vern and Julie Houin, Granger; Roland and Kathy Houin, Bremen; Daniel and Tana Houin, Plymouth; Marlene and Dan Taiclet, Plymouth; and Chris Houin, Burton, Ohio. A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other family members also survive his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be warmly welcomed by the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be prayed at 2:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth, on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

The Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162 and American Legion Post 27 will provide military honors at the church.

Cremation will follow services. All are invited to luncheon and time of sharing to be held at the Plymouth Moose Family Center, 1225 W. Jefferson St., immediately following services.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Dave's name may be made to Moose Heart.

Letters of condolence and sharing of happy memories may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 936-2829

Robert E. (B.J.) Jones Pilot News

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

MISHAWAKA - Robert E. "B.J." Jones, 69, of Mishawaka, passed away at his home on Dec. 13. He was born June 17, 1936 in South Bend to John Henry Jones and Laura (Snyder) Jones who
both preceded him in death.

He is survived by his first wife and constant companion of the last six years, Rita (Jozwiak) Finley and their four children, Bonnie (James) Van De Voorde of South Bend, Duane (Donna) Jones of Aztec, N.M., Jonathan Jones of Mishawaka and Colleen Hammell of South Bend. Also surviving are two step daughters, Fannie Winters of Deltona, Fla. and Sharon Garver of South Bend, a brother, James Sanford Jones of Mishawaka and a sister, Ida L. Parker of South Bend, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his son, Leroy, a second wife, Dorene (Anderson) Jones, a brother, Benjamin Henry Jones and several half-siblings.

Mr. Jones was a taxicab driver for more than 40 years. He was Co-Owner of the Checker Cab Company and had worked for the Yellow Cab Company of South Bend for 32 years. He was the former owner of Jones Lawn Care. He was a member of the Bible Way Baptist Church, the Moose Lodge #58, the American Legion and the St. Joseph Young Men's Society Inc. He enjoyed fishing, boating, playing euchre, meeting people and driving his cab.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bubb Funeral Chapel North, 3910 North Main Street, Mishawaka where friends will be received from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday. Officiating the services will be Pastor Daniel Duncan of the Bible Way Baptist Church. Burial will follow the services at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

Bubb Funeral Chapel North
3910 North Main Street, Mishawaka € 255-3126

John F. Ruggles

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

PIERCETON - John F. Ruggles, 68, of 8280 US 30 E., Lot #57, Pierceton, formerly of Argos, died at 9:50 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Elkhart Rehabilitation Center, Elkhart, following a three year illness. He was born on Jan. 5, 1937 in Gas City to John F. Ruggles and L. Mariore Tutrow. On June 8, 1979 in Kosciusko County, he married Cindy Lou Hann.

John lived in Pierceton for three years after coming from Argos. He was a machine operator at Dana Corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Lou Ruggles; three sons: James Allen Ruggles of Oregon, Timothy Ray Ruggles of Argos and Seth Lene Ruggles of Culver; four daughters: Barbara Ann Beaver of Argos, Marcella Kaye Guise of Pierceton, Stella Lynn Ruggles of Rochester and Virginia Lydia (Ruggles) Sleight of Pierceton; 23 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two brothers: Robert Ruggles of South Bend and Greg Ruggles of Illinois; and three sisters: Marjorie Ruggles, Denise Ruggles and Darlene Ruggles, all from Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Cindy Lou Ann McNeal.

Visitation is Friday, Dec. 16 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. James Pippenger officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Grossman Funeral Home
208 N. Michigan St., Argos € 892-5113
Marshall County, Indiana Obituaries

Joan D. Wolff  Pilot News

Tuesday, December 13, 2005
HAMLET - Joan D. Wolff, 76, of Hamlet, died Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

She is sghter, Rose Ann Crist-Wolff of Ft. Wayne; son, Delbert Eugene Wolff of Plymouth; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Mary Ellen Jensen of Hamlet and Carol Bock of Bethel, Ohio; and brothers: Lon Boyle and Gene Boyle, both of Hamlet.

Visitation is Friday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 9 p.m.and Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. A Rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A funeral mass will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Hamlet.

Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

Sister Ethel Yuha  Pilot News

Tuesday, December 13, 2005
DONALDSON - Sister Ethel Yuha, PHJC, 89, of Donaldson, died Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 15 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson. A rosary will be held Thursday at 7 p.m.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home.

Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jeffrey L. “Boomer” Powell  Pilot News

Wednesday, December 14, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Jeffrey L. “Boomer” Powell, 47, of Plymouth, died at 4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by daughters: Tabitha (Shane) Poisel of Tippecanoe and Jessica Powell orgena White of Walkerton, Arlene (Richard) Weigle of Plymouth and Gail (Jay) Miller of Plymouth; and brothers: Fred (Jean) Perry of Crown Point and John (Vicki) Powell of Frankfort, Ill.

Visitation is Saturday, Dec. 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Funeral services are Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation is taking place and burial will be at a later date.

Evelyn Funk  Pilot News

Thursday, December 15, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Evelyn Pearl Funk, a lifetime Plymouth resident died of natural causes, nine days shy of her 81st birthday at 10:50 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.
Evelyn’s philosophy was, “if I can't help people, I don't want to be here on earth.”

She lived by that credo.

She was born in South Bend, the daughter of Harvey George and Nellie LaPearl Dudgeon Miller. She moved here as an infant and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1943.

On June 1, 1945, Evelyn and Gawain M. Funk were married. Gawain died in 1978.

Evelyn had worked at Hart, Schaffner and Marx in Rochester for 10 years and was a waitress in various restaurants in Plymouth after that. She had also worked in nursing homes for many years and was a “cabbie” driving the Plymouth area for a time afterwards.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She attended seniors’ meetings and played cards afterwards.

In 1985, she joined the Neighborhood Center Council. On May 2, 2002, she was honored with a plaque that stated that she was a lifetime member, honoring her for her dedication to the agency as a volunteer, employee, officer and friend.

For many years she served as a volunteer receptionist at the center.

She was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge and attended the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Neysa McFarland and Liz McFarland, of Plymouth. Two sons, Gerry and Dixie Funk, Roy, Utah and Terry and Shirley Funk, Seguin, Texas, also survive her death.

Six grandchildren, Clarence Jackson, Henderson, Nev.; Charles and Zabeta Jackson, Fayetteville, N.C.; Craig Funk, Clarkston, Wash. and Sue Funk of Roy, Utah; Jason Funk, Roy, Utah; Richard and Tina Funk, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; and Mandi Funk, San Antonio, Texas also survive.

Twelve great-grandchildren survive also as does three brothers, Fred and Delores Miller, Clinton, Ill.; Don and Barbara Miller, Mentone, Ind.; and Earl and Ida Miller, Yuma, Ariz. Two sisters: Frances and Charles Clevenger, Rochester, and Mary and Kenneth Luse, Plymouth, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother, Malcolm Miller, a sister, Mildred Egelski and two infant brothers, Everett Richard Miller and Louis Dean Miller.

Friends were welcomed by the family to celebrate the life of Evelyn Funk at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m., and again Monday, after 7 a.m.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held in the funeral home on Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, at 11 a.m. Pastor Martha Carroll will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Evelyn’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Neighborhood Center.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1110 N. Michigan St. € 936-2829
Bernice May Henderson  
Friday, December 16, 2005  
ROCHESTER - Bernice May Henderson, 93, of Hickory Creek, Rochester, died at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 16.

She is survived by three daughters: Marilyn and Joe Varnadore of North Beach, Md., Shirley Farrell and companion Daniel Boone of Sissonville, W.V. and Connie and Larry Mikesell of Rochester; two sons: Everett Henderson of Rochester and Jerry and Beverly Henderson of Denver, N.C.; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, and in the funeral home one hour prior to services.

Services are in the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, with Pastor David Hogsett officiating.

Burial will be in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Burton United Methodist Church or to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Bonnie Koopmans  
Friday, December 16, 2005  
PLYMOUTH - Bonnie Koopmans, 6254 Queen Rd., died of natural causes following an extended illness at 11:22 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. She was 67 years old.

Bonnie was born in St. Ann, Ill., the daughter of Daniel and Violet Laramore on April 2, 1938.

She graduated from St. Ann High School with the class of 1956.

On April 25, 1958, in St. Ann, Ill., Bonnie and Melvin Koopmans were married.

They moved to Plymouth from St. Charles, Ill. in 1971.

A farm wife, she also worked at the Indiana License Branch from 1973 through 1976.

She enjoyed her children and grandchildren and working and helping out on the farm.

Bonnie is survived by Melvin, her husband of 47 years and by their children: two daughters, sons in-law and grandchildren.

They are: Tracey and Rich Leeper and their sons, Jon and Adam Leeper, all of Argos, and Trudey and Jack Bonnema and their two sons and a daughter, Jacob, Nathan and Kelsey Bonnema, all of Peotone, Ill.

A brother and sister-in-law, Daryl and Joyce Laramore, of California, survive as well.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and by a brother, Dallas Laramore.

Friends will be welcomed by the family to share memories of Bonnie and to celebrate her life on Monday, Dec. 19, 2005, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. There will also be calling one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.
Funeral services for Bonnie will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005, in the Sun Risas a member. The Rev. Robert Beyler, former pastor of Sunrise Chapel, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Bonnie's memory may be made to the World Missionary Press.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1110 N. Michigan St. € 936-2829

G. Juanita Lehman

Friday, December 16, 2005

PLYMOUTH - G. Juanita Lehman, 94, of 635 Oak Hill Ave., Plymouth, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She was born on Oct. 28, 1911 in Fulton, Ind. to Chancy and Nora(Carter) Nye. Juanita married Donald J. Lehman on Dec. 24, 1928 in Peru, Ind. Don and Juanita were married for 63 years. Don passed away on June 3, 1991. They lived in Plymouth for 56 years.

Juanita worked with her sister, Margaret Harper, at Harper Draperies, as a seamstress. They custom-made slip covers and curtains.

Juanita was an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters: Jayne and Tom Heet of Plymouth and Janice and Eugene Copper of Argos; her son, James and Pat Lehman of Plymouth; her sister, Wilma Rice of Florida; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by, her husband, her son, F. Gene Lehman, and her sister, Margaret Harper.

Funeral services will be held Monday, at 11 a.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, Plymouth, with the Rev. William Kaster officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 South Michigan St., Plymouth. The family Church.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth, is handling the arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Lehman family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Van Gilder Funeral Home
300 West Madison Street, Plymouth € 936-2534

Jack Davies

Saturday, December 17, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Jack Davies, 74, a resident of Plymouth, died at 1 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Along with his wife, Darlene, survivors include: two daughters, Diane M. (William) Emerick of Plymouth and Donna M. Davies of Plymouth; one son, John E. (Patricia) Davies of Oak Lawn, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Bill Emerick, Randy Emerick, Lisa Emerick, Kristina McKay, Beau McKay, Dana McKay and Jessica M. Davies; four great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Miller, Ryan
Harley, and twins, Randy Emerick, Jr. and Alexandra Emerick; and two sisters, Marion (Dave) Patton of Roscoe, Ill. and Dorothy (Leo) McCann of Channahon, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist Church, 407 W. Elm St., North Liberty. Pastor Wayne Joyner will officiate.

Burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services on Monday at the church.

Contributions in memory of Jack Davies may be donated to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 547, North Liberty, IN 46554.

Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Kaine Nathaniel ‘Punky’ Humes** **Pilot News**

Saturday, December 17, 2005

HAMLET - Little “Punky” Humes ran into the arms of the Lord at 9:20 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005.

Kaine Nathaniel Humes, 17 West Davis St., Hamlet, the beloved son of Edward Earl, Jr., and Melissa Leah Guerra Humes died in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from injuries sustained in a one vehicle accident on Dec. 15, 2005.

He was 4-1/2 years old.

His smile could light up a room. He was the only one who could make his baby sister laugh.

Despite the pain, Punky’s family have beautiful memories of the light brown golden haired boy with the beautiful brown eyes. He will be missed and remembered forever.

Punky was born in the hospital where he died on July 19, 2001. He was a student at the Starke County Head Start Pre-school and enjoyed every minute.

He loved to give hugs to everyone and he delighted in making people laugh.

His favorite toy was his 4-wheeler he called his ‘Nen Nen.’ He had a hearty appetite for life and for food and enjoyed going to Chucky Cheese's and eating Chinese out.

He was an active, energetic child, loving to be outdoors-fishing, skate boarding and sledding and riding his 4-wheeler. He was a Spiderman and Ninja Turtle fan and had a great imagination.

Punky was a member of the Children's Bible Study group of the House of the Lord, Plymouth.

He is survived by his heartbroken parents, Melissa and Ed and by his five-month-old sister, Kendra Sue Humes, all of Hamlet.

Martha and Jack Guerra, Punky's maternal grandparents, Plymouth and Ed. E. Humes, Sr., his paternal grandfather, also of Plymouth, survive, together with his paternal grandmother, Nancy (Roger) Hudson of Claypool.

Daniel and Edna Guerra, maternal great-grandparents of South Bend, several aunts, uncles and cousins survive as well.

Cousins Gabby, Anna and best friend, Tyler, also will deeply miss their Punky.
The love and comfort of friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2005, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Punky will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, in the funeral home. The Rev. Steven Patrick, pastor of the House of the Lord, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts to the family, made in Punky's name, will be appreciated.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Cathi A. Knepp Pilot News

Sunday, December 18, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Cathi A. Knepp, 52, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7:51 a.m. at her home.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Tubbs and a nephew, Jason Tubbs, both of Michigan City.

A memorial service will be on Friday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Wilma Jean Judd Pilot News

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Wilma “Billie” Jean Judd, 73, formerly of Rochester, Ind., died of natural causes in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, where she had been a resident for nearly 30 years, following an illness in 1974.

Wilma was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 4, 1932, and raised the daughter of Kenneth L. and Virginia L. Benz Staley. She graduated from Cincinnati High School in 1950.

When she lived in Rochester she worked as a bookkeeper for the Shultz Brothers dime store for four years.

She was first married to Francis M. Smith. After his death, she married Theodore Judd.

Wilma was a member of St. Joseph Catholic church in Rochester and enjoyed her association with St. Michael's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

She was very active in the VFW Post 1343 in Rochester and served as president of both the local auxiliary and the 2nd District Auxiliary.

One of her favorite pastimes was working cross word puzzles.

Wilma is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law. They are Teri and Chris Sarna, Plymouth, and Maggi and Fred Belcastro, The Colony, Texas.

Five grandchildren also survive their grandmother's death. They are: Tia (Trevor) Heishman, Deedsville, Ind.; Matthew and Diane Sarna, Plymouth; Amanda Belcastro, Burleson, Texas and Tim Smith, Rochester.

Two great-grandchildren, Avery and Kaden Heishman, Deedsville, Ind., survive as well.
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Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, her spouses, a son, Gary Smith and two step children, Mike Judd and Cathy Hilton. A grandson and a great-grandson also died before her.

Friends will be welcomed by the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, from 5 to 7 p.m.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, following visitation, at 7 p.m. The Rev. m Kummer will officiate.

Cremation will take place and interment will be at a later date.

Memorial gifts in Wilma's memory may be made to St. Michael's or St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Mildred Cloud

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

BOURBON - Mildred (Millie) Cloud, age 95, of 603 N. Washington Street in Bourbon, died the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2005 at 2:15 a.m. in her home in the care of her family.

Mildred was born July 26, 1910 at Nappanee, the daughter of Harry F. and Harriett (Hattie) Silberg Eby.

She married on May 30, 1936 to Paul Cloud, who preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1976. She was a resident of Bourbon since she was 8 years old. She was a retired beautician, a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Go & Grow of her church where she was a member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church.

She loved to golf, bowl, collect dolls, crochet, knit and collect crafts of which she had made many of herself. She always was interested in looking in after her family. Her family was famous for their Eby's cookies. She had spent some time in Miami, Fla.

She is survived by her brother, Tom Eby of Plymouth; her nieces: Mrs. Tom (Ann) Sharp of Columbus, Mrs. Don (Paulette) Eby Smith of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Lonnie (Debbie) Witham of Warsaw, Mrs. Larry (Dena) Wattenbarger, Mrs. Mark (Dava) Barton and Mrs. Greg (Dara) Greenawalt, all of Bourbon. Many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her three great nieces: Kristin Sharp, Dawn Francis and Jennifer Jo Sharp and a great-great nephew, Brian K. Lee.

A celebration of Mildred's life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23 in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, 204 E. North St., Bourbon, with Rev. Mark Day officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of services in the church on

Burial will be in the Parks Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bourbon Emergency Medical Services, Bourbon First United Methodist Church or Marshall County Hospice in her memory.
Monica Gina Gilbert  

Tuesday, December 20, 2005  
SAN PIERRE - Monica Gina Gilbert, 26, of San Pierre, died Tuesday, Dec. 20.

She is survived by her parents: Larry Gilbert of San Pierre, Emma Mullins and Nelson ailey; a brother, Steven John Clemans of Rensselaer; sisters: Tammy (John) Grigsby, Dewonna Sue Goad, Michelle Bailey and Rachel Bailey; step sisters: Roxanne, Karen and Cheri; and step brothers: Rick and Joe Gilbert.

Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 22 from 2 to 8 p.m. (CST) at the Boersma Funeral Home, Wheatfield.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m. (CST) at the funeral home.

Interment will be at the Independence Cemetery, Medaryville.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Jack W. Hayden  

Wednesday, December 21, 2005  
ROCHESTER - Jack W. Hayden, 82, of Rochester, died at 3:18 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Life Care Center of Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; daughter, Melinda (Bill) Burkett of Rochester; sons: Jack (Karla) Hayden II of Mentone and Mark (Gail) Hayden of Rochester; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one step great-granddaughter; a sister, June (Dick) Sanders of Cookesville, Tenn.; and a brother, George (Dot) Hayden of Waterloo, Iowa.

Visitation is Friday, Dec. 23 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester after noon through the hour of services. The LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post 36 and the Manitou Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1349 will conduct military honors at the funeral home.

Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorials may be made to the 1st Christian Church Building Fund.

Ruth J. Clauss  

Thursday, December 22, 2005  
WAKARUSA - Ruth J. Clauss, 95, of 300 N. Washington St., Wakarusa, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2005, at 9:40 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Senior Living Center, Wakarusa.

She was born May 21, 1910 in Bremen to Orin and Grace (Wickizer) Clindaniel. She was a lifetime Bremen resident.

She was a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Bremen and the Farm Bureau.

Ruth is survived by one daughter: Joyce and Jesse Landers of Greenwood, Ind.; two sons: Roger and Loudell Clauss of South Bend and Millard and Val Clauss of Bremen; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George Clauss and three brothers: George, Millard and Clayton Clindaniel.

Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Services will be Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor John Hueni officiating.

Burial will be in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Fellowship Church in Bremen.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of arrangements.

**Clarence W. Foreman**

**Pilot News**

Friday, December 23, 2005

BREMEN - Clarence W. Foreman, 96, of 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen Health Care Facility, died at 12:03 p.m. Dec. 23, 2005 of natural causes.

He is survived by one son, James and Bonnie Foreman of Bremen.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, at 7 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen with Pastor Gary Hinkle officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Riverside Cemetery in Attica.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen, is in charge of local arrangements.

**Lowell A. Moore**

**Pilot News**

Friday, December 23, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Lowell A. Moore, 96, of 625 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, died Dec. 23, 2005 at his residence of natural causes.

He is survived by daughters: R. Carol Skinner of Carmel and Jeaneen Snyder of Plymouth; and son Ronald L. and Mimi L. Moore of Portage.

Visitation was Monday, Dec. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. There is also visitation Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Community Baptist Church, 5715 Miami Rd., South Bend.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the church or the donor's choice.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.
Doris J. Baugher  
Pilot News

Sunday, December 25, 2005
WARSAW - Doris J. Baugher, 80, a resident of Warsaw Meadows Nursing Facility, formerly of 8464 S.R. 331, Tippecanoe, died at 10:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, in the nursing facility.

Doris is survived by her niece and two nephews.

A graveside service to celebrate her life will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, in the Tippecanoe Cemetery with Pastor Tony Schneiders officiating.

Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Burial will be in Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Minnie H. Decker  
Pilot News

Sunday, December 25, 2005
CULVER - Minnie H. Decker, 94, of Culver, passed away at 5:20 a.m. on Dec. 25, 2005 at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Minnie was born on April 19, 1911 in London, Ky., one of 11 children born to Humphrey and Lydia (O'Dell) Jones.

A kind lady who lived in Culver all of her life, Minnie married John E. Decker on Dec. 26, 1936, in Crown Point. Minnie spent most of her life as a wife and mother, raising two children.

In May of 1960, Minnie and her daughter graduated together from Ball Memorial Hospital - Minnie as an LPN and Sharon as an RN.

Minnie was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Culver, and worked at the UMW Thrift Shop for many years.

She loved flowers, cooking dumplings, playing bingo, traveling "always ready to go," and most of all her family.

Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Decker on April 3, 1996, her parents, and all 10 of her brothers and sisters.

Survivors include one son: John A. and Florence Decker of Livingston, Texas; one daughter: Sharon K. Coffey of Culver; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services have been entrusted to the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, where friends may join the family in celebrating Minnie's life on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m., with visitation from 12 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. The Rev. Linda S. Craig will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Wesley United Methodist Church Building Fund.
Condolences may be sent to the family via our obituary website: www.bonine-odom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.


Alice A. Gourley

Sunday, December 25, 2005
HAMLET - Alice A. Gourley, 78, 1200 South, Hamlet, died of an illness on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005.

She is survived by two daughters: Margaret Clark of Plymouth and Bridget Gourley of Speedway, Ind.; four sons: Michael and Barb of Woodbridge, Va., Matthew and Barb of Hamlet, William of Camp LeJeune, N.C., and Bernard and Lila of Stone Mountain, Ga.; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Eileen Gourley of Woodstock, Ill.; two brothers: Joseph Kelly and Matthew and Joanne Kelly, all of LaPorte; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

There will be a rosary service Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services are Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church f Hamlet, with the Rev. Father Anthony Spanley officiating.

Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Wanatah.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Barbara Jean Leed

Sunday, December 25, 2005
PLYMOUTH - Barbara “Jean” Leed, 7567 E. 7B Rd., Plymouth, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2005, following an extended illness, in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She will be greatly missed for her unselfishness and her desire to please everyone. She always gave loving guidance to her family and friends and could be counted on for her loyalty and support.

At her death, Jean was 65-years-old, having been born on April 24, 1940, in Sycamore, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas William and Kathryne “Ninny” Roach Hall.

A 1958 graduate of Rutledge High School, she attended the University of Tennessee on a basketball scholarship.

Raised in Tennessee, she moved to Indiana in 1959, but she always had a warm place in her heart for the state of Tennessee.

In June of 1973, Barbara Jean and Harvey Leed were married in Plymouth.

An ambitious, energetic woman, she worked at Ristance Wire in Bremen, was a waitress in the late 80s and early 90s at Story's Restaurant in Plymouth and retired in 2003 from Universal Bearings in Bremen.

Jean loved to cook and was honored for her expertise by The South Bend Tribune. She was especially fond of the holidays, being with her family and her grandbabies.

She loved to read, work cross-word puzzles and was devoted to the entire family. They were her special concern, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

She was an avid University of Tennessee fan, especially of the women's basketball program.
Surviving Jean is Harvey, her husband of 32 years and their eight children.

Her children are: Randall and Colleen Gaines, South Bend, Bill and Gina Gaines, Plymouth, Regina and Scott Kaser, LaPaz, Autumn Leed, Argos, Cody and Shana Leed, Argos. She is also survived by three step-children: Kim and Rick Smith, Walkerton, Tracy Leed, LaPaz and Shane and Shelli Leed, Plymouth.

Eighteen grandchildren also survive. They are: Aaron and Amie Gaines, Ashton Gaines, Bryttenny Gaines, Blake Gaines, Cassandra Gaines, Shacoda Leed, Wryanne Leed, Kolton Kaser, Karter Kaser, Chris Leed, Travis Mechling, Tiffany Mechling, Summer Leed, Josey Leed, Shaylee Leed, Haley Leed and Hanna Leed.

A great-grandchild, Braxton Leed, survives as well.

A sister, Nancy K. Gaby, Mishawaka, also survives her death.

Barbara Jean was preceded in death by her parents and John “Bud” Greeson, a brother.

Friends will be welcomed by the family on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, in the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, 10532 4B Rd., Plymouth, with calling one prior to services at the church. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, together with John Perkinson, Shiloh Wesleyan Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Fair Cemetery, LaPaz.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation P.O. 130819, Houston, Texas 77219-0819

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home
1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth € 936-2829

Lester E. Williamson

Sunday, December 25, 2005


Lester was born May 29, 1915 to Fred and Fern (Yeiter) Williamson. His wife of 67 years, Helen (Ulmer) Williamson, died Oct. 13, 2003. In addition to his wife, Lester was preceded in death by a son, James Roger Williamson, in 1962, son-in-law Doug Fites, his brother and sister-in-law George and Doris Williamson, grandson Charlie Fewell, and sister-in-law Margaret Williamson.

He is survived by two sisters and two brothers, and their spouses: Velma Gruenewald of Winona Lake; Lucille and Glenn Grimm of Atwood; Arden and Maxine Williamson of Pierceton and Ray and Denise Williamson of Atwood.

Also surviving are a daughter: Nancy Williamson Fites of Auburn and two sons and their spouses: Russell and Toni Williamson of Tyler, Texas and Michael and Anita Williamson of Etna Green.
Her grandchildren and their spouses are: Chuck and Lisa Fewell of Granger; Todd and Lisa Fites of Memphis, Tenn.; Leon and Rena Thomas of Etna Green; Brandon and Dayna Bell of Burlington, Ind.; Ryan and Melissa Williamson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and great-grandchildren: Wyatt and Owen Williamson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Sidney, Nicklaus and Addison Fites of Memphis, Tenn.; Kaitlyn and Brandon Fewell of Granger; Wess and Rece Williamson of Etna Green; and Kierston, Janae, Taryn, Michael, Jack and Aleya Williamson of Bourbon.

Lester grew up in Atwood. He married and began his farming career in the Etna Green area in 1934. He and Helen retired to play golf in Palmetto, and won many Master Shuffleboard championships in Florida.

Lester was past member of the Etna Green Lions Club and a member and officer of the Etna Green United Methodist Church.

A celebration of Lester's life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, in the Etna Green United Methodist Church with Ryan Williamson and Pastor Joe Lampton officiating.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Burial will be in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Etna Green United Methodist Church in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home
115 S. Main St., Bourbon € 342-5395

Erma Margaret Huff Renz   Pilot News

Monday, December 26, 2005

WALKERTON - Erma Margaret Huff Renz, 94, formerly of 1564 Queen Road, Walkerton, died at 10:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth. She was born on Dec. 6, 1911, in Manistee, Mich. to Theodore and Martha Lindeman Huff.

She was married to August Renz, Sr. who passed away on April 15, 1977 in Plymouth.

Erma was a resident of the Marshall County area for nearly 70 years. She was a homemaker taking care of her children and tending to her vegetable garden and her beautiful flowers.

Erma is survived by her four sons Ronald R. and August Renz, Jr. both of Plymouth, Elwood A. (Kay) Renz, LaPaz, and James L. Renz, Walkerton.

She is also survived by 20 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Erma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son, Donald Eugene, four step daughters, Marcella, Opal, Ivis, Avis and two brothers; Edward and Walter. One grandchild also preceded her in death.

Visitation for Erma will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Erma will be held Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home with Rev. Brian Baughman, Pastor of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church officiating.
Burial will be in Center Polk Cemetery, LaPaz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home

1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth 936-2829

Alice Ruth Stockberger  Pilot News

Monday, December 26, 2005

ARGOS - Alice Ruth Stockberger, 65, of 8648 18th Rd., Argos, died Dec. 26, 2005 at 1 a.m. at her residence following a year-long illness.

She was born June 13, 1940 in Plymouth to Wilson and Ruth (Robert) Treesh, and lived here all of her life.

On Aug. 4, 1956 in Inwood, she married Wayne L. Stockberger. She was a housewife, and a member of the Inwood United Methodist Church, and Love Circle of the church.

She is survived by her husband Wayne, of Argos, and two daughters: Betty and BJ Smith of Ashburn, Va. and Peggy and David Cunningham of Argos; two sons: Roger and Debbie Stockberger of Argos and Frank and Jerri Stockberger of Lafayette; six grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters: Doris and Paul Haseley of Argos and Brenda Weldon of North Liberty; four brothers: Dale and Janice Treesh of Plymouth; Wayne and Judy Treesh of Marietta, Ga.; Harold Treesh of Grovertown and Gerald and Debbie Treesh of Argos.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother: Allen Treesh.

Visitation is Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services are Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Gail Law from the Inwood Methodist Church.

Burial is at Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Helen E. Nolen  Pilot News

Tuesday, December 27, 2005

Helen E. Nolen, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 27 at the Bremen Health Care Center in Bremen.

Helen is survived by a daughter, Lynixin Williams of Mishawaka; three sons: Andy Nolen, Larry Nolen and Patrick Nolen, all of Mishawaka; and a sister, Thelma Turner of Knoxville, Tenn.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 and one hour prior to the funeral service, which will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30 in the Bubb Funeral Chapel North, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka.

Burial will follow in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola.
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Carrol Elizabeth Alwine  Pilot News

Wednesday, December 28, 2005
SOUTH BEND - Carrol Elizabeth Alwine, 73, of South Bend, died at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; daughter, Joyce (Barry) Hughes of Plymouth; son, Mark (Kathy) Alwine of Mattawan, Mich.; four grandchildren; and brothers: Frederick DeMien of St. Charles, Ill., Walter DeMien of Plymouth and Wallace DeMien of Peru.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30 and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31 at the funeral home.

Graveside services and burial will follow at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend.

Contributions in memory of Carrol E. Alwine may be donated to the North Salem Church of God, 13263 4th Road, Plymouth, IN 46563.

William B., Sr. Andrews  Pilot News

Wednesday, December 28, 2005
BREMEN - William "Willie" B. Andrews, Sr., 64, of Bremen, died at 1:50 p.m. at Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by sons: Bill (Lisa) Andrews of Bremen and Greg Andrews of Bremen; daughter, Tracy (Andrew) Hochstetler of Nappanee; brother, George J. Andrews of Bremen; sisters: Nellie VanGilder of Plymouth, Esther Dyer and Ethel Renes, both of South Bend, Delores Bunch of Elkhart, Dorothy (Mel) Tener of Bremen and Erma (Glenn) Hochstetler of Nappanee; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

There will be no visitation.

Graveside services will be on Friday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. at the Bremen Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel. Burial will be with military honors.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mildred M. Barshes  Pilot News

Wednesday, December 28, 2005


Besides being a wife and mother, Mildred used her talents as a cook by working for and retiring from the Culver Community School Corp. Kitchen Dept.

Mildred loved to go boating on Lake Maxinkuckee with her husband. She was a member of St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church and a founding member and past President of the St. Mary's Ladies Society. She will be remembered as a special lady who loved her daughters and their families.

Mildred is survived by her daughters: Beverly (Jerry) Wolfe of Seymour and Joan (David) Evans.
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Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two sisters.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, where friends may gather with the family to celebrate Mildred's life on Saturday, Dec. 31 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church in Culver officiated by Father Glenn Kohrman.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's of the Lake Building Fund, the Sunday TV Mass c/o Diocese of Ft. Wayne - South Bend, 150 E Doan Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46806 for St. Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent via our Web site obituary page: www.bonine-odom.com

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home
104 Lake Shore Dr., Culver 842-2082

Helen Abbott Stephenson  Pilot News

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

LAKE CITY FLORIDA - Helen A. Stephenson, aged 91 years, of Lake City, Fla., the widow of Edward Stephenson (Sr.), the fourth Commandant of Cadets at Culver Military Academy, died in the late afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005 at The Health Center of Lake City.

She was born, on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1914, in Fort Smith, Ark., to the late T. Oscar and Eda Margaret Abbott.

She was predeceased by, in addition to her parents, her husband, Edward Stephenson (Sr.), the fourth Commandant of Cadets at Culver Military Academy; and, a brother, Thomas O. Abbott, Jr.

She is survived by a brother a son, and two daughters, respectively: Norman R. Abbott of Oklahoma City Okla.; Edward Stephenson, Jr. of Norwalk, Conn.; M. Caroline Stephenson of High Springs, Fla., and; Anne E. Stephenson of Bloomington.

Though she never fully acclimated to life above the Mason-Dixon Line, she immersed herself, with zeal, in the natural beauty surrounding her in the State of Indiana, and imparted her passion for things natural to her children and their circle of friends.

There will be no visitation nor calling hours.

Her cremated remains will be interred at the convenience of the family, adjacent to those of her husband, at the United States Military Academy Post Cemetery at West Point, N.Y.

Dale Rusher  Pilot News

Thursday, December 29, 2005

WABASH - Dale Rusher, 83, of Wabash, died on Thursday, Dec. 29 in North Manchester.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam (Robins) Rusher; son, Michael (Deborah) Rusher of New Orleans, La.; daughters: Cynthia (Dennis) Cole of Plymouth and Kristina (Jon) Reel of Carmel; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, Dec. 31 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Peabody Retirement Community.
Funeral services are Saturday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. at the retirement community.

Memorials may be made to the North Manchester Church of the Brethren Disaster Relief Fund.

The Alpha Funeral Service, Indianapolis, is handling the arrangements.

Kenneth Tucker

Thursday, December 29, 2005

BREMEN - Kenneth Tucker, 41, of 9425 U.S. 6 West, Bremen, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at 2:22 p.m. at Memorial Hospital South Bend.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1964 in Plymouth, to Ed and Winnottee (Calhoun) Tucker.

He is survived by his brothers, Otis and Shena Tucker of Bremen and James Tucker of Grove, Okla.; his step-mother, Kathy Tucker of Plymouth; his step-brother, Bill Pace of Plymouth; and his step-sister, Doris LaMunion of Plymouth. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Thursday, December 29, 2005

BREMEN - Kenneth Tucker, 41, of 9425 U.S. 6 West, Bremen, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at 2:22 p.m. at Memorial Hospital South Bend.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1964 in Plymouth, to Ed and Winnottee (Calhoun) Tucker.

He is survived by his brothers, Otis and Shena Tucker of Bremen and James Tucker of Grove, Okla.; his step-mother, Kathy Tucker of Plymouth; his step-brother, Bill Pace of Plymouth; and his step-sister, Delores LaMunion of Plymouth. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Tucker family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Thursday, December 29, 2005

BREMEN - Kenneth Tucker, 41, of 9425 U.S. 6 West, Bremen, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2005 at 2:22 p.m. at Memorial Hospital South Bend.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1964 in Plymouth, to Ed and Winnottee (Calhoun) Tucker.

He is survived by his brothers, Otis and Shena Tucker of Bremen and James Tucker of Grove, Okla.; his step-mother, Kathy Tucker of Plymouth; his step-brother, Bill Pace of Plymouth; and his step-sister, Delores LaMunion of Plymouth. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W.
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Madison St., Plymouth.

Friends may call Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Burial will take place at a later date.

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Keith A. Pettry

Friday, December 30, 2005

MACY - Keith A. Pettry, 30, of Macy, died at 10:57 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Nicole; daughter, Aurora Pettry of Walkerton; sons: Cole Pettry and Atticus Pettry, both of Walkerton; mother, Patricia Pettry of Macy; father, Roger Pettry of Columbus, Ohio; sisters: Michelle Pettry of Syracuse and Amy Pettry of Battle Creek, Mich.; and brothers: Brian Puckett of Nappanee, Paul Pettry of Bremen and Bobby Pettry of Macy.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of the arrangements.

Patricia A. Huff

Saturday, December 31, 2005

PLYMOUTH - Patricia A. “Pat” Huff, a lifetime Plymouth resident, living at 310 Lynn Ave., died of natural causes, following an extended illness, at 3:14 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2005, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She was 77-years-old.

Pat was born in Plymouth on Dec. 1, 1928, the daughter of Andrew J. and Elizabeth Maley Tekulve. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1946.

Before her marriage she worked at Oliver Equipment in South Bend and on Sept. 26, 1948, in Plymouth, Pat and Eldon “Gene” Huff were married at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church.

A homemaker she thoroughly enjoyed raising her children. She worked at F.W. Means in Plymouth as a secretary and later, in the Plymouth School system as a library and study hall aide.

Pat loved flowers, gardening and was a very talented artist.

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A founding member of Beta Sigma Phi, she also was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1162 and a member of St. Michael’s Church.

Pat is survived by Gene, her husband of 57 years and their three sons and a daughter, all of Plymouth.
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Nine grandchildren also survive. They are: Jeremy Roose, Michigan City, Ind.; Catherine and Michael Mattern, Plymouth, Ind.; Megan and Joshua Hammond, Argos, Ind.; Andy and Sarah Huff, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Craig Huff, Plymouth, Quinn and Heath Bowman, Plymouth, Casey Fall, South Bend, and Ariel Huff and Daryl Huff, Plymouth.

A great-granddaughter, Landrie Mattern, Plymouth, survives as well, together with a sister, Mary Jane and Von Stoffer, Crown Point., Ind.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate the life of Pat Huff on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. A rosary will be prayed at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Additional visitation will also be offered after 7 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Jan. 4, 2006, prior to the funeral services that day.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Pat in St. Michael Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Pat's memory may be made to the Marshall County Historical Society.

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Lois Metheny    Pilot News

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She is survived by her husband, Donald E. Metheny; three daughters: Betty Elaine Maxwell, Rochester, Robinette and William Woodruff of St. Charles, Ky. and Debbie Sue and Rolland Powell of Akron; one son: Terry L. and Heather Metheny of Plymouth; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mary and Charles Sanford of Paris, Calif. and Dorothy Kiggins of Argos.

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Leonard James Repp

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Surviving along with his wife Helena C. Weaver Smith Repp, are two daughters: Debbie Armstrong of Winamac and Carol and Todd Hartle of Warsaw; six sons: Paul Smith Jr., Rochester, Robert and Lisa Repp, Plymouth, Daniel and Jennifer Smith, Monterey, Larry B. Repp, Culver, Christopher and Tabitha Smith, and Omer and Jeanette Smith, both of Monterey; 16 grandchildren, and one brother, John Repp, of California.

Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, and after 8 a.m. Wednesday in Frain Mortuary, Winamac.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Frain Mortuary, with the Rev. Daniel Huhn officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Memorial Cemetery, Monterey.

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Clyde Vance

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Visitation is from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2006 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services are Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Military graveside honors will take place at New Oakhill Cemetery, provided by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162 and the Plymouth American Legion Post 27.

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